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Former Whitefish First Nation Chief Jim McGregor, right, was presented with a Toronto Maple Leafs jersey, signed by the entire team, by Leafs captain John Tavares, left. Mr. McGregor was on hand for the Maple Leafs second annual Indigenous Celebration held Saturday.

## Maple Leafs honour Jim McGregor at team's annual Indigenous Celebration

### 50 years ago, Birch Island elder helped found Little NHL

**by Tom Sasvari**  
TORONTO—Former Whitefish River First Nation Chief Jim McGregor was presented with a Toronto Maple Leafs jersey signed by all members of the team by captain John Tavares after Mr. McGregor addressed the team prior to a practice on Saturday morning, prior to that evening's game against the Colorado Avalanche. Mr. McGregor was on hand for the Toronto Maple Leafs second annual Indigenous Celebration held Saturday.

"Thank you as team captain in coming to speak to us this morning and sharing your story," said Mr. Tavares. "It is an honour to have you here this morning on

this amazing day of celebration of Indigenous and First Nations people like you who are such a part of the game of hockey. Thank you for coming to talk to us."

Mr. McGregor was one of the founding members of the first Little Native Hockey League (Little NHL) tournament. He told members of the Leafs that the tournament, "started in 1971 in Little Current, a little town on Manitoulin Island." The annual tournament, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, "is kind of an inspiration for them (participants). When they are at home there is nothing for them like this, and they look forward to the tournament every year."

"Teams and players come back to the tournament every year from all over Ontario," added Mr. McGregor.

Mr. McGregor was accompanied on the trip to Toronto by his son and his great-granddaughter. "My son Jerry is involved with the Little NHL, he is a member on the executive and he took me down to Toronto. And my great-granddaughter Sunshine Toulouse was with us as well. She plays for the Manitoulin girls U16 hockey team that plays all over Northern Ontario."

"I ended up going to the Maple Leafs dressing room to talk to the players about the Little NHL," said Mr. McGregor. "There was a fellow who introduced me to the Leafs, but they already knew who I was."

Mr. McGregor said he, along with Earl Abotossaway of Aundeck Omni Kaning, Norm Debassige and Jim Debassige, both of M'Chigeeng First Nation and Rev. Leonard Self, SJ (all four predeceased) were the founding

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## Mindemoya Hospital has emergency shifts covered at least until spring

**by Tom Sasvari**  
MINDEMOYA—It appears that the emergency department at the Mindemoya Hospital will be staffed as usual without any imminent closures for the next few weeks. This despite the number of patients visiting emergency departments at both Manitoulin hospitals (Mindemoya and Little Current) spiking significantly recently due to COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses.

"COVID rates are very high everywhere and we are encouraging everyone to get their flu and booster shots and to mask up," said Dr. Maurianne Reade, president of professional staff at the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) last Thursday.

Dr. Reade explained, "On many days the number of people presenting to the emergency departments are some days approaching summer numbers. There is a lot of illness out there. However, the patience of our patients is showing and appreciated because there are often long time periods before a patient can be seen."

As for staffing of the emergency departments, "I would say all shifts have been filled for January, and close to that for all of February," said Dr. Reade. "So, there are not any imminent closures of the emergency department (in Mindemoya). We have been able to get locums to help fill the gaps."

Paula Fields, president and chief executive officer of the MHC told The Expositor, "We will be okay in the emergency departments (at both hospitals) until the end of March if everything stays the way they are right now. Yes, we have received support (for bringing in locum doc-

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## Police want to add home and business surveillance cams to provincial grid

### This voluntary measure could aid in police crime investigations

**by Tom Sasvari**  
MANITOULIN—With the benefits of solving serious crimes and keeping local residents safe, the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) will soon be promoting and encouraging the support of local residents who have safety protection cameras on their homes, businesses and commercial buildings to consider taking part in the CAMSafe program.

"I just wanted to bring to everyone's attention this new program that has been developed. I realize the OPP and other parts of the province are promoting and taking part in this program with their local residents," said Al Boyd, chair of the Manitoulin Community Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) at a Zoom meeting last week. "It is a very simple program that acts like the old Neighbourhood Watch program. With all the technology out there these days it seems everyone who has a business or someone who owns a home or cottage is putting in security cameras. With the CAMSafe program they can sign up to be part of this program and can, through the program, allow the police to view their cameras if they are carrying out an investigation in the area."

not only reduced crime rates but also act as an extra set of eyes to help police identify and apprehend criminals. The program establishes a community network that will help protect our neighbourhoods."

"Only the property owner will ever have direct access to your security system and account information. The program is a resource allowing police to know the location of cameras within a

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## CUPE survey indicates half of its health care members plan '25 exit

**by Jacqueline M. St.Pierre, LJI reporter**  
ONTARIO—A new poll suggests that nearly half of healthcare workers in Northern Ontario are considering leaving their jobs in 2025. More than 750 hospital workers with Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) participated in the survey and included registered practical nurses, personal support workers, housekeepers and clerical staff. Seventy percent of workers that participated in the survey said that the hospital they work at are

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## Tickets for Northern curling championships going fast Host Little Current Curling Club anticipates a sold-out week

**by Michael Erskine**  
LITTLE CURRENT—Both the Men's and Women's Northern Ontario Curling Association Championships are coming to the Island thanks to the Little Current Curling Club's (LCCC) successful bid to host the games and the ability to host the games in an arena.

Local point man for the championships is Joe Cooper. Mr. Cooper dropped into The Expositor Office last week to chat about the event.

"The Little Current Curling Club hosted the Men's Championships before (in 2018)," noted Mr. Cooper. "This time we have both the Men's and the Women's

Championships taking place in the NEMI arena." The games will run from January 23 to January 28.

"The permission of the town council was an important factor in the club's successful bid," said Mr. Cooper. "They want to be able to hold the games in an arena." To that end, the main ice surface will be tied up two weeks and unavailable to rent for hockey games or figure skating. "The ice has to be prepared for at least a week before," said Mr. Cooper. The arena can seat up to 500.

The bonus of that is the Baxter Cup teams will be

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**FATHER AND SON RESCUE TEAM**—Rob Seifried and his son Landon are shown saving a deer that had fallen through the ice on the Kagawong River on January 7. **SEE STORY ON PAGE 10.**

photo by Daniel Martin

## Wiikwemkoong High, Manitoulin Secondary robotics teams gifted with McMaster engineering scholarships

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—As the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) and Wiikwemkoong High School (WHS) First Robotics team prepares for the regional and world championships in FIRST Robotics, including getting funding in place, the teams received a very sizable donation last week.

“We received an email today from the McMaster University engineering department that they have forwarded us a cheque in the amount of \$10,000 to sponsor our teams,” said MSS Manitoulin Metal coach-mentor Yana Bauer. “I am just ready to send an email to the members of our team letting them know of this very generous donation. We are very grateful for the McMaster engineering department support.”

“We are supporting two teams from Manitoulin this year, Wiikwemkoong High School (WHS) Robotics-FRC 5672 and Manitoulin Metal Robotics FRC 6865 Manitoulin Secondary School,” said Lindsay Bolan, director outreach and education faculty of engineering McMaster.

“Both schools are eligible for the \$10,000 FIRST@Mac Indigenous Travel Subsidy, aimed at teams with a minimum of three Indigenous members and located over 350 kilometres from Hamilton,” explained Ms. Bolan. “The subsidy’s objective is to lower participation barriers for Indigenous youth, especially those from remote areas, aligning with McMaster Engineering’s commitment to fostering equitable, diverse and inclusive youth pro-

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## Two Wiikwemkoong women joining third area scholar in overseeing LU Indigenous studies

SUDBURY—Two Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT) women are joining a third area scholar in overseeing Indigenous studies at Laurentian University.

Professor Nicole Wemigwans, who is from Serpent River First Nation and Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, and Professor Sharlene Webkamigad, who is also

originally from Wiikwemkoong, are joining Professor Adria Kurchina-Tyson of Sudbury in being appointed to the School for Indigenous Relations tenure-track faculty. The three academics will be overseeing Indigenous studies at Laurentian University.

Becoming a faculty member at Laurentian University is a dream

realized for all three professors. As their academic journeys evolve, so do their dreams. With PhDs nearing completion, the professors are looking ahead at the ways they intend to make an impression on the Laurentian community in their new capacity.

Ms. Wemigwans is looking forward to engaging with students and empowering them with culturally appropriate skills and knowledge that will help them be effective practitioners in their field. “I enjoy having discussions with future social workers to understand the work that they do within Indigenous communities. Through this discourse, I believe we can increase safety for our kin in Indigenous communities.” She has worked extensively in community-based programs over the past decade, and is inspired by that work, her prized roles of mom and auntie and her love of her community.

Professor Sharlene Webkamigad, who is originally from WUT, has a passion for research that started in 2004 when she began her undergrad. As a tenure-track professor, she is eager to continue this important research and work

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## Whitefish River sets new date for cannabis referendum

by Michael Erskine

WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION—A new date has been set for a community consultation on whether to allow cannabis sales within Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) following the postponement of a November referendum.

An information session for band members was set for 5:30 to 8 pm on January 16 at the community centre. The new vote day is February 17 from 9 am to 8 pm at the community centre. The information session consisted of three presentations including the ‘WRFN Study Report’ by Kelsie McGregor; ‘Developing a Cannabis Bylaw’ by band bylaw officer Zachary Corbiere; and general voting information provided by Ratification Officer Cynthia Behm.

The proposed question on the ballot is “Are you in favour of Whitefish River First Nation Chief and Council developing a law that allows and governs the sale of cannabis products on reserve.” Those eligible to vote must be 18 on the day of the vote and their name must appear on the band’s citizenship list. Mail-in ballots are available on request by contacting the band office by email, phone or in person. The mail-in ballots must be received by ratification officer before the end of the voting period.

## Billings sets January 31 as nomination deadline for vacant council seat

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Members of Billings council voiced their disappointment that former councillor Jim Cahill resigned from his position on council while also considering options for his replacement at a recent meeting.

“Councillor Jim Cahill provided notice to myself and the clerk (Emily Dance) in writing that he was submitting his resignation from council on December 14, effective immediately,” said Mayor Bryan Barker.

“I was very disappointed to hear this news,” said Councillor Dave Hillyard. “Jim did a really good job. We didn’t agree on everything, but he was a good councillor and I wish he would have stuck it out on council. I wish him all the best.”

“I concur with Councillor Hillyard,” stated Councillor Vince Grogan. “Jim brought an analytical view to the table. He did a lot of good work on council. He will be missed.”

“I wish Jim all the best, he was a good councillor and will be missed,” said Councillor Michael Hunt.

“I spoke to Jim on this and said he had a lot of offer on council. I thanked him for his time on council and for benefitting the community, and all the best in his future endeavours,” said Mayor Barker.

Council passed a motion accepting the resignation of Mr. Cahill from council then considered its options for filling the now vacant seat on council for the remainder of the term of council, either by appointment or by holding a by-election.

Council was informed in holding a by-election, the cost to the township for the last election held for Rainbow District School Board trustee cost \$11,422. And with 2024 budget preparations it was recommended that additional staff would need to be brought in to help run the election. This would cost about \$10,000.

After discussion, all members of council were in favour of going with the option of appointing an eligible elector. A nomination process where eligible electors can put forward their name for council opened earlier this month and will continue to January 31. A list of candidates will be posted on February 5 with council holding an appointment meeting on February 6.

## Lily Fielding Foundation donates \$25,000 for Fielding Place signage

by Michael Erskine

ESPANOLA—The new seniors’ housing unit in Little Current will have signage come this spring thanks to a generous donation of \$25,000 from the Lily Fielding Foundation. The donation was presented to the Manitoulin Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) at the end of the board’s January 11 meeting in Espanola in the form of a letter from Mac Sinclair of Sinclair and Sinclair Barristers and Solicitors representing the foundation.

Mr. Sinclair noted that members of the Fielding, Wallace and Perdue families had noticed the lack of signage while attending the opening ceremonies this past summer for the eight-unit housing development located above Low Island Park. The seniors’ housing development was made possible, in part, due to the donation of land from the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands. The Lily Fielding Foundation had previously donated the property to the town in the hopes that it could be utilized to expand seniors housing (although the land donation to the town came with no strings attached).

DSB CAO Donna Stewart noted the generous donation and replied to Mr. Sinclair with a letter of thanks.

“I am confirming that on this date the DSB has received a generous donation in the amount of \$25,000 for the purpose of signage at Fielding Place in Little Current,” wrote Ms. Stewart. “Tenants, staff and the board of directors would like to extend their heartfelt thank you and appreciation of this generous donation to the Fielding, Wallace and Perdue

families. We will advise once the undertaking is completed in the spring as we would appreciate you sharing that with the families.”

## Gore Bay will crack down on non-licensed short-term rental owners

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Not all property owners who are operating short-term accommodation rentals (STARs) in the Town of Gore Bay have come forward and applied for a licence through the municipality.

“For us to do any enforcement of our STAR bylaw (passed last summer) we need to identify potential short-term rentals that have not gone through our licensing permit process and to send our bylaw enforcement officer over to talk to them,” said Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane at a council meeting last week. “And for those that our (STAR) bylaw doesn’t apply to, we need to make sure they are falling within our water/sewer bylaw (paying for these extra services). This all needs to be investigated.”

Mayor Lane said in doing a search online he found “nine places in the town are being advertised for having overnight accommodations. In at least two

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## editorial

### Ed Broadbent 'Mr. Decent' was a statesman of the first rank

There are giants who stride among us. This past week Canada lost one of hers. Ed Broadbent, the former federal NDP leader, avowed social democrat and champion of the working man, died on January 11 at the age of 87, leaving behind a legacy that stands tall to the present day.

While much has been made of the late Jack Layton, it was Mr. Broadbent who initially wrested the federal NDP out of the political hinterland and into real contention for the top of Parliament Hill. In the 14 years he was at the NDP helm, Mr. Broadbent took his party from 17 seats to 26 in his first national election, boosting that tally to 32 in his next and to 43 in his last time in the lists as leader.

Mr. Broadbent's personal popularity always outshone that of his party and few political observers doubt that, if he had accepted the offer to become leader of the federal Liberal Party, he would have been prime minister. With his hand at the helm, the federal NDP topped the public opinion poll for the first time in its history.

Mr. Broadbent never wavered from his devotion to his principles and even rebuffed the offer of forming a coalition with then Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau (who actually had a majority of seats at the time of making the offer). He was, and always remained, the champion of the working man—even though he was often cited as "an intellectual," a term too often used as a pejorative these days.

He came, interestingly, from an Oshawa working class family where his father worked on a General Motors assembly line.

Upon retirement from federal politics (mostly, as he returned to the

lists once more in 2004 and was elected to represent Ottawa Centre), Mr. Broadbent's stride took him onto the world stage and he was director of the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development. He was named as Fellow at the University of Oxford.

In 1993, the veteran politician was named an Officer of the Order of Canada, later upgraded to Companion in 2001.

His legacy lives on in the form of the left-wing think tank the Broadbent Institute, which he founded in 2011, and the numerous books on politics that he authored. While the founding vision of the Broadbent Institute is to be a progressive and social democratic think tank, its stated mission, to "champion change through the promotion of democracy, equality and sustainability, and the training of a new generation of leaders," is something most Canadians could get behind. A number of its "Fellows" are Canadian business leaders, as well as policy experts, distinguished scholars and civil leaders.

Where Mr. Layton was noted for his winning smile, Mr. Broadbent's nicknames included "Honest Ed" and "Mr. Decent." He was a man who Canadian politics could sorely use more of in these most troubling of times. He devoted his life to public service and believed fervently in building a good society, one founded on the principles of justice and equality. Sadly, we are unlikely to see his like on the national stage again any time soon.

Mr. Decent will be missed.

## letters

### A few thoughts on the proposed Tracey Road development

#### Proper planning must take place to ensure the future

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following letter, addressed to the Manitoulin Planning Board, was submitted to *The Expositor* for publication and appears here at the author's request.

**Dear Manitoulin Planning Board and Central Manitoulin Mayor and Council,**

We can all agree that development is a good thing for any community. Economic development, I believe, is best looked at through a circular, communal long-term development lens.

Circular lens meaning: does this development serve, enrich and keep safe, not only the development in question, but the community as a whole, and the environment found around it? Does this development fit into an established, communal, long-term vision and goal? I believe Central Manitoulin currently does not have a long-term plan or a community vision in place yet.

I urge the Manitoulin Planning Board and Central Manitoulin to look at the following questions with this circular lens: ensure that any development will keep the health of our water, air, aquatic life, vegetation, shoreline integrity and community as a whole safe and healthy.

Please ask yourselves, 'how can we best protect this body of water?' Lake Mindemoya is our drinking water and increases our quality of life greatly with swimming, all sorts of waters sports, as well as fishing; have we extended the courtesy of seeking approval in principal with M'Chigeeng First Nation and Billings Township so we can collectively attempt to maintain the health of our shared Lake Mindemoya water; we know from water tests results shared by the Lake Mindemoya Stewardship Association that field bed runoff and other contaminations flowing into Lake Mindemoya threaten our water quality; will our decision take into consideration the conservation regulations of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry that are applicable in this case? May it be wise to contemplate building a waste water treatment plant? Not just for this subdivision, but for any significantly sized new development on Manitoulin? Let us remember Mindemoya's own history of field beds contaminating town wells; should we perhaps aim to service the whole west side of Lake Mindemoya with reliable water and sewer by including Stanley Park, Deerfoot Trail and this new planned

subdivision? Would it be wise to anticipate future back-lot development and build growth into that new sewer and water plant? The Green Municipal Fund is currently available for planning and building water sewer treatment plants. Small communities can apply and receive up to 80% to a max of \$500,000; can we figure out a smart funding model? Combining many funding opportunities, and including offsetting costs from the new owners that will save by not having to build field beds or drill wells for drinking water, in the amount of the average cost of \$30-50K each, times the proposed 39 lots; are we assuming that drilling this plot of land potentially 39 times for drinking water is safe? It may pose a threat and cause serious ground water contamination. Do we envision a decentralized growth of Central Manitoulin? This may very well be what we want.

If so, must we not plan that this new community of possibly well over 100 people will want to live here year-round? Most buildings these days are built to four-season standards. Must we not foresee that they will eventually bring the new road up to standard, that it will be assumed by the municipality and that back lots will be sold as more economic development will be needed and wanted, just like we see it everywhere around us? Can we ensure that lakeshore road allowance integrity is maintained that restricts any shore alterations? Are we providing information that no tree or shrub cutting, no landscaping of any kind, no depositing of sand, rocks or any other material along the 66-foot shoreline road allowance is undertaken? Does this plan include a public park (preferably all of lot 1) so that future back lot owners and their families will have adequate public water access? Will these lot owners be eligible for short-term accommodations permits? Does this plan leave the remaining 54 ha farm with water access to irrigate so it can be actively farmed?

I trust you will make the right decisions to allow future healthy economic development on Manitoulin Island as a whole, and Central Manitoulin and neighbouring communities around Lake Mindemoya.

Sincerely

Maja Mielonen  
Mindemoya

### First Nation leaders release statements on historic remains in Toronto

ONTARIO—While they describe it as jarring to hear that the bodies of First Nations peoples were found at a construction site in Toronto recently, Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare and Chiefs of Ontario Heritage and Burials Portfolio Holder Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe said they are pleased that the province is engaging with the local community to determine next steps.

"Honouring our ancestors is a foundational component of First Nations worldviews, this includes where they rest," said Ontario Regional Chief Hare. "Although we have known that First Nations people lived on these lands for thousands of years and that this area is an archaeological site, it is always jarring to hear of these discoveries. They are a stark reminder that our ancestral lands aren't just somewhere out 'in the bush,' they are everywhere in the province of Ontario and what is now known as Canada."

On January 6, the CBC published a story stating that ancestors from ancient Indigenous burial grounds were found in North Riverdale, Toronto, by a construction crew installing a water line on Withrow Avenue. According to

forensic anthropologist Greg Olsen, the site has been a known archaeological site since at least 1886 when crews excavating the initial construction of Withrow Avenue found communal grave sites in the area.

"For First Nations people, these are not remains, they are our ancestors, and we must speak about them as such," explained Regional Chief Hare. "The ancestors and burial grounds are very sacred to our people and it is of utmost importance that the ancestors be cared for in a good way and according to the customs of the Nation from which they are from."

"There is a longstanding committee in the Ontario region who may be able to provide valuable advice, guidance and expertise on how to move forward with this discovery," said Chiefs of Ontario Heritage and Burials Portfolio Holder, Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe. "Our hope is that we can all come together and work collaboratively to ensure this is done in the most respectful and appropriate way possible."

Kee:Way, the Ontario First Nations Heritage and Burials Committee, was formally established in 2012 as a result of the recommenda-

tions that came out of the Ipperwash Inquiry and is comprised of elders, knowledge keepers and First Nations experts from across the Ontario region that provide guidance on issues related to the handling, transfer and repatriation of remains and valuables to the appropriate First Nation(s) and descendants for proper burial and stewardship. Over the course of the last decade, the committee has provided advice and support on the repatriation of ancestors and sacred items held by governments and museums across Canada and around the world.

Kee:Way is a Lenape and Anishinaabe word that means 'bringing our ancestors home.'

"It feels like we are moving in a positive direction with this particular discovery, however, this really highlights the need to establish more formal approaches to address roles in protecting ancestors, and sacred and cultural sites that includes First Nations, municipalities and the province for when this inevitably happens again in the future. Our ancestral territories are everywhere," said Ontario Regional Chief Hare.

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

by Heather Marshall

What happens when East meets West? Fireworks, apparently! At least that's the experience of Margery McDonald, a native of Rhode Island who spent all her summers in Maine and whose family moved to the state permanently when she was in university, and Leon Frisch, originally from the Seattle, Washington area. A chance encounter in 1976 when they were both employed by the East Wind Inn in Tenants Harbor, Maine, where Leon was the chef in its fine dining restaurant and Margery worked as a summer server, resulted in a 45-year long marriage thus far that's still going strong.

Since then, the couple's journey has seen them change careers, countries, citizenship and places of residence, most recently becoming newcomers to Manitoulin who have settled in Little Current.

Their relationship didn't appear promising at the outset when they met in 1976, since Margery had only recently graduated from Lesley College in Cambridge, Massachusetts with a B.Sc. degree in Elementary Education and landed her first teaching job on an island off the coast of Maine. When they met, Leon was in the process of emigrating to Canada and assumed there was little point in pursuing a new romance. However, it took nearly a year to finalize the paperwork required to make the move, by which time they were an established couple.

During his student days, Leon had attended St. Martin's University outside Olympia, Washington where he graduated with a degree in literature with a minor in business. He then entered a monastery at nearby St. Abbot's College and decided he wanted to study at St. Paul's University in Ottawa, renowned for its offering of programs in canon law, theology, conflict studies, ethics, social justice and public service. Leon completed two years toward a degree at St Paul's when a friend he met in Ottawa sponsored him



Margery and Leon Frisch have settled in Little Current after falling in love with the area during an exploratory visit.

to become an immigrant to Canada in 1978 – the same year he and Margery married and, soon after, moved to Montreal.

"Aside from studying here, I was just attracted to Canada. I'd grown up in western Washington state and spent a lot of time in the mountains and rural areas. However, I grew tired of all the rain and loved Canada's four seasons so jumped at the chance to move here when the opportunity came up," says Leon.

Leon qualified for entry to Canada based on his former occupation as a chef and was soon offered a position as a sous chef at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal. Margery initially worked as a daytime nanny for a local couple until she and Leon had their own two boys in quick succession and Margery focused on raising her young sons.

The couple stayed in Montreal for roughly five years, by the end of which Leon had changed careers and begun utilizing the business and accounting portion

of his degree. He became chief accountant with a Montreal shipping company but was limited in promotion opportunities because he wasn't bilingual and opted to transfer to the company's Toronto office in 1983.

By 1984 they had enough of big city living and moved to Shelburne, Ontario. Leon commuted to downtown Toronto for another year and a half until he had had enough of that, too, and became an insurance broker. He started his own insurance business in Shelburne offering life and group insurance, as well as financial services including annuities and mutual funds. Margery also became an insurance broker and worked alongside Leo until 2009, when she took a job at St. Mary's & the Missions in Owen Sound, a position she held until she retired in December 2021. Leon had already retired in 2018.

During their time in Shelburne, Margery wrote feature stories and became a columnist with the Shelburne Free Press. Her first

columns centred around raising kids. Another hat she wore was as a children's librarian, which she describes as "the best job" she ever had. "As well as being able to purchase so many great books for kids, I had a unique relationship with children who frequented the library. I wasn't their mom, I wasn't their teacher and they loved talking to me about everything going on in their lives."

Margery's newspaper work continued with the Durham Chronicle after the couple bought land in Priceville, a rural community near Owen Sound. Her new column focused on their experience building a home from scratch, which Leon undertook in 1990. The couple joined the congregation at St Mary's Church in Owen Sound, where Margery eventually became the office administrator and, before long, began writing pieces for the church bulletin.

The couple seized the many benefits of rural living, learning to scuba dive and sail, first buying a 25-foot and, later, 30-foot sailboat

that they anchored in Meaford and Thornbury. In 2019, Leon did a solo circumnavigation of Georgian Bay.

That exposure prompted the couple to begin exploring Manitoulin as a possible retirement location. As much as they loved their home on the other side of Lake Huron, the extensive maintenance required to keep up the large house and property, plus the chance to cash in on soaring housing prices at the height of the pandemic, was hard to resist. In September 2021, they brought their trailer to Mac's Camp on Lake Kagawong and soon began scouting for houses for sale around the Island. Their search took them as far as Meldrum Bay before they settled on Little Current. Upon their return home, they listed and quickly sold their house and moved to Manitoulin in the dead of winter in mid-January 2022.

"We've been in paradise ever since!" both agree. "Especially important, our two adult sons and their families, in Collingwood and Orillia, are still close enough to enjoy frequent visits."

During their many years in Canada, both have become Canadian citizens, Leon in 2009 and Margery more recently in 2022, reinforcing their commitment to their new country and community. The duo is active in local organizations, particularly their church community at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Little Current. Margery also has picked up her pen once again and now writes stories for the Manitoulin Expositor on a regular basis. In addition, in recent years she has written and published several books, including a work of fiction based on fact, called Caught Up, about the real-life shooting of three young students that she had taught on Matinicus Isle, Maine.

Leon and Margery look forward to writing the next chapter in their own story as new adventures and opportunities on Manitoulin unfold.

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## Government of Canada seeks public consultation and input on new plastics registry

by Jacqueline St.Pierre, LJI reporter

GATINEAU, QC—Canada's cherished landscapes, including beaches, parks, streets and shorelines are suffering due to the issue of plastic pollution. In recognition of the detrimental effects on nature and wildlife, the Government of Canada is taking a proactive stance toward this challenge. Reducing plastic pollution is the focus and transitioning to a circular economy that addresses the entire lifecycle of plastics, preventing their entry into the environment.

On December 30, 2023, the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, minister of environment and climate change, initiated a consultation for the establishment of the Federal Plastics Registry. This registry aims to serve as a monitoring tool, tracking plastic production from inception to disposal. It is a crucial component of Canada's comprehensive plan to combat plastic pollution and waste.

The proposed registry mandates annual reporting by producers on the volume and types of plastic introduced to the Canadian market, its economic journey and the management of plastic at the end of its lifecycle. By recording this data, the registry will monitor plastics within the economy. The government intends to use this information to gauge progress towards the goal of



Plans are afoot to establish a federal plastics registry aimed at monitoring and tracking plastic production from inception to disposal.

zero plastic waste and to devise strategies expediting the transition to a circular economy. The proposed Federal Plastics Registry encompasses major plastic product categories, including packaging, single-use items, construction materials and trans-

portation.

Key aspects of the Federal Plastics Registry include increasing existing reporting obligations, unifying plastic data nationwide and providing open access to this information for Canadians and businesses

through an innovative reporting platform. The consultation period, open to all interested parties, extends until February 13, 2024.

Canada's commitment to combating plastic pollution involves collaborative efforts with provinces, territories and international partners. The Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) is actively working towards implementing the Canada-Wide Strategy on Zero Plastic Waste and Action Plan. The proposed registry aligns with the Action Plan's commitment to developing and maintaining comprehensive national data on the plastics economy. The government's approach involves evidence-based and comprehensive actions spanning the plastics lifecycle.

The government emphasizes its ongoing collaboration with Canadians in undertaking significant measures to preserve the environment free from plastic pollution. Minister Guilbeault emphasizes the role of the Federal Plastics Registry as a vital tool to track and manage plastics across the economy, holding producers accountable and propelling Canada towards a circular plastics economy.

In 2019, Canadians disposed of 4.4 million tonnes of plastic waste, with only nine percent recycled.

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## Drinking and driving numbers concern Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police

While the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) had exceptional results with the recent Festive Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) program with almost double the number of drivers having been charged with impaired driving over 2022, the issue of drinking and driving remains a major concern for the OPP.

"The OPP remains committed to roadway safety and taking alcohol/drug impaired drivers off our roads through both enforcement and public education," Inspector Robert Walsh, detachment commander for the Manitoulin OPP told The Expositor. "This year's Festive RIDE campaign ran from November 16, 2023 through January 1, 2024 and the Manitoulin detachment realized exceptional results."



## Law & Order

Inspector Walsh noted that a total of 171 RIDE check programs were conducted (on Manitoulin Island and the Espanola area) resulting in 29 impaired driving charges and 18 impaired drivers being taken off our highways. "Although the festive season has concluded, officers will continue a concerted effort to encourage responsible driving habits and enforcement action where applicable. If you know or suspect that a driver is impaired by alcohol or drugs, call 9-1-1. In doing so, you may save a life."

Inspector Walsh said for 2023, a total of 90 charges were laid for impaired drivers in comparison to 51 in 2022.

"I know the local officers are out in the community and busy," said Al Boyd,

chair of the Manitoulin Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) at a Zoom meeting last week. "Unfortunately, impaired driving is on the rise again whether it be drugs or alcohol across the province and all of Canada."

Inspector Walsh explained the Manitoulin OPP holds RIDE programs everywhere, year-round. "And we engage in the annual Festive RIDE program at the Christmas and New Year's season when there are so many social get togethers. We are on hand with our programs to get the message out that drivers need to get where they are going in a safe fashion. And we advertise these RIDE programs as much as we can."

"Our goal is to discourage people who are drink-

ing or taking drugs from operating their vehicles," said Inspector Walsh.

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service also provided the Expositor with 2023 RIDE program statistics. In 2023 WTPS held a total of 112 programs over the year with 3,466 vehicles checked. Of those there was only one driver charged with impaired driving and one driver charged with refusal to provide a breath sample. In 2022 the WTPS held 17 RIDE programs through the year with 662 vehicles stopped. There were no drivers charged with driving impaired or drivers charged with refusal.

### Opp arrest one person at RIDE program

One person has been arrested and charged after

being stopped at a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) program.

On January 6, shortly after 9 pm, the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) was conducting a RIDE program on Lee Valley Road in Espanola.

A vehicle was stopped as it was determined the driver was wanted. A search of the vehicle led to the seizure of suspected crystal methamphetamine, suspected unmarked cigarettes and approximately \$3,700.

As a result of the investigation, Johnathon Trudeau, 41, from Espanola has been arrested and charged with: possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking, methamphetamine; possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000; operating a motor vehicle without insurance; operating unsafe vehicle; possessing unmarked cigarettes; improper tires; and failure to comply with probation order.

The accused was held in custody and was scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice bail court in Sudbury on January 8.

### Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service announces new main contact number

Members of the public are being alerted that there has been a change in the main contact phone number for the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) office.

"As of January 12, the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service main contact number for the office is now (705) 370-3141. This is the direct number to the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service only," a release explains.

"All contact numbers for the Provincial Communications Centre (1-888-310-1122) remain unchanged. For emergency purposes, the 911 system also remains unchanged."

## New council sworn in at Sheshegwaning First Nation on December 11

by Tom Sasvari

**SHESHEGWANING**—An official swearing-in ceremony for the new council of Sheshegwaning First Nation was held on Monday, December 11.

In the November 18 elections Alana Endanawas was re-elected as chief, with the slate of councillor's elected including Ann Cada, Angela McLeod, Marie McLeod and Jennifer Sampson.

In her address to council and the community, "I offered congratulations to all our council members on being elected," said Sheshegwaning Chief Alana Endanawas. "Then we all read the oath of office and signed it."

Along with those in attendance at the swearing in ceremony, "we also had off-reserve members who attended virtually, which was very nice," said Chief Endanawas.

Chief Endanawas said council is focusing on several priorities for this term of council. Among them, "we will begin working on a community drug strategy," she said.



An official swearing in ceremony for the new council of Sheshegwaning First Nation was held on December 11. In photo, chief Alana Endanawas is flanked by councillors Ann Cada, Angela McLeod, Marie McLeod and Jennifer Sampson.

"We also want to establish a knowledge keepers advisory council, as well as a youth advisory council, to get their input and work together."

With the youth advisory council, "I would like to reach out to high school kids to provide input and get more involved in the community. It seems we are missing out on their input, and this is a group that has lots of ideas that would benefit the community," continued Chief Endanawas. "Youth are our future, so it is important to get their input and ideas."

Other projects the community is already in the process of, includes opening a new elementary school and the new community centre, with construction continuing on this new building.

## Friends and Neighbours

### Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Much lesser known than the dog days of summer, we currently find ourselves in the cat days of winter: those days where you just want to curl up for a nap by the fire. That's right - winter is here weather you like it or not. Be that as it sleigh, Team Fergmeijer's got your back with all the goings-on in Kagawong. It's a big task, but with great powder comes great responsibility. Stick with us, and after all is sled and done you'll find yourself walking in a winter pun-derland!

At time of writing, the outdoor rink is not yet open for skating, although volunteers have been hard at work flooding the surface. Keep an eye on the Kagawong Outdoor Recreational Facility Facebook page for updates!

The township has a vacant seat on council and they are looking to appoint a new councillor. The public is invited to apply for the position between January 10th and 31st. Full application details can be found on the township website, but here are the basic requirements: interested parties must be 18 years old, a Canadian citizen, a resident of Billings Township (or owner/tenant of land in the township). If you are looking to get involved and make a difference, contact the town office (705-282-2611) for more information.

Happy birthday to Lisa L who is turning 29 next week. It's important to remember that birthdays are really just nature's way of encouraging us to eat more cake, so be sure to indulge on your big day!

It seems impuzzible, but it has been a year since the last puzzle swap at the library. Be sure to get yourself together to fit a stop at the library into your schedule on Saturday January 27th from 10-1pm. If you miss this year's swap, we'll give you a piece of our mind! Celebrate National Puzzle Month by bringing the jigsaw puzzles of your past to trade for the jigsaw puzzles of your future! In related news, a friend of ours emailed us to say she was going crazy looking for the piece she is missing from her 2000-piece puzzle. We can totally understand: we're missing 1999 pieces from ours.

Remember that time that person turned 29 years old? Or the time the township celebrated that special event? Want to see if Team Fergmeijer ever doubles up on their puns?

Catch up on old times with the complete archive of Team Fergmeijer columns, all the way back to 2015! Check out <http://teamfergmeijer.blogspot.com> to get your fill of puns and haiku.

Team Fergmeijer had a really heavy table to move and we were afraid of scratching the wood floors, so we called the local weather station to see if they could send us forecasters. Have a great week!

### Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

It's nice to be back, writing the column, after being away. Just after my last column there was a baby shower in Meldrum at the hall. It was very well attended. The meal was provided by a good friend of the mother-to-be from Stop 540 and it was nice that the young mothers that live around here brought their children. Now that baby has been born, and we have a new resident in Meldrum. Bear Dawson Vanderform was born December 29, 2023 at 11:58 at 4lbs 8oz and 16.5 inches. His delighted parents are Mike and Amanda Vanderform. His ecstatic grandmother is Diane Jones. Congratulations to the whole family. Diane says that he is doing great.

Linette and Lorne would like to announce their new additions. They have two new puppies, Spirit and Guinness. They are keeping the pet pig, Lola, company.

We've had a lot of snow and there's more coming. The snow ploughs have been doing a really great job keeping things under control. I am sure that all the snowmobilers are delighted. I saw some snowshoe tracks on the trail across from us, but I have not seen any snowmobiles out yet.

Every Friday night is Euchre at the hall. On January 5 there were two- and three-quarter tables. High lady was Lois Wismer with 71; high man was Murray Duncanson, who won the money jar with 85 points; Myra Duncanson had four lone hands for the ladies; Sara-Lynn Arnot had five lone hands for the men; most euchres went to Lisa Townsend with 15; the juice was won by Myra Duncanson.

Rose Van Every, Mildred Kelly and Bob Benedict left to go south to visit family and have finally returned home. The trip home went well, the weather and the roads were in their favour. They had a terrific time with family, friends and old neighbours. They are glad to be home and we are

glad to have them back.

Meldrum Bay is starting to plan for the Winter Fun Day in February. Be prepared to come and have a great time.

### Silver Water Karen Nable

Anne Boyd had a visit from her niece, Anne Marriott, and her husband David Wunker for a few days before they went home on New Year's Day.

Albert Meijer and I went to Gore Bay on Friday morning. We took our niece, Larissa Chevrette back to her house. We took the loaner car back to McQuarrie's and picked up our car with its new parts related to the power steering issue. We had an appointment with BMO. We got invited to have lunch at the Water's Edge. The restaurant was very busy, including our group of 14.

Euchre resumed in Meldrum Bay on Friday, January 5. Murray Duncanson won the money jar.

Sunday, January 7, 12 people from the West End travelled to Tehkummah to play in their euchre tournament. Donna Kay McDonald brought home the 50/50 prize.

Monday, January 8, there was chair yoga in the afternoon at the Silver Water Community Hall.

The recycle bins were open from 1 to 2 pm. There were 20 households out. Thank you to everyone who brought their pop cans and liquor containers. We have almost reached our goal for the food bank and then we will switch the fundraising recipient.

In the evening, line dancing started at the hall. It will continue on Monday evenings. Chair yoga will be moved to Tuesday afternoon.

Monday evening, seven of us went to play euchre at the Burpee and Mills Complex. There were seven full tables.

Tuesday, Albert and I went to Gore Bay for hair appointments and an oil change at McQuarrie's.

Fire practice was postponed to Wednesday night due to the weather on Tuesday. We got close to a foot of snow at our house. Others reported various amounts.

Thursday, January 11 there was euchre at the Silver Water Community Hall.

Happy birthday to Anne Boyd on January 24.

Condolences to the family of Fred Willan.

Condolences to the family of Gary Chandler.

Condolences to the family of Phillip Morris.

# ...Wiikwemkoong women join third scholar in overseeing LU Indigenous studies

...continued from page 3 collaboratively with students and colleagues. “Creative and alternative ways of learning were an integral part of my experience as a graduate student here at Laurentian. As a professor, I look forward to exploring the same methods in the courses I teach.”

“I’m excited to put proposals together on a national level and to collaborate on research that finds solutions to some of the struc-

Ms. Webkamigad.

Professor Adria Kurchina-Tyson grew up in Sudbury with roots in Shebahonaning and knew they always wanted to study in the community where they grew up. So, when they decided to stay in academia as a researcher and professor, they knew it would be at Laurentian. Now they must look forward to working increasingly with master’s students.

“I have been consistently

The professor’s areas of academic focus vary from gender and sexuality, to kinship and nation building, to nursing and healthcare but they are united in their passion for their communities and their drive to contribute to the future of Laurentian. “I want to be a part of and help contribute to the growth of Indigenous Studies and Indigenous faculty at Laurentian,” said Kurchina-Tyson. The professors have a shared belief

world.

As for what it means for the three professors that they teach at a school that prioritizes a tricultural mandate, Ms. Webkamigad said, “For me, it is everything. Being surrounded by a team of Indigenous staff and faculty is a strength.” She said that applying culturally safe principles to break down structural barriers in the healthcare field is an endeavour that can make a positive impact in

are Indigenous peoples all over the world and anti-colonial movements all over the world which makes the Indigenization at Laurentian alluring to folks all over the world. Laurentian has the unique opportunity to be a leader in decolonial scholarship.”

Dr. Taima Moeke-Pickering, interim director, School of Indigenous Relations at Laurentian said the professors’ passion for teaching, research, and culture fit right in at the school. “Professors Kurchina-Tyson, Dr. Wemigwans

and Professor Webkamigad bring an incredible wealth of experience with them to their roles. The addition of intelligent and dynamic Anishnaabe kweok and two-spirit folks as tenure-track faculty at Laurentian enriches the experiences of students, the quality of research, and the Laurentian community as a whole.”

The three professors have already started working together and will introduce their approach to Indigenous-led studies later this year.



Two Wiikwemkoong women are joining a third area academic in overseeing Indigenous studies at Laurentian University. The three include Professor Nicole Wemigwans, Professor Adria Kurchina-Tyson and Professor Sharlene Webkamigad.

tural barriers on a national level and to collaborate on research that finds solutions to some of the structural barriers Indigenous peoples face when accessing culturally safe and holistic healthcare,” said

blown away by the master’s students I work with at Laurentian,” said Kurchina-Tyson. “The students are brilliant and I’m so excited for the expansion and regrowth of Indigenous Relations in new courses.”

that the continued inclusion of Indigenous and First Nations perspectives across programs is essential to the university’s identity and is inherently valuable to prospective faculty and students all over the

communities everywhere.

Kurchina-Tyson is enthusiastic about the invaluable integration of Indigeneity in academia at Laurentian saying, “Decolonization efforts are on the increase as a whole. There

## ...crack down on non-licenced short-term rental owners

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or three of those, the owners of the homes are not living in their accommodations but are renting out the property for overnight accommodation. Our STAR bylaw does not apply if the owner is living in the house and renting out a room. This falls under our water/sewer bylaw since they are using more of these services if they are renting out to someone.”

“I think this is an important issue,” stated Mayor Lane.

“We passed a bylaw last year on this and have not received applications for all of those that are being advertised.”

“Nine are being advertised in Gore Bay, but some are not following all the regulations we have in place,” said Mayor Lane. “There are definitely a couple that are not licenced and not following our bylaws for short-term rentals. And those that the STAR bylaw does not apply to need to be contacted by our bylaw enforcement officer as well to be sure they are paying the appropriate water and sewer charges for their rental accommodations.”

## Scientists warn that bottled water contains microplastics

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre, LJI reporter  
CANADA—New research, recently published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, reveals that, on average, a litre of bottled water contains nearly a quarter of a million nanoplastic particles. These nanoplastics, measuring less than a micron, are considerably smaller than a speck of household dust. The study, utilizing an innovative imaging technique, discovered that the quantity of nanoplastic particles in bottled water is between 10 and 100 times higher than previously estimated, according to Wei Min, a co-author and biophysicist at Columbia University.

Douglas Walker, an analytical chemist at Emory University not involved in the study, emphasized the significant global production of plastic, leading to microscopic particles infiltrating food and beverages during manufacturing or leaching from packaging. Despite the increasing presence of nanoplastics and microplastics in our food, drinks and bodies, the health implications remain unclear.

While some studies suggest that these particles can cross barriers such as the blood-brain barrier and placenta, their impact on health lacks strong evidence. Dr. Konstantinos



On average, a litre of bottled water contains nearly a quarter of a million nanoplastic particles.

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Lazaridis, a gastroenterologist at Mayo Clinic, emphasized that the mere presence of these particles in tissues doesn’t necessarily indicate harm. There’s uncertainty about whether these particles pass harmlessly through most people’s bodies or if they affect individuals with genetic predispositions to disease.

Researchers hypothesize that the smaller size of nanoplastics may make them more hazardous, as they can potentially enter cells more easily and have a greater overall impact on

health than microplastics. Although certain additives and chemicals associated with plastics have been linked to health issues, the toxicity of many others used in plastic manufacturing remains unstudied in humans.

To minimize exposure, experts recommend drinking filtered tap water with a pore size of 1 micron or less to reduce microplastics. Using glass or stainless steel bottles when possible, and avoiding plastic filters, are additional precautions. Dr. Walker suggests mini-

mizing the use of plastic products, including food containers and single-use grocery bags, to further reduce exposure.

**Pet Save Manitoulin**

**Holiday Fundraiser Update**

Bean is thrilled to announce that the sale of his favourite ‘Bean’s Bites’ treats for the Pet Save Manitoulin/Manitoulin Pet Rescue Holiday Fundraiser has raised \$400 (to be divided between the 2 rescues). We are very grateful for the community support. Super Chef Adam has also developed bags of freeze-dried sweet potato treats (Schmee’s Sweets) and mixed bags of liver and sweet potato (Schmee’s Meats ‘n Sweets). All 3 products are available at Scott Vet Services in Mindemoya (705) 377-5666.

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**Bahá’í Writings**

*The source of all glory is acceptance of whatsoever the Lord hath bestowed, and contentment with that which God hath ordained.*

—Bahá’u’lláh

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY: 4 PM - 1 AM

## ...Island robotics teams gifted with McMaster engineering scholarships

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grams from pre-elementary to university levels. We are looking forward to hosting both student teams, as well as our neighbours from Six Nations Polytechnic STEAM Academy (Brainstorm Robotics FRC 7509) and 32 other teams from around Ontario at the Hamilton regional competition March 28-30.

"This is a great help to our team," stated Chris Mara, coach-mentor of the WHS FRC 5672 team. "It will help even the playing field for teams that are not well resourced as city teams are. It will cover a lot of our expenses for the season. Because of our location and the costs of travel and hotel costs we are always looking for funding. It is a big undertaking, and it is great when companies, businesses and organizations step up to help out, and it is great that Manitoulin has two high level robotics teams."

Mr. Mara said the WHS team will take part in a competition in North Bay March 22-24, then will take part in the McMaster competition. If the team qualifies it will then take part in the provincials in Mississauga in April.

"Our team is made up of 20-30 students from Grades 9-12," said Mr. Mara, noting the WHS team was the first all-Indigenous team to win the world championship in 2019.

"Last year we had an all-rookie team, and only had one student that had ever been to a robotics competition before," said Mr. Mara. "As well as our FRC team, we have three FTC teams this year, and even had a team in the championships alliance at the Sudbury competition at Laurentian University earlier this winter."

"We now have a team of experienced builders and some have designed and built and know what works and what doesn't, as well as evaluated and put together



Both the Manitoulin Secondary School and Wiikwemkoong High School First Robotics teams received a significant funding donation from the McMaster University Engineering Department toward the tournaments they will be taking part in this season. In photo is the MSS team and coaches, along with Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha at a kick-off event held earlier this month.



Members of the Manitoulin Secondary School First Robotics team discuss strategy at a kick-off event to the season January 6.

robot designs," said Mr. Mara. "Our team has been through the rebuilding years and our students now have some experience; they have a sense of the game evaluation and drive strategy and evaluate robot designs. And they understand their own capabilities."

"This year's competition game theme is 'crescendo,'" said Mr. Mara. "It's a pretty straight forward game with two elements where you can score points, and the game has an element like throwing a frisbee. It is a classic robotics game. And at the end the robot has to climb onto

a stage, which is always a challenge. The robot has to grab onto a tow chain and the teams have to pull their robot up."

"It will be exciting to see how things go," said Mr. Mara. "This is a whole new game that no one has played before so every team will be in the same boat to figure it out."

The Manitoulin Metal team has 25 members and they have been brainstorming the design of their robot and team members will be able to work out on a practice field this year, something that the team has never had before. "This will simulate a game field," said Ms. Bauer, noting that the team is using an area in the upstairs area of the Mindemoya arena, sharing the space with the Mindemoya Minor Hockey Association (MMHA).

The team is not only going to be holding practice a few times a week, it will be building the robot, forming its business and safety plan and its presentation to be made at each competition the team

takes part in.

"We only recently found out which competitions we will be taking part in, with the first being in North Bay on March 22-24," said Ms. Bauer. The team will then take part in a competition taking place at McMaster Engineering March 28-30, and if the MSS team qualifies then it will go to Mississauga for the provincial championship on April 3-6. "Two weeks after that we will be travelling to Houston for the world championships. We already had to book our flights and hotels," Ms. Bauer said, pointing out, "This year we will have VIP access to housing. We will be staying right by the convention centre in Houston. We will be able to walk to the convention centre this year. This is very exciting."

The Manitoulin Metal Robotics' new book, 'Robofriends and the Mow-Zone' has had sales well

over 100 so far, on and off Island, and the team also has several other fundraisers that it has embarked on.

The Manitoulin Metal team with the donation from McMaster to assist, has all its funding in place for the competitions taking part in Ontario.

However, "We are fundraising for the world championships," said Ms. Bauer. "The total cost will be over \$50,000 with flights, hotels, transportation to Toronto along with food and registration for each of the team members. The Manitoulin Metal Robotics team has a Canada Helps Fund webpage to raise funds."

To donate go to Canada-Helps.org and search for 'MSS Robotics Fund.'

"We are seeing sponsors coming forward," said Ms. Bauer, who pointed out \$2,300 has been raised to date.

## Progress on invasive carp barrier stalled by Illinois

by Tom Sasvari

MICHIGAN—An agreement that would see construction of the Brandon Road Interbasin project that would restrict the movement of aquatic nuisance species, notably invasive carp from an Illinois waterway into the Great Lakes watershed, is still being delayed.

"I made a bunch of phone calls yesterday and the agreement has not yet been signed by the state of Illinois," said Molly Flanagan, of the Great Lakes Alliance when contacted by The Expositor last week.

"The USACE (United States Army Corps of Engineers) has a timeline for the project based on construction beginning in 2024," said Ms. Flanagan. "The construction was supposed to start in September. The longer the state of Illinois stalls on the signing of the agreement the further down the road the project construction can begin."

"Essentially at this point Illinois is blocking the progress on the project,"



The Brandon Road Interbasin Project, which hopes to stop the spread of invasive carp, remains delayed.

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said Ms. Flanagan, pointing out once the construction begins it will be about two years before completion.

"The USACE has designed the project so it can be done in segments. So, some parts of the project would be complete sooner. Some would be online earlier and be protecting the waters from the carp," said Ms. Flanagan. "But first Illinois needs to sign

the agreement so their share of the funding can be accessed. The longer they delay this the longer it will be for the project to begin and to be completed. They (Illinois) have been saying they are going to sign the agreement for over a year. Who knows? The delay in the project is all on Illinois. USACE is ready to do the work they need to."

The \$1.146 billion project is a complex, innovative

ecosystem restoration project. Funding for the project is primarily at the US federal levels with Michigan adding \$64 million and Illinois \$50 million.

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# Public meeting on proposed rezoning for new nursing home will take place this winter

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Gore Bay council will consider passing zoning amendments to allow for the creation of a new nursing home off Armstrong Road once a public meeting has been held to allow members of the public the opportunity to voice their concerns or support for the project.

At a meeting last week with Theresa Carlisle of the Manitoulin Planning Board, council considered the proposed Official Plan and zoning amendments to permit the development of a 64-bed nursing home with a potential phase-two part of the project for a potential 28 more beds in the future. A tentative date of February 15 has been set for the public meeting.

“Under the Planning Act the public meeting is required,” Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane told The Expositor after the meeting. The public meeting “is a chance for members of the public to voice their opposition or support of the project. If the zoning is going to be changed and a property owner is located beside the property location for the proposed development and they have concerns with



Plans for the new 64-bed nursing home were unveiled in November of last year.

the changes, this public meeting provides them the opportunity to voice their concerns. This all must take place before the town considers approving the proposed zoning amendments. All property owners within 120 metres of the proposed development along with First Nations will also have the opportunity to comment.”

The MPB is working with the town and the proponent, Tulloch Engineering (on behalf of the owners of

the property, Manitoulin Transport).

The property does not currently have services such as water and drainage.

No action on the zoning amendments can be taken by the town until after the public meeting.

Ms. Carlisle explained with proposed large development projects like this one a municipality will usually put an advertisement in the local newspaper. “I would need this by the end of January.”

“That is a good idea—this is a major development,” said Mayor Ron Lane.

## Bayer being sued for use of glyphosate

by Jacqueline St. Pierre, LJ1 Reporter

OTTAWA—The Ontario Superior Court is set to adjudicate on a legal challenge initiated by the Ontario Centre for Health Science and Law (OHSL), seeking a minimum of \$1.2 billion from Bayer as compensation for individuals asserting harm from the herbicide glyphosate.

Bill Jeffery, OHSL executive director and general legal counsel, welcomed the court’s decision, stating that it is a positive development for Canadians claiming harm from the glyphosate-containing pesticide Round-Up, identified by the World Health Organization as a probable carcinogen.

Although the claim has yet to be substantiated in court, Mr. Jeffery highlighted that the presiding judge acknowledged a foundation for OHSL’s liability claim against the manufacturer. OHSL presented 17,000 pages of legal and factual materials, anticipating significant legal hurdles in the case.

Bayer expressed satisfaction with the Court’s rejection of certification

As was previously published, proposed plans have now been presented that would see a new 64-bed long-term care nursing home in Gore Bay tentatively open in the new location in 2026. The operator of the new nursing home would be St. Joseph’s Health Care.

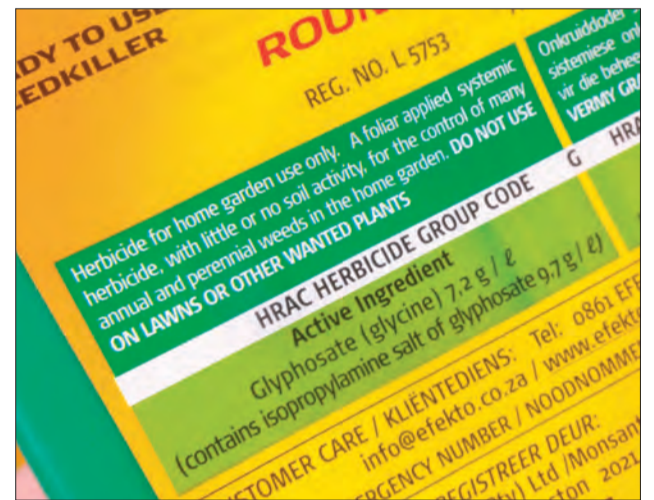
With access off Armstrong Street, the new building would include two wings with 32 beds in each wing. It will adopt a small house design by dividing the 32 beds into 12 and eight-bed neighbourhoods.

Visitors to the nursing home will come to a main entrance with a big lobby that can accommodate about 80 people, and a chapel off it, then the administration and support services area, dining room

and nursing station. Each wing has a lounge area at each end. Each 32-bed wing has its own dining room that can be made bigger with a retractable wall in the middle.

There will be a large deck on the outside of the building, and there will be a series of fully accessible walking trails around the building. Each of the two wings will have its own activity and therapy room and nurses’ station.

Once the new nursing home is open, the town would own the current Manitoulin Lodge building and would decide at that time what the building would be used for in the future.



Glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup, has been identified by the World Health Organization as a probable carcinogen.

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for certain proposed common issues, including those related to aggregate damages. The company clarified that the decision to certify OHSL’s request for a court hearing is purely procedural, without making any determination on the merits of the claim or the allegations against the defendants. Bayer strongly asserted its confidence in the safety of glyphosate-based products, vowing to vigorously defend them.

The company emphasized its enduring confidence in the safety of glyphosate products, in use for nearly five decades globally, with regulatory agencies consistently affirming their safety when used according to label directions. Despite a previous legal setback in the US, where Bayer settled most of the 154,000 claims against it, the company faces 31 claims before Canadian courts. Bayer acquired the controversial company Monsanto in a merger in 2018.

Health Canada has endorsed glyphosate’s use until April 27, 2032. Mr. Jeffery noted that Canada and the US Environmental Protection Agency collaborated on the re-evaluation of glyphosate. He criticized Health Canada, labeling it an imperfect regulator, pointing out its certification of class actions involving medical products still on the market and not recalled. Mr. Jeffery raised concerns about Health Canada’s reliance on industry studies over peer-reviewed

research and its reluctance to address damning US litigation outcomes and WHO guidance.

Despite criticism, Health Canada’s Pest Management Regulatory Agency reaffirmed its 2017 decision to re-approve glyphosate for sale in Canada until at least 2033, without cancer or risk mitigation warnings. OHSL accused Health Canada and other national pesticide regulators of consistently favouring industry-sponsored safety studies over peer-reviewed scientific research and ignoring US litigation outcomes.

A grassroots group called the TEK Elders (Traditional Ecological Knowledge) has been battling the spraying of glyphosate in the Robinson-Huron Treaty area since 2014 because they felt the chiefs of the territory who had been calling for a ban on aerial spraying since the ‘90s weren’t being listened to. The group is composed of elders from 21 bands in the area ranging from North Bay to Sault Ste. Marie. While the province has banned citizens from using glyphosate on their lawns and properties, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and Ministry of Transportation use the product.

However, glyphosate can kill more than just plants. Animals and people who consume plants that have been contaminated are at higher risk for certain types of cancers. There is also the concern of runoff into the watersheds.

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# Kagawong men hailed as animal rescue heroes after saving stranded doe

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Rob Seifried and his son Landon, along with their friend Brian Parker, are being hailed as animal rescue heroes for saving a deer that went through the ice on the Kagawong River on Sunday January 7.

“Landon was the real hero in saving the deer,” said Rob Seifried of his 15-year-old son. “Mr. Parker had contacted us after being told there was a deer in the river that couldn’t get out of the water and needed help.”

Mr. Parker, also a resident of Kagawong, told The Expositor, “Dawn Noble had called me saying she saw a deer that had gone through the ice in the river and needed help. So, I called Rob.”

“She (the doe) was right in the Kagawong River, almost in line with where the canal goes,” Mr. Seifried told The Expositor. “I don’t know how long she had been there, but it appeared the deer had been there for

quite a while. She could keep her front end out of the water (but not her lower end),” he explained, noting the water was about four to five feet deep in the area.

“Landon and I went out to the area, I had Landon sit in the canoe. I figured if he went in that water I could pull him out,” said Mr. Seifried. “We were both tied to the canoe because it wouldn’t flip over in the water. Landon put a rope over the deer’s head and eventually she was able to get onto the ice. It took a couple of minutes for her to regain her composure. She was obviously very tired.”

“If I didn’t know the river as well as I do I wouldn’t have even attempted this,” said Mr. Seifried. “It is dangerous to try to do this type of thing at any time. I would do the same for any deer or person.”

“Rob and Brandon did a very good job,” said Mr. Parker, noting if they had got into trouble he was there to help out as well.



Rob Seifried and son Landon, in canoe, work as a team to rescue a doe that had fallen through the Kagawong River.

## Winning lottery ticket remains unclaimed

by Tom Sasvari

SAULT STE. MARIE—As of January 10 no one has come forward to claim the winning prize of \$80,754.90 from the Tuesday, January 17, 2023 LOTTO MAX draw. The winning ticket was sold in the Manitoulin district. The winning selection for this prize was 01-02-05-06-16-30-45 and bonus number 19, according to an Ontario Lottery and Gaming release.

Tony Bitonti, director of media relations with OLG, told The Expositor January 10, “I just received an update from the prize centre and so far, no one has claimed the \$80,000 LOTTO MAX prize.”

“However, there are still seven days to go so fingers crossed that someone comes forward,” said Mr. Bitonti. “We appreciate the attention you are giving to this as we always want to pay out our lottery prizes. As I mentioned, someone paid money to buy a ticket for a chance at a prize and they won, so we want to pay the rightful owner their prize.”

Players must match six out of seven numbers plus the bonus number to win the secondary LOTTO MAX prize. Players have one year from the draw date to claim their prize.



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January 25, 2024 – Council and Committee

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Committee meetings are the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month.

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# ...Maple Leafs honour Jim McGregor at team's annual Indigenous Celebration

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members of the Little NHL. "It all started in Little Current. That's where it all began in 1971," said Mr. McGregor. "There were 16 teams in that first tournament. A team from Moosonee travelled the furthest, and they won the championship in their divi-

sion." "That first LNHL had teams in three divisions, atom, peewee and bantam," said Mr. McGregor. "After a few years we added a novice division. And now we have girls' team divisions at all levels, from the smallest to the midgets. These girls always put on a real show,

they are very talented." Mr. McGregor also played for Manitoulin Hockey League's famed Sheg Bears team, which won the coveted Pearson Trophy—donated by Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, MP for Algoma East, of which Manitoulin was a part—three consecutive years, the last time in

1961. The trophy remains at the Northeast Town arena to this day and while many of the original team has passed away, those that remain share a great pride in having donned the Bears jersey those 50 years ago.

As for meeting the Maple Leafs team Mr. McGregor said, "I'm sure I was more



Jim McGregor's presentation was also broadcast during the Toronto Marlies game.

excited than they were. I couldn't believe I was in the Maple Leafs dressing room talking to the players. I was wondering how many other people get this opportunity. And it was great because they really took time to listen to my story about the Little NHL."

# ...Police want to add home and business surveillance cams to provincial grid

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geographic area when investigating crime. If police require access to your footage, they will reach out to you and make a request directly," the information reads.

"Individuals can register for the CAMSafe program and their location

will be put on a Google map," said Mr. Boyd. "In an investigation by the police, if an officer can see five cameras etc. in a community, they can ask the property owner if they can view their video."

"It is a program that has been found to be extremely effective," stated Mr. Boyd.

Mr. Boyd pointed out that instead of police officers having to go door to door to ask local residents if they saw anything that could help them in a criminal investigation that has taken place, by having this database officers can reach out to residents who have the cameras and ask if

they can view their camera to help in an investigation. "I know several communities in the province are participants."

"From a municipal perspective I am a member of the business association in NEMI and I would like to bring this program forward to them," said Mr. Boyd.

"It's a great program," stated Manitoulin OPP detachment Inspector Commander Robert Walsh. "I have a fair bit of information and resource packages and media information to go with it. We will be promoting the program for consideration by members of the public to participate in the program. The number of serious crimes solved by having access to this camera footage has made it an incredible program."

Inspector Walsh noted, "Someone who registers for CAMSafe doesn't have to give the police access to a private residence or business owner's camera. The decision is theirs. The OPP

would only have the database indicating in which locations there are cameras set up. We would contact the property owners to see if they would allow us to see the video on their camera to help in an investigation."

"A property owner can register any security camera they have with as many or as few details as they wish," CAMSafe explains. "If a crime is committed and officers believe the footage may benefit the investigation, an officer will contact you to request

the footage. You can delete your account and change your information at any time. And you are under no obligation to share your footage with police. Having a resource with real-time maps and camera locations in a municipality will not reduce the time officers spend searching for footage, but will play a pivotal role in a fast-moving investigation such as a potential kidnapping or robbery."



Manitoulin police are hoping residents and businesses will sign up for the CAMSafe program.

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## Owen Sound Transportation Company seeking new CEO

by Tom Sasvari

OWEN SOUND—A search is on to hire a new president and chief executive officer of the Owen Sound Transportation Company with the retirement of Carl Kuhnke.

"The one-year term for Mr. Kuhnke as CEO had ended on December 20," said Nahleena Tye, the new planning and communications specialist with OSTC last week.

Ms. Tye said, "The OSTC board and the Ministry of Transportation are in the process of looking to hire a new CEO and this is expected to be finalized in the near future."

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# ...Tickets for Northern curling championships going fast

...continued from page 1 able to try out the professional pebbling efforts of master pebbler (his official title is chief ice technician) Tom Leonard from Curl Sudbury (Sudbury Curling Club), who is arriving this week with a team of assistants drawn from across the North (some as far as Thunder Bay).

"There are 14 men's teams and six women's teams coming," said Mr. Cooper. The winner of the playdowns will go on to compete in the Nationals in Regina in March, then, who knows? Maybe onto the Worlds at the end of March in Schaffhausen, Switzerland.

The men's rinks include the Horgan out of the Northern Credit Union Community Centre

(NCUCC—aka Sudbury Curling Club), MacEwan, NCUCC; Bonot, Fort William Curling Club (FWCC); Chandler, Little Current Curling Club; Adams Jr., Port Arthur Curling Club (PACC); Warkentin, PACC; Burgess, PACC; Minogue, North Bay Granite Club (NBGC); Silver, FWCC; Assad, Copper Cliff Curling Club; Hunt, NCUCC; Rajala, NCUCC; Deschene, NCUCC; and O'Bright, NBGC.

A number of local connections are on those rinks, look for a story by Expositor scribe Tom Sasvari in next week's edition for details.

The Women's Rinks include Johnstone, NBGC; McCormick, Idylwyld Curling Club; Deschene, McIntyre Curling Club; Burns, NCUCC; Despina, FWCC;



The sole Island rink, Chandler, is set to compete in the men's playdowns featuring skip Jordan Chandler, vice Connor Lawes, second Charlie Robert and lead Kyle Chandler.

and McCarville, FWCC.

Games begin on Tuesday, January 23 at 5:30 pm in the NEMI arena main ice surface and continue through the week, ending with the final game at 1:30 pm on Sunday, January 28. Two pipers will enter with the traditional 'Scotland the Brave.' "NOCA insists on

it," smiled Mr. Cooper.

A nine-minute pre-game practice begins a half-hour before game time. The hammer will be determined by a draw to the button at the end of the practice time.

The Little Current Curling Club being able to host the NOCA championships is being made possible by a

great response from local businesses, said Mr. Cooper. "This wouldn't be possible without Manitoulin Transport," he added. "They are our pivotal sponsor." The club can still use a few more volunteers if someone has a bit of spare time on their hands during the playdown dates.

Interest in the playdowns is intense and Mr. Cooper strongly advises Islanders who wish to take in the games get their tickets fast. "We are probably going to sell out," he said, noting that as of last week 200 tickets had already been booked. "There are going to be a lot of people there."

If you are unable to secure tickets, or can't make the days of play, all is not lost. "Sheet C will be livestreamed," said Mr. Cooper. That thanks to the good offices of Manitoulin Secondary School.

Tickets are \$100 for a full event pass, with day passes costing \$20. Tickets can be purchased online at: 2024 Men's and Women's NOCA Provincial Curling Championships (ticketspice.com) or at the door.

# ...CUPE survey indicates half of its health care members plan '25 exit

...continued from page 1 chronically understaffed and that the quality of patient care is suffering.

"The survey confirms that workers are very unhappy around their working conditions with a profound consequence on their mental health," said Sharon Richer, secretary-treasurer for the Ontario Council of Hospital Unions, at a press conference in Sudbury.

Northern Ontario healthcare workers are more distressed than others in the province. Fifty-



eight percent of survey takers in Northern Ontario said that they dread going to work every day, compared to the 41 percent provincial average. Sixty-two percent of those polled said that they are suffering from exhaustion due to overwork and 44 percent are having difficulty sleeping.

"We're hearing from our members that many workers are breaking down crying in their cars," Ms. Richer said.

The vice-president of CUPE's Ontario Council of Hospital Unions, Dave Verch, cites inflation and lack of funding as the culprit.

"This is when healthcare

inflation is running at approximately 5.6 percent," he said. "That's a real dollar cut."

CUPE is petitioning the province to increase the annual healthcare budget by \$1.25 billion in the next four years to help with staffing issues and creating more full-time positions.

"We estimate that

Ontario would need 60,000 more staff over the next four years to keep up with population growth and aging," Mr. Verch said.

He also went on to say that staff to patient ratios are a major contributor to workers stress and anxiety and that compensation for less credentialed workers need to be increased to improve retention rates.

The Canadian Medical Association says that the primary care sector also needs greater investment nationwide. They estimate that Canada will need 7,500

more family doctors over the next five years, and 15,000 over the next 10 years.

"As a primary care physician, I see the lack of access to primary care as a critical threat to the health of Canadians and we need to work on building out team-based care, improving working conditions for primary care providers in such a way that we can get that front door working again," said Dr. Kathleen Ross, the association's president.



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# Town council increases seasonal dockage rates, despite concerns expressed by mayor

GORE BAY—While Gore Bay council has approved a motion that will see seasonal marina dockage rates significantly increase in 2024 to address office staff costs and managing this operation, and maintain the marina contribution to the town operational budget, it was done with a cautionary point made by Mayor Ron Lane at a council meeting last week.

“Among all other municipally operated marinas on the North Channel (from Meldrum Bay to Sault Ste. Marie) we have the second highest rates,” said Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane at a meeting last week. “We have to be careful that we are not pricing ourselves out of the seasonal boater dockage market.”

“It is important to keep this in mind,” said Mayor Lane. “Seasonal boaters dockage adds value to the town as well. Some people may not think they spend as much in town as overnighters, but they do.”

“Marinas like Spanish and Blind River don’t have the services that we provide,” said Councillor Dan Osborne. “Boaters can walk from the marina to the downtown area to shop and get the services they need here in Gore Bay. I’ve been to both these other marinas and to get groceries they would have to have a vehicle on hand or take a taxi. I agree we have to stay competitive but not overextend ourselves.”

A recommendation had been made by town staff for council to consider increasing all regular seasonal dockage rates from \$41.62 to \$45.03 (8.2 percent) and the residential seasonal dockage rate from \$30.83 to \$34.90 (an increase of 13.2 percent).

In the report to council from treasurer Michael Lalonde it was explained, “The North Channel area of Lake Huron attracts boaters from southern and Northern Ontario and the Midwestern United States since it is regarded as the number one freshwater sailing area in the world. The Gore Bay marina occupies a key location in this region with its deep entrance, protected moorage and anchorage locations.”

“The reputation of a business is mainly supported by the quality of the customer service provided by the facility,” the report



The Gore Bay Marina is a popular summer destination for boaters of all shapes and sizes.

continues. “Based on this it is imperative the marina continues to maintain a high level of customer service through retention and succession planning. Another key factor is ensuring the quality and high standards of the facilities provided are maintained. To maintain these facilities, it is critical to maintain a healthy reserve to allow for future capital maintenance items such as repairing the paving stones around the marina building.”

It was explained, “Historically, the cost of the Gore Bay Marina operations did not include the significant efforts made by the office staff in handling the seasonal boaters nor the costs associated with managing the financial affairs of this operation.”

“The 2024 budget addresses all three issues,” the staff report explains. “It proposes to reclassify the harbour master assistant position to being an adult position that would be intended to support succession planning. In 2024 the wages for this position would increase from \$1 over the minimum wage \$17.60 to \$22 per hour. The budget contribution to reserves reverts to the 25 percent approved in the reserve and reserve funds policy. The 2024 budget also includes indirect cost allocations for the office administration on an appropriate and supportive basis.”

The proposed rate increases are being recommended, “To ensure the marina does not reduce its contribution to the Town of Gore Bay’s operating budget.”

“The proposed rates will maintain our competitiveness with other marinas on the North Channel while also providing for the long-term sustainability of the marina and its reputation as a destination for transient boaters who spend on fuel and other marina services while also contributing to the local economy,” the report continues. “Failure to raise rates will impact the ability of the marina to provide direct support to the town’s operational budget and burden additional tax levies on residents who do not utilize the marina.”

“I don’t disagree,” stated Councillor Osborne. “We have always had revenues from the marina that we put in the budget, but we don’t bill the marina for the staff time when work is done. These rates will reflect that.”

“If we are proposing to have these increases of eight and 13 percent above inflation, will this be for once, or year after year?” asked Mayor Lane.

Town Manager Harry Schlange told council the rate increase would be set at this rate and remain in place for the future.

“That’s good, I would have an issue if it increased every year,” said Mayor Lane.

Mr. Lalonde noted that \$141,000 (in marina revenues) went into the town budget last year.

## Gore Bay receives good news on possible marina expansion funds

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Gore Bay town council has received some good news in regard to possible funding for the second phase of the town’s marina expansion project.

“We had made an application for funding to the NOHFC (Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation) for phase two of the marina expansion,” said Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane at a council meeting last week.

In a letter to Gore Bay dated December 15 from Scott Kun-

nas, manager of program services with NOHFC wrote in part, “The NOHFC has determined that your project is potentially eligible and will proceed for further review and evaluation,” explained Mr. Kunnas. “Please note that although your application is proceeding, it does not mean that it will be approved for funding. The NOHFC’s programs are non-entitlement, discretionary programs and not all projects meeting the program eligibility criteria will be approved.”

Mayor Lane said phase two of the marina expansion project is for a new dock section off fish point east, off the break point. “There are three phases to the expansion plans. We are asking NOHFC to fund half of the project and we have dedicated funding for the other half.”

Councillor Dan Osborne inquired as to the state of the town application for funding through FedNor.

Mayor Lane explained that FedNor has indicated they

wouldn’t have funds available for this project.

The Town of Gore Bay would contribute 50 percent, or \$1,765,857.50, of the project costs (\$3,531,715). And further, the Town of Gore Bay would cover any cost overruns related to this project.

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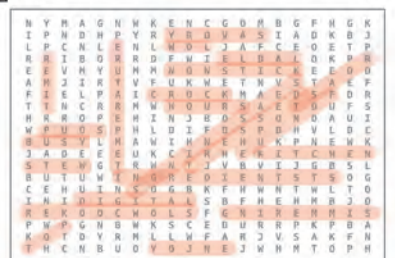
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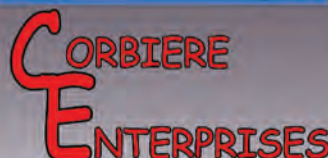
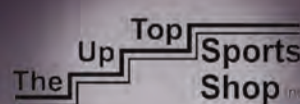
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# Proposed 39 lot subdivision on Lake Mindemoya has cottagers riled

by Michael Erskine  
CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Linda Peever chanced upon a letter in her mailbox recently that set off alarm bells—the missive from the Manitoulin Planning Board indicated that a developer had applied for a 39-lot subdivision to be located on the shores of Lake Mindemoya. She called some neighbours and several were quickly galvanized into action.

The owner of the Tracey Road property (lots 7 and 8, Concession IV excepting Part 1, Plan 31R-2831 located at No. 18 Tracey Road, Township of Carnarvon, Municipality of Central Manitoulin) is listed as Split Crow Partners Ltd. care of Lee Kieswetter.

“My main objection is that the lake is at maximum capacity,” said Steve Elliott, who owns property on the lake. “When you take in the number of homes on the lake, and then factor in the trailer parks, the density is high.”

Mr. Elliott and his neighbours have expressed serious concerns about the impact of the new development on water quality and the fish habitat. “The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) have not kept up with water quality on the lake,” alleged Mr. Elliott, who said he had spoken with former MNR employees to get the background. “We need to protect the water before it is too late,” he said.

Mr. Elliott’s concerns have been heightened by his impressions of the current Ontario government’s “come-hell-or-high-water” and “environment-be-damned” approach to devel-



A proposed subdivision on the southwest side of Lake Mindemoya has caught the attention of numerous people who reside on the lake.

opment. What makes matters worse to him in this case is that the proposed development will most likely consist of summer cottages—adding little actual housing stock to alleviate the current crisis and nothing to increase affordable housing. His views are echoed in several letters to the planning board that have been shared with The Expositor.

Ken Rautinen also has property on the lake and said that he is dismayed by the seeming lack of transparency in the process. He said that the landowners were told by Central Manitoulin staff that the property owners could not make a presentation to council on the issue. “They didn’t seem to care,” he said. Mr. Rautinen also voiced concern

that only the neighbours within 120 metres of the development boundaries seem to have been sent a notice. “They should have notified everyone on the lake,” he said. “There also should have been consultation with M’Chigeeng First Nation (which boundaries on the lake and within whose traditional territory the lake is located).”

Ontario regulations stipulate that notices must be sent to landowners within 120 metres of the proposed development.

Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens suggested the reason behind the refusal to allow a delegation was related to “process and timing.”

“There has to be a public meeting to put it on the public floor,” he said. When it comes to the consultation process, “there doesn’t seem to be a rulebook,” said the mayor, adding that “council has not discussed it.”

Mayor Stephens, who sits on the Manitoulin Planning Board, said that he understood people’s concerns, but suggested that it was very early days in the process and far from being “a done deal,” as suggested by the lake residents. “A 39-unit subdivision does not happen overnight,” he said. “We need to ensure that all interests are consulted before a decision is made.”

The timing of the application to the Manitoulin Planning Board also alarmed lake residents. Anne and Steve Mills set out those concerns in their letter to

the board objecting to the development.

“It seems as though the notification period was timed to coincide with the busy schedule of the holiday period and the low population of the winter off-season. This lack of transparency seems to indicate a rushed decision on the part of the board in which the involvement of residents was intentionally undermined,” they wrote.

Their letter also outlines concerns about the lack of consultation with First Nations, the lack of protection for biodiversity and endangered species, as well as migratory birds who stage through the area.

Concerns are raised in a number of letters about the impact of increased runoff and heightened phosphorus levels that could lead to increased incidents of blue-green algae, rendering the lake unusable to the public.

Adding to the residents’ concerns is that much of the land has already been cleared of forest, with the explanation given to Mr. Rautinen by the man clearing the land that the clearing was for “walking trails.”

It hasn’t helped to alleviate landowners’ concerns that the notices of the development went out before the MPB had received the archeological reports on the land in question—the reports are dated January 8, 2024. “Look at the archeological reports,” said Mr. Elliott. “How can the planning board have put it up for notice when they didn’t

have the final report?” Mr. Elliott pointed out that the report’s conclusion is “that artifacts were found on the site and a stage 3 assessment with the band is required. The approval should be stalled until that happens.”

He pointed out that same report indicated that no work should be done on the property, making the clearing, Mr. Elliott alleges, in “violation of the report.”

A portion of the land in question is also currently being farmed, noted Mr. Elliott, suggesting that the development would be removing important agricultural resources.

Also adding to the residents’ concerns is their perception that the councillor for their ward appeared to be in support of the development. “All they see is the property tax dollars,” suggested Mr. Elliott.

Local tourism businessperson Maja Mielonen said that while she is all for development and progress, such development should not trump concerns about the environment and quality of life in the area. “We need to ensure that any such development is done in a way that causes little, or preferably no, harm,” she said.

Ms. Mielonen suggested that developments should be required to hook into existing municipal sewage and water plants in order to mitigate impacts.

It was pointed out that the previous owners of the property had applied to sev-

er portions of the property to allow for gifts to their children, but that request had been turned down and the owners subsequently sold the property. The application from the developer indicates that no known previous severance application has been made on the property.

The Manitoulin Planning Board hearing for the proposed development is slated for January 30. Many of the lake residents are away for the winter, noted Mr. Rautinen. “That is in the dead of winter, it makes it hard for people to go to the MPB meeting.”

The proposal submitted to the board by Split Crow includes a mitigation plan that appears to address many of the concerns outlined by the opponents of the development.

That mitigation plan includes the objectives of notification of any cultural artifacts being found, “mitigation of construction” during migratory bird nesting season, notification of endangered species being found, a limited incremental construction area, no construction on farmland unless as permitted, dust suppression during construction, construction during daylight hours to reduce noise, community notification and information signage and existing transportation and traffic access.

The Expositor will continue to follow developments as this story develops.

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right now. Yes, we have received support (for bringing in locum doctors).”

However, “There is definitely a risk,” said Ms. Fields. “The (temporary) locum payment stipend program (through the province) is done at the end of March. The ministry (of health) has talked about providing a sustainable solution, but there has been no indication on that so far. And physicians plan ahead, some (locums) have already made their plans for June. So that is putting us at possible risk. We don’t know where that puts us in the spring.”

Dr. Reade noted as well the importance of local residents getting their flu and booster shots. “As of January 12, only 16.2 percent of all those eligible six months and over have received their booster shot, and for those 18 and over it is only 19 percent in our region.”

“These are the type of things that influence how many people get sick,” she added. “That is why we are encouraging everyone to get their flu and booster shots and to mask up in public gathering places.”

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by Margery Frisch

**M'CHIGEENG**—An affiliation between Wilfred Laurier University, the First Nation Technical Institute and Kenjgewin Teg has brought about a new Master's Program. Wilfred Laurier is well known as a multi-campus university offering unique courses which highlight strong community cultures. The First Nation Technical Institute partners with other colleges and universities to develop culturally rich programs to post-secondary students. And Kenjgewin Teg boasts of having many partners in higher education, to offer their students a place of lifelong learn-

ing. Together, these three have collaborated to bring about a unique master's degree in Social Work which includes an Indigenous Field of Study.

"Over the course of the week of November 20-24, 2023, 15 masters of social work students (MSW) from Wilfred Laurier University visited Manitoulin to attend Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute. This was the first in-person class attended by students from an affiliated program since 2018, due to the pandemic," Sarah Wheale told The Expositor. "The course, Indigenous Kinship and Social Work Practice, was delivered in a ceremonial circle format led by Professor Laura Mastronardi and Elder Tina Armstrong."

Throughout the week, MSW students took part in a drum birthing ceremony at the teaching lodge at Kenjgewin Teg. Song and ceremony were offered to the new students birthing their drums. "This course examined the fundamentals of community as a source of holistic spiri-

tual, emotional, intellectual and physical wellness for Indigenous people," Ms. Wheale explained.

This is the first Masters of Social Work program in Canada to offer a holistic Indigenous perspective with a contemporary social work practice. Its goal is to provide social work practitioners with an understanding of and a respect for the traditions, culture and history of the Indigenous peoples of Canada. The program is unique in its structure, using Indigenous ceremonies, traditional circles and Indigenous elders as resources.

"This cohort of students will graduate in the spring of 2024 with a graduate degree as social work practitioners skilled in servicing Indigenous populations across Canada, with students from all across Turtle Island, from BC to Nova Scotia and everywhere in between," Ms. Wheale stated proudly.

## Chief Public Health Officer calls on Canada to take a public health approach to climate emergencies

by Jacqueline St. Pierre, LJI Reporter

**OTTAWA**—The global community has been facing an unprecedented rise in emergencies, from COVID-19 and catastrophic weather events to the toxic drug crisis. This year alone, Canada saw an increase in wildfires, heat-waves, floods and other events linked to climate change.

"These events can have

a profound impact on our physical and mental health, as well as the well-being of our communities," the Chief Health Officer of Canada, Theresa Tam, said in a public statement. "With crises that sometimes intersect and overlap, responding to these emergencies is becoming more complex and challenging at every level of government and civil society."

The report calls on Canadians to reflect on and reset how we think about emergencies and decries the need to address foundational conditions contributing to community resilience.

"By taking a public health approach to emergencies, guided by health promotion and equity, we can create the conditions for resilient communities. When communities are more resilient, we are better equipped to prevent, withstand and recover from emergencies."



**Dr. Theresa Tam**

The annual report comes at a prescient time, in the wake of the Provincial Climate Resilience Assessment and the Assembly of First Nations Climate Strategy being released. All levels of government and stakeholders are taking climate and other emergencies very seriously.

The impacts of emergencies are not felt equally among all citizens. Marginalized communities

such as the disabled, unhoused populations, those living with drug dependency and racialized communities, along with First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities, are disproportionately affected and are less likely to recover from public health crises and climate emergencies.

The goal of public health promotion is to provide opportunities for partnerships between communities, the public and private sectors and government agencies to build policies and environments that advance health equity, strengthen social supports to promote social cohesion and empower communities to become active partners in emergency prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

Equity-centred research, evidence and tools are central to building community resilience to emergencies.

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**coming events**  
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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. The next meeting December 13 meeting at the Mindemoya Town Council Chambers from 2 to 4 pm, but support can be given over the phone. Alison Orford will be the guest speaker for the December meeting speaking to coping strategies for cancer patients. 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](mailto:tandjmackenzie@hotmail.com) or Ann Cranstoun, 705-272-7531, [bnann@gmail.com](mailto:bnann@gmail.com). Ask us your questions, tell us your concerns. **Tfn**

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**thank you**  
**To all Doug Heis's family and friends,** Thank you for your support these last few months. Your cards, flowers, visits and calls have provided us with comfort during this difficult time. The stories and memories you shared with us brought back such happy memories of Doug. Your generous donations will further support animals and people in need. These causes were very important to Doug, and this would have brought him joy. We very much appreciate everyone's thoughtfulness. A Celebration of Life will take place in the summer where everyone will be welcome to share memories and honour Doug. Betty, Kim, Wendy and family **35c**

**Sending a warm thank you** to the United Church folk, Expositor, family and friends who gave me cards to send and write to those serving in our armed forces. It is greatly appreciated. I get many response letters and notes back thanking me, that they had received a card. That means more, and is worth more, than anything. Thank you all again and may God bless. Sincerely, Elaine **35p**

**thank you**  
**We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you** to all our friends, family and the Manitoulin community for their help, generosity, concern and time. We would also like to thank the following businesses, service clubs and individuals: Manitoulin Health Centre, Little Current; Health Sciences North and ICU, Sudbury; Lyndhurst Centre for Spinal Cord Rehabilitation; Home and Community Care Support Services, Sudbury; Bayshore Healthcare; Manitoulin Home Medical; Orr's Valu-Mart; Breakaway Sports and Cycle; Dad's Auto Sales; Rona, Little Current; Manitoulin Chrysler; Just Call Reg Construction; Gateway Construction; Little Current Public School; Little Current Minor Hockey; Little Current Royal Canadian Legion; Little Current Lions Club; Gore Bay Rotary Club; Bill Slaght's "Bike Ride for the Colemans"; March of Dimes Canada; Grace Bible Church; Jeni Farquhar; Crystal Robinson; Ben and Sarah Quackenbush. We will be forever grateful to everyone for rallying around Sean during his illness. Thank you and Happy New Year to you all. Sean, Danielle, Xavier and Laine Coleman **35p**

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Joan Leona Grace of Little Current made her flight to the spiritual realm on January 1, 2024 in her 89th year. Respected mother of Tom Jackson of Toronto, Jill Pettit (Jay) of Ottawa and Pam Jackson (Gary Fuhrman) of Little Current. Loving Gram of Jessica Moran (Steve), Ainsley Jackson (Breena), Jayme Rae (George), Taylor Vallée (Carl), Caton Beauchamp and Harmony Hancock (Ryan). Great-gram to Ally Moran, Anna Moran, Claire Moran, Oliver Rae, Malcolm Rae, Felix Vallée, Louis Vallée and Cole Hancock. Predeceased by her parents Susan Chapman and Chales Armstrong; brothers and sisters Evelyn, Francis, George, Charles, Russell, Vern, Leslie, Zilpha, Alvin and Gerald. A private Celebration of Life to take place at a later date. The family would like to extend our heart felt thanks to the staff of the Centennial Manor for their kind and compassionate care.

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*Let the angels of Thy loving-kindness descend  
successively upon her, and shelter her  
beneath Thy blessed Tree.*

*Thou art, verily, the Ever-Forgiving,  
the Most Generous,  
the All-Bountiful."*

## WILLIAM JOHN BOYCE ANDERSON



We are sad to announce the passing of William John Boyce Anderson on Friday January 5, 2024 at St. Joseph Hospital, Elliot Lake at the age of 94. Boyce (Bill) is predeceased by his parents James and Clara (Marshall). He is also survived by his brother Ross (Margot) and niece Johane. Boyce lived mainly in Toronto and moved to Elliot Lake after retirement. He was born on Manitoulin Island and enjoyed his many trips to the Island visiting family and friends. He will be missed by family and friends on the Island, Elliot Lake, Sudbury and Toronto. As per his wishes, no funeral visitation or service. Date of interment will be determined later. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Alternative Funeral Services, Elliot Lake.

## CHRISTINA WHITE

September 27, 1934 - January 13, 2024



With great sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved mother Christina White. Survived by her sister Jean Campbell (Husband Ivan predeceased), predeceased by siblings Stewart Cosby, Mildred Moore (husband Melvin), George Cosby, Betty Guitard (husband Jim). Will sadly be missed by children Brenda Maurice husband Bob Henderson) of Mindemoya, David White (wife Debbie) of Orangeville, Sandra Buzwah (husband Gary) of Lively. She will be sadly missed by many grandchildren Jason Maurice (predeceased), Natasha Maurice, Melissa White (partner Jacob Dixon), Bryan White (predeceased), Kyle Buzwah (wife Danielle), Shane Buzwah (wife Jessica). Missed by many great-grandchildren Loki, Lilly, Lacey Smith, Ryan Maurice, Beau Buzwah and Elijah Buzwah. Family and friends will gather at Island Funeral Home on January 20, 2024 for visitation from 1 to 3 pm with the funeral at 3 pm. A luncheon to follow.



## IRVIN GARY CHANDLER 1940 - 2024



It is with great sadness that the family announces his passing on Wednesday, January 10th, 2024, at the age of 83 years. Son of the late John Chandler and the late Roberta (née Grover). Loving husband of Suzanne. Predeceased by his wife Penny. Dear father of Karyn, Meredith (Lawrence), Robert (Misty), Jason (Sarah), Jordan (Tracy), Kyle (Meagan), Olivia and Jonathan (Melissa). Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his grandchildren Kaylyn, Harrison, Meranda, Chandler, Keegan, Cole, Brooke, Aiden, Nolan, Ceiledh, Madyn, Jacob, Amanda and Ryan (BAA). Gary will also be missed by his great-grandchildren McKenna and Harper. Gary is survived by his brother Robert (Jeanne). Predeceased by his brother Brian (Sandee). He will be missed by numerous nephews, nieces and their families. Gary was born and raised in Chatham, ON. He came to Manitoulin Island at a young age to start his teaching career. He will be missed by former staff and students at Manitoulin Secondary School. A devoted Gideon, avid gardener and farmer. He enjoyed time spent with family and he is remembered as a kind, loving person. His greatest joy was spending time with his family. A Celebration of Life to follow at a later date. Donations to the Freshwater Community Church Youth Program or Manitoulin Family Resources would be appreciated. Cremation services provided by Simple Wishes of the North, Sudbury.

## WILLIAM "TERRY" HEWTON 1940 - 2023



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of William "Terry" Hewton, of Spring Bay Ontario, on December 31, 2023 at the age of 83. Terry passed peacefully with his daughter Tammy by his side after a brief illness. Terry was predeceased by his beloved wife Doris Hewton and son Joey. Terry leaves behind his children Tammy, Guy (Bobbie), Randy (Nena), Curtis (Catherine), and Michelle (Chris). Terry's greatest joy was his grandchildren Ellie, Katheryne-Eva, Tristian-Brian, Ross, Johnna, Devon, and Braedin. Terry enjoyed his time fishing, reading, watching the Jay's games and taking care of the maintenance at his cottage at the Spring Bay Club. Terry will be dearly missed by all who have had the opportunity to know him. However we can all be at ease, he will be well taken care of by the love of his life Doris Hewton, re-untied at last. The family would like to thank all the nursing staff and doctors of the Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya Hospital who took exceptional care during Terry's last moments. In memoriam donation to Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya Hospital would be appreciated. At Terry's request, there will not be a service. A Celebration of Life will be arranged at a later date in the summer at his favorite place on earth, the Spring Bay Club. Till we meet again Gramps. Cremation services provided by Simple Wishes of the North, Sudbury.

## Celebration of Life

### LEW LANKTREE



The family of Lew Lanktree invites you to join in a Celebration of his Life on Saturday, January 20, 2024 from 1 to 4 pm at the Mindemoya Curling Club (103 Thorne Street). A light luncheon will be served and during this time of fellowship, Lew's family will be sharing some of their favourite memories of Grandpa Lew.



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**NEVILLS**— In loving memory of Marion Nevills, who passed away January 8, 2020. Another year has come and gone with today marking the fourth year since we lost you. Time has not made life without you any easier but your memory is stronger than ever and gives us some measure of comfort. Holidays are always the hardest, especially Christmas. I remember how it was always your favorite time of the year and how you handled it all with an easy grace. Your decorating the tree and the house to the nines with all sorts of decorations and lights about a week before the big day. All the shopping and wrapping of gifts you did for family and friends, not to mention mailing a good portion to relatives and family out west. The multiple trips to IGA and the LCBO to stock up on food and fun. Those excursions always included lunch at Kresge's and usually a matinee movie at the Lake Theatre for Karla and I so you could do the covert shopping away from prying eyes. At home, I remember the sound of Christmas music on the stereo while the house was filled with the sweet smells of fresh baked bread, buns, cookies, pies and butter tarts. There were always overflowing dishes of nuts, chocolates and candies, including my favorite gummy spearmint leaves on the coffee table. The fire was roaring in the fireplace and the lights on the tree twinkled under the huge amount of tinsel that covered the branches. On the big day, you always played Santa Claus, handing out the gifts and making note of who sent what to whom in order to write all the "Thank you" notes later. You prepared the huge turkey and stuffed it with your patented stuffing, a recipe that we still use today and that tastes as good as ever. There was also always a ton of mashed potatoes with gravy, corn niblets, turnips, green beans, cranberry sauce and the turkey giblets baked under a layer of the stuffing. I also clearly remember your apple crisp as well!! You used to make it so the apples would bubble up around the edge of the crisp on top and you made sure that was the part that I got because it was my favorite. Your hair and makeup was always done up perfectly and you always had a big smile and twinkle in your eye for your family and all the guests that you would entertain. You always made it look so easy and I know very well that it was a lot of work. I have come to understand that for you, it was a labor of love that was an expression of your generosity and huge heart for all your family and friends. Your absence is felt by many throughout the whole year but when that group of us get together, we always have so many stories to reminisce about and there is always plenty of laughter and more than a few tears. Without fail, we raise our glasses, making sure to tinkle the ice in them and toast the wonderful and loving lady we all call "Mom". All our love, Tim and Krash Xoxo 35c

# Legion Branch 514 Gore Bay gifts funds to Sea Cadet Corps #348

by Tom Sasvari  
 MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Navy League of the #348 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps has received a significant donation from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 in Gore Bay.

“It’s fantastic,” stated Denis Blake, a member of the Manitoulin Navy League after a cheque presentation of \$1,000 was made at a Manitoulin Sea Cadets parade night January 8. “Basically, the Legion had contacted us requesting us to set up a time for the RCL branch to make the donation,” said Mr. Blake.

“On behalf of the Legion I presented a donation in the amount of \$1,000 to Denis Blake of the Navy League and the Manitoulin Sea Cadets,” said Jim Woods, immediate past president of the RCL Branch 514. He said the Legion donation came from the branch poppy account, as the Legion is allowed to use 20 percent of the funds in the account to assist the Sea Cadets. The Legion has made previous donations to the group in the past.

“The RCL branch has always been so helpful and supportive of the Sea

Cadets,” said Mr. Blake. “The Cadet Corps would like to thank Branch 514 Royal Canadian Legion for this generous donation and their continued support of the local cadet corps.”

LEFT: The Manitoulin Navy League was presented with a donation by Branch 514 Gore Bay Royal Canadian Legion during the January 8 parade night for #348 Royal Canadian Sea Cadets. In photo from left is the Corps Commanding Officer Lieutenant (Navy) Sylvain Boucher, Jim Woods immediate past president of RCL 514 and Manitoulin Navy League member Denis Blake.



## MP Hughes urges parliament to take action against food insecurity

OTTAWA—Carol Hughes, Member of Parliament for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing (AMK), urged Parliament to take action against food insecurity.

“Canadians are suffering from a food insecurity crisis which is jeopardizing our citizen’s fundamental right to nutrition,” stated MP Hughes, as she rose in the House of Commons on December 12 to address the food insecurity crisis.

“(Food) availability, adequacy and accessibility are compromised not only in my riding of Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing but also across the entire country,” said MP Hughes.

MP Hughes called on MPs to prioritize this crisis and implement a national school lunch program, a



MP Carol Hughes

guaranteed livable basic income, as well as crack down on corporate greed to uphold the right to proper nutrition. She further highlighted that the rates of food insecure households in Ontario have been on the

rise for several years.

“Food insecurity in Ontario has been steadily increasing, from 7.8 percent in 2008 to 18 percent in 2022,” said MP Hughes. “Among the most affected are 41.7 percent of First Nations on reserve households, followed by single

mothers at a distressing 41 percent. Moreover, one-third of food bank users are children.”

“Let’s all affirm our commitment to a society where every citizen lives in dignity, free from the specter of food insecurity,” added MP Hughes.

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## The Baxter Cup will celebrate 99 years of Friendly curling rivalry this weekend

by Michael Erskine  
LITTLE CURRENT—For 99 years and counting, Little Current and Espanola have engaged in a curling rivalry, one of the longest friendly sports rivalries going, and the competitive spirit hurries on. This coming Monday, January 22 teams from the two municipalities will meet in Little Current on the rinks prepared for the Northern Ontario playdowns in the NEMI Recreation Centre.

Little Current will be looking to recapture the Baxter Cup this year, as Espanola took the bragging rights for 2023.

"It would have been great if it could have been our 100th," admitted Joe Cooper on the pro-level rinks. Mr. Cooper has been the local point man on the Northern Ontario Curling Association (NOCA) competitions on behalf of the Little Current Curling Club which is hosting the playdowns. To qualify for the honour of hosting the playdowns, the rinks must be prepared at least a week beforehand, explained Mr. Cooper. "They want to play in an arena, not a curling



The coveted Baxter Cup in all its glory is pictured here. A friendly curling competition, the 99-year-old tournament is nationally recognized as one of the country's longest running sports rivalries.



Little Current curler John Hodder hoists the cup at the Little Current Curling Club.

club," he explained of the NOCA requirements for hosting the event.

This is the second time the Little Current Curling Club has secured the honour, but it comes at a cost. "Those two weeks, the week before the playdowns and the week they are played, the arena can't be booked," explained Mr. Cooper. Yes, that means no hockey and no figure skating during those two weeks—but the silver lining goes to the Baxter Cup tournament,

which will be able to play on the professionally prepared pebbling.

There will be 10 rinks competing for the Baxter Cup honours this year, five from Little Current and five from Espanola and, thanks to the preparations for the NOCA playdowns, there is plenty of room to sit and watch the games in the arena stands. Unlike the NOCA playdowns, there won't be any alcohol allowed in the stands for the Baxter Cup, but there is also no admission fee.

The Baxter Cup predates the highway onto the Island, so the first teams had to travel back and forth by rail. The cup was established by George Baxter, a salesman who arrived in Little Current back in 1910. Fifteen years later he founded the competition.

The Baxter Cup started out with 12-end games played on natural ice (in February), a few years later

it dropped to 10 ends, with the number of teams increasing from eight to 10. These days the games are eight ends (allowing for a break in the middle) and the total score of the five games played at each club decides who takes the cup.

The Baxter Cup is a men's competition (including the evening dinner), noted Mr. Cooper, but the women have their go with the Jacklin Cup held a month later in the season.

A possibly apocryphal tale relates the inspiration for the original competition as having occurred late at night in the hallways of the Mansion House (now the Anchor Inn) with a suggestion that chamber pots were employed. It's probably best that the games were moved to proper curling rinks, especially given that chamber pots are no longer a standard hotel feature.

## Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

### Pearson Brothers Memorial Tournament rocks Prov!

The annual Pearson Brothers' event is always a great time thanks to an impressive army of volunteers covering officiating, to bar shifts and canteen servers! The main organizers include the likes of **Darren Dewar, Steve Orford** as well as

### Mackenzie Green and Emery Watson. Off their Rock, Hockey!

**Jack Bridgeman** and his U15AA Nickel City Sons hosted the Soo Jr. Greyhounds over the weekend for a 3-game set in Nickel District Minor Hockey League action. The NCS team took the pair on Saturday, with Jack opening the scoring in game one, a 3-2



The annual Pearson Brothers Memorial Hockey Tournament was held in Providence Bay this weekend. The A Division winners were the Patriots.

photos by Maddy Niven



The Pearson Cup Memorial Hockey Tournament 35ers Champions were the Rochester Cold Cuts.



Rounding out Pearson tournament play were the B Division finalists, the Karnes.

### Heather and Greg Niven.

In the highly contested Sportsmen division, the "A" Winners "the Patriots" of **Tanner Webkamigad, Jacy Kaboni, Ian Dokum, Latrell Peltier, Jordan Trudeau, Carson Shawana, Julien Wemigwans, Kurt Podlatis, Justin Lanktree and Chase Kanasawe** edged out Team Campbell.

The B Winners are Team Karn over Team Redmond, including **Corey Karn, Andrew Argall, Lucas Mackan, Jordan Smith, Mitch Payette, Zach Corrigan, Tyler Karn, Devin Lockeyer, Jeff Delange and Tyler King.**

Making the Pearson Bros. officially an international event, local lad **Craig Morrell** brought up a stateside team, the Rochester Cold Cuts 40 plus "A" champs over the Gore Bay Fossils in a close game. Also included were: **Bobby Visca, Ed Hall, Dave Abbatoy, Paul Monette.** Front L to R: **Adam Uzelac, Mike Letters, Allen Pardee, Eric Matzan, and Erik Abel.**

In the 40 plus "B" division final, M'Chigeeng edged the Manitoulin Refills (still playing on a Sunday since 1989) in a match that needed overtime and kept fans on the edge of their seats!

### Mustang minute

Congratulations to the Manitoulin Secondary senior volleyball team on their recent title win at the ELSS Invitational. Congratulations to coaches **Tina Pennie-Balfe and Neil Debassige**, assistant coach and their "small but mighty" team featuring: **Aspen Debassige, Mya Balfe, Saraya Eshkawkogan, Morgan Green, Maren Kasunich, Harmony Panamick,**

win. Jack notched the lone marker in a 1-0 game for the win. Then on Sunday he again potted one in a 2-2 tie. In all, outstanding goaltending and solid defensive play saw the NCS team take 5 of a possible 6 points to maintain their solid hold on first place in league standings. Way to go, Jack!

**Greyson Case** and his U-16 AA Sons were in the Silver Stick Championships this weekend after being a last minute replacement for a Dallas team! They held their own against the top teams with two ties and two losses. They were close to getting the wildcard spot but all the teams in the division had ties the first day! Greyson earned a player-of-the-game honour thanks in part to his sniping ability with a clutch, third-period goal. He will be in regular league games until they travel to Montreal in February! Best of luck, Greyson!

### M'Chigeeng Thunderbirds Cash Giveaway days

Making sure M'Chigeeng's minor hockey players all get a chance to make it to this March's Little NHL is a daunting task. **Deidre Debassige** is one trying to do just that. She provided the paper with one of their efforts, introducing the '31 Days of Cash Giveaways' raffle fundraiser with all proceeds directly supporting players representing M'Chigeeng First Nation at the 50th Little NHL this March in Markham! She reminds supporters that you will also have a shot at the \$10,000 up for grabs!

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### Wiikwemkoong Hockey Tournament is back!

Omni-organizer, **Gerard Baibomcowai** is relaunching the Wiikwemkoong Hockey Tournament. He has got it booked from February 16 - 18th. The Men's team entry is \$1,500 with the Champs to receive \$10K and Runners-up \$3,000 (based on 8 teams). The Ladies entry \$500 entry. Winners \$2,000 and runners-up \$1,000. U - 22 MEN'S entry \$75 (midget ages up to 21 years old). Champs get \$2K and silver gets you \$1,000. For more info or to register a team, send a message to Gerard Baibomcowai on Facebook.

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# Annual Gore Bay Ladies' Curling Bonspiel offered plenty of on-ice excitement

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The Ellen Holroyd rink of Mindemoya won the annual Gore Bay ladies' curling bonspiel held on the weekend.

The Holroyd rink, which also included second Jeannie Lefebvre, vice Bev McDermid and lead Pat MacDonald, defeated "The Baymouth Babes" team including Lenora Tann,

"Toots" Strain Memorial trophy for winning the first event. "On behalf of our team I would like to thank everyone for coming out to play this weekend. It was an amazing way to start the season," said Ms. Holroyd. She praised all those who helped make the weekend a success for all 16 rinks entered, including the ice makers, kitchen and bar

the Sherry Forest rink in the final. The Kim Orford rink, which included Lee Chatwell, Kyra Lanktree and Barb Armstrong were presented with the Phyllis Smith Memorial Trophy. The Sherry Forest rink included Heather Hall, Holly Clark and Nancy Head.

In the third event the Shirley Dewar rink defeated the Elva Carter rink in



The Ellen Holroyd rink of Mindemoya won the annual Gore Bay ladies' curling bonspiel last weekend. The team included in photo left, Pat MacDonald, Jeannie Lefebvre, Bev McDermid and Ellen Holroyd. The team was presented with the Doris "Toots" Strain Memorial Trophy for winning the first event.



The Kim Orford rink won the second event at the annual Gore Bay ladies' curling bonspiel. The rink included, from left, Lee Chatwell, Barb Armstrong, Kyra Lanktree and Kim Orford. The rink was presented with the Phyllis Smith Memorial Trophy.

Lorie Leeson, Janet Anning and May Bowerman. The Holroyd rink was presented with the Doris

staff. The winning rink in the second event was the Kim Orford team which defeated

the final. The Dewar rink, which included Brenda Webber, Katherine Carriere and Susie Barker,



The Shirley Dewar rink of Providence Bay, which also included Susie Barker, Brenda Webber and Katherine Carriere, won the third event final at the annual Gore Bay ladies' curling bonspiel last weekend. The team was presented with the Sandie Merrylees Memorial Trophy.

were presented with the Sandie Merrylees Memorial Trophy. The Elva Carter rink also included Linda Williams, Bev Woestenenk and Sue Flynn.

Ms. Dewar said, "It's been a while since I've played in the Gore Bay bonspiel. For us to win the Sandie Merrylees trophy means so much to me. We had played

in bonspiels together and had travelled to watch Brier championships."

Dan Marois, president of the Gore Bay Curling Club, thanked all the teams for taking part despite the very poor weather for much of the weekend. He also praised the ice makers, kitchen and bar staff, particularly Eric Ruediger for

his work on the ice, Kim Orford for getting the donation of prizes and in leading the kitchen staff in preparing the dinner Saturday night. He also praised the many businesses who donated prizes for the bonspiel.

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3. A resident of the Township of Billings, or an owner or tenant of land in the municipality or the spouse of such an owner or tenant; and
4. Not prohibited from voting under any other Act or disqualified from holding municipal office.

Qualified Persons interested in being appointed must complete a Council Vacancy Application Package (Application Form, Declaration of Qualification, Personal Consent to Release Personal Information and Personal Statement) and submit in person with the clerk's Office.

Applications will be accepted in person by the clerk's Office during regular business hours from Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. until Wednesday January 31 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at 15 Old Mill Road KAGAWONG, ON POP 1J0.

Candidate(s) shall also submit, to the clerk, by closing time for nominations, a personal statement including the person's background information, relevant qualifications and why the person is interested in the position for consideration of council. Personal statements will be typewritten in a 12-point font on letter size (8 1/2" x 11") paper, shall not exceed two (2) pages in length and will include the candidate's name and address. Statements that do not meet these requirements shall not be included in any council meeting agenda or provided to council by the clerk.

Certified registered candidates will be afforded the opportunity to address council for a period of not more than ten (10) minutes and will be asked a maximum of two questions by council in an open public meeting to be held electronically on Tuesday, February 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

### Important dates:

Application Period Opens	Wednesday January 10, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.
Application Deadline	Wednesday January 31 2024, at 2:00 p.m.
Withdrawal of Application	Wednesday January 31 2024, at 2:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, please visit the Township of Billings website <https://billingsstp.ca/2022-municipal-election/> or contact the CAO/Clerk.

**Dated this 2nd day of January 2024**

**Emily Dance, CAO/Clerk**  
Township of Billings  
15 Old Mill Road  
Kagawong, ON POP 1J0  
(705) 282-2611  
edance@billingsstp.ca

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**Noojmowin Teg Health Centre**  
A place of healing

## REQUEST FOR TENDER SUBMISSIONS

**For catering services to be provided for Noojmowin Teg Health Centre "Our Culture & Tradition" to be held on March 23, 2024 at Lakeview Public School, M'Chigeeng First Nation**

**To accommodate 125 guests.**

**Please contact Dianne for menu details.**

Caterer to provide Safe Food Handling certificate with tender submission. The selected caterer will be responsible for providing all cutlery, set up/clean-up of the service area.

For further information, please contact:  
Dianne at **(705) 968-0576**

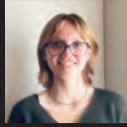
Or email: [dianne.nicholson@noojmowin-teg.ca](mailto:dianne.nicholson@noojmowin-teg.ca)

Tender submissions can be mailed/faxed and/or hand delivered to:

**Noojmowin Teg Health Centre**  
48 Hillside Rd., Hwy 540, Postal Bag 2002  
Little Current, ON POP 1K0  
Fax #: (705) 368-1314

**Tender submissions will be accepted until January 24, 2024 at 12 noon.**

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



Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

Welcome back from winter break, Mustangs! Hopefully students enjoyed eating Christmas cookies and sleeping in because they are now in exam season! Final projects and exam preparations rolled in this week—just like all the snow. Two surprise snow days came along with the shock of exams being just around the corner!

Adding to the post-break excitement, the administra-

tion dropped the bomb: exam schedules. Collective panic—or relief—has since ensued, filling the last fleeting weeks of the first semester. Students are scrambling to catch up on assignments and study for their upcoming exams.

For the seniors, the past few days have held additional deadlines. Monday, January 15 was the last day to submit university applications in Ontario. Those applying to colleges still

have until the end of January to apply. Good luck and congratulations to seniors who have (or will be) submitting applications this month!

Amidst the academic hustle and bustle, the ski and snowboarding team has begun looking for members. The team announced their return with an interest meeting on January 11, 2024. Now that there is snow, new and experienced members are welcome to

join in on the winter fun.

During the winter break, on Saturday, January 6, the robotics team gathered for their build season kick-off. Each year Manitoulin Metal and robotics teams across the globe are tasked with a new challenge that they must build a brand-new robot for. As this year's game was revealed, gears began to turn in the member's minds about designing a robot that could complete the goals laid out in the challenge. No. 6865 ate pizza as they worked through the rules of the game and brainstormed this season's robot. MPP Mike Mantha was in atten-

dance and witness to the robotics team at work, asking questions and motivating members. Footage from the kick-off can be found on Manitoulin Metal's Instagram page @frc6865.

Here is to a semester full of growth, accomplishments, and the occasional snow day to keep things interesting. Until next time, go, Mustangs, go!

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**Full-time Cook with signing bonus**

Looking for an enthusiastic, energetic person to join our team of dietary professionals at Manitoulin Centennial Manor, a 60-bed long-term care facility located in Little Current, ON.


Reporting to the Dietary Manager, the cook prepares and serves food for the residents (dinner, sauces, desserts etc.), cleans production area and equipment.

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS**

- Safe Food Handlers Certificate
- Culinary Certificate
- Experience in institutional large quantity cooking preferred
- Ability to work safely, following established safety practices and procedures
- Ability to read and write English and understand moderately complex verbal and written instructions in English
- Proven ability to provide direction and lead others within a busy environment

Interested applicants may forward their resume to the attention of:

**Brad Dubreuil**  
[Brad.dubreuil@extendicare.com](mailto:Brad.dubreuil@extendicare.com)

 **M'Chigeeng First Nation - Board of Education**  
**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**REGISTERED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR – Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs (Childcare Centre)**  
**Term: Full-time REGULAR**  
**Classification Level:** RECE Salary Grid + Group Benefits and Pension  
**Position Summary:**  
The Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE) is under the supervision of the Childcare Supervisors and is responsible for children in all aspects related to the development of their academic learning skills, hygiene, health, well-being, fostering development and safety. The RECE will oversee the planning and the implementing of age-appropriate programming for children ages newborn to 12 years of age.  
**Qualifications:**

- Early Childhood Education (ECE) Diploma and registered with the College of ECE.
- Additional specialized training to support young children of diverse needs, varying abilities, and their families would be an asset.
- Ability to work effectively individually and within a team environment.
- Knowledge the Anishinaabe culture, history, and language or the willingness to learn.
- Valid First Aid and CPR or willing to obtain.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.

**TUTOR ESCORT (Jordan's Principle) – Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs & Lakeview School**  
**Term: Full-time TERM (ending June 30, 2024)**  
**Classification Level:** Teacher Assistant Salary Grid  
**Position Summary:**  
Under the supervision of the childcare supervisors, the one-on-one tutor escort is responsible for the provision of classroom support and one-on-one instruction with identified student.  
**Responsibilities:**

- Assist student with lessons under direct supervision of classroom teacher in carrying out programming that promote, physical, cognitive, emotional and social development of children and report on student progress.
- Assist and support educator in providing an environment with experiences that will foster the development of the children, (i.e., social, emotional, physical and intellectual).
- Carry out behaviour modification, personal development and other therapeutic measures with student.
- Interact effectively with students.

**Qualifications:**

- Completion of early childhood assistant certificate program or post-secondary courses in early childhood education.
- At least 2 years' work experience in a childcare centre.
- Additional specialized training to support young children of diverse needs, varying abilities, and their families would be an asset.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, dependable and reliable.
- Understanding and fluency in Anishinaabemowin is a strong asset; or must be willing to learn.


**TEACHER ASSISTANT – Lakeview School**  
**Term: Full-Time TERM (ending June 30, 2024)**  
**Classification Level:** Teacher Assistant Salary Grid  
**Position Summary:**  
Teacher assistants work under direction of the classroom teacher and school principal and are responsible for the provision of classroom support and instruction where applicable. The teacher assistant assists students with lessons and directions; monitors and reports on student progress; and assists in the preparation of learning materials. Accompanies and supervises students during activities in the school and on field trips, etc. Assists special needs students with mobility, communication and personal hygiene.  
**Qualifications & Requirements:**  
**Preferred:** College diploma and related field of education or equivalent or social services with 2-years' work/volunteer related experience with OSSD or equivalent. First Aid Certificate and CPR would be an asset. Knowledge and experience with the culture, traditions, history, and customs of the Anishinabek. Understanding and fluency in Anishinabemowin is a strong asset; or must be willing to learn the language.  
**Minimum:** College diploma in a related field of study or five years' work experience in related field.

**Application Closing Date: OPEN UNTIL FILLED**

Interested Applicants must submit **cover letter, resume, three current references** (2 professional and 1 character) and applicable certifications and diplomas addressed to:

**CONFIDENTIAL: "INDICATE POSITION"**  
c/o Human Resources, M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333, M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0  
[employment@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:employment@mchigeeng.ca)

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



**Children's Community Network**  
**Réseau communautaire pour enfants**  
is currently seeking a  
**Child and Youth Worker**  
for the Sudbury office  
Hybrid Work Arrangement  
Full Time permanent, 35 hours/week  
(includes evenings and weekends)  
Salary range: \$23.63 to \$35.11 per hour

The Children's Community Network (CCN) is a non-profit agency that provides services to children, youth and their families. CCN offers a flexible work environment with a positive, caring and supportive culture. CCN offers professional development opportunities for employees to ensure continued growth and skill-building in their roles.

The successful candidate will provide direct care to children and youth with a variety of needs, including developmental and mental health needs, while providing temporary relief to the caregiver. The candidate will provide safe, stimulating and recreational support in the client's home or in the community. They will support the client's growth and development through skill-building in areas of daily living and other areas of need outlined in the client's respite plan. They will provide professional services using a strength-based approach.

The candidate will possess a diploma in Child and Youth Work with a minimum of two years' related experience or an equivalent combination of education and experience. The candidate will have knowledge of child development, childhood disorders and syndromes. They will have a thorough knowledge and ability to apply behavioural intervention strategies, the ability to work both independently and as part of a team, possess exceptional interpersonal and conflict resolution skills, organization and time management skills.

The successful candidate must be willing and able to work evenings and weekends in order to accommodate client needs. A valid driver's licence, access to a vehicle and current insurance are required as travel throughout the assigned area is required. Bilingualism is considered an asset.

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](mailto: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.



**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:**  
Child Well-Being Worker: Closes January 19, 2024

**CONTRACT positions:**

**Sudbury or Manitoulin:**  
(3) File Disclosure Clerks: Closes January 26, 2024

**Sudbury:**  
Cultural Support Worker: Closes January 19, 2024  
Legal Assistant (Parental leave): Closes January 19, 2024  
Service Supervisor: Closes January 19, 2024

**\*All postings close at 4pm EST\***

Apply to: Human Resources at [hr@kgcfs.org](mailto: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](http://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.*

## Drew Bannister hired as interim St. Louis coach

by Tom Sasvari  
ST. LOUIS—Drew Bannister, who spent several years as a youngster living in Gore Bay and still has a family cottage on Manitoulin Island was hired as the new interim coach of the National Hockey League's St. Louis Blues on December 14.

Mr. Bannister, who took over from Craig Berube on an interim basis, spent the previous three seasons as the coach of the American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate Springfield Thunderbirds.

"What I'm looking for is increased passion and increased accountability," Blues general manager Doug Armstrong was quoted as saying in a December 13 release. Mr. Bannister added, "I'm up for the challenge. I've coached my whole life to get this opportunity and I'm going to make the most of it."

Mr. Bannister, who is 49, helped the Thunderbirds to a 93-58-19 regular season record in his three seasons. The team made three consecutive playoff appearances, including in 2021-22,



Former Soo Greyhounds Coach Drew Bannister.

Photo courtesy Terry Wilson/OHL Images when the team won the Eastern conference and reached the Calder Cup final.

Prior to coaching the Thunderbirds, Mr. Bannister worked in the Ontario Hockey League, including three seasons as an assistant coach with Owen Sound and three seasons as head coach of the Soo Greyhounds (where he played on defense in the early 1990s and was part of the team that won the Memorial Cup in 1993). He also served as the head coach of the AHL's San Antonio Rampage and as associated coach with the Utica Comets.

Mr. Bannister had a 20-year professional career as a player, which included 164 games over six seasons with the Tampa Bay Lightning, Edmonton Oilers, Anaheim Mighty Ducks and New York Rangers.

Mr. Armstrong said he expects Mr. Bannister to have a chance to make his new job a permanent one. A search for a permanent replacement is ongoing and Mr. Armstrong said there are no timelines for a decision to be made.

"He is a candidate for the job because the job is wide open," Mr. Armstrong was quoted in the release as saying. "When I looked at our current staff we didn't have anyone with head coaching experience. It's a different animal being a head coach (versus) an assistant coach. There are just different things, and I felt Drew has done this in the OHL and he's done this in the AHL. He has put in the foundational groundwork to be given his opportunity and he was willing to bet on himself to come in on an interim basis and show what he can do."

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**Sheshegwaning First Nation**  
1079 A Sheshegwaning Road, Sheshegwaning, ON P0P 1X0  
PHONE: (705) 283-3292 FAX: (705) 283-3481

**Employment Opportunity**  
**Full-Time Position: Principal**

The Sheshegwaning First Nation is seeking a reliable and trustworthy Principal to join our excellent school. The individual will be tasked with reviewing budgets and school policies, organizing school events and community initiatives, updating student records handling disciplinary issues and recruiting new staff. The individual should make valid contributions to the improvement of the school and be a stellar example for both staff and students. The incumbent reports to the Sheshegwaning First Nation Director of Education.

**Qualifications:**

- University Degree or College Degree Principal, Level 1 and 2.
- Knowledge of First Nation needs and goals in the education of First Nation people and education delivery.
- Knowledge of current First Nations' position on education and training issues at community, regional and national levels as it pertains to education and training programs.
- Excellent verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Proven supervisory skills.
- Ability to manage programs within a limited budget.
- To speak Ojibwe would be an asset.
- Proven computer skills in Microsoft Office Word, Excel and Outlook.


**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Liaising with various departments and forwarding any issues or suggestions to the Education Director.
- Helping with the development and review of budgets, school policies and rules and regulations for the Education Board and Chief and Council.
- Attending and participating in meetings with Staff, Parents and other officials.
- In cooperation with the teaching staff, educational support staff, and resource people, submit requests to the Sheshegwaning Board of Education for additional funds, when required.
- Help to arrange professional development for school personnel.
- Establish rapport and maintaining relationships with parents, staff and students.
- Sitting in on disciplinary hearings and providing advice for at-risk students.
- Updating student and school records
- Remaining active and visible on field trips during school functions.
- Addressing concerns raised by students, staff and parents.
- Supervising teachers on a day-to-day basis, including performance reviews and setting annual goals and objectives.
- Receiving requests for funding from Post-Secondary students who are funded by Sheshegwaning First Nation.
- Monitoring the attendance and progress of the students who are being transported to other communities to be educated.

Interested applicants should submit their resume along with a CPIC, cover letter and three references no later than:

**Open Until Filled**  
Marked confidential to the attention of:  
**Jessica Sampson**  
**Human Resources Director**  
**Sheshegwaning First Nation**  
**1079A Sheshegwaning Road**  
**Sheshegwaning, ON P0P 1X0**

Preferences will be given to Sheshegwaning First Nation members.  
Salary will be based on qualifications and experience. Position is subject to 3 and 6 months probationary reviews.  
We thank all applications for their interest; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



Children's Community Network  
Réseau communautaire pour enfants  
is currently seeking a  
**Mental Health Clinician - Urgent Response Program**  
for the Sudbury/Manitoulin, Algoma and Nipissing/ Parry Sound/Muskoka areas  
Hybrid work arrangement  
Permanent, full-time, 35 hours/week  
Salary range: (Bachelors) \$35.73 - \$42.90  
(Masters) \$38.59 - \$46.33

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The successful candidate will play a key role in the treatment of individuals diagnosed with Autism who are referred to the Urgent Response Program. They will work with the Urgent Response Coordinator, Behaviour Therapist and family to support the development of a caregiver mediated treatment plan and provide supportive therapy.

The successful candidate will have a Master's degree in social work or one of the helping disciplines (i.e. psychology) and must be registered and in good standing with the college of Social Work or Psychotherapy. Those candidates with an Honours degree may be considered. The successful candidate must have a minimum 5 years' experience developing and implementing behaviour treatment plans and experience working with children/youth with Autism; experience working in a multidisciplinary team, assessment and intervention skills and experience with data collection and analysis. The successful candidate will have knowledge of both theory and the application of systemic interventions, child development, childhood disorders and syndromes, family/individual mental health assessments and intervention. The candidate must be self-motivated and able to work independently.

Exceptional leadership, inter-personal, problem-solving, written and organizational skills are further requirements for this position. Bilingualism is considered an asset.

A valid driver's licence, access to a vehicle and current insurance are required as travel throughout the assigned area, although limited, may be expected. 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 to:  
**Mary-Katherine Howe, Executive Director**  
**Children's Community Network**  
Tel: (705) 566-3416 ext. 2547  
Email: [mhowe@ccnsudbury.on.ca](mailto:mhowe@ccnsudbury.on.ca)

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# Wiikwemkoong High School attracts 30 exhibitors to career fair

by Michael Erskine  
WIKWEMKOONG—The gymnasium at Wiikwemkoong High School was buzzing with activity on

Friday, December 15 as booths representing 30 employers/career opportunities were on hand for 'The Future, It's Yours to Build'

career fair.

Over the course of most of the day, students were able to engage with potential career paths by chatting



Trade opportunities were front and centre at the career fair.

them the tradition and spirit of the woodland people.

Over the course of her 10-year career since founding Swirling Wind, Ms. Toulouse has travelled to Paris to take part in the Paris City Fashion Week and many other fashion centres, such as Milan, where she has been very well-received.

The career fair included a fashion show where Ms. Toulouse's works took to the catwalk.

"We are very proud of what our organizers did," said Wiikwemkoong High School Principal Harold Fox. "The students have been engaged and interested. This is a stepping stone to the future for them."

"We have about 30 employers who are registered and although we didn't put an exact career area we wanted to have come in, it kind of worked out and a lot of the booths are skilled trades," said Co-Op and Guidance teacher Erika Kaboni, who was a co-organizer of the event. "I am glad the way it worked out."

Ms. Kaboni explained that the organizers split the students into two groups, a senior group and a junior group. "Group A is the senior students and group B are the Grade 8s and Grade 9s. I preferred the senior students went in first. While they were asking their questions, we had the other group attending workshops, and in the afternoon the groups were

switched around."

From careers in the health field, policing to apprenticeships, trades and sports, as well as presentations from Debajehmujig Storytellers who took the students through various ice breakers and improv games.

"The Debajehmujig workshop was really good because it helped loosen the students up and get comfortable with asking questions," noted Ms. Kaboni.

Aircraft Structure Tech Master Corporal Jessica Fuchs and Infantry Tech Sergeant McRea were kept busy manning the Canadian Armed Forces booth. "There has been a lot of interest," noted Sgt. Fuchs. "We have over 100 different occupations, so there is just about something for everyone."

The soldiers said they found the students at Wiikwemkoong to be very engaged. "This is my favourite job," admitted Sgt. McRae.

Conservation Officer Tawny Godin who was at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry booth agreed that the students were very engaged. "It's been a really great event," she said. "The students asked a lot of great questions."

"Hats off to Jillian Peltier and Erika Kaboni," said Mr. Fox. "They did an incredible job."

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### Employment Opportunity: Municipality of Central Manitoulin

**POSITION:** Parks and Recreation Maintenance Worker

**REPORTING RELATIONSHIP:** Reports to Maintenance Supervisors and CAO

**PURPOSE OF POSITION:**

To maintain the buildings and recreational property assets of the municipality in operating condition.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Maintain the functionality and maintenance of buildings, parks, properties and playgrounds owned by the Municipality.
- Maintain the functionality of various landscaping and ice maintenance equipment owned by the Municipality.
  - Service small engine equipment as required.
  - Oil changes, greasing bearings, checking fluids - changing lawn mower or ice resurfacer cutting blades as needed.
  - General maintenance of equipment.
- General Building Maintenance - Minor repairs only
  - Plumbing
  - Electrical
  - Drywall repairs
  - Carpentry
  - Painting
- New construction - small projects...etc
- Custodial work - Ensure building spaces are prepared for each booking.
  - Taking out trash, tidying furniture (including set up and tear down of tables and chairs)
  - Sweeping and mop floors and vacuum carpets and dusting surfaces
  - Wash and sanitize toilets, sinks and showers and restock disposables (e.g. soap, toiletries)
  - Wipe mirrors and windows and general custodial work
- Parks and Property maintenance
  - Landscaping
  - Grass cutting and trimming.
  - Garbage collection
  - Dock maintenance
  - Spring and fall cleanups.
  - Brushing and trimming of trees
  - Shoveling and snow removal
- Other duties as assigned by the Maintenance Supervisors

**WORKING CONDITIONS:**

- Minimum 40 hour scheduled work week.
- Rotating day and evening schedule, not limited to but also including weekends and holidays.
- Schedule varies and changes rapidly to accommodate service levels.
- Overtime is compensation at a rate of time and a half after 44 hours in one week. Overtime can be provided as time in lieu. Such overtime should occur only when warranted and schedule by the Maintenance supervisors to adjust for service levels.
- Working alone - Securing buildings by checking equipment, locking doors and closing windows.
- Report damages and oversee repairs.
- Working as a team completing common tasks - dock installations, large projects, property, and grounds maintenance.
- Mandatory paperwork and documentation of all maintenance work completed daily.
- Exposure to the extremes of summer and winter elements is a regular part of the position.

**WORKING RELATIONSHIPS:**

- Receives guidance and direction from the Maintenance Supervisors
- With the Public - Must be tactful in dealing with the Public.

**KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL:**

- Must possess a valid driver's license (Class "G").
- Required drivers abstract and police vulnerable sector check.
- Problem solving and quick thinking.
- Time management skills.
- Good written and verbal communication skills.
- Experience as custodian, janitor or in a similar role an asset.
- Knowledge of use and maintenance of industrial cleaning equipment and appliances.
- Knowledge of safe disposal of chemical liquids and other hazardous components.
- Familiarity with basic landscaping and handyman practices.
- Attention to detail and conscientiousness.
- Suitable physical condition and strength.
- Willing to learn and be available for furthering skills training and education.

**IMPACT OF ERROR:**

- Poor repair/maintenance of buildings or equipment could result in increased long-term costs, personal injury and safety hazards.

**CONTROL:**

General supervision from Maintenance Supervisor and Deputy Maintenance Supervisor.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.centralmanitoulin.ca/our-government/careers/>

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### N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre Employment Opportunity

#### Indigenous Combined Courtworker

This position assists in the Gore Bay and Espanola - Ontario Court of Justice

**JOB PURPOSE:**

To support urban Indigenous people involved in the Canadian justice system to better understand their rights, options and responsibilities when appearing before the courts.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Possess education and/or extensive work-related experience in the following fields: Indigenous Community Justice, Alternative Justice, Law, Criminology, Law and Justice, Law Enforcement, Social Work, Psychology, Community Services.
- The candidate will have a minimum of three (3) years of demonstrated and related work experience with justice system.
- Strong knowledge and awareness of Indigenous culture and history with emphasis on family violence, child welfare, the impacts of trauma, Indigenous youth engagement and community outreach, as well as Indigenous justice.
- Knowledge of Indigenous community justice concepts and Alternative Justice Programs and concepts.
- Basic understanding of the Canadian laws and justice system, which includes familiarity of legislation, commissions, inquiries and cases relevant to Indigenous justice issues and programs.
- Satisfactory vulnerable sector check.

**SKILL/QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Knowledge of the structure and procedures of the Criminal Justice System
- Knowledge of the Criminal Code and Youth Criminal Justice Act and other relevant Acts
- Must be able to maintain confidentiality
- Must possess excellent interviewing and counselling skills
- Must possess excellent communication skills, written and oral
- Knowledge of Indigenous language and culture an asset
- Computer literate - experience in using Microsoft Office
- Collecting statistical information for reporting purposes
- Must be honest, empathetic and respectful as these attributes are fundamental to being an effective Courtworker
- Knowledge and experience working with Aboriginal people

A letter of application, resume and 3 work-related reference letters must be received no later than **February 2, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.** to the attention of:

**Ms. Marie Meawasige, Executive Director  
N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre  
110 Elm Street  
Sudbury, Ontario  
P3C 1T5**

Applications for this position will be accepted in person, by mail or email: [apatisiwin@nfcsudbury.org](mailto:apatisiwin@nfcsudbury.org). Only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

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# Two Island hockey players selected for Northern Ontario team in Ontario Winter Games

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Two Manitoulin Island hockey players will be members of the team representing the Northern Ontario Hockey Association at the Ontario Winter Games taking place in Thunder Bay in February.

Both Jaxsin Chatwell of Naughton, a 13-year-old defenseman for the Sudbury Wolves U14AA (bantam) team, who was born in Sudbury, raised in Gore Bay and has strong family ties to Manitoulin Island, and Koda Peltier of Sudbury, originally of Wiikwemkoong, a 13-year-old centreman for the Sudbury Wolves A U15 team were selected to play for the Northern Ontario team.

Both players received plenty of praise from the coach of the NOHA team, Tim McWhirter. “There are a couple of big reasons why Koda was named to the team. He brings a lot of



Koda Peltier has been selected for the team representing the Northern Ontario Hockey Association at the Ontario Winter Games. Koda is originally from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.



A Koda in Wolves' clothing takes to the ice.

energy and passion for the game. He has a skillset that provides time and space for his teammates. He is not afraid to go in the corners and bump and grind and dig out the puck for his teammates. He always goes the extra mile.”

“When I went to the tryout camp, I didn't know any of the players,” said Mr. McWhirter. “I went in with an open mind and no preconceived notions. This was the first time I saw them. Koda's work ethic, desire, determination and passion really stood out. He is full of energy and life on the ice and off the ice.”

Mr. McWhirter explained, “Jaxsin stood out as well. He is a big,

right-handed shooting defenseman that we didn't have a lot of at the selection camp. His skillset allows him to be an offensive threat in carrying the puck. And he has great defensive awareness, his priority is to take care of his own end. He is a double threat.”

“Jaxsin is a smart, heads-up hockey player,” stated Mr. McWhirter. “He's a steady presence on defense. One of the things I told all the players at tryouts is that sometimes less is more—you don't have to dippy doodle with the puck around the other team. A first crisp pass to a teammate to get out of our zone is more important. He (Jaxsin) took to this quickly. He is a real thinker on the ice.”

“And even more important than their hockey skills, Jaxsin and Koda are both great young men,” continued Mr. McWhirter. “I had the opportunity to chat with both of them as I did with all the kids at the tryout camp. All the kids'

parents and teams should be proud of all of them. I asked all of them to make a difference and they exceeded all expectations. They all should be very proud of the young men they are and how they performed.”

“There were over 60 players who took part in the team training camp (held in Powassan) after New Years,” said Troy Chatwell, Jaxsin's father. “The coaching staff told all the players after their last game at the camp that the coaches would be sending out emails to those players that didn't make the team and would call those who had made the team.”

The 2024 Ontario Winter Games “is a pretty big event,” stated Mr. Chatwell. “I took part in the Ontario Summer Games years ago so I can understand how big it is. Jaxsin is pretty excited about playing in the winter games.”

“Koda has been playing hockey ever since he learned to skate as a little



Jaxsin Chatwell, who has very strong family ties to Manitoulin Island has been selected for the team representing the Northern Ontario Hockey Association at the Ontario Winter Games.

kid,” stated his mother, Stacey Dell.

“There are players from all over Northern Ontario, Sault Ste. Marie, Timmins, North Bay, Sudbury and Kapuskasing on the team,” said Ms. Dell. “They took part in a tryout camp in Powassan. It was a three-day tryout camp for the team. Koda did well. He loves hockey, is very determined and wants to go somewhere with this.”

Koda, “is very excited to be going to the winter games,” said his mother.


The Ontario Winter Games will take place in Thunder Bay from February 16-26 with the hockey tournament being held February 22-25.

Mr. McWhirter added, “we had a total of 52 skaters and 11 goalies on hand for the tryout camp to try and put the best team possible together. It is not always about the most skilled players but about how 19 players will work together the best. This team will be taking a 14-hour bus ride to Thunder Bay for the games and will be at the Winter Games for five days, sharing rooms with other members of the team. It is all about putting together the best team.”

Approximately 1,300 athletes, coaches and officials are expected to be at the Ontario Winter Games. Most of the athletes are between the ages of 12-18.

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## NURSE (FULL-TIME RN & RPN)

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## Manitoulin CHILD CARE WORKER

**Family Resources Full-Time Position (Internal/External posting)**

Manitoulin Family Resources requires a full-time Child Care Worker. This position will be working in the Mindemoya Child Care Centre with children from infant to school age. This position will be based out of the Central Manitoulin Public School location with the possibility of covering in the Little Current Child Care Centre and Early ON Child and Family Centre.

The successful candidate must have:

- professional designation with registration with the College of Early Childhood Educators (RECE)
- excellent interpersonal, planning and communication skills
- theoretical knowledge of the reflective practice of early childhood education and be able to “plan and deliver inclusive play based learning programs” for families and children of all ages
- ability to be a team player
- valid First Aid and Infant CPR certification
- Up to date medical and immunizations
- Clear vulnerable sector screening check
- Current driver's licence and access to a reliable vehicle
- Insurable driver's abstract

Non-RECEs may be considered with the expectation of additional training requirements.

Manitoulin Family Resources welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process. This position has physical requirements such as lifting and physical play with young children. This position is a full-time position within the bargaining unit. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the programs.

**Deadline for applications: Friday, January 26th at 4:00 pm**  
**Please forward applications to:**  
**Diana St Pierre, RECE, Children's Services Director**  
**[dst-pierre@mfresources.net](mailto:dst-pierre@mfresources.net)**

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



# SUDOKU

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Level: Beginner

### Here's how it works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1-9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle !

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ANSWER:

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Bleated
  - 6. Snakelike fish
  - 9. Database management system
  - 13. Russian-American violinist
  - 14. Wendy's founder Thomas
  - 15. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
  - 16. Negatives
  - 17. Rescued
  - 18. Self-immolation by fire ritual
  - 19. Assigns tasks to
  - 21. Island nation native
  - 22. Trade
  - 23. Detergent brand
  - 24. Famed NY Giant
  - 25. Before
  - 28. Split pulses
  - 29. Extremely angry; highly incensed
  - 31. Body part
  - 33. American state
  - 36. David \_\_, US playwright
  - 38. Move one's head slightly
  - 39. Secret rendezvous
  - 41. Improved
  - 44. A place to exercise
  - 45. 18-year astronomical period
  - 46. Automobile
  - 48. You can take it
  - 49. A radio band
  - 51. Jaws of an animal
  - 52. Short-billed rails
  - 54. Chinese province
  - 56. Shameless and undisguised
  - 60. Horizontal passage into a mine
  - 61. Adult males
  - 62. Fail to entertain
  - 63. Dried-up
  - 64. City in north-central Utah
  - 65. Southern U.S.
  - 66. German river
  - 67. Oxygen
  - 68. Make law

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Curved segment
  - 2. Wings
  - 3. From pentane (Chemistry)
  - 4. Gradually gets into
  - 5. Commercial document (abbr.)
  - 6. Overhang
  - 7. Christmas and New Year's have them
  - 8. Type of bulb
  - 9. Lacking a plan
  - 10. Tattle
  - 11. Rockers like it "heavy"
  - 12. One who's been canonized
  - 14. Indicate time and place
  - 17. Nobel Prize winner in physicsorigin
  - 20. The voice of Olaf
  - 21. Fragmented rock
  - 23. They \_\_
  - 25. Master of Philosophy
  - 26. Backside
  - 27. Landmark house in L.A.
  - 29. An act of undue intimacy
  - 30. From which a later word is derived
  - 32. Equal to 10 meters
  - 34. Neither
  - 35. Computer language
  - 37. Sacred book of Judaism
  - 40. A woolen cap of Scottish
  - 42. A way to dedicate
  - 43. Challenges
  - 47. British Air Aces
  - 49. Large, influential bank
  - 50. Portended
  - 52. Cavalry-sword
  - 53. Vaccine developer
  - 55. Napoleonic Wars general
  - 56. Italian Seaport
  - 57. Hip joint
  - 58. \_\_ Clapton, musician
  - 59. Insect repellent
  - 61. Decorative scarf
  - 65. Delaware

**LOOKING FOR THIS WEEKS PUZZLE SOLOUTION? CHECK NEXT WEEKS PAPER! (The Manitoulin Expositor's January 24th paper)**

# HOROSCOPES

# JANUARY 14-20

**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, watch out because you are hot stuff this week. Coming off the excitement of the holidays, you're still in the mood to socialize. The invitations to various social events will still flow.

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
Hopefully you've made progress on the various organizational projects that you have had in mind, Taurus. Now is the time to get those resolutions moving.

**GEMINI – May 22/June 21**  
Gemini, how is your to-do list coming along?

**CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, right now you may be feeling like hibernating, especially if the weather is changing. Don't burrow under the covers just yet. Find a way to stay busy and socialize.

**LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, even if it seems the way to be the most productive, burning the candle at both ends is only going to make you tired and less efficient. Ask for help if you need it.

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, your innate humility means you're often content with being behind the scenes and not

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, after a season of partying and letting other tasks fall by the wayside, it is time to get back to focus. You must take out your financial account records and track spending right now.

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Take an inventory of the things you want to change about yourself, Scorpio. There is always room for improvement, especially if you feel you have not been your best self lately.

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Hopefully you have met your quota of parties and social events because now is the time to

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
It's often business as usual for you to burn the midnight oil, Capricorn. But scale back on those late-night interludes. That's a recipe for burnout that can derail your bigger plans.

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, you are the zodiac's team player, so you may have to give the troops a pep talk to get everyone working together this week. Smooth down any ruffled feathers as needed.

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
If you have any unfinished business that needs to get wrapped up, Pisces, the clock is ticking.