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Northern Ontario curling playdowns a success in Little Current

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Organizers call a halt to Manitoulin Country Fest, Rockin' Rock

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—Craig and Kelly (KT) Timmermans have announced they are reluctantly cancelling the two signature Island music festivals they founded due to personal health issues. Manitoulin Country Fest (MCF) and Rockin' the Rock (RTR) have been cancelled "permanently."

Ms. Timmermans spoke to The Expositor on Sunday, prior to the issuing of a press release on Monday.

"We are devastated," said Ms. Timmermans, but she noted that a recent health scare has forced the couple to re-evaluate priorities. "You only get one chance at life," she said, "our health needs to be first and foremost."

The couple did not make the decision to close the events lightly, nonetheless.

"We worked extensively with a team to take the events over but that didn't work out," said Ms. Timmermans. "We simply don't have anyone who could take over the events and after much careful consideration, this was really our only option."

Ms. Timmermans explained that the group they were working with could not find a pathway to dealing with the logistical challenges of overseeing an event located so far from their home base. "It is very disappointing as we would love to see the legacy of ...continued on page 7



ISLAND RINKS BATTLE IT OUT—Hometown heroes, the Chandler Rink out of the Little Current Curling Club and the Assad Rink out of Copper Cliff (with two members of the Gordon family on the roster) met on the ice for a sudden death duel to see who would go on in the tournament in the Saturday morning flight. Jordan Chandler and his crew came out on top, but the Assad Rink took the loss in good form, losing by one point in the extra end. SEE STORIES AND PHOTOS ON PAGES 3,4 and 5.

photo by Michael Erskine

Island delegation given short shrift in meeting with health minister

Manitoulin Municipal Association receive no answers on concerns raised on health worker shortage

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—A delegation of Manitoulin Island municipal representatives met with Ontario Health Minister Sylvia Jones at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference last week to discuss many concerns locally in terms of health care on the Island. The delegation came away with the overall feeling that although they were listened to, no solutions are coming forward from the province.

"My take on this is that they have heard the concerns we raised a million times, as this is a problem throughout Ontario," said Gore Bay councillor Dan Osborne, one of the three MMA delegates, including Al MacNiven, Mayor of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) and Bryan Barker, mayor of Billings township. "The answers we received to our questions were very scripted."

"There were no answers given to the concerns we raised," said

Mayor MacNiven. "The minister said that the province is looking for solutions. One of the solutions is to provide more financial help to small rural hospitals."

"They didn't give us very much time to make our points at the meeting," said Mayor MacNiven. "But generally, we got the points

across that representatives of the Manitoulin Health Centre had brought forward at a recent meeting of the Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA). One of the issues is the difficulty in getting locum doctors to assist local doctors in emergency rooms at the two Island hospitals here and they

have been managing with the funding that had been put in place by the province. But this program is to expire in March and there has been no news on the funding program being extended."

"We also talked about deficit funding and the shortage of nurses ...continued from page 7

Wiikwemkoong will host Diocesan Chrism Mass

First-ever on Manitoulin at Holy Cross Church 'grandmother church'

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—Over 150 Roman Catholic priests, ministers of the church and parish representatives from across the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie will be gathering on Manitoulin Island to celebrate the solemn rites of the Chrism Mass on March 13 at Holy Cross Mission in Wiikwemkoong.

Bishop Thomas Dowd was in Little Current over the past two



Bishop Thomas Dowd

weeks following the passing of St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church's pastor, Fr. George Gardner, and sat down with The Expositor to discuss the gathering, what the Chrism Mass means to the Catholic parishes and the symbolic reasons behind holding the mass in Wiikwemkoong.

"Once a year, the bishop blesses the holy oils used in the

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Jordan's Principle Fund will help Wiiky families going to LNHL

WIKWEMKOONG—The Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory has received significant funding for the community, specifically for the players and families who are taking part in this year's Little Native Hockey League (LNHL) tournament in March.

"It is awesome that (through Jordan's Principle) that this funding (\$2.1 million) will be shared by all band members/players who are taking part in the (LNHL)," said Kerry Assiniwe, Wiikwemkoong communications officer.

In a post on the Wiikwemkoong Facebook January 25 Ogimaa Rachel Manitowabi explained,

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Ontario's highest court will hear youth constitutional environmental challenge

by **Jacqueline M. St.Pierre, LJI reporter**

SUDBURY—Seven young people across Ontario have brought a climate-related challenge to the Superior Court, aiming to hold the government accountable for perceived human rights violations. This case aligns with a global trend where youth are taking legal action against governments for alleged human rights breaches and inadequate responses to the climate crisis.

Supported by the environmental law charity EcoJustice, the

group's case was presented before the Court of Appeal for Ontario on January 15. This follows a previous dismissal of their constitutional challenge in April 2023, where a judge acknowledged that the province's emissions reduction plan did not align with current scientific standards.

The case can be traced back to 2018 when Ontario's newly elected Progressive Conservative government repealed the legislation supporting the cap-and-trade system for emission reduction. Subsequently, the system was replaced

and the emissions target was adjusted from 37 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 to a new target of 30 percent below 2005 levels.

Nader Hasan, the youths' legal counsel, argued that despite some of the clients being too young to vote, they are still constitutional rights holders in the country. The group, ranging from 16 to 28 years old and representing diverse backgrounds, provided expert evidence indicating that the new emission target would permit an additional 200 million tonnes of emissions. They contend that this

commitment to high emission levels violates their Charter rights to life and equality, emphasizing the disproportionate impact on young people who will bear the brunt of climate change.

Beze Gray, representing the Aamjiwnaang First Nation, stressed the importance of incorporating the voices and aspirations of youth into Canadian law. The group is currently appealing to the appellate court to intervene, urging the court to compel Ontario to establish a new, science-based emission target aligned with its share of greenhouse gas emissions. On the other hand, government lawyers argued that such a directive is beyond the court's jurisdiction and capabilities.

In a written statement, Gray emphasized the urgency of action for the future, asserting that the youth's futures depend on pres-

ent-day actions. Government lawyers countered that there is no constitutional obligation to take affirmative measures to address future climate change harms. They also argued that the adverse effects of climate change do not constitute a violation of the equality rights of young people since impacts will be felt across all age groups in the future.

Despite an unsuccessful outcome in the initial constitutional challenge, the group considers the case historic, marking the first instance in Ontario where a court acknowledged the capacity to hear a Charter-based challenge regarding a specific climate target or plan. This decision subsequently influenced a Federal Court of Appeal ruling, allowing 15 young people to reopen a constitutional challenge against the Canadian government's response to climate change.

FLOW appeals proposed Line 5 underground tunnel

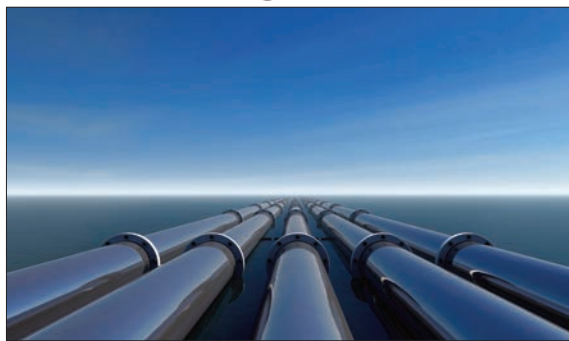
by **Jacqueline M. St.Pierre, LJI reporter**

TRAVERSE CITY, MI—For Love of Water (FLOW), a Great Lakes water law and policy centre, filed an appeal on December 22, 2023 with the Michigan Court of Appeals to overturn the Michigan Public Service Commission's (MPSC) December 1, 2023 decision to approve the application from Canadian oil company Enbridge to relocate its twin Line 5 crude oil and natural gas liquids (NGLs) pipelines to a proposed new underground tunnel. Line 5 currently spans 4.5 miles on the lakebed floor of the Straits of Mackinac.

"In its approval, the MPSC dismissed alternatives to routing Line 5 through the Straits. However, recent industry reports show that there are a range of commercially feasible and operationally viable alternatives to transport crude and NGLs in the event of Line 5 shutdown," a release states. "These alternatives include leveraging excess capacity in existing pipelines that do not run through the waters of the Great Lakes."

FLOW contends that the commission's decision to permit relocating Line 5 to a yet-to-be approved tunnel violates the Michigan Environmental Protection Act (MEPA). "MEPA requires all agencies to determine if a proposed project is likely to impact the air, water, and natural resources, or public trust in those resources and to deny approval when, as here, there are feasible and prudent alternatives."

Multiple studies demonstrate that the North American energy market is flexible, adaptable and resilient, "and that Line 5 could be decommissioned without causing supply shortages or price spikes," the FLOW release continues. "It is clear that the region has the capacity for a planned and orderly transition to shut down Line 5 and to protect the Great Lakes—which comprise 95 percent of North America's fresh surface water—from a catastrophic oil spill. Since 2017, large energy firms and refineries have developed contingency plans for a Line 5



Pipelines are a controversial subject at the best of times.

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shutdown."

Enbridge has yet to obtain the required federal authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to construct this mega-infrastructure tunnel project. A final environmental impact statement is expected from the USACE in the spring of 2026, following public meetings and comment period in 2025.

"Because the Snyder administration cut a deal in 2018 to let Enbridge continue to use the vulnerable dual pipelines in the Straits until a tunnel is built, the state unlawfully and prematurely gave the green light to Enbridge to operate Line 5 for another 99 years," James Olson, senior legal advisory and attorney for FLOW said. "This has poisoned decisions by state agencies, most recently the MPSC, to assume that they don't have to consider the risks, effects and alternatives to the continued operation of Line 5."

"FLOW and other organizations and First Nation tribes who have appealed the commission's December 1 order will ask the Court of Appeals to overturn the decision and require the commission to apply the rule of law under MEPA and consider feasible and prudent alternatives to the tunnel and reevaluate its improper, short-sighted commitment to this major piece of new fossil fuels infrastructure in the face of undeniable climate change impacts and risks."

CO group urges anglers to be cautious when going on lakes to ice fish

ONTARIO—Ice fishing is a popular past time for many Manitoulin anglers and the Ontario Conservation Officers Association (OCA) urges anglers to use caution when heading out this winter.

"Warm temperatures have caused many lakes to freeze slowly or not at all in many parts of southern and central Ontario," says OCA president Derek Hebner. "The lack of ice, coupled with heavy snowfall recently, has caused many lakes to have excessive slush. This snowfall and slush will slow further ice formation and cause travelling on the ice to become very difficult until colder temperatures arrive. I encourage anglers who are planning a fishing excursion to check the ice conditions often, plan ahead and be prepared. By following some simple safety measures, it could save your life or the life of someone else."

The OCOA provided some safety tips for those ice fishing:

- check ice thickness and conditions frequently;
- clear ice should be a minimum of 10 centimetres (four inches) for walking and ice fishing, 12 cm (five inches) for one snowmobile or ATV, 20-30 cm, (8-12 inches) for a car or small pickup, 30-38 cm (12-15 inches) for a medium-size truck (source: Livesaving Society);
- fish with a buddy; be prepared

for an emergency, wear ice picks or a floater/survival suit and have a whistle and cell phone on hand;

let someone know where you will be and when you plan to return. This should include where your vehicle will be parked, what route you plan to take and any stops you plan to make; and

stay off rivers and away from locks, where ice is less stable. Ice conditions in areas of moving water or spring-fed lakes can be unsafe at any time, ensure the ice is safe before venturing out.

"For many anglers, ice fishing can be the highlight of their fishing year," said Mr. Hebner. "But if the ice conditions are not safe, we suggest holding off on heading out until ice conditions improve. We wish all Ontarians a safe winter season."

Anglers are reminded to review the 2024 Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary, available online at <https://www.ontario.ca/document/ontario-fishing-regulations-summary> and at Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) offices.

Anyone with information about a natural resources or public safety-related offence is encouraged to call the (MNR) violation reporting line at 1-877-847-7667, contact your local conservation officer directly or call Crime Stoppers at

1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

For more information about natural resources regulations and enforcement please visit the OCOA website at <http://www.oco.ca> or contact your local conservation officer.

Manitoulin Secondary School plans Beauty and the Beast production

by **Michael Erskine**

M'CHIGEENG—Get ready for some fine family entertainment this coming Family Day as the students of Manitoulin Secondary School and friends will be launching the Disney musical 'Beauty and the Beast' with two sets of performances, an evening show on the Friday and a matinee on the Saturday. If you can't make those performances, you are still in luck.

"For the first time, we will be having shows over two weekends," said teacher Yana Bauer. The first performance is slated for 7 pm on Friday, February 16, the second performance will be a matinee on the following Saturday at 2 pm, and the third performance takes place on the following Friday, February 23 at 7 pm, with a corresponding Saturday matinee at 2 pm.

Currently, there is a lull in rehearsals for exam week, but once the priorities are out of the way, the cast and crew plan to buckle down to a regular schedule.

This will be a significant production, with 23 cast members lined up, including a couple of elementary students.

Ms. Bauer explained that the school looks to engage and train young talent even before they are enrolled in the high school. "It really provides conti-

Northern Ontario Curling Association Men's and Women's rock Little Current

by **Michael Erskine**

LITTLE CURRENT—The skirl of the pipes echoed throughout the NEMI Recreation Centre arena as piper Alain Blondin led the teams competing in the Northern Ontario Curling Association Men's and Women's championships to the traditional tune of Scotland the Brave.

Welcoming the six women's teams and 14 men's teams to the event was master of ceremonies Scott Mosher, who introduced the dignitaries providing comments to open the games.

Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin welcomed the teams to his community before a packed house of fans and family members. "It's my pleasure to be here tonight," he said. "I want to thank Little Current



Members of the Manitoulin Special Olympics Curling Team, skip Tyler Madahbee, vice Dylan Danville, second Dane Tipper, lead William Leclair and alternate Austin Recollet along with coaches Ellen Holyrd and Janet Anning joined the competing teams in processing onto the curling rinks prepared on the arena ice surface. Skip Madahbee threw out the ceremonial first rock to the cheers of the crowd.

photo by **Michael Erskine**

Curling Club for giving me a chance to welcome you to this event." Mayor MacNevin invoked the memory of the last championships where "Manitoulin fans really did us proud. I want to thank some of the volunteers and the hockey teams and figure skaters who gave up their time to help make this event possible." When Mayor MacNevin referenced

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Accessibility is a human right in Ontario—come 2025

For many of us, the act of going into a municipal office, arena or community hall is simple, we just do it. But for many Ontarians dealing with mobility issues down through the years, things are far from simple. Steps leading into buildings form a barrier to those confined to a wheelchair, staircases even more so. Most Island communities have made great progress in the nearly 20 years since the passage of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act by the McGuinty government in its first term in office—but many small and rural municipalities have struggled to climb the fiscal hill represented by the requirements of that act.

Despite accusations of an enduring ableist culture by some disability advocates, it is safe to say that all municipalities desire that their public services and amenities are accessible to all their citizens, regardless of ability. The barriers to achieving that are simple and generally boil down to one ingredient—money.

Successive Ontario governments of all stripes, including during the Liberal McGuinty and Wynne terms and continuing up to the current Progressive Conservative Ford government, have failed to adequately live up to their side of the funding equation, placing an onerous burden on ratepayers in small and rural communities.

As the clock ticks ever closer to the January 1, 2025 deadline set out by the legislation, most Island municipalities have made stellar progress to at least ensuring that their public buildings, community halls, arenas and town offices are "accessible" as defined by the Act. But there yet remain some challenges in communities—particularly in regard to other aspects of the Act.

Far too often, upper tier governments mandate laudable goals for their municipal cousins to meet in order to improve people's lives but go on to fall short of helping to provide the means to meet those targets. The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act provides a

case in point.

Small, rural and Northern communities struggle to meet the needs of their citizens while keeping the property tax burden down to a manageable level. In these days of affordable housing shortages, the last thing we need is for more people to be forced from their homes because they can no longer afford to pay their municipal property tax levies.

Municipalities are caught between the proverbial rock and a hard place. They are mandated to keep the roads clear and maintained to a high standard. There are water and sewage systems to maintain and public buildings to keep open, dealing with waste and landfills, provincial offences to administer and a host of other provincially mandated services to provide. The province does provide considerable funding through the sharing of the gas tax and the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (you might hear the term OMPF bandied about at council meetings), but the formulas behind that funding are opaque in the extreme and the resulting cash transfer to municipalities never seems to cover the costs of meeting the down-loaded services mandated by the province.

Twenty years is a considerable amount of time, even in terms of initiating government action. More time is not a solution, so any extension of the Act's deadline would likely prove moot. Rather, the province must take immediate and decisive action to assist small, Northern and rural communities with the wherewithal to meet the requirements of the Act—and they must do so before January 1, 2025.

It is all fine and aspirational to mandate laudable goals, but without providing tangible action and resources beyond the already over-stretched property tax levy, those mandates are unveiled as just another set of meaningless pretty words—an emperor without clothes.

Northern Ontario Curling Association Men's and Women's rock Little Current

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that the women's teams were here this time, he evoked loud applause from the audience.

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha opened his remarks in Anishinabemowin and welcomed the crowd "to the largest freshwater Island in the world."

"We potentially have on this ice in front of you the next champs of the Scot's and the Briars, not only that, potentially the next world champions here on this ice in Little Current," he said. "It takes an army of volunteers to do what needs to be done to put this type of event together," continued Mr. Mantha.

"I really want to offer a huge thank you to the committee for the fantastic committee and the volunteers," said NOCA Executive Director Laura Forget. She also offered thanks to the members of the ice preparation team. Ms. Forget, in a demonstration of the calibre of players taking part, asked the athletes to raise their hands if they have ever won a provincial championship of any kind in their curling career. Most of the participants raised their hands, and when asked who had participated in a national championship, many of the com-



Manitoulin Special Olympics Skip Tyler Madahbee tosses out the first rock at the opening ceremonies for the Northern Ontario Curling Association Men's and Women's Championships held at the NEMI Recreation Centre and hosted by the Little Current Curling Club over the weekend.

photo by Michael Erskine



Piper Alain Blondin leads the competitors out onto the rinks built at the NEMI Recreation Centre for the Northern Ontario Curling Association Men's and Women's Championships.

photos by Michael Erskine

peting curlers again raised their hands.

"On behalf of the whole community, I want to welcome you all here," said chair of the Little Current Curling Club host committee Joe Cooper. Mr. Cooper thanked the many sponsors, especially Manitoulin Transport. "We have five curling clubs on Manitoulin," he noted, pointing out that they and the Espanola Curling Club have provided volunteers for the event.

Mr. Cooper especially referenced volunteer, the late Lew Lanktree. "Six years ago at the age of 84, he volunteered as timekeeper and he was ready to volunteer this time as well, but unfortunately he just passed away recently at 90. He was a wonderful volunteer."

"We sold a lot of tickets," he said, enjoining the crowd to put on a great show for the competitors.

Mr. Mosher noted that many of the junior rocks players, the next generation of curlers, were also on hand as volunteers.

Members of the Manitoulin Special Olympics Curling Team, skip Tyler Madahbee, vice Dylan Danville, second Dane Tipper, lead William Leclair and alternate Austin Recollet along with coaches Ellen Holryd and Janet Anning joined the competing teams in processing onto the curling rinks prepared on the arena ice surface. Skip Madahbee threw out the ceremonial first rock to the cheers of the crowd.

"We are looking forward to an exciting tournament where memories are made," said Kelly Chaytor, the representative of the tournament's premier sponsor Manitoulin Transport. "Good luck to all from management and staff of Manitoulin Transport."

The teams taking part in the opening ceremonies included Scotties Provincial (women's) contenders McCarville Rink out (Fort William), Mann Rink (McIntyre), Johnston Rink (North Bay Granite), McCormick Rink (Idylwylde), Burns Rink (Northern Credit Union) and Despins Rink (Fort William). The Montana Briar (men's) hopefuls included the Adams Rink (Port Arthur), Horgan Rink (Northern Credit Union), Deschene Rink (Northern Credit Union), Chandler Rink (Little Current), Assad Rink (Copper Cliff), O'Bright Rink (North Bay Granite), Warkentin Rink (Port Arthur), MacEwan Rink (Northern Credit Union), Rajala Rink (Northern Credit Union), Minogue Rink (North Bay Granite), Silver Rink (Fort William), Bonot Rink (Fort William), Burgess Rink (Port Arthur) and Hunt Rink (YNCU—Sault Ste. Marie).



The stands were packed for most of the curling championship play.

Northern Ontario Curling Association champions put on a great weekend

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The men and women competing for the Northern Ontario Curling Association (NOCA) berth at the Montana Briar Men's Canadian Curling Championship and a spot at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts for the Canadian Women's Curling Championship, brought an outstanding weekend of curling during the championship playdowns hosted by the Little Current Curling Club.

"It's been a great weekend, hasn't it?" said Little Current Host Committee Chair Joe Cooper, who pronounced the tournament a great success. The club will not be seeing a huge boost in revenue from the event despite the robust ticket sales. "But that wasn't the point," said Mr. Cooper, who said the event was a great boost to curling on Manitoulin and offered an opportunity for the hundreds of active curlers in Manitoulin's five



Students from Little Current Public School created posters to cheer on the home team.



The Bonot Rink consisted of skip Trevor Bonot, vice Mike McCarville, second Jordan Potts and lead Kurtis Byrd, with coach Al Hackner completing the list.

photo by Michael Erskine



The McCarville Rink consisted of skip Krista McCarville, vice Andrea Kelly, second Ashley Sippila, third Kendra Lilly and lead Kendre Lilly—alternate was Sarah Potts and the team coach was Rick Lang.

photo by Richard Guenette



They also serve who keep the time. Members of curling clubs from across the Island and beyond came to volunteer and assist with the event.

clubs and Espanola to participate in volunteering at the event and make connections, while providing an awesome weekend of curling for the fans.

In the end, it was the Bonot Rink out of Fort William Curling Club that captured the NOCA Bri-

and the umpire's decision to determine whether the final game would go into an extra end. The final score was 7-5 following a 6-5 ninth end.

Favourites, the McCarville Rink, also out of the Fort William Curling Club, took the women's



Trevor Bonot keeps a watchful eye on his opponent's strategy during the last game of the playdowns.

ar seat, taking down the Horgan Rink in a true nail-biter of a final end. It took the measuring rods

berth at the Scotties Championship with a blanked score in the 10th after the Burns Rink conced-

Hometown heroes faced tough competition

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The Chandler Rink out of the Little Current Curling Club and the Assad Rink out of the Copper Cliff Curling Club had local lads among their roster and were greeted with great enthusiasm and support from Island fans as they took part in the Men's Northern Ontario Curling Association Championships, but in the end both teams saw their Montana Briar dreams dashed.

The Chandler Rink included skip Jordan Chandler, vice Connor Lawes, second Charlie Robert and lead Kyle Chandler.

The Assad Rink included skip Mike Assad, vice Jason Strelezki, second Chris Gordon and lead Matthew Gordon, the latter two having strong Island connections (see front page story in the January 24 edition of The Expositor).

Despite some stellar shots throughout the tournament, and more than a few nail-biting ends—including three extras, the Chandler Rink succumbed in the C Division playdowns putting them out of the running for the championship game.

"It was a good turnout," said Jordan Chandler, who expressed gratitude for the fantastic fan support he and his rink received from the hometown crowd. "Unfortunately, we didn't play our best." This marks the end of the Chandler Rink's competition season for 2024.

Mr. Assad was philosophical

about the loss after struggling to come back from a three-rock end early in their last game. "We did better than a lot of people thought we would," he said. "We were the 10th seed coming in." The Assad

Rink was using the NOCA tournament as preparation for the Traveller's Curling Club Championship later this season—so there will be plenty of opportunity to cheer the Gordon boys on.



The Chandler Rink included skip Jordan Chandler, vice Connor Lawes, second Charlie Robert and lead Kyle Chandler.

photos by Michael Erskine



The Assad Rink included skip Mike Assad, vice Jason Strelezki, second Chris Gordon and lead Matthew Gordon.

ed. Score in the ninth end was 6-4 with a single scored by Burns to give Krista McCarville the hammer going into the 10th end.

The Bonot Rink consisted of skip Trevor Bonot, vice Mike McCarville, second Jordan Potts and lead Kurtis Byrd with coach Al Hackner completing the list.

"It was great," said Mr. Bonot. "Of course, we are a bit biased seeing as how we won. An incredible week, organizers were great as was the ice crew, officials were fantastic."

Asked about his most nerve-racking moment, the skip admitted there were plenty of moments. "But that last measure was pretty much it. I am very proud of the boys."

Mr. Bonot and his rink companions are now off to the Montana Briar, and then the mixed doubles nationals as well. "I am not going to be working much," laughed Mr. Bonot.

The McCarville Rink consisted of skip Krista McCarville, vice Andrea Kelly, second Ashley Sippila, third Kendra Lilly and lead Kendre Lilly—alternate was Sarah Potts and the team coach was Rick Lang.

Throughout the weekend, the parking lot at the NEMI Recreation Centre was packed as fans flocked to see the action. The first day on Friday saw students from Little Current Public School attend with banners they had created urging the hometown favourites, the Chandler Rink, on to glory.

Upstairs, the Little Current Legion carried out a great canteen that brought stellar reviews on the food offerings and Saturday the Little Current Curling Club hosted a gathering celebrating the Chandler Rink with family, friends and community members gathering for an evening of music and camaraderie.

Volunteers from across the Island and Espanola gathered to help make the tournament a great success and a bittersweet moment was observed recognizing long-time volunteer Lew Lanktree, whose recent passing prevented him from taking up his spot on the timekeeping tables.



Law & Order

The UCCM Anishinabek Police Services (ASP) have finally begun negotiations with government representatives toward a new contract.

"We just started negotiations," said UCCM ASP Chief James Killeen. "We are working towards a long-term tripartite agreement with the federal and provincial governments, with a number of meetings to be held leading to a new contract. We are now sitting down with government representatives in negotiations, rather than in the past where the terms and conditions (of contracts) were given to us. We are active participants in the mutual negotiations."

Police Chief Killeen told the Expositor the UCCM APS is in negotiations with the governments, along with the Treaty Three Police Service (T3PS) and Anishinabek Police Services.

In June 2023, the federal court ordered Public Safety Canada to extend funding to the three Indigenous police services for 12 months, after the groups faced imminent shutdown due to a lack of funding. As a result, in negotiations with Ottawa, funding to the three police services had been curtailed for four months.

When it came time for the three police services to renegotiate their agreements with the government in 2023, they could not settle on certain terms, which they said restricted their ability to serve their communities. These terms included restrictions on how Indigenous police services allocate their money, limiting their ability to set up special police units to address drug investigations or domestic violence.

The police groups had asked a judge to order the government to lift three conditions, including in the funding framework called the First Nations and Inuit Policing Program (FNIPP), established in 1996.

The FNIPP normally covers operating costs for the three police services, with the federal government administering the programs and providing 52 per cent of the funding. The province of Ontario provides 48 per cent of the funding, and the respective First Nations communities also provide a small amount of additional funding.

The previous funding agreement prohibited the police services from taking out loans to buy their own infrastructure, and from spending their funding on legal representation to interpret the funding agreements. As well, the Indigenous police services didn't receive

funding from the FNIPP for special units, such as major crimes and domestic assault units.

In his decision on the case in June 2023, Federal Court Justice Denis Gascon said that Indigenous communities served by the three services would suffer "irreparable harm if mandatory injunctive relief is not granted."

"I further conclude that this is an exceptional situation where it is just and equitable for the court to intervene and to exercise its discretion in IPCO's favour; in order to prevent the harm that will be caused to the public security and personal safety of Indigenous people residing in the communities serviced by T3PS, APS and UCCM if the cessation of funding for the three police services is maintained."

The governments had one year to negotiate a new agreement with the three police services.

Police Chief Killeen explained, at the time of the court ruling in June 2023 and currently, the governments kept funds flowing to the three police services. "We are moving into and anticipate a new contract to have a budget that will complement recruiting and developing an enhanced police service with all the specialized units that other non-native Indigenous police services have that our communities are expecting and want, such as a drug unit. The drug unit was the number one thing that came out of a survey of local First Nation residents as being a priority in our communities."

The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is seeking the public's assistance in a break-and-enter investigation.

On January 18, shortly before 4 pm, the Manitoulin OPP responded to a report of a break and enter on Main Street in Sables-Spanish Rivers township. Property owners reported to police that a firearm, ammunition, and various power and hand tools were stolen from the property.

If anyone has information, please contact the Manitoulin OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit your information online at www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

New dental care coming by the end of 2025

NORTHERN ONTARIO—Details of the long-awaited national dental care were announced in Ottawa. Over the course of this coming year children under 18 and some senior citizens (aged 87 and over) will be able to get their teeth fixed before the program is expanded to all eligible low-and middle-income Canadians in 2025.

The federal government unveiled its new dental care plan earlier this month, a \$13 million insurance program that will start covering routine dentistry costs next year for people who meet a certain income threshold.

However, while it may be good news, some dentist's country-wide say they have been left in the dark about the federal dental insurance plan.

Locally, Dr. Bryn Casson in Little Current said, "we don't have any of the details yet. Dentists have not received any of the information, so I know as much as you do. At this point we have not received information on administration or fee guides. We have heard they are in the works but we haven't seen anything thus far."

"All I can say is I hope it works out well for all of our eligible patients," said Dr. Casson.

Dr. Mary Cross in Gore Bay said, "We're learning more as this goes along and should know more in the new year. Yes, more access to care for patients will be beneficial," said Dr. Cross.

Federal Health Minister Mark Holland told CBC News said the plan is 'transformative' as it will provide coverage to the nearly nine million Canadians who do not already have access to dental insurance.

"We know we can have the best health system in the world and today is a monumental step in that direction," Mr. Holland told CBC News. "It's going to make life better for eligible Canadian residents who won't have to choose between paying their bills and getting the help they absolutely need."

The plan will cover kids under 18 and some seniors first, before the government expands the program to all eligible low-and middle-income Canadians in 2025. Applications for seniors aged 87 and over will open later this month. Other age groups will be able to apply in the new year.

Coverage will be phased in over time, but some eligible participants will start to receive benefits as early as May 2024. This insurance-based program, that will cover routine dentistry costs for people who meet a certain income threshold, replaces the interim program that has been sending cheques directly to families with kids under 12 for the last year.

To be eligible for the program a person must have a household income below \$90,000 and no access to an existing private insurance plan. The person must also have filed a tax return so the government can verify income.

The plan is most generous for families that have household incomes below \$70,000. They face no co-pays to a participating dentist, hygienist or denturist, and Ottawa will pick up the tab for covered services like cleaning, polishing, examinations, x-rays, fillings, root canal treatments and complete and partial removable dentures, reports CBC.

Families with incomes between \$70,000 and \$79,999 will face a 40 per cent co-pay, and for those in the \$80,000 to \$89,999 income bracket, the co-pay jumps to 60 percent. The federal plan will cover the rest of the costs incurred.

Services to be covered under the Canadian dental care plan include: preventive services, including scaling (cleaning), polishing, sealants and fluoride, diagnostic services, including examinations and x-rays, restorative services, including fillings, endodontic services, including root canal treatments, prosthodontic services, including complete and partial removable dentures, periodontal services including deep scaling and oral surgery service, including extractions.

"With the cost of living going through the roof, Northern Ontario families need help paying their bills now more than ever," said NDP Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes. "This dental plan will help so many families and put money back in people's pockets."

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

When is a carpenter with a 2x4 like a poem? When he's a sawin' it. Speaking of forms of poetry, we are excited to launch our third annual 'Short Poems for a Short Month' challenge! Help brighten up the short winter days of Kawongians near and far by submitting your short form poetry for this column. Your effort should be short (think haikus, rhyming couplets, limericks, Cinquain). Email it to fergmeijer@gmail.com to participate. Sadly this challenge does not have a cash prize, because everyone knows that rhyme doesn't pay.

The community rink is officially open for business! We are so grateful to all the volunteers who put so much time and effort into making and maintaining the ice surface. Please take care to store any equipment off the ice when you are done and make sure the lights are turned off before you leave, if using it after dark.

The next stage in the Billings Township strategic plan is well underway. Join township staff and consultants from Capital Park Consulting for a special Town Hall meeting tomorrow (Thursday, February 1) at the Kagawong Park Centre. Identical information will be shared at two sessions that day, which will also provide opportunities for community members to share their vision for the future of the township: session one will be from 2 to 4 pm and session two will be from 6 to 8 pm. All citizens of Billings are welcome to attend. Questions may be directed to Emily Dance, Billings CAO/Clerk, at edance@billingstwp.ca.

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

Did you hear about the two antennas that met on a roof, fell in love, and got married? The ceremony wasn't much,

but the reception was excellent.

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

Happy birthday Doug C who is celebrating his 29th birthday. We wish a year that is more Corvette than Pinto for you. Also celebrating is Gabe H. You aren't quite turning 29 but we wish you much cake, ice cream and presents anyway!

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

What's a Grecian urn? About 20,000 drachmas a year after taxes. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Hi everyone. So after our deep freeze, we are back into a warmer spell. I know, it will not last.

Winter has its own attractions, snowmobiling, ice fishing, snow shoeing and skiing. A friend of ours took a short holiday to Parry Sound. This sounds a bit like a travelogue, but the place that was visited was Killbear Provincial Park, with cross country ski trails and snow shoe trails. I was told that there was no one else there except for the park rangers, the trails were well groomed and it was beautiful.

Others are back from holidays and it so good to visit with them. John and Patti are showing off pictures of a new grandson. Congratulations. He's beautiful.

Two weeks ago we cancelled cards due to the storm. Just

like everyone else we got a lot of snow and hunkered down and waited it out till the roads were clear again. It did not seem to last that long.

Last Friday, January 19 at cards there were three tables; high lady was Brenda Carter with 66 points; high man was Harold Rogers with 67 points; ladies' lone hand was won by Myra Duncanson with five; men's lone hands went to Donna Kay McDonald with nine; the juice was won by Rose Van Every; the money jar is safe for another week.

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Enid Runnalls spent last week in Toronto visiting daughter Katie and friends in Scarborough and St. Catherines and Carolyn Lane-Rock in Sudbury.

Darlene Orford visited George and Carolyn Calback last week.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Friday, January 19 was euchre in Meldrum Bay. There were three tables.

On Saturday, Myra Duncanson and I went to M'Chigeeng to play in their euchre tournament.

Monday, there was line dancing at the Silver Water Community Hall in the evening.

Monday evening, six of us went to euchre at the Burpee Mills Complex.

Tuesday, chair yoga was held at the hall in the afternoon. Fire practice was held on Tuesday evening.

We had Anne Boyd over for supper for her birthday on Wednesday.

Thursday evening, there were 22 euchre players out to the Silver Water Hall.

I had a visit with Alfreda Wickett on the phone this week. Condolences to the family of Elwood Lewis.

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es and hospitals needing to use agency nurses who receive much larger rates of pay," said Mayor MacNiven. The minister, "told us agency nurses, are helping a lot and in the North and without these agency nurses some hospitals would not be able to operate but she didn't mention anything on the costs involved."

As for a deficit at MHC slated to be approximately \$1 million this year, "and the lack of funding and increases for hospitals that had been raised at the MMA meeting, we didn't have time to get to that," said Mayor MacNiven. "Our meeting started at 8:25 am but we didn't get the full 15 minutes we were supposed to. But I think we got the message across."

"These are concerns across Ontario. Hospitals need increased funding," said Mayor MacNiven. "This may be a tough thing for the province to swallow, as they are being bombarded by everyone with the same concerns, but the province needs to step up to the plate and provide support."

"We really did not make any headway at our meeting," stated Mayor MacNiven. He pointed out the MHC is also faced with several doctor retirements this year, and noted that Island municipalities contribute toward recruitment of new doctors. As Dr. (Maurianne) Reade said at the MMA meeting, "if funding is not extended for locums, it is going to be very difficult to keep emergency rooms open. And locums make up their schedules six months in advance, and if there is no support being provided to a small hospital by the province, they will go somewhere else. The locum funding program will run out at the end of March and there have been no answers as to if it will be continuing."

"As far as solutions to all the concerns small hospitals have, it is important to recognize that this is not a Manitoulin Island problem. Ninety-five percent of hospitals in the North, for example, are projecting a deficit in their budget this year," Eric Theriault, vice-president of corporate support services and chief financial officer of MHC told members of the MMA (MMA) at a meeting he, Paula Fields president and chief executive officer of the MHC and Dr. Maurianne Reade, president of professional staff, told members of the Manitoulin Municipal Association

(MMA) recently.

"27 percent more in global funding is provided to southern Ontario hospitals," said Mr. Theriault. "We want equal funding. Currently we are provided funding of one to two percent increases every year in our base funding. Meanwhile inflation is increasing at a rate of eight per cent, and we currently faced with unionized employee bumps in salary of 12 percent."

Mr. Theriault said while large hospitals have a couple of different avenues for funding, the MHC and other northern hospitals have seen increased costs but no increase in funding. Equity is needed for the North he said, noting growth and efficiency model funding is not available in small hospitals. He said the MHC is provided one-time funding for programs during the year, but the cash (funding) doesn't arrive until February. So, the hospital has to bear the costs. For small hospitals there is not a lot of cash on hand. So, hospitals have to go to a bank for a loan or line of credit, meanwhile the interest increases.

There needs to be a cap on the amount agency nurses can make. "We have to pay them two and a half times more than regular staff nurses," said Mr. Theriault. He said hospital-run programs need adequate, sustainable funding.

Ms. Fields pointed out the recent auditor general report on the state of health care in Ontario was a real eye-opener. If the province addressed the issues and recommendations raised in the report, the MHC would be in good shape. "We lie in the middle of the pack as far as the burden of deficit we are facing. Some hospitals are going bankrupt and can't make their payroll. 'At every meeting we have with the province, they tell us 'don't ruffle any feathers'. And we keep hearing some good news in a few weeks, and it doesn't come. It is disheartening."

Ms. Fields told the MMA. "We have been working without an accountability agreement for the past two years and how the province is going to fund us." The two Island hospitals have 11,000 emergency department visits in a year and this is increasing. She explained that for years pre-pandemic, funding was a challenge, but the pandemic created more issues and the shortage in nursing and physician shortages is something other health care services like nursing homes and home health care are facing.

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...Organizers call a halt to Manitoulin Country Fest, Rockin' Rock

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these important summer festivals continue on Manitoulin," said the festival's co-founder. "We understand the benefits these events had for the Island business community as well as music fans."

"We cannot even begin to express our level of thanks for our staff and our friends, our incredible volunteers, Manitoulin Transport, Denise at Little Current's Anchor Inn and the corporate sponsors who supported us over the years, the artists who made the journey to come here and, of course, our patrons," said Ms. Timmermans.

"We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha, Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes and the provincial and federal governments who supported our events over the years," she said. "We

only hope both the provincial and federal governments will realize the importance of supporting events in Northern Ontario."

"MCF started in 2007 at Low Island Park in Little Current as a one-day event," said Ms. Timmermans. MCF eventually moved to its permanent home on Flat Rock Entertainment Centre in 2012 as a three-day event where it would go on to draw thousands of people into Little Current and Manitoulin daily, she recalled. "Over the years, some of the artists gracing the stage included Paul Brandt, Terri Clark, George Canyon, Dallas Smith, Blue Rodeo, Tom Cochrane, High Valley, Brett Kissel, Billy Ray Cyrus, Kelli Pickler, Lonestar, Joe Nichols, Lee Brice, Tanya Tucker, Dwight Yoakum, Clay Walker and so many more."

"RTR was launched in 2018 as a two-day classic rock concert and also attracted thousands of dedicated rock

fans to Little Current and the Island," continued Ms. Timmermans. "Some of the amazing talent taking the stage included Honeymoon Suite, Haywire, Saga, Big Wreck, Streetheart, and Hall of Fame inductees, Trooper, just to name a few."

"We set out in 2007 to see incredible talent on Manitoulin and we can safely say, we did that," said Ms. Timmermans. "We had a great 17-year run."

Ticket refunds can be obtained directly through Eventbrite at eventbrite.ca. For refunds on camping, those with permits are requested to email info@manitoulincountryfest.com by June 1, 2024. Refunds for camping will be processed by e-transfer directly. The organizers request patrons' patience as it is anticipated it will be a very busy time processing refunds. The organizers request no phone calls—emails only.

...Jordan's Principle Fund will help Wiiky families going to LNHL

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"On behalf of myself and council I am happy to announce to you today very good news for our community; most specifically for all our families who are participating in this year's Little Native Hockey League (LNHL) in Markham."

"As a result of a community submission by Naandwechige-Gamig Wikwemikong Health Centre to Jordan's Principle for assistance for our Little NHL players and families, we have received an approval," wrote Ogimaa Manitowabi. "And so, I am pleased to announce that Wiikwemkoong is receiving \$2.1 million dollars from Jordan's Principle."

"This is a tremendous opportunity for our Wiikwemkoong teams comprising approximately 240 children/youth players and their families," said Ogimaa Manitowabi. She explained the funding will help families during Little

NHL week with costs such as hockey equipment, hotel stay, meals, mileage, incidentals and registration fees.

"We know the importance of our youth participating in team sports and the positive impact it has on our children/youth and the overall community. We are excited and grateful for this opportunity," wrote Ogimaa Manitowabi.

Jordan's Principle is intended to create equitable access to opportunities and resources for Anishinaabe children/youth that will benefit their well-being and development without undue delays or complications. The funds are provided through the federal government.

"As leaders and management in Wiikwemkoong we support our children and youth participation in sports as it can have a wide range of positive impacts on their lives now and moving forward," continued Ogimaa Manitowabi. "I want to acknowledge the

hard work and dedication of our community leaders and operations management, and to Naandwechige-Gamig Wikwemikong Health Centre for leading in submitting the application to Jordan's Principle for this funding."


"It's an extension of the commitment of the Centre, along with community leadership, in doing all we can to find, create and enhance opportunities for our children and youth in their life journeys toward health and well-being," wrote Ogimaa Manitowabi. "Nishin Wiikwemkoong and good luck to all our Wikwemkoong Little NHL players and families."

Jordan's Principle was established in response to the death of five-year-old Jordan River Anderson, a child from Norway House Cree Nation who suffered from Carey Fineman Ziter syndrome, a rare muscular disorder that required years of medical treatment in a Winnipeg hospital. After spending the first

two years of his life in a hospital, doctors cleared Jordan to live in a family home near the hospital in Winnipeg. However, the federal and provincial governments could not resolve who was financially responsible for the necessary home care. For over two years, the Government of Canada and Manitoba provincial government continued to argue while Jordan remained in the hospital. In 2005, at the age of five, Jordan died in the hospital; he never had the opportunity to live in a family home.

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Mantoulin Sea Cadets shoot for the top at Winterpalooza marksman meet

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Sea Cadets have once again demonstrated their outstanding marksmanship skills, this time during a Winterpalooza event which included all air, army and sea cadet corps in the Sudbury area.

At the event, held in Sudbury on the third weekend in January, “the cadets took part in a variety of winter sports activities, including marksmanship,” said Denis Blake. “It was a fun shooting competition between all corps and squadrons, with the Manitoulin Sea Cadet corps team finishing in first place. They were using .22 calibre rifles shooting at 15 metres, which is a longer distance than they normally shoot at in competition.”

This same team will be taking part in an indoor marksmanship competition on February 24 in Sudbury, said Mr. Blake.

“Petty officer second class Elizabeth Hazlitt was first in the individuals open (seniors) category. This means that among all the competitors, she finished first overall. And in the under 15 junior category, two of our cadets tied for first,” said Mr. Blake. “Leading cadet Laszlo Vernarsky and leading cadet Liam MacLean finished tied for first.”

“The marksmanship team is continuing to practice now and will be competing in the event in February. Their coach for that event will be sub-lieutenant Miranda MacKay,” added Mr. Blake.



PO2 Elizabeth Hazlitt, right, of the Manitoulin Sea Cadets is presented with an award for placing first overall in the individual (seniors) category.



Manitoulin Sea Cadets Leading Cadet Laszlo Vernarsky and leading cadet Liam MacLean are presented with awards for tying for first place in the under 15 junior category.

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The MHC is waiting to see if it will receive funding for unionized nurse and salary increases of 12 percent that had previously been restricted by Bill 124.

“With the shortages in nurses we have had to employ travel nurses, which is triple the cost,” said Ms. Fields. “And the ministry tells us don’t think of cutting services.”

The MHC has seen an increase in mental health and addictions patients, which creates capacity issues, an increase in workplace incidents and requirements for security.

“We have been lobbying the ministry for 24/7 security funding,” said Ms. Fields.

Another issue facing MHC and small hospitals is a shortage of physicians. Gore Bay has three physicians for five positions, Manitowaning two physicians for two positions, Mindemoya has 4.5 physicians for 7.5 positions, and Little Current has 7.5 physicians for 13.5 positions.

Ms. Fields told the MMA the MHC board has committed to not cut services. “We’ve sat as senior team at MHC with every department as to what would happen if cuts were made. There is nothing that we can cut that would not have a detrimental effect on our services.”

Dr. Reade said that the MHC has been successful in accessing more locums, and by having locums it is more attractive to physicians to practice locally. However, the funding for this program is slated to run out at the end of March.

“Many rural communities and hospitals in Ontario, especially in the North, are facing a shortage of physicians,” said Dr. Reade. “Certainly, small rural hospitals like those in Mindemoya and Little Current have been left behind by the province. It speaks of negligence for small hospitals in rural Northern Ontario.” She explained until last summer there had been no negotiations with the province on the doctor complement for 24 years.

“There are places where populations have not changed,” said Dr. Reade. However the Island has seen population increases. “In Mindemoya and Little Current more than 15 years ago the human resources we had for ER used to be survivable (for physicians at the hospitals), but with the increases in patients this hasn’t been the case for a long time.”

Mr. MacNiven said as far as the meeting with Minister Jones “I’m glad the minister took time to meet with us. They (province) are hearing from everyone across the province on all these issues. Hopefully it will sink in and they will do something.”

...Wiikwemkoong will host Diocesan Chrism Mass

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church,” said Bishop Dowd. “There are three holy oils used in the church, the most important of which is chrism—which is why it is called the Chrism Mass. These oils have an organic component and therefore can go off if left too long.”

The other two oils used in the mass, the oil of the catechism and the oil of the sick, can be blessed by a priest, but the chrism oil itself must be blessed by a bishop. Each of the oils are scented. The chrism oil is used for confirmations, ordinations, the blessings of churches and altars, and baptisms and symbolizes strength and the gifts of the Holy Spirit—it is often called myrrh. The oil has traditionally been made with balsam, explained Bishop Dowd, but this time around the chrism oil will be made utilizing cedar oil, one of the sacred medicines of the Anishnaabe and a plant with many medicinal uses.

Traditionally, because the oils are received and distributed across the diocese, the Chrism Mass offers the opportunity for priests to gather with their colleagues. Like many things, COVID has proven challenging over the past two years and this will be the first real opportunity to hold the Chrism Mass in its traditional sense.

The priests of the diocese will be meeting at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre on March 12, with the Chrism Mass itself taking place the following afternoon at Holy Cross Church in Wiikwemkoong.

The decision to hold the Chrism Mass in Wiikwemkoong is grounded in history, explained the bishop. “In 1837, Wiikwemkoong was the site of the first Catholic community in the North and that community was the largest in Northern Ontario at the time,” said Bishop Dowd, who investigated the history of the diocese when he was first assigned to the region and discovered some very interesting facts about early days in New Ontario, as it was then called.

“Wiikwemkoong had a larger population than Sault Ste. Marie at the time,” he said. “New parishes are created as sub-parishes of an existing parish,” noted the bishop. As the original Catholic Church in Northern Ontario, Holy Cross is the “Grandmother Church,” said the bishop. “So jurisdictionally, every other parish in Northern Ontario is either a sub-parish or a sub-parish of the church in Wiikwemkoong.”

When the locks were being constructed in Sault Ste. Marie, the bishop at the time moved his seat of operation to that community. “It was just a lot easier to travel,” said Bishop Dowd, pointing out that the diocese at that time extended along the shores of Lake Superior.

Plans are to hold the Chrism Mass in the afternoon with the community joining the clergy from across the diocese joining in circle, figuratively speaking, said Bishop Dowd. A community feast hosted by Wiikwemkoong chief and council will follow.

“We will be organizing a bus from the hotel to Wiikwemkoong,” said Bishop Dowd, cognizant of the need to preserve parking at Holy Cross.

The event will be a true meeting of many cultures, he noted, and the languages being spoken will likely include English, French, Italian, Spanish and, of course, Anishinabemowin.

In his research, Bishop Dowd came across a hymnal containing no less than 300 hymns written in Ojibwe. An accomplished linguist, the bishop speaks seven languages and provided The Expositor with a quite credible rendition of a well-known Catholic hymn in Anishinabemowin.

Bishop Dowd was appointed as the seventh Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie on October 22, 2020. He was formally installed as bishop on December 17, 2020 at the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption in North Bay. Although the diocese has two cathedrals, one in North Bay and the other in Sault Ste. Marie, the administrative offices are centrally located in Sudbury.

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Federal, provincial governments sign off on \$10-billion annuities case

ROBINSON-HURON—The governments of Canada and Ontario have signed the Robinson-Huron Treaty annuities agree, the next step in this process.

“It is very good news,” stated Chief Angus Toulouse of the Sagamok Anishnawbek when contacted last Wednesday. “All 21 Robinson-Huron Treaty First Nations are looking forward to completion of the (annuities case) and the process of negotiating and working toward a new annuity.”

“The Robinson-Huron Treaty Litigation Fund settlement agreement has been signed by all First Nations leadership, and now both the Ontario and Canada governments have signed off on the agreement,” said Chief Toulouse, noting the agreement must have been signed off by the governments in the past week or so.

On January 3, the Robinson-Huron Chiefs and trustees met and signed the settlement agreement, a RHTLF release said. “Meanwhile, your chief and council have begun or are continuing to hold local engagement sessions to provide information and make decisions on final disbursement at a local level. Some



Members of the Robinson-Huron Treaty Litigation Fund at an earlier gathering.

communities are in the process of their sessions, while other communities have completed their community engagement sessions.

“Yes, it is very good news,” stated Chief Toulouse. “Many of us have been dealing with this matter for quite some time.”

Chief Toulouse said, “There is one additional step that needs to be taken. The agreement needs to go in front of the Ontario Superior Court Justice to release an order that indicates the case has been con-

cluded.” The case had been put in front of the court in 2012 by the Robinson-Huron First Nations for past compensation.

“We hope that this will be in front of the Ontario Superior Court Justice in the month of February,” continued Chief Toulouse.

Chief Toulouse explained after the Ontario Superior Court Justice has provided the order, “then it will be approximately 60 days for the order of the funds flowing to the Robinson-Huron Treaty Litigation Fund, then on to each

of the communities.”

“Then the next challenge is negotiating with and coming to an agreement with the governments on an annuity rate. Hopefully we will see something concluded as quick as possible,” continued Chief Toulouse.

The Robinson-Huron Treaty was originally signed in 1850 between the British Crown and 21 First Nations living on Manitoulin Island and along the shores of Lake Huron. While the Crown promised to fairly compensate these Indigenous communities

for use of their land, which led to the extraction of valuable resources such as nickel, copper, uranium, timber and fish, annuity rates have remained the same since 1875.

This issue was brought before the courts in 2012 through the formation of the Robinson-Huron Treaty Litigation Fund in 2012.

Ontario’s Superior Court of Justice ruled in 2018 that the Crown had an obligation under the original 1850 treaty to increase annuities as wealth generated from the land increased, over

time.

In June of last year, the 21 First Nations reached a proposed settlement with the governments, with Ontario and the federal government agreeing to pay around \$10 billion for past losses.

The province has appealed some parts of the court decision, both in the Ontario Court of Appeal in 2021 the Supreme Court of Canada.

In November, the province argued that increases to the annuity should be at the discretion of the Crown and not the courts.

It is anticipated the Supreme Court will reach a decision on this issue by the end of the year. However, the ruling will not have an impact on the \$10 billion Robinson-Huron Treaty settlement.

The 21 First Nations include all those on Manitoulin Island including Aundeck Omni Kaning, M’Chigeeng First Nation, Sheguiandah First Nation, Sheshegwaning First Nation, Whitefish River First Nation, Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory and Zhiibaahaasing First Nation.

Association of Municipalities of Ontario calls on province to review fiscal partnership framework

TORONTO—The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is calling on the provincial government to commit to reviewing the provincial-municipal fiscal framework as part of the upcoming provincial budget.

In its pre-budget submission on January 25, AMO explained, “Ontario’s municipalities invest almost \$65 billion each year into critical infrastructure and services, including clean drinking water, public health, parks, public transit, policing and much more. They own and operate nearly half a trillion dollars of infrastructure, more than both the provincial and federal governments.”

The financial arrangement that municipalities rely on to serve Ontarians is broken, failing residents, small businesses and major industries, AMO said in the release. Unlike the province, municipal revenues, derived mostly from property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation. New realities, including the pressures of growth, economic factors like inflation and interest rates, social challenges and provincial policy decisions are pushing municipalities to the brink.

“Ontarians expect governments to work together and respect tax dollars,” said Colin Best, AMO president. “Municipal governments across the province want to address affordability, invest in infrastructure and the economy and tackle social challenges like decreasing homelessness. Tackling today’s challenges requires a modern provincial-municipal partnership.”

The AMO release

explains that municipalities outspend the provincial government by almost \$4 billion each year on provincial responsibilities such as social housing, long-term care, public health, and childcare. Homelessness is growing across the province. There are now nearly 1,400 encampments in municipalities across Ontario. Municipalities are stepping up to address homelessness, but they simply do not have the financial tools needed to solve systemic social problems. In the last five years, property taxpayers have seen a 200 percent increase in costs to support homelessness services in their communities.

Property taxpayers can’t afford to keep paying for growing provincial costs. Ontario’s property taxes are already the second highest in Canada. At the same time, provincial per capita spending is the lowest in Canada and Ontario needs to spend almost \$2,000 more per person to approach the national average.

The AMO report says that “as Ontario grows, major investment in municipal infrastructure is required to achieve the province’s ambitious target of building 1.5 million new homes by 2031. However, Bill 23 created a \$1 billion annual hole in municipalities’ ability to pay for the foundational infrastructure that supports new housing. Municipalities are planning for \$250-290 billion in capital expenditures over the next decade, with around \$100 billion of that investment connected to growth. The province continues to benefit from housing market growth, collecting \$4.48 billion in land transfer taxes in 2022 alone.

The provincial share of the purchase price of a new home has climbed steeply over the last decade, increasing by 55 percent compared to local governments’ 13 percent. The province can and should invest more in our communities.”

“Ontario’s provincial and municipal governments have a strong history of collaboration. AMO believes the time is right for municipalities and the province to work together on a social and economic prosperity review so that we can find a better path forward for all of Ontario,” AMO adds.



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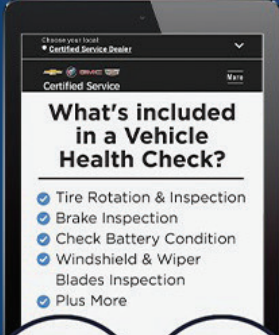
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Province suggests it may consider looking at resuming Service Ontario outlet for NEMI

by Tom Sasvari
NEMI – A provincial minister has indicated that the province will work with staff of the town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) at a plan for the possible return of a Service Ontario outlet in the town.

“Todd McCarthy, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, indicated he will have his staff work

with our CAO and see if they can come up with a plan to have a Service Ontario centre located in NEMI,” said NEMI Mayor Al MacNiven, after the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference last week.

“We are hoping to get one here. We used to have a Service Ontario location in the tourist centre, and then at another location in Little



Al MacNiven

Current,” said Mayor MacNiven. “Currently our residents have to go to Manitowaning, Mindemoya or Gore Bay for Service Ontario services, and we have heard a lot of complaints about this from local residents.”

The province had indicated previously that the three Service Ontario outlets on Manitoulin are adequate for providing the services

to local residents. At the ROMA conference last week, “we met with Todd McCarthy, the minister of Public and Business Service Delivery,” said Mayor MacNiven. “We brought forward the request for a Service Ontario location in NEMI, and the minister said his staff will talk with NEMI staff and investigate the possibility. He understands the distances

between the communities and there being no public transportation on Manitoulin,” said Mayor MacNiven.

“He is looking to the municipality to be a partner, and it would be nice to work with a small business to take on the operation of the Service Ontario centre in the business,” said Mayor MacNiven.

Krawczyk Family makes 2 million dollar donation for Indigenous environmental justice

by Jacqueline M. St.Pierre, LJI reporter
VICTORIA, BC—Alex

Krawczyk, daughter of philanthropists the late Honey and Dr. Barry Sherman has made a large donation to the organization RAVEN. The grassroots Indigenous NGO has a mandate is to raise legal defence for Indigenous people who are arrested for enforcing their rights and title to protect their traditional territories.

“I believe it is important for Canadians to recognize the inherent rights and sovereignty of Indigenous Nations, as well as to support self-determination and long-overdue justice for Indigenous Peoples,” says Ms. Krawczyk. “I am truly proud and humbled to have made this gift, and I wish RAVEN continued success

with its many important campaigns across the country.”

RAVEN is an acronym for RAVEN Respecting Aboriginal Values and Environmental Needs. Their executive director, Danielle Wilson of the Tla-o-qui-aht Nation says that the organization helps to level the playing field between governments and large corporations that have the resources to engage in lengthy court battles, whereas impoverished First Nations people seldom do, something that local First Nations activist Tom Hare has told The Expositor in the past.

RAVEN support for front lines activists has previously relied on crowdsourcing from community members across the country and the



The Raven Foundation logo.

impact has been crucial. Cases supported by RAVEN have had a significant influence in prevailing the Northern Gateway pipeline project, that threatened hundreds of thousands of hectares of land in Yukon's Peel Watershed and supporting Beaver Lake Cree

human and planetary health and well-being.

“RAVEN board member Cliff Atleo Jr., a member of Nuu-chah-nulth and Tsimshian Nations and an assistant professor of Indigenous Governance at Simon Fraser University, emphasizes the critical role of RAVEN cases in addressing key issues of climate justice. Atleo's research in public health underscores the broader societal benefits derived from upholding Indigenous rights. He highlights the profound interconnectedness of Indigenous Peoples with their territories and other-than-human relatives. As Indigenous communities strive to safeguard their land and waters, these efforts directly impact both individual and collective health.”

Often the most affected by climate change are also the leaders in climate justice. The Krawczyk Family Foundations donations will also be utilized to help fight a Treaty rights challenge in Northern Ontario's vast peatlands which the plain-

tiffs call ‘The Breathing Lands’ or what mining corporations have dubbed ‘The Ring of Fire.’

RAVEN is actively engaged in challenging the mineral tenures system in British Columbia, aiming to align the mineral staking process with B.C.'s Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act. Additionally, RAVEN is collaborating with the coastal Heiltsuk Nation in a groundbreaking legal challenge asserting Aboriginal title to the ocean. This effort seeks to legally establish Indigenous marine stewardship values. Wilson says that in the past the organization has had to turn down requests from important and deserving cases because of lack of capacity, “Now, we'll have the capacity to invite more Nations into our circle of support, uphold and extend the rights of Indigenous Nations, and leave a legacy of stronger environmental protection for generations to come.”

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Ontario Energy Association Applauds Clean Energy Opportunity Report Release

Jacqueline M. St.Pierre LJI reporter
TORONTO—In a statement released on January 19, 2024, the Ontario Energy Association (OEA) expressed its enthusiasm for the unveiling of Ontario's Clean Energy Opportunity, marking the conclusion of the Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's work.

The OEA praised the Ontario government's initiative in establishing the Panel, emphasizing its role in providing tailored advice for addressing the significant transformation needed in the province's energy system to meet clean energy demands. Vince Brescia,

President & CEO of the OEA, voiced the association's eagerness to collaborate with the Ontario government in implementing the key recommendations outlined in the report.

"Transitioning Ontario's energy system to meet net-zero objectives is a major undertaking," remarked Brescia, stressing the necessity for a comprehensive, clear vision, and a detailed plan to instill investor confidence, attract essential capital, and ensure an orderly transition.

The OEA's 2021 Net Zero 2050 report previously highlighted the opportunities and challenges inherent in

Ontario's energy transition, exploring aspects such as energy sources, potential technologies, and major sectors. Subsequent reports from the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) and other organizations have corroborated the substantial scale of investment required for this transition.

The Panel's report offers valuable guidance on how the government and its agencies can provide the necessary clarity to facilitate the significant investments essential for a successful energy transition.

Positioned as the credible and trusted voice of the energy sector, the OEA

plays an integral role in energy policy development and decision-making in Ontario. Representing a

diverse spectrum of energy industry leaders, the OEA aims to contribute to the continued evolution of

Ontario's energy landscape. Learn more about the association at www.energyontario.ca.

Canada invests over \$1.1 million to support expanding N. Ont. broadband, technology and workforce solutions

by Tom Sasvari

NORTH BAY—The federal government is providing funding toward the ongoing operations of Blue Sky Net (BSN) for a three-year period, enabling the organization to continue facilitating a variety of information and communications technology (ICT) activities in the Nipissing-Timiskaming, Sudbury East, Manitoulin and Parry Sound East regions.

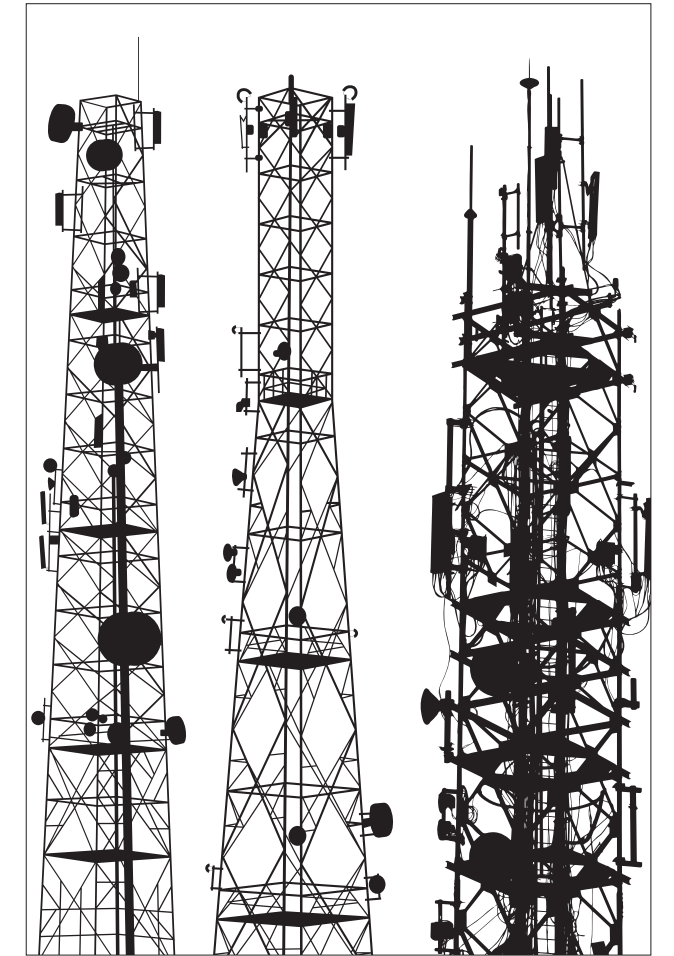
"The funding we are receiving is for operational funding, as our role as a facilitator," said Susan Church, executive director of BSN. "Since 2002 FedNor has reinvested funding for three-year agreements as they have done this year as well."

Anthony Rota, member of parliament for Nipissing-Timiskaming, announced on January 23 the federal investments totaling \$1,110,810 for two projects, one for BSN and one for the City of North Bay. The announcement was made on behalf of the Honourable Patty Hajdu, minister of Indigenous services and minister responsible for FedNor.

Along with Blue Sky Net, the remaining \$76,760 is helping the City of North Bay develop and implement a workforce attraction and retention strategy designed to support North Bay employers.

"I'm thrilled that families, businesses and communities across the region will benefit from the Government of Canada investment in Blue Sky Net and the City of North Bay," said MPP Rota. "This FedNor funding will help northeastern Ontario harness the power of technology and innovation to support business and economic growth, create jobs and attract and retain skilled workers."

Today's announcement will help businesses enhance their productivity and competitiveness, leading to more good-paying jobs that support local families and



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strengthen our regional economy."

Ms. Church said, "This strong support from FedNor and the government of Canada demonstrates confidence in the work we do to spur innovation, support skills training and help businesses adopt new technologies and processes. The funding announced today will help us improve connectivity and access to technology for businesses and residential consumers by expanding infrastructure, increasing knowledge,

developing applications and investing in businesses."

"Broadband, technology and a skilled workforce are the foundation of a strong economy," said Minister Hajdu. "This \$1.1 million investment will help northeastern Ontario achieve success on all these fronts by connecting more businesses and communities, advancing technology adoption and attracting talented workers to fill employment gaps."

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Public Health shares tips on preventing frostbite and hypothermia

SUDBURY—With cold weather being a fact of life for Northerners, Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) would like to remind everyone to take appropriate precautions against the cold. Injuries related to the cold can happen at a wide range of temperatures but occur more quickly when it's colder. Frostbite and hypothermia are the most common and preventable injuries.

Suffering frostbite means that skin has actually frozen. In addition to feeling cold, the skin can feel numb and appear white. In more severe cases the area becomes hard, waxy and can turn white or dark. Body extremities are often the first to be frozen/frostbitten. Additionally, there is a condition called frostnip where a person's skin may appear shiny and rosy. This is a sign that frostbite may occur shortly. If you see these signs, move to a warmer environment or protect the skin with layers of clothing.



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Hypothermia is a life-threatening condition. It occurs when the body is exposed to the cold for a long time and loses more heat than it can generate. The individual could be shivering, drowsy, confused, and have problems speaking, loss of coordination, and have pale and bluish lips. People showing signs and symptoms of hypothermia will begin shivering, but this sign can decrease and disappear in later stages.

To prevent cold-related injuries PHSD recommends: check the weather forecast and plan accordingly; limit the

amount of time you spend in the cold; dress in layers, with a wind-resistant outer layer; wear a hat and mittens or insulated gloves; keep your face warm by wearing a scarf, neck tube, or face mask; wear warm, waterproof footwear; seek shelter from the wind; stay active. Walking or running will help warm you by generating body heat but try to avoid sweating; stay dry. Remove wet clothing if possible and remove or ventilate outer layers of clothing if you are sweating; speak to your doctor or pharmacist as certain medications can make you more susceptible to the cold; on very cold days, check in on neighbours who may be vulnerable to cold due to age, living conditions, health conditions, reduced mobility, or isolation.

People who are unhoused can spend long periods outside and can suffer increased effects from the cold. This can be due to the following issues, as well as other factors including inadequate clothing, malnutrition, a previous cold-weather injury, history of heart disease or diabetes.

The possibility of severe, non-fatal impacts of cold weather, such as amputation or extended hospitalizations, increases for people who are unhoused. To help people in these situations, consider making a financial contribution or donating warm blankets, warm socks, mittens, hats, long underwear, footwear and outerwear to local aid groups.

For more information on preventing cold weather injuries, please visit www.phsd.ca or call 705-522-9200, ext. 464 (toll-free 1-866-522-9200).

NDP urge government to push back CEBA deadline

NORTHERN ONTARIO—With the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) loan repayment deadline less than a month away, Canada's NDP is urging Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freelandt and the Minister for Small Business Richie Valdez to extend the repayment deadline and loan forgiveness.

While the Liberals are pushing small businesses to repay their loans, they're handing out \$21.6 billion in contracts to large consulting firms. In November, the parliamentary budget officer (PBO) confirmed that a reduction of outsourcing by just four per cent would cover the costs of extending the CEBA deadline. The NDP says instead of delivering relief for small businesses that risk going under without an extension on their CEBA loan, the Liberals are giving a pass to massive ultra-rich corporations.

"Small businesses in Northern Ontario are the hub of our communities, a lifeline for our local economy, and jobs," said NDP MP Charlie Angus (Timmins-James Bay). "Yet, the Liberals are letting down our communities and small businesses struggling to keep their doors open. Shop owners have gone through a global pandemic and are now dealing with a cost-of-living crisis. But the Liberals won't cut

them a break while having no problem giving billions to big profiting consulting firms. And make no mistake, Pierre Poilievre is not the answer. He and his corporate-controlled Conservatives say they're in it for you and yet remain silent while small businesses crumble under their CEBA debt," said MP Angus.

While huge corporations get leniency from the government, small businesses are getting little flexibility from the Trudeau government. For months, the Canadian Federation of Small Businesses (CFIB), small businesses, Canada's NDP, and premiers from across the country have been calling for a year-long CEBA extension to keep businesses afloat. The Liberals have refused, while Pierre Poilievre and the Conservatives have been completely silent on the matter, say the NDP.

"New Democrats believe in supporting small businesses and local workers during tough times," said NDP MP Carol Hughes (Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing). "Once again, we're calling on the Liberals to extend the CEBA loan deadline with the forgivable portion so that small businesses in Northern Ontario can make it through the new year."

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<p>Wed. Feb. 14</p> <p>Manitowaning 9:00 - 10:00 Mun. Office</p> <p>Wiikwemkoong 11:00 - 12:00 Band Office</p> <p>Little Current 1:00 - 2:00 Arena - Lions Den</p> <p>Nairn Centre 3:00 - 4:00 Mun. Office</p>	<p>Thu. Feb. 15</p> <p>Spanish 9:00 - 10:00 Twp. Office</p> <p>Thessalon 11:00 - 12:00 Town Office</p> <p>Mississauga First Nation 1:00 - 2:00 Band Office</p> <p>Blind River 2:30 - 3:30 Recreation Centre</p>

MPP Michael Mantha is hosting constituency clinics in the communities listed above. Constituents who have questions or matters of concern are invited to meet with him individually. Book an appointment by calling or emailing the constituency office.

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World Health Organization report highlights global progress and challenges in tobacco control

Jacqueline M. St.Pierre, LJI reporter

GENEVA—The latest World Health Organization (WHO) tobacco trends report reveals that there are approximately 1.25 billion adult tobacco users globally. Released today, the report indicates a continued decline in tobacco use rates worldwide, with about 1 in 5 adults consuming tobacco compared to 1 in 3 in the year 2000.

In 2003, approximately 23 percent of Canadians smoked, but this figure declined to just under 12 percent by 2022. While smoking is more prevalent among men, rates have decreased for both genders. In 2022, about 13 percent of men and 10% of women were current, daily or occasional smokers. Smoking prevalence also varies by province; for instance, around 16% in New Brunswick and 9 percent in British Columbia. The provinces with the highest smoking rates are New Brunswick, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Encouragingly, the report shows cases that 150 countries have successfully reduced tobacco use. Brazil and the Netherlands stand out as success stories, implementing MPOWER tobacco control measures and achieving a relative reduction of 35 percent and nearing the 30 percent target, respectively.

Dr. Ruediger Krech, Director of WHO Department of Health Promotion, notes the progress in tobacco control but warns against complacency, emphasizing the tobacco industry's persistent pursuit of profits at the expense of lives.

The decrease in smoking prevalence in Canada over the past few decades is likely attributed to government tobacco control laws that restrict smoking locations, limit tobacco advertising, mandate health warnings on packages, increased cigarette prices and heightened public awareness of smoking's health impacts.

The WHO urges countries to maintain and enhance tobacco control policies while

remaining vigilant against tobacco industry interference. Presently, the WHO South-East Asian Region has the highest tobacco use percentage at 26.5 percent, closely followed by the European Region at 25.3 percent. The report projects that by 2030, the WHO European Region is expected to have the highest global rates, exceeding 23 percent. Women in this region exhibit tobacco use rates more than double the global average, with reductions lagging compared to other regions.

Despite a steady decline in numbers, the world is expected to fall short of the voluntary global goal of a 30 percent reduction in tobacco use by 2025, achieving a 25 percent relative reduction. Only 56 countries are anticipated to meet this goal, down by four since the 2021 report.

Some countries have seen little change in tobacco use since 2010, and six countries, including Congo, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Oman and the Republic of Moldova are experiencing an increase in tobacco use.

In response to ongoing challenges, WHO dedicates this year's World No Tobacco Day to "Protecting children from tobacco industry interference." The Global Tobacco Industry Interference Index 2023 reveals a deterioration in efforts to shield health policies from tobacco industry influence worldwide.

Next month, countries will convene in Panama for the 10th Session of WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) Conference of Parties. The report anticipates attempts by the tobacco industry to influence global health policies through financial and in-kind incentives. Strengthening the WHO FCTC remains a global health priority outlined in the Sustainable Development Goals, with WHO committed to supporting countries in defending evidence-based tobacco control measures against industry interference.



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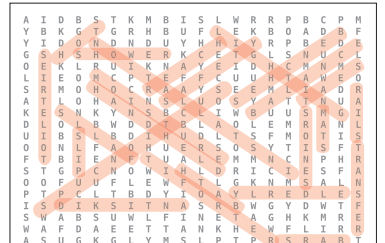
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February 2, 3 and 4

Friday, February 2
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12 noon to 2 pm: Fun and Games Pizza Party at the NEMI Public Library! Board games, pizza, snacks. Could it get any better?
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6 pm: Winterfest beer garden opens in the Rec Centre hall.
6 pm: Winterfest hockey gets underway at the arena!

Saturday, February 3
ALL WEEKEND: The Manitoulin Nordic Ski Club is hosting a Try Our Trails weekend in honour of Winterfest! Dust off your cross-country skis or snowshoes and head to any of the ski club's trails—Honora Bay, Maple Ridge (Community Living property) and McLean's Park in Assinack—for free! No membership necessary for Winterfest Weekend.
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ALL WEEKEND: The Lions will be offering tasty treats from the Rec Centre kitchen all weekend long, like burgers, sausages, chili cheese dogs, pizza, grilled cheese, soup and more!
8:30 to 11 am: Head to the Recreation Centre hall for the Lions' famous Winterfest breakfast! Pancakes, eggs, toast, bacon, sausage. Children 5 and under eat FREE with the purchase of an adult breakfast! Kitchen open until 7 pm.
9 am: Winterfest hockey gets underway!
9 am: Beer gardens open at Rec Centre hall.
4:30 pm: Join the Lions for their famous spaghetti dinner in the Rec Centre hall.
9 pm: Winterfest Dance! Dance the night away in the Rec Centre hall to the tunes of DJ Beth. \$5 entry fee! Prizes to be won! Age of majority only.

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Art Jacko pleased with progress as he retires as M'Chigeeng band manager

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—While he was sad to be leaving the community of M'Chigeeng First Nation as its Enaagdenjged (band manager) in November, Art Jacko is pleased with some of the things he, band council and the community have accomplished over the past few years.

"M'Chigeeng has been a really good place to work. There is still a lot of work to do, but we have accomplished a lot over the last few years," Mr. Jacko told The Expositor recently. "By working together, we have accomplished a lot in addressing the opioid crisis in the community. We put practical steps in place in addressing this issue."

"In my first week here, we had someone in the community overdose on opioids and shortly after seven crosses were put out in front of the band office (illustrating the seven community members who had lost their lives to addiction)," said Mr. Jacko. "A peer support/outreach mental health and addictions team was put in place October 2020, and I arrived in December to help put the strategy in place. Since the peer support/outreach team, we haven't had to add another cross in front of the band office and since the team has been in place the lives of 23 people have been saved."

"I'm hoping this initiative will continue when I leave," said Mr. Jacko.

He pointed out other projects have been put in place to address the opioid crisis. "We are taking a positive, comprehensive approach to the issue of opioids

and drugs. To address the issues around it we did a community survey in 2021 and 30 percent of the adult population responded which is the highest survey response to this type of survey Canada-wide. Within the survey two things were brought forward prominently: one of the big issues was housing—young people have nowhere to go. Addressing housing was important." He said the community now has a youth building, as well as a barrier-free homeless shelter with eight beds where people can stay for a night."

A second prominent issue is food security. He said the band has taken steps to enhance food security in the community. "We put in a breakfast/lunch program in place at Lakeview School. Immediately overnight we saw an increase in student attendance. It helps to draw students back to school, and a similar program was put in place at Manitoulin Secondary School for our students this year." The community also has a food bank that everyone in the community can access, he noted.

"If you have nowhere to go and are hungry, it is difficult to address the other issues around opioid and drug use," said Mr. Jacko. "Everything we have and are doing is addressing another component of the drug crisis and is intended to stabilize the community, so then we are able to help provide the support needed mentally and physically for those that are struggling. It puts the person who is struggling in a better space to deal with their addictions."

Mr. Jacko said the community is working on a plan to put in place transitional housing. Other projects which are still being worked on include replacing the community lagoons, a project which has been in the works for about 20 years, and a new water-line extension on Crosshill Road to provide water toward a new 96 lot subdivision being planned.

"Everything is a work in progress," stated Mr. Jacko.

"I am hoping other communities will see what we are doing in M'Chigeeng to deal with the drug issue and will put in place similar initiatives," said Mr. Jacko.

Mr. Jacko has been band man-

ager in the community for the past three years. "My last official day will be November 17. I want to spend more time with my family in Birch Island, and I am going to be doing consulting work for all our (First Nation) communities."

"My focus as a consultant will be on lands, culture and traditional language development. That is the type of work I will be doing. And I have already had people contacting me to do work like that," said Mr. Jacko. "I hope to be able to work with the local communities to find what their needs are and help guide our First Nation communities in

these areas," he said, noting the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation will be finalized soon. "I will be working with some communities on implementation and helping people get back on their land."

"It is time for me to go, M'Chigeeng has a new chief and council that I know will be continue to support all the efforts we have put in place," continued Mr. Jacko.

"I'm excited but be sad to be leaving M'Chigeeng," Mr. Jacko told The Expositor. "It is a special place."

Rainbow District School Board announces launch of innovative 'Think Trades' Trailer

SUDBURY—Have tools. Will travel. That is the purpose of a new trailer that is touring schools within the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) to introduce the trades to students in Grades 7 and 8.

"The program is currently being piloted in Valley (Sudbury) area schools now, and the intent is to expand this board-wide (including Manitoulin Island) in the new year," said Nicole Charette, senior advisor corporate communications and strategic planning with RDSB.

The trailer houses various tools including backpacks with drills, drivers, palm sanders, hammers, screwdrivers, pliers and measuring tapes which are used in class to further student learning.

Through the program, students are exposed to carpentry, manufacturing, plumbing and computer-aided design (CAD), a way to digitally create 2D drawings and 3D models of real-world products before they are manufactured.

Students also learn about the safe use of tools and opportunities through the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) and Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM).

"Skilled trades are vital to the health and growth

of our economy," said Director of Education Bruce Bourget. "The trailer promotes viable career pathways to students and aligns with the (education) ministry's focus to building capacity for in-demand careers in the trades."

The Think Trades Trailer made its very first stop at C.R. Judd Public School on November 28. During the visit, students built a multi-trades toolbox under the mentorship of teachers and students in Confederation Secondary School's Construction SHSM.

Eric Bacon, curriculum co-ordinator with RDSB, enjoyed the opportunity to bring the trades to elementary students. "Students were thrilled to learn new skills and had a really fun time in the process," he said.

C.R. Judd Public School teacher Craig Thomson was equally as enthusiastic about the trailer. "My students can't say enough about how much they enjoyed the day. Parents raved about how happy they were that their children got a chance to learn about the trades."

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DSB supports 10 recommendations for multi-sector approach to housing crisis

by Michael Erskine
 ESPANOLA—The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) has thrown its support behind the 10 recommendations of a National Housing Accord: A Multi-Sector Approach to Ending Canada's Rental Housing Crisis. The report was formulated through a partnership of the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH), Real Property Association of Canada (REALPAC) and the Smart Property Institute. Most of the accord aims at the federal government stepping into the fray.

The report notes that the housing crisis in Canada has reached a critical level, with rapidly increasing rents and a shortage of

affordable units that has resulted in vulnerable populations being "disproportionately impacted."

DSB staff informed the board that the report outlines a plan to restore affordability, protect Canada's most vulnerable and build at least two million new affordable and market rental units by 2030.

To meet that goal, the National Housing Accord has outlined 10 recommendations "to address housing affordability, meet the needs of the increasing population, create jobs and play a critical role in ending homelessness."

Those 10 recommendations are led off with a proposed creation of a coordinated plan with all three



orders of government and create an industrial strategy led by a roundtable of public and private builders, the non-profit housing sector, Indigenous housing experts, investors and labour. The federal plan should include targets and accountability measures. The plan should include enhanced data collection, more robust and frequent population forecasts and better research to understand Canada's housing system. The plan should also include a blueprint to fund deeply affordable housing, co-operative housing and supportive housing, along with seniors housing and student residences and double the relative share of non-market community housing.

Next up is a recommen-

dation that the federal government should help create a national workforce and immigration strategy on housing, including construction trades and other employment classes related to housing production.

Thirdly, the accord recommends that the federal government should help reform CMHC fees and the federal tax system, including changes to capital cost provisions and eliminating the GST/HST on purpose-built rental housing to incentivize the construction of purpose-built rental housing.

Fourth, to provide low-cost, long-term fixed-rate financing for constructing purpose-built rental housing, as well as financing to upgrade existing purpose-built rentals to make them more accessible, climate-friendly and energy efficient.

Fifth, to ensure innovations achieve scale, the federal government should help develop a robust innovation strategy for housing, including procurement policy and innovation centres for housing construction.

Sixth, that the federal government should help reform the National Building Code to drive innovation in the homebuilding sector.

The seventh recommendation calls for the streamlining of the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation approvals process, which can include a code of conduct for builders and a catalogue of pre-approved designs to allow for the fast-tracking of purpose-built rental housing.

Eighth, to create property acquisition programs for non-profit housing providers to help purchase existing rental housing projects, hotels and facilitate office-to-residential conversions. These programs could include capital grants, provision of pre-approved debt financing, funds that provide secondary debt and equity financing or other innovative levers that help with the initial costs without saddling the providers with operating and significant debt servicing costs.

Ninth is a call to create a Homelessness Prevention and Housing Benefit, which would provide immediate rental relief to up to 385,000 households at imminent risk of homelessness, help over 50,000 people leave homelessness and reduce pressure on Canada's overwhelmed homeless systems.

And finally, to reform the Canada Housing Benefit to better target individuals and families with the great-

est housing needs by replacing it with a portable housing benefit.

Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin questioned whether the housing benefit currently provided by the municipalities will "fill the gap." He noted that housing for one to two people is in the \$1,700 range. "There are many who are facing the question of 'do I pay the utility bill or eat?'," he said.

Staff encouraged municipalities who have the opportunity to attend the Association of Municipalities and Rural Municipalities of Ontario conferences and meet with provincial and federal officials to advocate for the implementation of the recommendations contained in the accord.

DSB staff had earlier noted that currently there are 200 families in the region receiving the DSB direct subsidy for housing top up.

Killarney rep Jim Rook told the board about the success the community was seeing thanks to Habitat for Humanity, which has built three new units on land provided by the municipality. A new 24-unit apartment complex is also in the works. It was noted that two such units are at the planning stage in Espanola.

"There is great work happening with Habitat for Humanity," noted Mr. Rook, who asked if DSB can support the effort through the provision of data regarding the need in its communities.

Elementary teachers federation, occasional teacher members ratify central agreement ending 2026

TORONTO—Teacher and occasional teacher members of the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) voted 90 percent in favour of accepting the 2022-2026 teacher/occasional teacher central agreement with the Ontario Public Boards Association (OPSBA) and the Ontario government. The term of the four-year central agreement is from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2026. OPSBA ratification is required for the agreement to take effect, and their vote is scheduled for this week.

"While this round of bargaining was exceptionally lengthy and difficult, ETFO members stood firm in the face of cuts, pressed for improvements to working and learning conditions, and won," said ETFO president Karen Brown. "This agreement is proof that the legal bargaining process works when it's allowed to unfold as intended. I want to thank members for their strength, resistance and persistence."

The pressure of conciliation and a strong members strike mandate assisted in applying pressure this fall, allowing ETFO's bargaining team to achieve a central agreement that addresses many bargaining priorities.

Highlights of the agreement include: funding for 401 full-time equivalent new specialist teaching positions for the 2024-2025 school year; and an increase in funding in 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 to maintain these 401 positions; preservation of the Support for Students Fund (SSF) that funds 432.7 elementary teaching positions who work directly with students in areas like special education, Indigenous student supports, English language learner supports, mental health/well-being, behaviour, self-regulation, and social-emotional needs; several new and innovative measures to address violence in schools; preservation of sick leave and short-term leave entitlements; preservation of professional judgement language; referral of compensation increases (salary and daily occasional teacher rate) to arbitration; a Bill 124 remedy for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, with a referral to arbitration for a review for 2021-2022; a meaningful increase in funding to maintain existing benefit levels for members.

ETFO locals representing members who are teachers and occasional teachers will now work with their respective school boards to negotiate local collective agreements.

ETO represents approximately 80,000 teachers and occasional teachers, and 3,500 designated early childhood educators, education support personnel, and professional support personnel.



ASSIGINACK CEMETERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Township of Assiginack is currently seeking Expressions of Interest from community members from Assiginack, Central Manitoulin and Tehkummah who are willing to volunteer to serve on the Assiginack Cemeteries Advisory Committee.

The committee's mandate is to provide advice and recommendations to Council regarding the development of the municipal cemeteries within the Township of Assiginack.

For further details on the committee's roles and responsibilities, please visit our website at:

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The ladies' group of St. Bernard's Parish welcomes all to come and join us with a pasta dinner on Friday, February 9 from 5 to 6:30 pm. The cost is \$20, which includes pasta with meat, Caesar salad, garlic bread, dessert and coffee or tea. All you can eat. Take-outs with good portions also available. To reserve your tickets contact Gisele Ferro, 705-368-3066 or Diana Legree, 289-400-7973. St. Bernard's Parish, 19 Hayward Street, Little Current. **36-37p**

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thank you



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thank you

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ELWOOD BRUCE LEWIS

February 11, 1931 - January 18, 2024



In loving memory of Elwood Bruce Lewis, loving husband to his sweetie of nearly 70 years Bernice Lewis (nee Fogal); proud father to his three daughters, Brenda (Gary) Smith, Marilyn (Dan) Proulx and Leanne (Jus). Cherished grandfather of Darren (Pauline), Dayna (Billy), Deanna, Janelle (Andrew), Lucas (Julia), Devin (Kennedy) and Justin. Great-grandfather of Hunter, Madison, Noah, Mason and Ella. Born to Austin and Alice Lewis in Providence Bay, the big brother of Grant (Evelyn) Lewis and Laurine (Charlie) Smith. Brother-in-law to Arden (predeceased) (Betty) Fogal and Andy Fogal (predeceased). Special uncle and great-uncle to many nieces and nephews. Cherished friend of Bill Patterson, who was like a son to him. Elwood left us peacefully, surrounded by his family, a few weeks short of his 93rd birthday. Elwood grew up on the family farm in Grimesthorpe and while he spent some time working in a paper mill in Toronto and at Inco in Sudbury, he felt the call back to Manitoulin. He and Bernice married in 1954 and Elwood resumed farming in 1959. They raised their three girls on the farm and enjoyed many happy years together socializing with their many friends (from Manitoulin and Tara), enjoying time in Dean's Bay or "The Ranch" in Long Bay, curling, singing songs or running the farm. He received a second chance after Bernice rescued him from an accident they both endured at June Lake. Elwood enjoyed hunting, singing silly songs, telling stories and eating porridge with maple syrup for breakfast. He always loved to sit down and reminisce with an old friend, or sit down and get to know a new friend. He was incredibly proud of his family and especially his wife who he always said "was the best wife in the world". He lived life to the fullest and left nothing on the table. "There was a young man, who loved to sing songs of his life. As a child, he would sing of playing and fun, and how the 'Dogs, They Had a Party.' As a young man, he met a 'Fair Young Maiden', and with her made a home. In their new young kitchen they'd sing, 'Carnation Milk is Simply Grand'. Three little girls came along, and they'd sing with him about 'Pat McGinny's Goat' and the 'Burglar Bold'. Time went on and grandchildren came, and he'd sing them the silly tale of 'I'm My Own Grandpa'. The golden years were happy too, and he sang about feeling 'Closer to 90 than 19 Years Old'. Until the day came when he peacefully sang his last song to his girls, 'Too Old to Cut the Mustard'. The young man is still singing, louder and jollier than ever, surrounded by his close friends and family he has missed." "Keep Your Stick on the Ice". Family and close friends of Elwood gathered for a private visitation on Monday, January 22, 2024 from 1 to 3 pm. Interment will take place in the Grimesthorpe Cemetery in the Spring. Memorial donations may be made to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary.



RONALD LEESON



We are extremely saddened and with broken hearts announce the passing of our dad, grandfather and husband, Ronald Leeson who passed away peacefully at his home in Webbwood on January 21, 2024 at the age of 76. Ron will be greatly missed by his loving wife Lynda (aka Joan); his children Tammy (Jeff), Connie, Dale (Andrea) and loving Grumpa to Kate, Quinn, Amelia, Janessa, Rylee and Prince. Ron had a tough exterior but a heart bigger than anyone. He was a real-life "Mac-Gyver" who could fix anything, especially if it made noise. He was also a talented woodworker. His amazing wooden trucks, trains, plaques and artwork can be found in friends' and families' homes. Even the Massey Museum has one of his trains on display. His presence will be greatly missed by all. A Celebration of Life to be held at Webbwood Eagles Club February 24, 2024 from 1 to 4 pm. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd, Espanola.

TIMOTHY E. MOORE



Timothy E. Moore, age 60, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 15, 2023 with his family by his side. Tim is survived by his wife of 17 years Lisa (Durdle) Moore, his daughter Britany (Luke) Jamieson and his two granddaughters Hayden and Jade, his mother Eunice Moore (Beaudin) and father Stanley Moore (predeceased), sister Lori (Dave) Draper, special friends and sister-and brother-in-law Paula (Todd) Clarke as well as many other brother-and sisters-in-law. Tim will be dearly missed by his nieces Beth Draper, Cheryl Draper (Russ), Chelsea Clark (Matt) and his nephew David Draper and many other nieces and nephews as well as great nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles. Tim was born in Toronto on August 4, 1963. He returned to his mother's family home on Manitoulin Island about 32 years ago. Tim was a Lions member for 10 years. Tim spent some time driving bus for AJ Bus Lines in Little Current and worked for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands for approximately 25 years. Tim met his wife in 2001 and they were married in 2006. Tim's family was the most important thing to him and he wanted nothing but the best for each and every one of them. The family wish to thank family, friends and community members for all their kindness and support; the Northeastern Cancer Centre in Sudbury and the doctors and nurses at the Manitoulin Health Centre, Little Current as well as the support staff from H.C.C.S.S., especially nurse Mary Anne and the palliative care nurse Ruth. Thanks to family and friends who visited and helped to keep things light and entertaining. A big thanks to NEMI staff as well.

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

A Celebration of Life will be at a later date.

FATHER GEORGE JOHN GARDNER

Wassai Giizhagaad

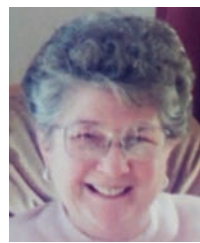


In loving memory of Father George John Gardner (Wassai Giizhagaad), 87 years, who passed peacefully on January 15, 2024. Beloved son of the late Ernestine Grossinger and George Gardner Senior. Father Gardner was predeceased by brothers Henry (Julie Ferro) and George; sisters Lily (Lucien Brunet), Gertrude (Ernie Kells) and Susan (Cliff Harfield). Father Gardner was predeceased by his beloved wife, Mary (Lukie) and his step-children Anthony (Tony) wife Anita Huska, Melvina 'Molly' Guyan (Mickey) and Helen Smith (Bill). He leaves behind 13 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. From the Gardner family he also leaves behind many nieces and nephews. Father Gardner had a long and storied career at Canada Cement (later Lafarge Canada, Lafarge Holcim and currently Holcim Group) and built the terminal in Whitefish River First Nation. Both were associations he kept right up until his passing. With strong ties to Whitefish River First Nation, Father Gardner was named an honorary chief by then Chief Leona Nahwegabow and given his spirit name, Wassai Giizhagaad, by community members Archie and Violet McGregor baa. His latest involvement on behalf of Holcim Group was negotiating a new lease for the Lafarge Canada Whitefish Terminal. A devout Catholic, Father Gardner took on holy orders following the passing of his wife Mary and continued to serve as the parish priest at St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church right up until his passing. Bishop Robert Harris ordained Father Gardner as a deacon on October 29, 2006 at St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church in Little Current and was ordained to the priesthood on June 22, 2007 by Bishop Most Reverend Jean-Louis Plouffe D.D., also at St. Bernard Church. Father Gardner took up appointments on June 23, 2007 at St. Bernard's and at St. Gabriel Lalement Church in Birch Island. A private service was held on Friday, January 26, 2024, at 3 pm at Jackson and Barnard Funeral Home in Sudbury. The service was livestreamed online and can be viewed online at the following link, <https://view.oneroom-streaming.com/index.php?data=MTcwNTk3NzA3OTI5MjAxMSZvbWVyb29tLWFkbnWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>. Donations in memoriam can be made to the Papineau Fund c/o Our Lady of Canada, Box 294 Mindemoya, ON, P0P 1S0 or the Ontario SPCA Sudbury and District at 21 Lasalle Blvd, Sudbury, ON P3A 6B1. St. Bernard's Parish will be holding a service in Father Gardner's memory in mid-March.

MARY "ELIZABETH" BOYD

(nee Martin)

February 13, 1927 - January 14, 2024



In loving memory of Mary "Elizabeth" Boyd (nee Martin) who passed away peacefully at the Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay on Sunday, January 14, 2024 at the age of 96. Beloved wife of the late Justice Clifford Earle Boyd. Loving mother of Stephen (Linda) Boyd, Terri (Bob) Elgie, Douglas (Diane) Boyd. Cherished grandmother of Bill Elgie (Brenda Brizuela) of Evansville, Melissa Elgie of Little Current, Matt (Kyleen) Elgie of Gore Bay, Stefanie (Brett) Porterfield of Red Deer, Alberta, Geoffrey Boyd of Red Deer, Alberta and Andrew Boyd of Edmonton, Alberta. Proud great-grandmother of Noah, Lucas and Ori. Sister of Margaret (first husband Bill Smithers) (second husband Val Griffiths) and David (Janet) Martin (all predeceased). Elizabeth will be laid to rest in Kagawong Cedars Cemetery in the spring. Donations may be made in Elizabeth's honour to the Manitoulin Pet Rescue, 2236 Hwy. 551, Mindemoya, ON P0P1S0. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at SimpsonFuneral-Home.ca.



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

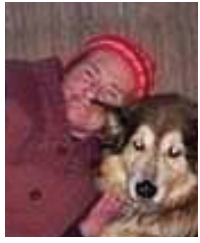
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BONNIE FRASER



In loving memory of Bonnie Fraser, 67 years, who passed away at the Mindemoya Hospital on Thursday, January 18, 2024. Beloved daughter of Archibald Campbell Fraser and Gertrude Fraser (nee Kennedy) (both predeceased). Bonnie grew up in North Bay and worked in the hospitality sector where

her friendliness and openness shone through. Bonnie was a passionate animal activist on Manitoulin Island for the last 15 years of her life. She worked closely with Manitoulin Pet Rescue and Saints Animal Rescue in Sudbury as a foster parent, spending endless hours nursing and caring for the cats and dogs that came into her home. She volunteered her time at the many local fundraising events to help raise funds and awareness for the animals in need. Bonnie was both fearless and determined in her crusade to help the suffering of all animals on Manitoulin Island. She leaves behind her husband Steve, son Chris and many friends whom she cared for deeply. In honour of Bonnie and her love for all living creatures...please be kind to each other. Our time here is short and precious.

MARIA (MIEKE) GERDINA DELANGE (née Snoek)

December 6, 1931- December 31, 2023



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Maria (Mieke) Delange, aged 92, on December 31, 2023. Mieke was born in Rotterdam in the Netherlands. She was the fifth child in the family of Aart and Elizabeth (née Prins) Snoek. Mieke and her husband, Anton (1928 - 1986), emigrated to

Canada in 1955 on the S.S. Grote Beer, an emigrant passenger ship. She was a loving Mom to Monica O'Donnell (Peter), Ted Delange (Mel), Carla Delange and Paul Delange (Lucia). She was the second mother to Nga Pam Bui and Hoa Kim Bui. She was known as Oma to her grandchildren Dorian (Scott), James, Tamara, Jen, Jeff (Hanna), Christian (Sinthu), Danny, Lia and Mieke; and also to her great-grandchildren Lyra, Fynn, Cal and Elliot. Mieke is survived by her sister Gerdien; her siblings Jan, Ellen, Aat, Hans, Heins and Beppie have passed and were sorely missed. She grew up in a family with close ties that remained to the end and passes on that legacy to those left behind. Between letters and phone calls, she stayed in contact with her remaining family and friends in Holland, New Zealand, Germany, British Columbia, PEI and places that she'd lived in Canada. Mieke found her best friend in Anton and they had over 40 years together before he died in 1986. Once they left Holland, Anton and Mieke moved from Oshawa, to Bowmanville, to Madoc, and finally to Mindemoya, Manitoulin Island. This was Mieke's favourite place on Earth, although her home in Stouffville was where she was determined to stay until the end. Ever perseverant and determined, she got her wish and passed peacefully there in her sleep. Besides spending time with her family and close friends, she was always active in her church wherever she lived. She was part of the Anglican Church ACW for over 45 years. She loved baking and her almond squares were made for many church occasions. She loved her flower gardens and took great pride in them. She was an excellent seamstress, following in the footsteps of her own mother. On Manitoulin, she began quilting and enjoyed the creativity and companionship of that craft. She enjoyed reading books like the Mitford series. She also loved taking photos of her gardens, her busy bird feeders, her apple trees in blossom, the sunsets and the deer that visited her yard on Manitoulin. Mieke loved the peacefulness of her home in the country on Manitoulin Island yet was always ready for a visit from her family. She leaves behind a legacy of love to all who knew her. Her memorial service will be at Christ Church Anglican in Stouffville on February 3, 2024, at 1 pm with a reception to follow. The burial will be on Manitoulin Island sometime in May for family. Donations may be made to St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church in Mindemoya, Manitoulin Island, which was a mainstay of her life for over 40 years.

"Neither death nor life will be able to separate us from the love of God." Romans 8:39

BARBARA JEAN HARDMAN

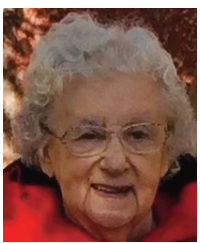


Barbara Jean Hardman of Pike Bay and Gordon Township, in her 78th year, passed peacefully with family by her side at Owen Sound Hospital on Saturday, January 20, 2024. Beloved wife of the late Wilfred Hardman. Cherished mother of Jamie (Monique Seguin) of Alton, Bill of Bonfield and Cathy (Osiris Rosa Felix)

of Thailand. Much loved grandmother of Michael, Cameron, Bryson, Marshall and Maya. Dear sister of Irene (Tom) Cormican of Pike Bay and sister-in-law of Barry (Linda) Hardman and Linda (Neil) Walker. Predeceased by parents Lova (nee Cameron) and Stewart Bartman. Jean and Wilf were the proud owners of Hardman Photo and TV in Gore Bay for more than 25 years. She was well known for her skill and care in developing photos for many residents and tourists to the Island. In later years, she split her time between Manitoulin Island and the Bruce Peninsula. Jean was active in her communities through United Church groups, volunteer hospice work, playing cards and socializing with friends. She was an avid seamstress and her children and grandkids appreciated receiving many of her creations throughout the years. Jean will be remembered for her selflessness, generosity, faith, kindness and deep love for her family. The funeral service was conducted at the Bethel Missionary Church, 18 Ferndale Road, Lion's Head on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 2 pm with visitation one hour prior to the service. Guests were welcomed to stay after the service for refreshments, music and joyful sharing of memories in Jean's honour. Arrangements entrusted to the George Funeral Home, Lion's Head Chapel, Lion's Head. Interment at Gordon Cemetery, Gore Bay. Expressions of remembrance to the Pike Bay United Church or the Lyons Memorial United Church would be appreciated. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family through GeorgeFuneralHome.com.

DOREEN VIOLET WOOD

October 16, 1924 - January 18, 2024



Doreen Violet Wood, 99 years! Other than her last few weeks spent in Mindemoya Hospital, Doreen lived in her own home in Mindemoya for 34 years after her husband, Elmer Wood passed away. She was born Doreen Violet Ashley to Jim and Hazel Ashley, along with five siblings, Rita, Harold, Mervin and Marion (all predeceased). She is survived by one brother, Ron Ashley. Also survived by one sister-in-law Marie and husband Cliff Tann, and many nieces and nephews on both the Wood and Ashley sides of her family. Doreen's childhood was spent in Honora. As an adult, she worked on the Island and for a short time in Toronto. She was a WWII veteran. She and Elmer married and built their home on the farm outside of Mindemoya where they spent many happy years. She was a homemaker and also an avid Providence Bay Fall Fair contributor in her day. Doreen and Elmer had two children, Judy (died in infancy), son Gary and daughter-in-law Alice; two grandchildren Tim (Leslie) and Sandi (Seth); and six great-grandchildren, Spencer, Jackson, Gabe, Jupiter, Oscar and Lucy. At her request there is no funeral. A private graveside committal will be held in the spring. Doreen's wish was that friends might simply pause for a few moments and remember good times that were enjoyed together with her. Please direct any donations in honour of Doreen to Mindemoya Hospital. Her healthcare team, the LIN network and staff of Mindemoya Hospital were exceptional.

STEPHEN ALBERT MCCAULEY

August 21, 1975 - December 26, 2023



In loving memory of Stephen McCauley, who passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Tuesday, December 26, 2023 at the age of 48 years. He will be sadly missed by his parents Dale and Carol McCauley of Tehkummah. Cherished brother of Douglas McCauley, Ian McCauley (predeceased), Katherine Jones-Mckinnon and Crystal Corbiere-soul sister (Les). Will always be remembered by aunts and uncles and by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Will be forever missed by his best friend Dave. A Celebration of Life will be held August 17, 2024 at the Tehkummah Hall. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the cancer society would be greatly appreciated.

WAYNE WALTER ASHTON



His family announces with deep sorrow the death of Wayne Walter Ashton at Health Sciences North with his wife Wendy at his bedside. Born in Port Sydney in 1946, Wayne was the youngest child of Walter and Irma Ruth Ashton and grew up with his brother Jerry and his sister Donna in the resort

hotel their parents owned. His first job was as a recovery diver. In the 1960s he was a part of the early rock 'n' roll scene as drummer for Gubby Gringo and his Gutless Gauchos and later The Take Five, the house band at Hidden Valley Resort. On weekends they would drive down to Toronto to play at the clubs in Yorkville. None of us can remember which famous drummer ended up playing on Wayne's kit at Hidden Valley; what we remember was that Wayne was thrilled to bits about it. He married the love of his life, Wendy Ashton (née Edmunds), in 1969, at All Saints Anglican Church in Burk's Falls. The couple moved to Espanola where Wayne started out as the produce manager at A&P, eventually working his way up to manager. He also joined the Espanola Fire Department where he formed relationships that he would treasure for the rest of his life. He would be with the fire department for 50 years, eventually becoming Assistant Chief. He saved a lot of lives, kept a lot of spirits up and fed a lot of firefighters a lot of garlic. Wayne loved helping people. When he and the A&P parted ways, he went looking for a need in the community and learned that the nearest process server lived in Sudbury, so he became a process server. He also worked as a private investigator, a bylaw enforcement officer for the Township of Baldwin, a member of the Ontario Geographic Naming Board and a guard for the OPP—anything he could do to serve the community he loved. He also enjoyed the great outdoors—hunting, boating, fishing, snowmobiling and camping. For years, the family spent part of every summer at Pine Haven on Manitoulin Island and he also enjoyed hunting expeditions with his friends. In later years, he and Wendy made sure to get out every year for at least a few days of camping, and when the kids were home we all loved to spend clear summer nights around the fire pit in the backyard, regaling each other with stories. He took great joy in having his family around him and was a loving father and indulgent grandfather. In his retirement, he also discovered a passion for cooking. He insisted on buying tomatoes with the vines attached and liked cheeses so aromatic that they turned the air a delicate plum colour. His fondness for garlic was legendary. Moreover, he adored kitchen gadgets. The phrase "As Seen on TV!" was like catnip to him, and as our friendly neighbourhood Captain Gadget, he ensured that his family had the sharpest of knives, the most feature-laden of grills, the airiest of fryers and the instantest of pots. He turned 75 during the COVID lockdown. Instead of a party, the community gave him a parade of firefighters, police officers, municipal workers and officials and friends. He was touched and extremely honoured and talked about it as one of his most precious memories. He leaves behind his wife Wendy; his daughter Cassandra (Will); his son Mike (Nicole) and two beautiful grandchildren, Alyssa and Ben. The Celebration of his Life occurred on January 25, 2024 at 11 am at the Royal Canadian Legion in Espanola, where there were opportunities to share your favourite Wayne stories, either spoken or written. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Espanola Hospital Foundation would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd, Espanola.

DENNIS BRIAN LEWIS

February 5, 1945 - January 10, 2024

Dennis Brian Lewis, born February 5, 1945, passed away in Bow Island, Alberta on January 10, 2024. Predeceased by his parents Percy and Isabella Lewis, his wife Ruth in 2021 and his siblings Jean-Ann, Joan and John. Survived by his children Christina and Maryann of Twin Falls, Idaho and Dennis Jr. of Arizona as well as six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Dennis is also survived by his siblings Marjorie, Jim and Mary-ellen. Cremation has taken place and burial will be at a later date.

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AOK's Four Directions Centre hosts the National Addiction and Awareness Week conference

Mental Health and Addictions programs serving FNs on Manitoulin gathered

by Jacqueline M. St.Pierre,
LJI Reporter

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—National Addictions Awareness Week 2023's theme was 'Inspiration, Innovation and Inclusion.'

Aundeck Omni Kaning Chief Patsy Corbiere opened the conference by welcoming presenters and conference goers alike on Thursday, November 23. The keynote was delivered by Bobby Hudon, an Indigiqueer activist born and raised in Manitoba whose lived experience in the 2SLGT-BQIA+ community, along with experience in social work, informs their work around creating and nurturing safe spaces and harm reduction and destigmatizing addictions.

Activities included Zumba led by Kellie Robinson, crafts with Shawna Jacko, archery with Given Cortes, and a game with staff from Réseau Access Education.

On Friday, November 24, a panel of local speakers discussed their unique experiences in recovery and what worked for them, emphasizing that there is no 'one size fits' all approach to overcoming addictions.

Tim Ominika, a mental health and addictions system specialist, and Katie Pine, an opiate strategic planning specialist who works for Anishnawbek Health at the Union of Ontario Indians, did a presentation on best practices. The team was hired in October of 2022 to tackle mental health, addictions and the opioid crisis among First Nations people. In May 2022, the leadership endorsed the Anishnawbek Nation Long-Term Healing Strategy, charting a course for the Anishnawbek Nation to develop and execute a comprehensive health plan rooted in Anishnawbek values. This strategy hinges on community engagement and guidance while striving to secure funding from the provincial government. Its objectives encompass raising awareness



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about overdoses and advocating for protective legislation that supports those seeking aid. Additionally, it involves spearheading the formation of a Long-Term Advisory Group and delivering regular progress reports and updates

to the Anishnawbek Special Chiefs Assembly regarding ongoing initiatives.

Before closing the event, Sylvie Recollet delivered a presentation on the 8 Point Star Teaching about self-care and self-responsibility. "I am responsible for my sacred fire—it's not my husband, it's not my children, it's not my parents," Ms. Recollet told attendees. "I am (responsible). It's my duty, my responsibility, to take care of my physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. It's up to me to look at the 8 Point Star, the 7 Grandfather Teachings; the eighth point is Aadziwin, that is, to live your life, be in the present...I must remind myself what to do to take care of self."

Rob Wabegijig, who had a hand in organizing the conference, spoke with The Expositor, giving credit to organizations like Gwekwaadziwin Miikan for their innovation. Gwekwaadziwin Miikan integrates ancestral traditions with leading therapeutic methods and outdoor experiential learning, providing a holistic range of support for individuals navigating their journey toward healing and recovery. The mental health and addictions program is also developing a new initiative to include loved ones and family members in the person with addictions healing journey.

Information booths were set up at Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre, with information on traditional community-based programming hosted on Wednesday nights; Mnaamodzawin Health Services will be hosting a winter memorial event called "A Night of Bright Stars" on Wednesday, December 13 to honour their grief and loved one that has passed.

Réseau Access Network and Manitoulin Drug Strategy provided educational materials about harm reduction materials and spoke about the danger of poisoned drug supplies.

Public health report on toxic drugs summit to be released in next few days

SUDBURY—A final report on a Sudbury Summit on Toxic Drugs, held last month, is expected to be released in the next few days, a representative of Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) told The Expositor recently.

At a Sudbury Board of Health meeting held earlier this month, a brief report was provided by Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, but her report did not provide any specific information on what

might be done to resolve the crisis.

A summary on substance use was part of the January monthly report provided by Dr. Sutcliffe to the board. The report stated in part, "Over 200 participants, including over 50 organizations, attended with opportunities to hear panel discussions and a variety of speakers," wrote Dr. Sutcliffe.

"Table discussions fostered identifying opportunities based on participant expertise and learning during

the summit activities. Numerous ideas and solutions were prioritized for action following the summit."

Dr. Sutcliffe's report continued, "participants highlighted what is necessary to address gaps by outlining any existing actions or services that should cease, be amplified, and if there are any actions or services absent from the community that should be initiated."

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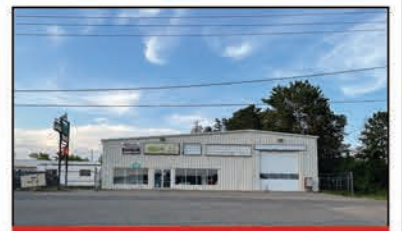
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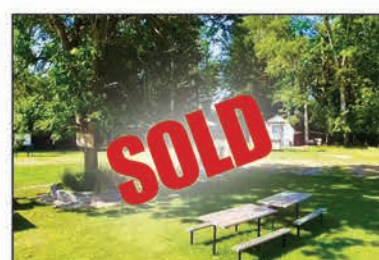
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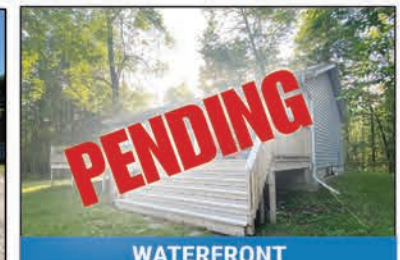
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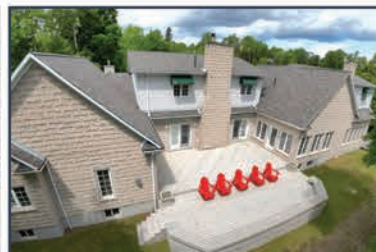
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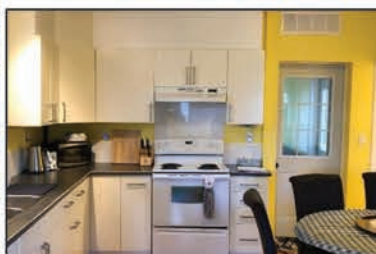
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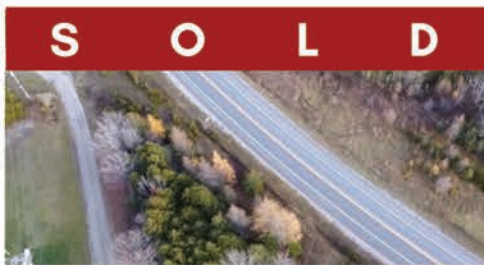
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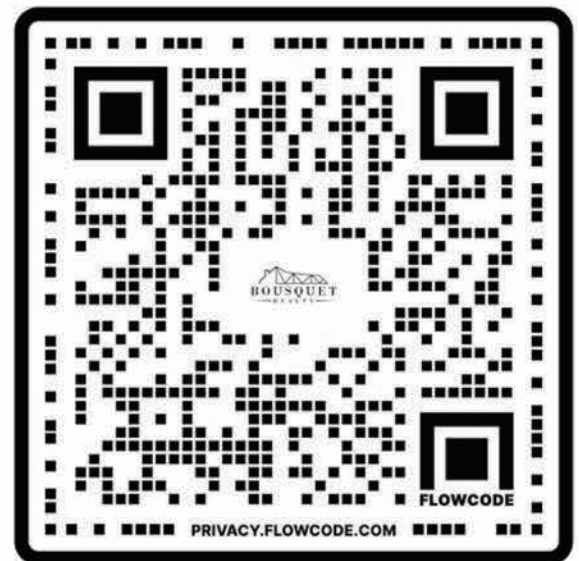
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Now and Then

A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
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Rupert Grigull



Rupert and Liz January 2024.

Rupert is a man who thinks outside the box. He knows many Manitouliners, and he has an in-depth knowledge of political processes at all layers of government. He tends to flavour his thinking with a healthy dose of humour. The writer met him at Williamson's Hardware and asked him if he might like to share his story. He agreed to meet at the local coffee shop in Mindemoya a week later. We started with a question about his ancestors.

"My German paternal grandparents were Julius and Ingeborg Grigull. They had a big farm in what was called 'East Prussia.' It was situated between Russia and Poland and was heavily influenced by Russia. My grandparents raised horses, about 80 at a time. These horses were then sold to military establishments. All German identities in East Prussia were removed after the war; even the grave-stones were buried. Now it is a bit like 'No man's land.' Many houses stand empty in the region."

Rupert's parents, Wilf, and Kitty (Ewert) Grigull emigrated from East Prussia to Canada in 1951 with just a bit of change in their pockets. "They both got jobs right away. My father got work with King Paving and eventually became their head mechanic. King Paving worked on the 401 and 400 series of highways. They also helped build the Ford plant in Oakville. My mother got work in an Oakville restaurant."

"I was born on May 4, 1955, in an Oakville hospital. My parents had picked the name Rupert from a 'Rupert Buchanan' in the phone book. This was after they had spent time 'fighting' over a name. I still phone this person once a year, to remind him that I am his namesake. He seems to be delighted with the calls."

"I remember best the excellent lemon meringue pie they sold in my mother's restaurant. My maternal grandmother, Hildegard Ewert, joined us in Oakville a year after we got there, in 1952. She was quite elderly when she later became the first patient to experience open heart surgery in Canada. She had a huge cutline that almost sliced her in half at the skin level, back to front. She recovered nicely, though, and then taught us German. I can still speak it quite fluently." Rupert's dad had bought a gas station, 'Main Street Esso' in Hamilton in 1952. He had ten employees and several trucks. "When I was old enough, I worked there after school."

School for the young lad was at Adelaide Hoodless in Hamilton, until he was moved to Hillfield Strathallen where his mother felt he would get a better education. "It was a very strict school, but I stayed for over five years. I liked school, and by the time I reached grade 13, there were fewer rules. I have always had a strong sense of 'independence' and have not been afraid to work

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Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



B.J. Memorial results!

The annual B.J. Memorial tournament took place last weekend and once again a whole lot of moving parts came together for another great event. In the Ladies Division team, "Get Er Done" shut out the hometown favorite, Earl's Girls, 3-0. The winning roster featured: **Vanessa Charbonneau, Teagan Feltz, Jasmine Bouffard, Neve Belanger, Anna King, Logan Stevenson, Sydney Little, Hannah White, Lillia Samuels, Catherine Chevalier, Alyssa Macdonald, Tawny Michelle, Meagan Smith and Tori Laflamme.**

In the Sportsmen Division, the "BI Pontiacs" doubled up the "Patriots" 6-3. The cup winning team included: **Dave Lazarus, Jarrod Shawanda, Graeme Siren, Zack Pregent, Brenden Biedermann, Talon McGregor, Kennedy Sintal, Nevada Waindubence, Justin Lanktree, Tyler Rydall, Josh Taibossigai, Jayden Southwind, Jason Bednarski and Gavin Brown.**

In the Men's 40+ Division, "AOK" won 7-4 over team 'Hall'. Congratulations to players: **Mike Abotossaway, Troy Abotossaway, Craig Abotossaway, Mark Moffat, Jim McCumber, Bryan Corbiere, Wade Debassige, Jason Abotossaway, Jamie Gray, Aaron Assinewei, Shaun Assinewei and Matt Maracle.**

The BJ Memorial Hockey Tournament Committee rep, **Deidre Debassige**, reported that there were an amazing 31 games played and added, "From the bottom of our hearts, thank you so much to all of the teams, referees, timekeepers, arena management, volunteers and fans for making the 22nd Annual B.J. Memorial Hockey Tournament another great weekend for the Island and for the sport we all love the most. It's important to highlight all family, friends and businesses that sponsored games in memory of loved ones that led to all tournament fees covered."

Special recognition must also go out to the MFN LNHL Athletes in Motion committee and other volunteers whose efforts resulted in approximately \$20,000 raised for all teams representing M'Chigeeng First Nation at the upcoming Little NHL during March Break! It really is amazing to see how much this tournament brings everyone together and we only hope it continues to do so for many years ahead. See you all next year!"

Panther Points!

The girls of the Panther U-18 team had a weekend off their home ice thanks to the Northern Ontario curling playdowns. The team will be in a double-header this coming weekend with a report to follow next

week.

In the interim, a very cool moment took place back on January 13th for one of their players and a local elder before the Maple Leafs game that night. **Zaagaasge "Zee" Toulouse**, one of the Panther players, was selected to be part of the annual Indigenous Celebrations game. She got to sit in on the Leafs pregame ceremony to honour Whitefish River elder, **Jim McGregor.**

Mr. McGregor is the last founding member of Little Native Hockey League tournament and is celebrating their 50th year this coming March. Jim spoke to the Leafs about the history of the tournament and its importance before being presented with a signed Leafs jersey by Captain **John Tavares** on behalf of the team and the organization. You can still see and hear the moment on the Jan 13 Leaf: Blueprint feature. Zee can also be seen in the Leaf: Blueprint video right beside Mr. McGregor! It is on Toronto's page on the NHL website.

Off their Rock, hockey!

The OHL's Owen Sound Attack, **Carter George**, has longtime roots here on Manitoulin and keeps on getting noticed before this spring's NHL draft! The goaltender of record for Team Canada at the 2023 Hlinka-Gretzky Cup played in the recent OHL Top Prospects Game for Team White. Although his side lost, Carter was cornered for a post-game interview. He handled himself very professionally with a humble confidence that must come from a lot of practice both on and off the ice. Many NHLers could take notes! Good luck, Carter!

A good sport...

Last week in an U18 game in Mindemoya between the home team Thunder and the visiting Wiikwemkoong Hawks there was a touching moment of sportsmanship. The Hawks started the game with an already short bench and half-way through the game, their energy was flagging. To the bystanders, a confusing moment happened when, a Thunder timeout ended with three Mindemoya players leaving the ice. The reason was revealed soon after when the trio returned wearing their 'away' jerseys to play for the Wiikwemkoong side!

It was an amazing move that players and those in attendance will remember for a long time. It was great for the home team to offer and also a classy move for the Wiki team to accept and helped create that unforgettable memory. Moments like these transcend what sports is usually thought of and can be duplicated in other instances if we are just open to empathy for the other side more often.

A good sport is good for sports!

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Now and Then: Rupert Grigull

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hard. However, in those days, it took 45 minutes to get to school by bus and classes went until 4:30 pm. I didn't get home until 6:00pm. After that I pumped gas at the Esso station. On Saturdays I washed huge, 'ten-to-twenty-ton' trucks for many years until I left school at 18. That was not a fun job."

After leaving school in 1976, Rupert spent two years in Europe for hotel training. When he got home, he found work in the reception area of the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. "I only stayed for ten days. I had to get up at 5:00 am and take buses to get there at 8:00 am. They only paid six dollars an hour."



Rupert and Liz's Village Butcher in Toronto.

His next job was assisting the store manager at Deninger's, a franchise situated in several locations in Hamilton. "Mother knew the family and wanted me to marry the daughter of the owner. I was dating two girls at the time. One was a doctor in Switzerland. I broke up with her when she insisted she would always be a doctor first and a wife second. It seems that the proposed wedding for the Deninger daughter was also ill-fated. The daughter got an infection, sepsis, and died within 24 hours." Nevertheless, Rupert continued his own journey. His first house was purchased for \$6,000 in the late 1960s. It was close to Appleby College in Oakville.

"Dad came to Manitoulin and stayed at Timberlane Rustic Lodges when he decided to move to Manitoulin and buy Island Ford in Gore Bay. He was a very honest businessman and never overcharged his customers. Unfortunately, the building caught fire and burned not long after Wilf purchased the dealership and a rebuild was necessary. Rupert got a six-month leave of absence to help his dad. While on the island, Rupert decided to stay and bought a general store on Vankoughnet St. in Little Current. "I had Rupert's Grocery for 12 years. We sold groceries, licenses, movies and conveniences."

Rupert met and married an island girl, Lynda Fitzpatrick. They had two children, James and Anna, both of whom live in Sudbury now. After 11 years, Rupert and Linda decided to get a divorce. Today, Anna, a Registered Nurse, is a well respected member of the staff at Health Sciences North. James is a senior consultant for Valet. Sub-contractors report to him and he does safety inspections in the North Mine. James says there is enough nickel in that mine to last another 50 years."

"I remember going wild turkey hunting about 30 years ago, in southern Ontario. Wild turkeys are about 10 to 30% bigger, weighing 30 to 32 pounds each. Over the last 35 years, we have harvested about 80 wild turkeys in southwestern Ontario. Once, Gordon Smith came with us. We got three great turkeys in the hunt which only lasted a half day. Gordon was so excited, when we saw his turkey, he couldn't line up the sight and he missed it. Gordon did get his turkey, though, later.

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WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE

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



WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE

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

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

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

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

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

Basic Requirements:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

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

Requirements:

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


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

Interested applicants are to forward their completed employment package, letter of interest, detailed resume and three work-related reference letters to:
Attention: Richard Flamand, Human Resources Manager
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Deadline to apply: Ongoing until filled.

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

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Manitoulin Island or Sudbury:
Rapid Response Trainer: Closes February 9, 2024

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

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

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

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

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

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

Basic Requirements:

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

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

Attention: Human Resources Manager, Richard Flamand
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Deadline to Apply for March 2024 Intake: Ongoing until filled.

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Rupert met his second wife in Toronto where he was attending butcher's school at George Brown College in the 1990s. "I had credit for two years, with my work at Loeb's," Rupert adds, "I met Liz when a friend of mine was visited by two girls from Detroit. He asked me to show them around. I found out that they were being harassed by some big bloke. I defused that issue, then showed them around." One of the girls was Elizabeth Hercun, of Ukrainian and Polish ancestry. Liz felt Rupert was a real gentleman after saving her and her friend from the bully. "We hit it off and stayed in touch." The couple were married on December 12, 2012, a day that was deemed lucky for weddings. Their wedding was part of a contest with 600 guests, and

all was included: the vows, the champagne reception, the wine, meal, flowers, and photos. Twelve couples were married by the officiant, the sister of comedian Jim Carrey. She had organized the whole event. Afterwards, the newlyweds moved into a condo in Toronto. Rupert jokingly asked her to do all the inside and he would do the outside work."

The butchery training Rupert was taking at George Brown College included one year of classes and four years of experience." With two years' credit for his previous experience, he managed to get all his training in three years. "I recall driving some of my classmates to a job fair in Toronto. As I was walking down the aisles

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WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – 1 YEAR CONTRACT

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

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

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

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

Knowledge and Skills:

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

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

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

Basic Requirements:

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

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

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

Posting Deadline: Open until the position is filled.

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

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



SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION JOB POSTING

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

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

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

DUTIES:

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

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

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

Deadline: February 16, 2024

Direct Applications to: "Band Manager"
 Human Resources
 142 Ogemah Miikan
 Sheguiandah, ON P0P 1W0

Email: humanresources@sheguiandahfn.ca

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



Rupert left, at a family fish fry at home.

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at the fair, a person standing at a booth threw me an apron and said, "Come here please, I need some help." After his helping session was done, Rupert was offered a job. "I didn't apply yet," he countered. The man in the booth said, "I can tell you have experience, just from the way you put your apron on. You get the job."

Rupert became a butcher in Richmond Hill. "We had a meat counter that was 144 feet long. Many full sides of meat, mainly beef and pork, filled the meat locker." There was one incident where the meat manager, who had made work more challenging for Rupert, got covered with spoiled water. Rupert had set up the 'booby-trap' by filling a big bin with foul water so that it would splash over anyone who tried to see what was in it. After avoiding the 'do not touch' sign and getting doused, the meat manager wanted to fire Rupert. Luckily for Rupert, it just happened that the president of Loeb's, who remembered Rupert from Sudbury, was doing an inspection that day. The president, after hearing all the evidence, decided to straighten out the meat manager instead.

After leaving Loeb's, on April Fool's Day, Rupert and Liz moved to a farm in Cayuga near the Grand River. "Now I was to be responsible for all the outside work and Liz the inside work. I agreed but with my evolving health issues, I couldn't work full-time anymore so we had to share more of the workload. We bought our first cow and then decided we needed a barn and a riding lawnmower. When the mower was delivered and Liz was handed the keys, she declared, 'I won't be needing those: 'outside work'."

"We were providing food from the farm to the tabletop'. We had a small two-acre garden and 35 head of 'Belted Galloway' cows, black with a white stripe around the middle, on 65 acres. People loved to look at the garden, it was a real showpiece. We got along well with our neighbours who had seven boys and one girl. We sold some cattle to them. Two weeks later, we got a second cheque for \$3,000 from them. They felt we had undervalued the cows. They were good people. Later, they went into the more profitable cash-cropping. We continued to

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Noojmowin Teg Health Centre A place of healing

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

Current available positions:

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

For job details please visit:

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

Submission Pre-Requisites:

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

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

Attn: Human Resources
Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Postal Bag 2002, Hwy. 540
Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0

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

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



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. Only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

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**EDUCATION MANAGER
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**
Full-time with a competitive salary, group benefits and pension!

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

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

- Responsibilities:**
- Leadership and Administration:**
- Develop and implement strategic plans and educational initiatives in consultation with the Education Committee.
 - Establish policies that align with the cultural values of the Whitefish River First Nation community.
 - Coordinate and manage all education programs and services, including early childhood education, elementary, secondary, post-secondary and adult education.
- Curriculum Development and Delivery:**
- Collaborate with the principal, teachers, curriculum specialists and community members to develop culturally relevant and inclusive curriculum materials as needed.
- Budgeting and Resource Management:**
- Develop and manage the education budget, ensuring efficient resource allocation.
 - Identify funding opportunities, write proposals and coordinate financial reporting to secure and maintain funding.
- Stakeholder Engagement:**
- Build positive relationships and maintain effective communication with parents/caregivers, students, teachers, Elders, First Nation leadership and government agencies.
 - Collaborate with external partners to enhance educational opportunities, access to resources and community involvement.
- Student and Staff Support:**
- Provide guidance and support to students, parents/caregivers and teachers on educational matters.
 - Implement strategies to enhance student engagement, attendance and retention.
- Data Management and Reporting:**
- Collect and analyze data on student achievement, attendance and other educational indicators.
- Cultural Integration and Language Revitalization:**
- Promote the integration of cultural values, Anishinabek knowledge, worldview and language throughout the education system.
- System Navigation:**
- Provide education navigation and resources to students and parents/caregivers, including application assistance for post-secondary education.
- Supervision:**
- Supervise Shawanosowe School principal, day care supervisor, librarian, education assistant and bus driver(s).
 - Conduct annual performance evaluations for supervised employees.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NURSE (FULL-TIME RN & RPN)
Signing bonus, competitive wages, benefits, pension
Manitoulin Centennial Manor


Manitoulin Centennial Manor a 60-bed long-term care facility located in Little Current, Ontario, on beautiful Manitoulin Island.

Reporting to the Director of Care (DOC), the Registered Nurse and Registered Practical Nurse will enhance the effective management and quality of nursing practice in keeping with the Standards of the College of Nurses of Ontario, Long Term Care Standards and Extencare Standards.

- Responsibilities**
- Ensure resident care is provided with established nursing standards and principles, physicians' orders and administrative policies, as well as observe, report and record vital signs, symptoms and conditions of residents and initiate remedial health measures where appropriate. Assure observance of required techniques in nursing care.
 - Assess residents and develop, implement, review and evaluate resident care plans. Monitor residents' health, note changes in condition and assess need for referral to doctors; process and implement physician orders.
 - Organize and direct functions and activities related to provision of care to residents including restorative care and palliative care as required. Interpret and implement established policies, procedures and regulations.
 - Plan, direct, supervise and evaluate the work of nursing and personal care staff assigned to the unit. Orient and train new personnel and may participate in in-service education. Monitor performance and conduct performance appraisal and refer problems to the Director of Care.

Interested candidates, please contact:

Sylvie Clark RN, Director of Care
Manitoulin Centennial Manor
Address: 70 Robinson Street, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
Phone: 705-368-2710 ext. 316| Fax: 705-368-2694
Email: SClark@extencare.com



**BAND REPRESENTATIVE
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**
Term: Full-Time Permanent (35 hours per week)
Salary Range: \$62,113 to \$75,748 per year
(Subject to education and/or experience or a combination of both)

POSITION SUMMARY: The Band Representative will act as Whitefish River First Nation's (WRFN) representative for children and families who are working with Child and Family Service agencies. The Band Representative will provide guidance, advocacy and support to WRFN member children, youth and families who are working with child welfare agencies.

- RESPONSIBILITIES:**
- Represent the interests of WRFN First Nation and its members regarding child welfare matters in court.
 - Provide knowledge, awareness and promotion of WRFN's interests to courts and external child welfare agencies; provide support and advocacy during investigations and ongoing as per protocols;
 - Liaise between the WRFN and external child welfare agencies.
 - Represent the WRFN whenever our children have been apprehended, are being adopted or are in care.
 - Assist with the protocols with external child welfare agencies;
 - Participate in case conferences, plans of care and other matters relating to keeping children with their families.
 - Conduct home visits to support families keeping children in the home or when a family is transitioning to returning a child to the home.
 - Assist families in accessing resources and collaborate with other supports for prevention activities.
 - Work towards the repatriation of children residing in care in other jurisdictions; help link children to their home community.
 - Compile all relevant case-related information and documentation.
 - Liaise with other First Nation band representatives; accompany other child welfare agencies during investigations.

***For a complete Job Description, please email: hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca**

- QUALIFICATIONS:**
- Post-secondary degree in Social Work, Social Science, Child and Youth Care or a related field.
 - Minimum of 2 years' experience working in Social Services or related field in an Indigenous community or organization.
 - Advanced computer skills: Microsoft Office, Internet Explorer and Adobe Acrobat Pro.
 - Must have a Valid Driver's Licence and access to a reliable vehicle.

- KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:**
- Able to interpret legislation and legal documents; understanding of Customary Care Agreements.
 - Understanding of the Child/Family Services Act (CFSA).
 - Knowledge of Case Management techniques and Alternative Dispute Mechanisms (i.e. sharing circles).
 - Excellent communication skills, including written and verbal to be effective in negotiation, advocacy, facilitation and collection and dissemination of information.
 - Able to speak and understand the Ojibway language or a willingness to learn.
 - Ability to exercise discretion in handling highly confidential subject matters.


- OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**
- Must provide an up-to-date and clear Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check upon hire.
 - Must have the willingness to be on-call for emergency response services regarding child welfare matters.
 - Must obtain an up-to-date First Aid and CPR Certification.

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Interested applicants must submit a current resume, cover letter, two (2) work-related references, one (1) character reference, along with applicable education diplomas/certifications to:

CONFIDENTIAL: BAND REPRESENTATIVE
c/o Human Resources
Whitefish River First Nation
17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188; Birch Island, ON P0P1A0
Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705)285-4532

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



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

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

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

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

Specifications
Preferred: University degree with minimum of five (5) years' direct management or direct work experience.
Minimum: College Diploma with minimum of four (4) years' direct management or direct work experience.
 Understands Anishinabek culture and traditions and fluency of Anishinabemowin. Is compassionate, approachable and known as an upstanding and respectful role model. Ability to deal effectively with high pressure and challenging situations; proven competencies for managing information and people; decision-making and negotiating with high level officials and government bodies as a representative for Chief & Council. Ability to implement change management, risk management and quality assurance.

Interested applicants please submit: cover letter, resume, three (3) current work-related references (with contact information) & education certification by to:
"ENAAGDENJGED"
M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION
 P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
 employment@mchigeeng.ca or Fax 705-377-4980

CLOSING DATE: OPEN UNTIL FILLED
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...Now and Then: Rupert Grigull




Another day in paradise! Rupert caught a Lake Trout in Lake Manitou.

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 run our farm with the cattle and market garden for 25 years.”
 Rupert likes to pepper his recollections with little stories. “I remember a musician named Butch Watanabi. He played with Oscar Peterson and worked for eight years with singer Anne Murray. Butch remembers Anne as being a bit bossy, but very talented. Steve Paiken of ‘The Agenda’ fame, has a place on Maple Point on the Island. His nickname is ‘Brillo Pad’ a testament to the natural crop of curls warming the top of his head.”
 “Another time, I was sitting with a friend in downtown Hamilton when a stage door at the Royal Connaught Hotel opened and I was asked to hold a man thrust at me. Someone had to stitch his gaucho pants. He was in the middle of his act and had to get back on stage. This man turned out to be the singer, Tom Jones. Another time, a

wedding was being arranged for the niece of the notorious, Teflon Don. When she walked down the aisle, the theme song chosen, was the one used for ‘The Godfather.’ Everyone laughed and the wedding went on without a hitch.”
 “I recall being at the Toronto air show. We were sitting on a hill near the lakeshore. Suddenly the B52 British plane turned too sharply and crashed sideways into the lake. Six or seven people on that plane died that day. It was a terrible tragedy for their families and for the entire audience perched on the shoreline.”
 Rupert was also a butcher for many years at the ‘Village Butcher’ at Lakeshore Dr. and Islington Avenue in Toronto, serving the eager public with great cuts of meat. “We had to totally renovate the building for three weeks to create a one-stop shopping experience which included pre-

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SHAWANOSOWE SCHOOL
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position: Special Education Resource Teacher (Full-Time)
Location: Whitefish River First Nation Shawanosowe School

Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) is committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment that embraces diversity and enriches learning opportunities for students and staff at Shawanosowe School. WRFN is seeking a highly qualified and passionate individual to join our team as a Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT). In this role, you will work with students who have different learning challenges or high needs. The SERT will be to create a supportive learning environment that helps these students overcome learning challenges and succeed academically. The start date for the position is as soon as the successful candidate is available. The salary is negotiable based on education and experience.

The Community Energy Champion will be responsible to:

- Understanding the significant role that Anishinaabe Aadziwin plays in a First Nations school. Your appreciation for these elements will help foster a sense of identity and belonging among our students.
- Enrich student learning and provide a stable, individualized education program catered to the unique needs and limitations of students with high needs or disabilities.
- Ensure all students are supervised in a safe, culturally supportive environment that meets the approved curriculum plans and vision of Shawanosowe School.
- Collaborates with other teachers to ensure accommodations are provided in the classroom.
- Administer assessments to determine eligibility for special education services.
- Monitor student progress and adjusts instruction as needed.
- Provides accommodation and modifications to curriculum and instructional materials.
- Attend meetings with parents, the Principal and other education professionals to discuss student progress and needs.
- Work with outside agencies and service providers to ensure students receive the necessary support.
- Offers coaching, guidance and mentorship to help students excel at their current studies and ultimately reach their full potential.
- Assign coursework and create learning opportunities that help students build healthy relationships with their peers and educators.
- Continue learning their education best practices, including how to teach students with different learning styles and keep them engaged.
- Identify obstacles preventing students from adequate growth and adjust learning plans accordingly.
- Achieve academic excellence by working collaboratively with school staff and to communicate effectively with parents

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

Candidates must hold an Ontario Teaching Certificate with an active licence with the Ontario College of Teachers, along with:

- Bachelor's Degree in Education.
- Certification in Primary/Junior and/or Junior Intermediate.
- Recent teaching experience as a Special Education Teacher.
- Special Education Part 1 and Part 2; and Special Education Specialist.
- Must have excellent planning and organizational skills.
- Experience working with Indigenous communities would be considered an asset.
- Knowledge of First Nation culture, traditions and language would be an asset.
- Strong computer skills in various software and programs relevant to the position.

Applications must be submitted by: February 2, 2024 at 4:30 p.m

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

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

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



COMMUNITY ENERGY CHAMPION
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Term: Full-Time Contract (to March 31, 2026)
Salary: \$25.00/hour
Hours: 35 hours/week

Whitefish River First Nation is currently seeking an energetic, innovative and motivated individual to develop, manage and coordinate energy-related initiatives and activities within the community. This position requires proactiveness, excellent customer service skills and excellent interpersonal skills. The Community Energy Champion will complete action items identified in the Whitefish River First Nation Energy Plan and Education and Capacity Building (ECB) Projects.

The Community Energy Champion will be responsible to:

- Review, update and report on the community energy plan throughout the fiscal year.
- Develop and administer project proposals, work plans and project costing/budgeting for energy-related initiatives in the community.
- Complete action items set out in the community energy plan and other energy-related initiatives.
- Monitor energy conservation activities.
- Complete and submit preliminary applications for funding of new and existing conservation programs.
- Complete all reporting requirements as stipulated in the funding agreements for all energy-related programs and initiatives.
- Act as an energy education and conservation resource for the community and membership.
- Organize and deliver training sessions to community members regarding energy usage and conservation.
- Conduct presentations for membership and multiple stakeholders to ensure transparency in project development and objectives.
- Establish a Community Energy Committee and hold quarterly meetings
- Other duties as requested.

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Grade 12 Diploma or equivalent required.
- Post-secondary diploma or degree in Science, Engineering, Energy or Environmental Studies would be an asset.
- Proficient with Microsoft Office programs, such as Word, Excel and PowerPoint.
- Current First Aid and CPR Level C (or willingness to obtain).
- Valid Ontario Class G Driver's Licence and access to a reliable.
- Previous data collection and analysis experience would be an asset.
- Previous grant and proposal writing experience would be an asset.
- Previous financial and budget management experience preferred.

OTHER

- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Excellent problem-solving and critical-thinking skills.
- Exceptional organization and time-management skills.
- Ability to adapt to changing work demands and manage competing priorities.
- High level of attention to detail and a high degree of accuracy.
- Highly self-motivated with an ability to work independently.
- Strong work ethic.
- Willingness to work flexible hours, including evenings and weekends as needed.

Applications must be submitted by: February 2, 2024 at 4:30 p.m

Interested applicants must submit a current cover letter, resume, two (2) work-related references and one (1) character reference (with contact information) to:

CONFIDENTIAL: COMMUNITY ENERGY CHAMPION
 c/o Human Resources
 Whitefish River First Nation
 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188; Birch Island, ON P0P1A0
 Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705)285-4532

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MANITOULIN ICE SHOWDOWN

FEBRUARY 17, 2024

ENTRY \$125 PER PERSON

TOP 10 PRIZES FOR EACH LAKE

MANITOWANING BAY

1st prize 2nd prize 3rd prize

\$5,000 \$3,000 \$2,000
\$2,500

TAGGED FISH CONTEST



Buzwah Fisheries

LAKE MANITOU

1st prize 2nd prize 3rd prize

\$5,000 \$3,000 \$2,000
\$2,500

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2X \$1,000 EARLY BIRD DRAW

[REGISTER BEFORE JANUARY 19, 2024]

Plus

\$10,000 REGISTRATION PRIZE

...Now and Then: Rupert Grigull

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pared foods, a lunch counter, barbequed foods, dinners and many groceries. Everything they would need to prepare a good meal. Our catchphrase was 'if we can, we will; if we can't, we'll try.' The streetcar tracks were being rebuilt and the workers would stop in daily for lunch. We worked from five in the morning to five in the afternoon."

"Fed Ex would ship in fresh halibut and king salmon from fishermen on both coasts. We found the Atlantic Salmon was the best of all. Toronto Star reporter, Robert Ferguson took a photo of our shop, and he did a write-up as well, including it as part of the new wave of small independent businesses in Toronto. Liz and I are both 'world

foodies'. We love good food and international cuisines. We would order rare and costly Beluga caviar for our special customers. The world was full of interesting and tasteful dishes, and we were sought after to obtain some of these delicacies."

By the end of the 15 years, Rupert was beginning to experience some serious health issues. "I was back on Manitoulin, living on the Billings Stretch near Kagawong, before my health concerns became fixable. I am still recovering from heart surgery done in January of last year. I tried to climb up a deer stand last November. I collapsed and wound up in the hospital with a perforated aorta. I stayed with my son James in Sudbury until they could get

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The Recorder-Rupert at the Grand Opening of his father's Island Ford in Gore Bay on January 25, 1978.



Rupert showing two Rockville ladies a new snowmobile on the opening day of Island Ford.

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FAMILY WELL-BEING COORDINATOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Term: Full-Time (35 hours per week)
Salary Range: \$52,305 - \$63,787 / year + Group Benefits and Pension
(Subject to education and experience or a combination of both)

The Family Well-Being Coordinator is a position within the Family Well-Being team and works with key community resources and knowledge keepers to plan activities based on annual traditional activities. They will also aim to increase family participation in:

- traditional activities.
- knowledge about traditional parenting practices.
- connect families to the land; increase cultural knowledge about hunting.
- increase awareness of ceremonies.
- increase awareness of community history and legends.
- generate interest in a traditional activity.

The Family Well-Being Coordinator must be knowledgeable, committed, patient and caring and must have a positive outlook on life. They will also need to be highly motivated and have excellent communication skills to deliver activity programs and messages to all ages.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provides a culturally appropriate, safe and holistic approach to child and family service delivery, especially as it pertains to all levels of child welfare.
- Researches, develops, implements and evaluates culturally/appropriate early intervention and prevention programs specific to child welfare.
- Develop strategies and tools to support quality programming for families and children including parent/caregiver support groups, youth support groups, Triple P Parenting, Anger Management, Life Skills, etc.

***For a complete Job Description, please email: hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca**

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Post Secondary education in social work, health, land-based disciplines or related fields or a suitable combination of training and experience.
- Minimum of 3 years' experience within a health or social services setting/programs and initiatives related to community social well-being and wellness.
- Ability to undertake a professional development plan that includes building skills and competencies in trauma-informed care and approaches, Indian Residential Schools and Indigenous social determinants of health.
- Experience in group and process facilitation, community development and presentation with above-average verbal and written communication.
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office applications.

OTHER SKILLS:

- Must have a rich history, stories, legends, sacred spaces, ceremonies and cultural norms of the community of Whitefish River First Nation.
- Knowledgeable and competent in the delivery of culturally based, land-based activities encompassing significant physical activity components.
- Must know the Anishnaabemowin language skills and knowledge is an asset.
- Experience leading groups including facilitating and knowledge transfer.
- Experience with program development and coordination.
- Knowledgeable of basic budgeting and financial management.

UPON HIRE:

- Must provide an up-to-date and clear Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check.
- Must have access to a vehicle and a valid driver's licence.

Applications must be submitted by: February 2, 2024 at 4:30 p.m

Interested applicants must submit a current resume, cover letter, two (2) work-related references and one (1) character reference (with contact information) and applicable education diplomas/certifications to:

CONFIDENTIAL: FAMILY WELL-BEING COORDINATOR
c/o Human Resources
Whitefish River First Nation
17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188; Birch Island, ON P0P1A0
Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705)285-4532

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SEASONAL STUDENT POSITIONS

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

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

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


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

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

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

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

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



HOUSING NAVIGATOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Term: Full-Time - Term (One-Year Contract)
Salary: \$55,000 - \$65,000 / year (+ group benefits and pension)
Hours: 35 hours/week

Whitefish River First Nation is seeking a Housing Navigator to provide immediate, tailored assistance to address housing crises. The role works with individuals to connect them to community/local resources for ongoing housing stability and self-sufficiency.

The Housing Navigator will work under the direct supervision of the Housing Manager to provide social housing support services to Whitefish River First Nation members. This position is responsible for assisting members and families in their search for housing, whether on or off-reserve and offering guidance on home purchasing. The Housing Navigator will offer mobile services, ensuring services are provided for all members. Travel will be required for this role.

The Housing Navigator will be responsible to:

- Collaborate with the Housing Manager and Band Manager to develop and implement effective strategies that support the housing needs of Whitefish River First Nation members.
- Provide guidance and assistance to members and families in their search for appropriate housing options, both on and off-reserve.
- Offer support and resources to individuals interested in purchasing a home, providing valuable information on the process and available programs.
- Conduct assessments to accurately determine the unique housing needs and preferences of members, ensuring personalized assistance.
- Stay up-to-date with housing policies, programs and legislation, ensuring accurate and precise information is provided to members.
- Facilitate connections with relevant agencies, organizations and programs, enabling members to access crucial housing-related resources and support services.
- Collaborate with community partners and service providers to develop engaging housing workshops, information sessions and related initiatives.
- Other duties as requested.

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Preferably possess a background in social work, community services or another related field.
- Commitment to supporting the housing needs of Whitefish River First Nation members.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, enabling effective engagement with individuals and families.
- Knowledge of housing policies, programs and resources applicable to Indigenous communities is highly valued.
- Proficient in conducting thorough assessments and providing personalized recommendations based on member preferences and needs.
- Strong organizational skills to maintain accurate records and documentation.
- Proven ability to establish and nurture collaborative relationships with community partners and service providers.
- Flexible and adaptable, capable of delivering mobile services and travelling within the community and surrounding areas.
- Familiarity with Indigenous housing programs for both on and off-reserve members is advantageous.
- Must be highly self-motivated with an ability to work independently.
- Willingness to work flexible hours, including evenings and weekends as needed.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, February 5, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

Interested applicants must submit a current cover letter, resume, two (2) work-related references and one (1) character reference (with contact information) to:

CONFIDENTIAL: HOUSING NAVIGATOR
c/o Human Resources
Whitefish River First Nation
17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188; Birch Island, ON P0P1A0
Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705)285-4532

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...Now and Then: Rupert Grigull



Honda four wheeler at home in Kagawaong.

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me into the operating room. They sent an ambulance and strapped me to a very hard gurney. I felt every bump in the road. When I got to the hospital, they wanted me to answer a survey. I had to remind them it was an emergency and I needed to get to the ER." Rupert spent five days in the hospital.

Liz, a trained chef, has

been running the health food store in Gore Bay. Rupert has been doing some catering and food delivery for the marina guests. Liz helps with the catering and does some part-time cleaning. Rupert adds, "I deliver the food to the boaters, mostly meat and potato dishes."

Holiday traditions? "In the past, Christmas eve was

spent with Liz's parents and Christmas day was time for my parents." Favourite pets? "Two dogs, Ruger and Hickory, Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, and a cat named 'Ripper Appleton the third'. We just call him Ripper for short." Favourite season? "Fall for hunting and winter for ice fishing." Hobbies or collections? "Native arrowheads in Caledonia in

Haldeman County." Favourite sport? "Played hockey in school, left-wing." First hourly wage? "\$5.85 at Deninger's." What are your strengths? "I am a Taurus, stubborn, but I love nature and I am a 'people' person." Anything you still want to do? "Win the lottery."

Favourite television show? "Educational and cooking shows. Also, Jeopardy with the late Alex Trebek. When I was younger, in the early 70s, I was on the show twice. We were in the semi-finals one year, but we didn't win." Associations? "At an earlier time, the Federation of Hunters and Anglers, and the Little Current Fish and Game Club, where we organized fishing tournaments and wild-game dinners."

What are you most proud of? "My kids and Liz." Most important event? "Marrying Liz." What are you most afraid of? "Not living long enough." Favourite activity? "Catching fish. I hate fishing but I love catching. That is one of the reasons I was lured to this great Island. I caught a seven-pound bass on Lake Manitou and got second prize for

it. I also got a 32-pound lake trout while ice-fishing with Doug Hutchinson on the same lake. Doug got a 36-pound lake trout and we had to cut the hole much bigger to get it out. I quickly realized I had to be both quiet and lucky to win. One time we successfully endeavored to catch a multitude of fish to feed some families who were struggling financially at the time."

Donations? "We supported the CGIF, (Credit Guarantee and Investment Facility) and independent businesses in Toronto that were mutually supportive of the rights of small businesses. The big companies were hard to compete with and they had bought most of the strategic land at corners in high traffic areas. We had to stand up for our rights." If you could keep only three things from your current life, what would they be? "My family, diamonds, and my integrity." If you could go back in time, is there anything you would change? "Avoid my first marriage? But I love our children." Spend less time doing? "Trying to be nice to everyone." Exercise?

"I ride my bike at the Gore Bay Health Club." Fondest memories? One was the children. They were a source of joy. I taught them how to fish. Daughter Anna can out-fish most men. I began her ice fishing experience when she was four. She always held onto that rod, even when she almost got pulled into the hole herself. She was determined to get her fish." Something else you still want to do? "Catch a world-record fish (no carp)." Anyone who inspired you? "Both parents." Recipe for happiness? "A good marriage." Any words for the youth? "Good idea to learn a trade."

Manitoulin is a magical place, with so much beauty, lots of privacy and it's a farm-based community. We live off the grid now, heating our home with wood which we both cut and buy. We have stocked the freezer with the three deer three of us got last week. James and I get our deer or our moose each year. Manitoulin is our home now and we are going to stay here."

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SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION JOB POSTING

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

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

DUTIES:

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

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

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


Deadline: **Open until filled**

Direct Applications to: "Band Representative"
 Human Resources
 142 Ogemah Miikan
 Sheguiandah, ON P0P 1W0

Email: humanresources@sheguiandahfn.ca

Preference will be given to Indigenous applicants. Applicants are encouraged to self-identify.

We thank all applicants in advance for their interest but advise only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION JOB POSTING

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

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

DUTIES:

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

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

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

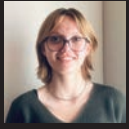
Direct Applications to: "Interim Finance Manager"
 Human Resources
 142 Ogemah Miikan
 Sheguiandah, ON P0P 1W0

Email: humanresources@sheguiandahfn.ca

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M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Alexandra Wilson Zegil

Wednesday, January 31st was the last day of exams for students at MSS. The weeks dedicated to final projects and studying have finally drawn to a close. Now, students and staff find themselves preparing for the upcoming semester. With brand new classes, students will have different challenges to navigate like changing their daily routines and adjusting to new ones.

For some students, this will be their final semester at MSS before they graduate and head down their post-secondary paths. Several students have already been accepted to schools while others are still waiting to hear back from their chosen programs. With graduation and prom on the horizon, some grade twelves are having mixed feelings – excitement about starting a new chapter in their lives and reminiscing about the chapter they are soon closing.

The exam-induced hiatus on extracurricular activities is finally over and students can return to their clubs and teams. The robotics team is jumping right back into their competition season, preparing for their events in North Bay and Hamilton. The gymnastics team will also be resuming their regular meetings along with the Student Council, SHARE/ Go Green, and several others. The musical theater group will return to practicing their lines and choreography for their showing of Beauty And The Beast in February.

Wishing all students the very best for the new semester and the opportunities it will bring! Until next time, go, Mustangs, go!

News from the Mindemoya Library Book Mice

by Claire Cline

January 2024

Claire's Top 5 Picks

1. **Overkill** by Sandra Brown
2. **Madonna** – A Rebel Life by Mary Gabriel
3. **Deep Freeze** by Michael C. Grumley
4. **The Watchmaker's Hand** by Jeffery Deaver
5. **Random In Death** by J.D. Robb

Overkill: Zach hasn't seen his ex-wife, Rebecca, for some time, not since their volatile marriage imploded, so he's shocked to receive a life-altering call about her. Rebecca has been placed on life support after a violent assault and he, despite their divorce has medical power of attorney. He is asked to make an impossible choice: keep her on life support or take her off of it. Buckling under the weight of the responsibility and the glare of public scrutiny, Zach ultimately walks away, letting her parents have the final say. Four years later her attacker – the scion of a wealthy family in Atlanta – gets an early release from prison. The ludicrous miscarriage of justice reeks of favouritism and Kate Lennon, a brilliant state prosecutor is determined to put him back behind bars. Rebecca's parents have kept her alive all these years, but if her condition were to change – if she were to die – her attacker could be retried on a new charge – murder. A Good Read

Madonna: A very interesting read. This biography chronicles the meteoric rise and enduring influence of the greatest female pop icon of the modern era. With her arrival on the music scene in the early 1980s Madonna generated nothing short of an explosion as great as that of Elvis or the Beatles, taking the nation by storm with her liberated politics and breath-taking talent. A Very Interesting Read.

Deep Freeze: The accident came quickly, with no warning in the dead of night, a precipitous plunge into a freezing river trapped everyone inside the bus. It was then that Army veteran John Reiff's life came to an end, extinguished in the sudden rush of frigid water. There was no expectation of survival, none, let alone waking up beneath blinding hospital lights.

But something isn't right, even though the doctors assure him that everything is normal. Can he keep himself alive long enough to uncover the truth.

A Good Read

The Watchmaker's Hand: A Lincoln Rhyme novel, one of my favourite book characters. Forensic Criminalist Lincoln Rhyme and Detective Amelia Sachs track a criminal with a bizarre and catastrophic M.O. - toppling the construction cranes in New York City. Keeps You Reading Far Into The Night

Random In Death: A small and easily concealed weapon wreaks havoc, and the killer is just a face in the crowd. Jenna is at a New York Club watching the legendary band Avenue A and carrying her demo in hopes of slipping it to the guitarist, Jake Kincade. Then from the stage, Jake catches her eye and smiles. It's the best night of her life. It's the last night of her life. And so she becomes another murder victim that Lieutenant Eve Dallas has to solve. A Really Good Read

Lots of new books, DVDs and CDs to bring in the New Year.

Mahjong and Crocheting every week at your library is still going strong and everyone is welcome. We are still having Stay In Touch to offer help with any computer problems once a month. And the 4th Thursday, we are still having Senior Drop In although next month (February) only it will be held at the Prov Bay Hall.

See you at your library!
Claire

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SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION JOB POSTING

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

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

KEY JOB FUNCTIONS:

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

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

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

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

"Elders' Coordinator"
 Human Resources
 142 Ogemah Miikan
 Sheguiandah, ON POP 1W0

Email: humanresources@sheguiandahfn.ca

Preference will be given to Indigenous applicants. Applicants are encouraged to self-identify.

We thank all applicants in advance for their interest but advise only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION JOB POSTING

POSITION: Economic Development Officer
LOCATION: Sheguiandah First Nation
ACCOUNTABILITY: Band Manager
EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Short-term Contract (with possibility of extension)
HOURS OF WORK: Regular Office Hours (flexibility for evenings and weekends)
TENTATIVE START DATE: Immediately

Under the direct supervision of the Band Manager, the Economic Development Officer will be responsible for program development, planning, implementation, assessment, monitoring and evaluation of programs, strategic alliances, goals and objectives, training, business and economic development initiatives.

DUTIES:

- Able to identify resources and data for use in developing and analyzing community development opportunities
- Conduct research to support economic development activities
- Assist SFN with economic development activities
- Assist in retaining current and securing additional funding sources
- Increase economic development opportunities for individuals and businesses on the reserve and minimize the risk of them missing opportunities.
- Contribute to the growth of economic independence of individuals and businesses

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Diploma or Degree in Business Administration, Finance or Accounting, Community Planning, Public Administration or a related field.
- At least 3 years' experience working directly with economic development issues
- Direct experience working within a First Nation organization considered an asset
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills; proficient in Microsoft Office.

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

Deadline:

Direct Applications to:

Open until filled

"Economic Development Officer"
 Human Resources
 142 Ogemah Miikan
 Sheguiandah, ON POP 1W0

Email: humanresources@sheguiandahfn.ca

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Poker Chip Run

Manitoulin Snowdusters hosting second annual Poker Chip Run in memory of Todd “TC” Corbiere

by Tom Sasvari
 MANITOULIN—A couple of more stops have been added on from last year for those who participate and want to get their sheets stamped as part of the second annual Poker Chip Run in Memory of Todd “TC” Corbiere being hosted by the Manitoulin Snowdusters. The event starts tomorrow, February 1.



“We have 38 businesses participating this year, a few more than last year, with the addition of new stops at Whitefish River First Nation, Sheguiandah First Nation and Killarney,” said Chris Laidley, a member of the Snowdusters, last week. “Again, this year, participants can drive their snowmobile, car, whatever to the stops to get their sheets stamped.” He noted that for those using a snowmobile and using one of the local snow trails, an Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) trail permit is required.

Mr. Laidley noted that participants can travel to each stop, sign up for the event, provide their partici-

pant run sheet and draw a coloured chip from a package. “At the end of the event we will hold a draw to figure out the value of the coloured chips and the person with the highest value at the end will win.”

A poker hand costs each participant \$30 each, said Mr. Laidley. He explained, “One of the new things in place this year is that people can buy tickets for a dance (\$30 each) and dinner (\$60 each) taking place at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre on April 6 (which also is the end date for the event).” For those who would like a combination ticket, having purchased a poker chip hand

and are attending the dinner/dance, it is \$100 per person or \$180 for a couple. The draw will take place that night as well.

For those who want to book a room in the hotel for the evening, as well as take in the dinner/dance, they should book this directly with the Manitoulin Hotel.

The Island businesses that have the chip run hands, and tickets for the dinner/dance include Betty’s Confectionary in Gore Bay, Loco Beanz in Manitowaning, General Store and Gas Bar in Birch Island, Buie’s in Spring Bay, Herbert Fisheries in Killarney, and Laidley Stationery in Little Current.

Participants can only get their participant sheet stamped for their own poker hand, said Mr. Laidley, who explained another new aspect of this year’s are new double point values. If participants in the poker chip run make a purchase at any of the business stops, the value of the coloured chip drawn is doubled.

With the 2023 poker chip run, 11 Todd ‘TC’ Corbiere student bursary prizes of \$150 were provided to kids carrying on past high school in a trade.

First prize in the poker chip run is five percent of what is raised through the event plus a gift certificate for \$1,000 toward any product offered by Wheels to Water, based in Sheguiandah.

Any business or individual who wants to donate toward the event can contact Mr. Laidley at 705-862-2616 or by email at Laidley67@gmail.com

Manitoulin Secondary School
PLAYER PROFILE
 by Emery Watson



GREYSON BREWER-CASE

From the indoor to the outdoor court, from the track to the arena, Greyson can be found constantly on the move with a smile on his face! As a second year Mustang, Greyson brings a positive attitude, sense of leadership and enthusiasm to all of his athletic endeavours. His involvement in sports from a young age has instilled a love for athletics that is evident in every minute of gameplay. Greyson has already established himself as an excellent all around player, creating a promising athletic future for the remainder of his time at MSS!

Before Greyson was a Mustang at MSS, he attended Little Current Public School for his elementary years. Growing up, he took advantage of the variety of sports offered, participating in baseball, soccer, cross country and track and field. The wide variety of different sports is something Greyson loves about athletics. Although he was recognized as a standout player in various sports throughout his public school years, he had exceptionally stellar results in both hockey and track. He grew up playing hockey at the rep level and continues to do so outside of school sports!

Over the past two years, Greyson has wasted no time in transitioning to high school sports. So far, he has already made a NOSSA appearance for volleyball as well as track and field. Along the way, he picked up a silver NSSSA medal with the junior boys’ volleyball team, advancing their team to compete at AA NOSSA in Sudbury. He notes that so far he has loved the environment high school sports creates and loves getting the opportunity to show his skills to his peers and friends during competitions. Greyson looks forward to the upcoming badminton and track season as well.

Growing up playing hockey, Greyson has a special attachment to the sport that provided him with great friendships and memories over the years. This year, Greyson plays with the U16 AA Sudbury Wolves. Greyson has received numerous awards throughout his hockey career including a Most Valuable Player On The Ice award. He quotes that hockey has remained among his favourite sports because he loves the feeling of speed on the ice and the intensity and excitement the game brings. Greyson has a special love for hockey because of the opportunities it provides to meet new people, learn new skills and engage in a fun team sport.

When Greyson takes the black and gold jersey off, he can be found staying active while caring for his dog, Mavis. Greyson finds that his dog is a great motivation for him to continue to be active while enjoying beautiful weather and getting out for daily runs. When the warm weather finally forces him to hang up his skates, Greyson loves to bike, go for walks and is constantly found working out. He can also be spotted in the community working at Wally’s Dock Service.

In the classroom, Greyson shows great dedication to his academics as well as his athletics. He looks forward to music as it is among his favourite subjects. Greyson quotes that music is an engaging and fun class that allows him to brainstorm with friends and explore music through numerous instruments. Despite the business of sports and school, Greyson found time this past year to volunteer for hockey camps.

One reason why Greyson excels in athletics may be because of his inspiration, Jamie Ben. Greyson notes that he has always inspired him. Being the captain for the Dallas Stars, he quickly became an idolized player of Greyson’s by never giving up. Growing up, Jamie was not the best player, but he never quit on his lifelong dream to play in the NHL, something Greyson finds encouraging and inspiring for him as he continues to progress in his hockey career.

Although Greyson still has two more years rocking the black and gold, he is interested in a career in police work following his graduation. He finds law enforcement fascinating and important, recognizing that it creates a great outlet to help people.

With Greyson’s hard work and dedication, he is sure to continue to be a stand-out Mustang, on and off the court and ice!

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Virtual care clinic

Virtual health care from nurse practitioners now available

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Ontario Health North East has launched the North East Virtual Care Clinic, which offers patient virtual care led by nurse practitioners. Patients can access timely care for medical conditions such as new or persistent cough, fever, rash or other similar symptoms and imminent concerns that are not life or limb threatening. And, while this program is focused on patients without a primary care provider, anyone can call.

“From a Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) perspective with the current gap in physician compliments (at hospitals) this program will assist in patient care needs and help divert some patients who would normally go to an emergency room,” said Paula Fields, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of MHC. “It is another resource for people to get care.”

“It is an initiative put out by the OHT to assist and meet primary care needs, and the primary care shortage in the province. It is run by nurse practitioners who will be able to prescribe some medications and order diagnostic tests,” said Doctor Stephen Cooper.

Dr. Cooper, who is on the Ontario Health committee said, “at this time everyone is concerned that a lot of patients in Ontario don’t have a primary care provider. There may be about a couple million unattached patients in Ontario. I pay taxes, and if I was not able to access a family doctor I

would be upset.”

“This virtual clinic is not going to solve this problem, but it will help,” said Dr. Cooper. “It is available to everyone. With this program, a patient’s medical concern can be diagnosed by a nurse practitioner virtually or if they need a diagnosis by a nurse practitioner, this can be done. And if, say, a patient needs a renewal of their blood pressure medication this can be done virtually, with the nurse practitioner sending the prescription to a local pharmacist.”

“Of course, if a patient is suffering something like a heart attack or a stroke, please go to the hospital emergency room,” continued Dr. Cooper. “We have to lower the number of unattached patients and make care more accessible. And with this program it will help to take the pressure off doctors in emergency rooms.”

“It is a great program and has the ability to take the next step in diagnosis and care,” said Dr. Cooper. He noted the system is replacing the former Telehealth.

The North East Region Virtual Care Clinic is a nurse practitioner-led virtual care clinic that serves patients throughout the Ontario Health North East region who are experiencing an urgent medical condition and need access to timely care. To register phone 1-888-684-1999 or go online to nevirtualcare.ca

The clinic is available seven days a week from 1-9 pm.



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!

7	2	4	9	3	8	6	1	5
4	8	6	7	5	9	2	3	1
3	7	1	2	4	8	5	6	9
8	5	7	4	6	3	9	1	2
2	4	1	9	7	3	5	8	6
6	3	2	5	1	8	7	4	9
9	7	5	6	2	1	4	8	3
1	8	3	9	2	7	1	4	8
2	9	4	7	8	1	6	3	5

ANSWER:

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Microgram
- 4. Where golfers begin
- 7. Each
- 8. Warm weather metropolis
- 10. Coat with sticky substance
- 12. Girl's given name
- 13. Myth (Spanish)
- 14. Ultrahigh frequency
- 16. Former NBAer Jeremy
- 17. Where rockers work
- 19. Your consciousness of your own identity
- 20. Soft-finned fishes
- 21. Localities
- 25. Paddle
- 26. Union
- 27. Member of religious community
- 29. Small shrill flute
- 30. Small constellation in the Milky Way
- 31. They __
- 32. College kid on vacation
- 39. de Armas and Gasteyer are two
- 41. Part of the human body
- 42. A progressive grading
- 43. Sound unit
- 44. Noise some birds make
- 45. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 46. Portuguese city
- 48. Be extremely, uncritically fond of
- 49. Resembling old Norse poems
- 50. Ask for out of extreme need
- 51. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 52. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. An insane person
- 2. __ Boothe Luce, American author
- 3. Buttock muscles
- 4. Men's fashion accessory
- 5. "Hotel California" rockers
- 6. Electronic communication
- 8. Magnetomotive force (abbr.) are
- 9. Hostelries
- 11. A way to resound
- 14. Exclamation: yuck!
- 15. A resident of Indiana
- 18. Exclamation of surprise
- 19. Make a mistake
- 20. Boundary
- 22. Antilles island
- 23. It's used to make furniture
- 24. Clod
- 27. They indicate where places are
- 28. Bobby __, NHL champ
- 29. Prints money
- 31. Honorable title (Turkish)
- 32. Appetizers
- 33. Midway between north and northwest
- 34. Spanish be
- 35. Breezed through
- 36. Grilled dishes
- 37. In a way, excites
- 38. Change mind
- 39. A French abbot
- 40. Popular candy
- 44. Partner to cheese
- 47. Wood or metal bolt

PUZZLE SOLUTION

A	B	M		P	A	C	E	D		C	A	M	P	O						
Z	E	E		A	B	A	T	E		A	N	A	S	A						
T	A	T		N	O	R	A	R	O	B	E	R	T	S						
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HOROSCOPES

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ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Something will occur this week that surprises you, Aries. You may even wonder if it is a trick being played on you. It is no trick, so buckle down for an adventure.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

You have pushed your mind and body quite far over the last several days, Taurus. Now you have to slow down or pay the consequences. Do not add anything else to your list.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, you may believe you have discovered a good thing and it could be right. But don't wait too long to act since this good thing has an expiration date. The clock is ticking.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you might not be able to control what is happening this week, but you can control how you react to different situations. Keep your distance if an altercation arises.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Something you discover about a friend this week could leave you reeling, Leo. The signs have been there for awhile and you really should have seen it coming.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, if you are on the move this week, there is a chance that you will experience some interesting people along the way. At least one person might be a good networking contact.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

More than anything right now, this week you need to relax and unwind, Libra. Take things at a slow pace, and spend more time at home with family then at work.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Try not to take any financial risks right now, Scorpio. If you are planning to invest, then you may want to get all of the facts before gambling too much in the stock market.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

This week you will be back to your best, Sagittarius. Things will work out, so use your positive attitude to the benefit of yourself and others.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, even though you are conservative by nature, this week you are ready to take a chance of some sort. Enjoy the journey even if the efforts do not bring you enormous success.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, a kind word from you may be all that is needed to bring a smile to someone's face. Do not underestimate the power of a kind and simple gesture.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

You don't usually lack confidence, Pisces. But you may not want to push ahead with a project for fear of failure. You should be more adventurous and not worry too much.