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Little Current Curling Club hosting 2024 men's, women's Northern Ont. playdown event

by Tom Sasvari
LITTLE CURRENT—The Little Current Curling Club will be hosting the 2024 Northern Ontario Curling Association (NOCA) men's and women's provincial curling championship.

"We got the bid," stated Joe Cooper, chair of the organizing committee of the Little Current Curling Club, on Tuesday of last week. "For a small town to get something like this is incredible."

Mr. Cooper read a letter from Laura Forget, competitions and development coordinator for the NOCA that reads in part, "We are pleased to inform you that Little Current was successful in its bid to host the 2024 Northern Ontario Curling Association men's and women's provincial curling championship."

"Little Current hosted the men's Northern Ontario provincial championship in 2018," Ms. Forget told The Expositor. "It was a really successful event, and the teams that participated really enjoyed the atmosphere and playing in the Little Current arena. We really focus on athletes playing (the championships) in an arena, it is very important for our organization. Often our provincials are held in curling clubs, and the athletes then have to participate in the Brier (men's nationals) and the Scotties (ladies' nationals) where the ice is different because it is being played in an arena. The rocks and the way they curl are different. Before the nationals, by playing on arena ice it gives them an advantage."

"A lot of the same committee is in place in Little Current from the

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Semi-final action between the Brad Jacobs rink and the Jordan Chandler rink in the 2018 Northern Ontario men's provincial curling championship. The Little Current Curling Club will be hosting both the 2024 Northern Ontario Curling Association men's and women's provincial championships in January.



AWAITING THE NEXT SWEET DRIP—Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association hosted a Youth Rangers event focusing on the maple syrup process, attended by about 45 youth from around Manitoulin Island in Kagawong on March 16.

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Island cancer survivor group reorganizing, restoring services

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—A group of Manitoulin women are attempting to resurrect a Manitoulin cancer support group for anyone dealing with or has dealt with cancer.

"We are looking for anyone who has cancer, is a cancer survivor, is undergoing treatment—anyone who is or has dealt with cancer, be it personally or in a supportive role, will join our group," said Terry Mackenzie, who along with Bonnie Young, Ann Cranston and Ciann Strickland are hoping to revive the cancer support group on the Island.

"There are so many people on the Island that are going through, or have gone through cancer," said Ms. Mackenzie who, as an oncology nurse for 30 years has had extensive experience working with cancer patients. "I have not had cancer myself, but I have dealt with all kinds of cancer patients through my work and hope as part of our group to be able to provide some guidance and support for those people who are dealing with cancer."

"Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the local cancer support group was on hiatus in person, but now we feel it is time to get back into meeting in person and to provide support for those who are or have dealt with cancer," said Ms. Mackenzie.

Ms. Mackenzie explained the Manitoulin Cancer Support

Group (MCSG) was started in 1994 by Ciann Strickland as the Circle of Hope by a group of breast cancer survivors. "The group carried on in this fashion until 2013 when it transitioned to a support group for people with any cancer diagnosis and their caregivers. This group met primarily in Kagawong and was facilitated by Mary Buie."

"This group met in person once per month until COVID and the in-person meetings stopped," said Ms. Mackenzie. "The group con-

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Jesuits release identity of Island clergy named in sex abuse of minors

EDITOR'S WARNING: The following article contains the names of Jesuit priests and brothers who have been accused of sexual abuse of a minor. The National Indian Residential School Crisis Line provides 24-hour crisis support to former Indian Residential School students and their families toll-free at 1-866-925-4419. Individuals impacted by the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls are encouraged to contact the MMIWG Crisis Line toll-free at 1-844-413-6649. First Nations, Inuit and Métis seeking immediate emotional support can contact the Hope for Wellness Help Line toll-free at 1-855-242-3310, or by online chat at hopeforwellness.ca.

by Michael Erskine

WASHINGTON—The Jesuits of Canada have released a list of 27 priests and brothers it says were "credibly accused" of sexually abusing minors over the past 60 years—all but three of whom are now deceased. The Catholic order notes that the list should be considered a living document and is not intended as a finite compendium. Not all of those on the list were ever formally charged and/or convicted.

"Over the past three or more decades, revelations of grievous abuse by clergy dating back many generations have come to light and the Church has been slow to respond," said Jesuits of Canada leader Erik Oland. "As we have met with survivors, listened to their stories and read the reports of their experiences, we have felt shame and became convinced that the only path forward is one of truth-telling, healing and recon-

ciliation."

The highly anticipated release was foreshadowed by a 2019 announcement following a comprehensive audit of six decades of files. The Jesuits were assisted in the audit by a third-party risk assessment organization. Originally slated for release at the beginning of 2021, the delay in release was blamed on the pandemic.

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Municipalities threaten to give 'prov offences' court back to Ontario

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—With another projected deficit this year of over \$45,000, the Manitoulin Provincial Offences Board of Management (POA) is calling on the province of Ontario to provide financial help or take back responsibility for POA.

"What we are telling the province is that we need help. Municipalities can't afford to keep paying for it," stated Derek Stephens, chair of the POA board of management. "The government turned the responsibility for POA over to us as municipalities with whatever deficit there was at the time, I don't know. They said there was an 'x'

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The famous first litre of syrup

Dewar family's annual auction for cancer centre now on

by Tom Sasvari
PROVIDENCE BAY—The annual Dewar family sugar shack syrup auction is not only one of the sweetest events you can participate in, but it also benefits a very important cause.

"This year marks the ninth annual Dewar Family Sugar Shack Syrup Auction, which opens for bids on March 27 at 6 pm and continues until 8 pm on March 31," said Travis Dewar. "The first year of our auction was in 2015, and over the nine years our auction has raised \$12,271 in bids and donations which is far beyond anything we ever imagined. The funds raised



Who will win the coveted first litre of sap?

go to the Northern Cancer Foundation."

"It is amazing what a litre of maple syrup will bring in, in bids," said Mr. Dewar.

Mr. Dewar told The Expositor on March 14, "Last weekend the family got together at our sugar shack and we boiled up 10 litres of sap. But the temperatures for the rest of the week are predicted to be cool. I think it's going to be a fast year, with the season being over quick. There is not much

snow in the bush."

"After hours of relentless stoking of fires, concen-

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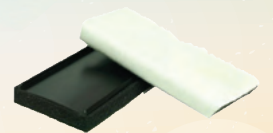
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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder

Candidates for chief of M'Chigeeng First Nation outline platforms

M'CHIGEENG—Members of M'Chigeeng First Nation head to the polls in the coming week, with advance polls opening at the M'Chigeeng First Nation Community Complex on Wednesday, March 22 (from 11 am to 5 pm) and the main poll opening on Monday, March 27, also at the complex, between 9 am and 6 pm. A candidates' forum took place on Monday, March 20 starting at 6 pm.

There are four candidates vying for the position of chief, including incumbent Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige and

challengers Renee Corbiere, Floyd Ense and Wayne Trudeau. There are 32 candidates seeking a council seat. They include: They include Charles John Beaudin, Robert Beaudin, Perry Matthew Bebamash, Diane Louise Bebonang, Andrew M. Corbiere, Dennis W. Corbiere, Ellen Samantha Corbiere, Ryan Glen Corbiere, Travis Corbiere, Lisa Corbiere-Addison, Chelsea H. Cameron, Andrew Debassige, Howard Debassige, Keith Debassige, Mark Debassige, Marko Debassige, Martin Debassige, Melanie

Debassige, Sam Debassige, Steven Debassige, Terry Debassige, Deborah Ense, Josh Patrick (Kevin) Eshkawkogan, Thomas Hare, Jason (Jay) McLeod Migwans, Henry Migwans, Lynn Migwans, Andrea Panamick, Henry Panamick Sr., James Panamick Sr., Martin Panamick and Neda Toeg.

The articles below outline the platforms of the four candidates for chief.

Renee Corbiere

Candidate for chief Renee Corbiere is a lifelong M'Chigeeng resident, having grown up in the community and graduating from Manitoulin Secondary School. She holds a diploma in aboriginal community and social development and a bachelor of social work with honors from Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson).



Ms. Corbiere resides in M'Chigeeng with her partner James Panamick and their two sons, James and Maximus.

"I am excited to be running for the seat of chief of our First Nation," Ms. Corbiere says. "I was raised in a single parent home by Beverly Corbiere who instilled in me many great values such as courage, honesty and a strong work ethic."

"For the past 10 years, it has been an honour to work for M'Chigeeng First Nation within the family resources department as a youth worker, community support work-

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Linda Debassige

Incumbent Linda Debassige has served M'Chigeeng First Nation since 2013, first as a councillor and since 2015, as ogimaa-kwe. She estimates she has dedicated over 4,000 hours each year in service to the community, and she is not done with this journey.



"It truly has been a blessing and I am humbled to have received the support from our community and to have the privilege to work alongside many different councillors that have been elected," Ms. Debassige said. "I can say the entire team, including our administration, has been able to advocate for the needs of the community at both the provincial and federal levels. Through this journey, I have developed a wealth of experience, developing those relationships at funding agencies, gaining the invaluable expertise in negotiations which have all benefitted our community."

Those relationships and negotiation skills will be necessary in the coming

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Floyd Ense

Candidate for M'Chigeeng ogimaa Floyd Ense knows the importance of mental health, both for the individual and a community. As a mental health clinician working with M'Chigeeng Health Centre he knows only too well the impact trauma has on all aspects of health and wellbeing and that knowledge informs his approach to community leadership.



"Working in mental health has brought everything together for me," he said. "It just made so much sense—how we can help our people when they are struggling."

Mr. Ense makes no bones about the limitations of the job, however. "I don't want to make promises," he said. "At the end of the day, you are just one individual at the table. Council together makes the decisions."

In fact, Mr. Ense says that decision making should go far beyond the council table to engage the community itself in finding the solutions to the issues facing M'Chigeeng. "There is a lot of pain in our

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Wayne Trudeau

Wayne Trudeau N'Day Kenjenini, jijaak dodem, is a single father who has raised a 22-year-old son and adopted a 16-month-old (now going on 18-month) daughter.



Mr. Trudeau has been employed at Kenjegin Teg since 2009 and built a home in the community in 2012. Initially employed in the student retention and recruitment role, he transitioned into Anishinaabe Aaadziwin, providing the cultural learning component of the foundational principles of the educational institute through land-based learning.

Mr. Trudeau's educational background is in social work, graduating from Laurentian University with his honours BA in 2001 and worked for Wiikwemkoong Child and Family Services.

With no fear of getting his hands dirty, Mr. Trudeau worked in Sudbury for Total Cable Contracting.

Although originally a Wiikwemkoong band member, Mr. Trudeau transferred to

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Downtown Little Current minstrel to be inducted into Great Northern Opry

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The list of 2023 inductees into the ranks of the Northern Ontario Country Music Association's Great Northern Opry has been released and George Williamson of Little Current was surprised to be included among its ranks.

"I never expected that, it really was a surprise," said Mr. Williamson. "It is nice to be recognized."

Mr. Williamson is the 2023 Man-

itoulin District inductee. His official induction will take place during the NOCMA annual awards weekend November 3-5, to be held at the Quattro Hotel in Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. Williamson is probably best known on Manitoulin Island for the free-will offering Friday evening summer concerts he founded, usually held at Soldier's Park in Little Current. The first of those Friday evening concerts featuring local musicians took

place several years ago, raising funds to support Manitoulin Family Resource's food bank, but Mr. Williamson's connections to Manitoulin country music extend quite a ways further back than that.

Mr. Williamson and his wife Lynda moved to Manitoulin in 2014 from Azilda when she took up a job offer on Manitoulin. "I always had it in my mind that I would like to move to the Island," he said. He was very familiar with the Island from many summer visits to his sister's camp.

"My sister would always arrange to have someone like (Island musicians) Jeff Pyette, Debbie Robinson or the Dewars come by to play," he said. "Then there were the Sandfield picnics, I believe that is where The Islanders first started." It was only a matter of days after first moving to the Island that Mr. Williamson found himself onstage with The Islanders.

Mr. Williamson comes from a musical family, with memories of his father's cherished Hawaiian lap steel guitar among his earliest

recalls. "I got my first guitar when I was seven or so," he said. "I always had an interest in music." His sister Betty Heise had a great collection of Everly Brothers records and he would learn the

harmonies with her. "I really had a thing for '60s music."

When he was 13 he bought his first electric guitar and amplifier.

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Ellie Maxwell gets second place recognition for original song

by Tom Sasvari

EVANSVILLE—Local singing sensation Ellie Maxwell of Evansville was nominated for three awards from a British-based organization contest, which accepts nominations from throughout the world. She finished in the top three in each category.

Ms. Maxwell had been nominated in three categories in the 2023 Fab Chart Music Awards.

"The results are in, and although Ellie did not win first place, she finished second (among 10 artists nominated) for best original song, 'Lucky,'" said Mary Mendes de Franca, Ellie's mother.

'Lucky' is Ellie's second completely original song and was released on July 1, 2022. It tells the story of her being adopted at a very young age from a small town in South Africa and moving to Canada to live with her adopted family, Steve Maxwell and Mary Mendes de Franca and her siblings. Ellie was adopted and brought to Canada when she was eight months old.

"This song is about my adoption story and how it changed my life forever," Ellie told The Expositor. The song actually started out as a poem written by her aunt Deb



Ellie Maxwell

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George Williamson is the newest Island inductee into the Great Northern Opry.

Major watermain project to go ahead in Gore Bay

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Gore Bay council has given its approval to hire an engineering firm to complete the design work for a watermain rehabilitation project to be carried out in town.

At a special council meeting March 2, council awarded the watermain rehabilitation project design to Exp. Engineering.

"For the watermain project we have the funds approved and in place and have secured an engineering firm to do the design work," Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane told The Expositor after a regular council meeting last week. "The waterline system is old and needs to be brought up to modern standards."

"The expectation is that the work will be done this year, probably later in the year so that it doesn't disrupt the local business community especially during the summer months," said Mayor Lane. "The waterline replacement project will take in the area from the Dawson Street east to hook into the existing line." It will also take in Meredith Street, Borron Street East, and about two-thirds of the way up Thor-

burn Street and connect to the existing line. In addition to this the water line from Laird Street to Phipps and Huron Street will be part of the project. "Basically, this will be an upgrade of the waterline on the north end of town," Mayor Lane said, noting investigation will also take place on the storm drains and sewer lines to make sure they are working properly. Once everything is in place the paving and sidewalks that will be torn up with the work to be carried out will be replaced.

"We hope to go to tender for the construction later this spring and to start the project in the late summer," Mayor Lane told The Expositor.

Michael Lalonde, Gore Bay treasurer told The Expositor that the costs of the project are all covered. The had applied for funding of \$1.4 million for the project in 2021 and has received 74 percent of the funding through a combination of federal and provincial funds through the Green Infrastructure Stream program. The rest of the funds for the project have come from the town water reserves budget.

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Out of sight should never be out of mind

It is an unsettling sight for Islanders travelling to the big city. Figures swaddled in tattered blankets and sleeping bags, curled up in a fetal position over the steam-emitting grates of the subway system. Pedestrians scurry past on their way to work with nary a glance cast downward, so common is that sight on the streets of Toronto that passersby have become inured to the tragedy those huddled figures represent.

Thank goodness such sights are not to be seen here on Manitoulin Island, or so we might be tempted to think. But those with a deeper understanding of poverty and the housing crisis here in the North recognize that homelessness is not limited to the hardened streets of the big city.

Homelessness in the North is largely an invisible crisis, masked from sight by the lack of heat emitting grates. The term "couch surfing" refers to the practice of finding temporary shelter from the bitter cold in the living rooms of friends, relatives or kind-hearted strangers. These are the lucky ones.

Empty houses, often abandoned due to mold or other dangerous environmental hazards within, become shelters from the cutting winds of winter. Desperate for heat, those squatting within attempt to create ad hoc heat sources, often leading to fires that destroy those very shelters. Tents erected in the back yards of family members whose homes are already filled past capacity provide succor to some while others migrate to larger centres in the North to create tent cities, much to the dismay of the few remaining businesspeople hanging on in deteriorating downtown cores.

At least one upscale haberdashery in nearby Sudbury has taken to keeping their front doors locked, opening only at the request of customers appearing at the door, provided they are suitably attired enough to indicate the means to purchase rather than fumble through the merchandise in a surreptitious attempt to steal warmth (and perhaps too often merchandise if left unattended).

These are not scenes from some dystopian Victorian past, or the shantytowns of the so-called Third World. These are not works of fiction or exaggerations plied by left wing ideologues to further some big government agenda. These are the realities faced every day by homeless individuals and even families in the North. These are scenes that exist, for all of their invisibility. They exist, out of sight,

out of mind.

These are scenes taking place in one of the richest countries on the face of the Earth and they should have no place here.

Given the inherent invisibility of homelessness in the North, it is all too easy to pretend that such suffering doesn't exist, or if it does that it is someone else's problem. After all, we all have our own crosses to bear. If we can't see it, how bad can it be? Isn't this the government's problem, isn't this why we pay taxes?

Provincial governments are indeed responsible for dealing with issues such as the housing crisis where homes are becoming ever further out of reach of young families. It is the provincial government that should be tackling the homeless crisis. But instead, the provincial government plays another sleight of hand trick that exacerbates the problem—they palm the issue off on local governments by providing inadequate funding and resources.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Service Board (DSB) receives barely enough social housing funding to maintain the housing stock which it already has in place. It is a rare government indeed which offers up sufficient funding to enable DSB to build adequate supplies of housing for those locked out of the rental market—municipalities are left to treading water at best. Any attempt to meet those needs would fall upon the already beleaguered tax base of small rural communities.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario quite rightly assert that municipalities should not be the ones shouldering this social burden and, along with DSBs, their associations and social agencies across the province, including those in the North where homelessness is largely invisible, are calling on the provincial government to end this travesty.

The Manitoulin Expositor joins those organizations in calling upon the Ford government to live up to its responsibilities and get its priorities straight. Homelessness impacts us all—whether we can see it or not. It impacts our communities in rising crime rates, in the hopelessness that fuels escape into drug addiction, in the ongoing crisis presented to business by labour shortages—it's hard to hold down a job if you don't have a safe place to sleep at night.

This crisis has gone on long enough. It is long past time to do something about it.

letters

A counterpoint to 'The Spanish Residential School' letter

The false assertion that residential schools were not genocide needs addressing

To the Expositor:

A counterpoint to 'The Spanish Residential School Narrative: Balance needed in discussions about residential school' by Peter Best, March 15, Page 4.

I certainly agree with the title of this letter to the editor that balance is needed in discussions about residential schools. However this narrative, that it's a false assertion residential schools were places where genocide happened, is a blatant lie! It's an insult to the families of the almost three thousand Indigenous children who died under mysterious circumstances at residential schools.

From about 1863 to 1998, more than 150,000 indigenous children were taken from their families and placed in state-run boarding schools. The children were often not allowed to speak their language or to practice their culture, and many were mistreated, abused and certainly shamed. Of course, there were survivors who played the game with the abusive nuns and Christian brothers. I am a big fan of the books written by Basil Johnston and Tomson Highway and can honour their legacy, that they took advantage of their education.

I can't speak about Basil (1929-2015), but I have met Tomson personally, as well as having read all his excellent books, especially 'Permanent Astonishment: A Memoir' (published 2021). This is a moving, amusing and detailed description of Tomson's childhood with loving Cree parents, Balazee and Joe Highway who, yes, due to their poverty, harshness of life in the Canadian sub-arctic, early deaths of five of their 10 young children and Balazee's illness, sent Tomson (when he was six, till 15), and his beloved younger brother, Rene, to the "Guy Hill Indian Res-

idential School." Both brothers were groomed by priests and obtained benefits by accepting their advances. Yes, Tomson does admit that he has had a creative and interesting life as a homosexual due to those early educational opportunities. However, he does describe in this recent book many other children who were traumatized by these pedophiles.

John A. Macdonald, as Canada's founding prime minister, played the instrumental role of initiating, supporting and defending the residential school system in the late 19th century. Macdonald dreamed of creating an organized system of federal schools for Indigenous children that could be used to disrupt Indigenous lifeways and control over the land, to accelerate successful settler colonialism. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 2015 report deals with the racist and brutal legacy of residential schools. The Canadian government was aware of alarming death rates at these schools dating all the way back to 1907. Less than 25 years after residential schools became official Canadian policy, Peter Bryce released the Report on the Indian Schools of Manitoba and Northwest Territories, which revealed that 24 percent of all Indigenous children at residential schools died of tuberculosis. Bryce went so far as to call residential schools "a national crime." Nothing changed. The schools remained open and their conditions remained horrific. This shows the Canadian government knew exactly what they were doing to these children and to the families and communities they stole these children from. They simply didn't care.

**Derek McPhail
Mindemoya**

A tired old colonial narrative is a tad out of step

Perhaps a page out of former Senator Lynn Byek's misinformed bible?

To the Expositor:

Isn't that tired, old, colonial narrative that Peter Best represents just a tad out of step with the realities of Indigenous Canadians in this century?

Is Best taking a page out of former Canadian senator, Lynn Byek's racist, misinformed bible?

Embracing truth is something we all must do if we are to live harmoniously in this world.

The truth is residential schools were responsible for the abuse and death of thousands of Indigenous children.

The fact that people continue to talk about the positive influences of the residential school experience denies the present reality of our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

Residential schools were not humanitarian projects as religious orders, that state officials and people like Mr. Best would have us believe.

The biggest barriers to a meaningful truth and reconciliation process for Canadians are the residential school experience deniers.

Protecting the guilty parties and the status quo is what Mr. Best is attempting to do in his letter to the editor.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada report said Canada's treatment of Indigenous peoples fits the definition of genocide, specifically how the residential school experience was a form of

"cultural genocide."

Our justice system has recognized the harms done to Indigenous Canadians in its implementation of the Gladue principals.

A judge considers the unique circumstances of Indigenous peoples, including the challenges of colonialism and family history and how Indigenous Canadians are affected by past trauma today.

The history of violence against Indigenous peoples in this country is nothing short of horrific.

Does Mr. Best not understand that children were torn away from their families, sexually, physically and emotionally abused, starved, trafficked to white families and provided with substandard education?

I am sure some Indigenous children who went to residential schools had the fortitude to rise above the abuse and become successful in their own right.

Kudos to them.

Mr. Best, an honest, factual view of the past makes for an honest, factual view of the future for Indigenous Canadians.

As a Canadian, I am appalled at Mr. Best's views of residential schools and Indigenous peoples overall.

Thank you,

**Sue Nielsen
Cobalt**

Following Hope's Path: Part XXXV of a series

Better living through chemistry—sometimes a pill provides the solution

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

by Michael Erskine and Mary Buie

KAGAWONG—Dealing with cancer, especially when the prognosis is terminal, can be a real rollercoaster—without much in the way of thrills and way more chills. Mary Buie recently passed through one of the deep troughs. “A bad time,” as she describes it. “I didn't want to carry on.” Thankfully, things have rebounded considerably. “They are better now,” she assures *The Expositor*.

“I just recently returned from (son) Neil and Megan's,” she said. “I have all the personal support workers and everything I needed. I was able to play games with them.”

The challenge she finds these days is the enforced inactivity brought on by the advanced stage of her cancer—with increasing fluid in her lungs she is not able to do much of anything. The result can be very hard on even the most upbeat of personalities. Being a ‘take charge’ personality, Ms. Buie did not accept the growing weight on her outlook from depression.

“I went to see the nurse practitioner,” she said. “She prescribed a happy pill. It works! I have been able to be around and do things—although there is still not much we can do.”

Still, she was able to visit with her son. “I managed to go out to see live music,” she said. “It was a men's live group at the Western Lodge. It was nice to be able to do that.”

Her last chemotherapy treatment in North Bay recently proved to be something of a nail-biter for all involved. “Before that I had to get PICC lines put in,” she said. PICC lines, that's ‘peripherally inserted central catheter,’ is a long, thin tube that's inserted through a vein in the arm and that passes through to the larger veins near the heart. A PICC line gives your doctor access to the large cen-



Mary Buie holds court with her many grandchildren during a visit over the March Break.

tral veins near the heart, explains Ms. Buie. “It allows the medical staff to give you medications or liquid nutrition and helps avoid the pain of frequent needle sticks and reduce the risk of irritation to the smaller veins in your arms.”

Before that was another bevy of bloodwork tests. Unfortunately, this time around Ms. Buie experienced a very bad reaction. “I just about died,” she said. “I was Code 4, almost departed. Apparently, it had happened before.” Code Priority 4 (or Blue) are those patients with critical and potentially fatal injuries or illness—that means no transportation or treatment until the patient is stabilized.

“After that, I said ‘enough!’” said Ms. Buie. “I am not going to do any more. It is not working, and I just don't want to do it anymore.”

Ms. Buie did have transfusions of platelets, a common procedure for cancer patients going through chemotherapy, which can destroy bone marrow and thereby lower platelet levels. Bone marrow, a sponge-like tissue found inside bones, contains stem cells that develop into red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets. Platelets, in turn, are small, colourless cell fragments in the blood that form clots and stop or prevent bleeding. Dangerous internal bleeding can occur when platelet counts falls below 10,000 platelets per microliter—and low levels can prove to

be fatal.

“I am now under the care of my family doctor,” said Ms. Buie. “If I need them, I can also get packed cells.” Packed cells are red blood cells that have been separated and are used to restore oxygen carrying capacity.

Ms. Buie notes that her radiation treatments have helped immensely, giving her a prognosis of between three to six months. “I am getting a little more fluid in the lungs now, but I am holding my own.”

Her most recent experience in hospital in North Bay left Ms. Buie with a couple of observations she feels it is important for her to pass on. “When I nearly departed, I was moved to the chemo room on the fourth floor,” she said. “There are about 60 beds there. It was basically palliative care. It was a beautiful room, had a fridge in it, which is really important. I moved in Friday afternoon, but when I was feeling better and they were ready to send me home, I was moved to an ‘undesignated area.’ It was basically a staff room. There were four of us and I only had a commode, no access to a bathroom.”

“There were too many people for the facility to handle,” she said of her experience with what is known as hallway medicine. “It was a bit scary.”

Now at home, Ms. Buie was anticipating the arrival of her daughter Jenn and some of the grandchildren. She is able to go outside for a while and is thankful for her brother, who has come by to trim rose and other shrubs, clearing things up in the garden for her. “He's done a good job,” she pronounced.

“I can stand out there now and see the bulbs coming up,” she said. “They are just peeking up through the ground. Our house is in the sun and the ground warms up early.” The result is the crocuses and daffodils she planted in abundance with her family around the house last year are starting to make an early appearance.

“Now I am just waiting for the kids and the grandkids to show up,” she said. “They will be here for some of the March Break. We are going to have a houseful.”

In the meantime, Ms. Buie invokes God's blessing upon the many people who continue to offer her prayers and support, as well as those following her journey along Hope's Path.

“Until next time, God Bless.”

op-ed

by Mike Brock

I'm always looking for the bright side. Although, if you ask my wife when I'm driving in Toronto traffic, the above statement is a complete falsehood. But I'm hoping to change that perspective. And what better time to change your perspective than spring?

Perspective can and should change. For instance, I used to be afraid of storm troopers and spicy food. Now my ideal Friday night is watching 'A New Hope' and scarfing Kung Pao chicken. If you're lucky, age happens. If you're luckier, wisdom comes with it. And, with yet another spring currently loading, I thought that it might be a fine time to check in on how we can change with every turn of the sun.

Some of us want to change, and can't seem to find a way to do it. Some of us change so much that we can't even keep track of ourselves. And then there are people who are really good at changing enough to grow, but not losing themselves in the process. I've dipped into all three of those buckets in my time. With each passing season, though, I just get more comfortable with the passing seasons.

Everyone changes every year, no matter how stubborn you think you are. We change our tires and our humidifier settings a couple times a year. We change lanes every single day. (Although, to be fair, that may be a Toronto reference, because I'm not so sure that there are too many lanes to change into on Manitoulin.) We change our underwear most days. I give change to the tin flute musician at Finch Station Subway every time I head downtown. We change the channel with the push of a button and the game with a roll of the dice. Heck, the only thing which remains the same is how much everything changes.

Now, it's true we don't make change as much as we used to—it's more tap and go these days—but there are still big things happening. And sometimes they can happen out of nowhere. We've all heard of the “overnight sensation,” where everything changes for a singer overnight because their song gets on the radio. She gets unfathomably famous after nobody had ever heard of her. But nobody had heard of the years of hard work, musical training, and toiling in obscurity, either. So, really, not much has changed except her pocketbook.

Speaking of change in music, I use to

wear out cassettes until I was out of pencils to wind the tape back into the case. I went through four copies of 'Back In Black' before I was 18 years old. Nowadays, if I hear the same song more than once a week, I skip ahead to the next playlist. Is it because, subconsciously, I feel like I'm running out of time, and can't waste it like I used to? Or, is it because I'm old and grumpy I don't know the answer to this, but I do know that I'm old and grumpy.

I'm excited for spring, though, even though I love winter. With the childhood benefits of big snow drifts long out of reach, I've come to appreciate the winter months from the interior side of the living room window, but I'm looking forward to getting outside again. From my perspective, it doesn't seem like snow days are as much fun as they were in “our day” anyway. In fact, I'm not sure snow days are even a thing anymore, and if that's the case, then someone at the top has lost a little too much perspective. That needs to change.

While the clarity of the seasons may be dulling, the hope, the possibilities, the very concept of spring will never go away. Come out from under that blanket of snow and look for a new patch of fun to explore.

Spring cleaning is more than a calendar entry. Spring cleaning is a chance to get rid of whatever was clogging up your garage. And when I say garage, I mean hopes and dreams. Throw that door open, dump your junk on the driveway, and have your neighbours take it away for pennies on the dollar. Buy yourself an automated pizza with your earnings and move on with your life. Or, metaphorically, you could use spring, the season of rebirth, as a chance to propel your life forward. Either way, Spring is a winner!

For instance, there have been many, many springs when I have thought that the Leafs were on track to win the Stanley Cup. Now I'm wise enough to know that was a foolish notion. Because, obviously, this is the year that they win the Stanley Cup.

Either way, I'll leave you with the words of George Harrison, who knew that spring was always around the corner:

“Little darlin', it's been a long, cold, lonely winter

Little darlin', it feels like years since it's been here.” (‘Here Comes The Sun,’ The Beatles)

more letters

Some important facts to consider

Excellent care has been afforded CM arenas

To the Expositor:

Some very important facts the Mindemoya Sports Complex Committee and the public need to know before any decisions are made.

The previous councils need recognition for the excellent care and of keeping the arenas in good condition over the years.

In 1982 council generated grants and taxes for structurally stabilizing the arenas with heavy steel making them very stable for a very long time.

A few years ago, council had all the light fixtures over the ice surfaces replaced with new energy efficient lights.

Following those important upgrades, the boards around the ice surfaces were all

completely replaced with galvanized steel framing with high impact boards and high impact Plexiglas to finish the top of the new boards.

To complete the new looks of the arenas huge white aprons were suspended above the ice surface to reflect down the light and the cold air for better ice surface cooling and stopping any condensation from touching the ice surface.

Ramps and chairlifts are a cheap safe and easy way to correct the very simple problem of accessibility.

And Solar Energy does not work on large structures.

Lyle Dewar
Providence Bay

Health care pain while funds unspent

Hospitals left dangling while province hordes cash

To the Expositor:

The Manitoulin Health Centre is facing an unfunded burden of \$1.4 million (The Manitoulin Expositor, February 1, 2023) because the shortage of nurses here has to be made up by hiring temporary nurses at much higher costs. Meanwhile, I was astonished to learn from the Council of Canadians that the Ontario government had a surplus of more than \$2 billion in 2021/22, and that it isn't on track to spend the money allocated for 2022/23, despite the crying need. It seems money was allo-

cated in the 2022/23 budget, but the government hasn't spent it, and the result is pain, especially in health care and education.

Why is the government forcing Manitoulin Health Centre, along with many others, into “unfunded deficits,” barely hanging on while they didn't even spend the money that was allocated? More to the point, what can people do about it? Thank you,

Jan McQuay
Mindemoya

Peaceful resolution to incident in M'Chigeeng First Nation

M'CHIGEENG—On Sunday, March 19 UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service responded to a weapons call on the M'Chigeeng First Nation. There was an elevated public safety risk, therefore, a heavy police presence and measured response was observed in the area.

As the investigation unfolded a warrant to enter the residence was granted. The Police Tactical Unit established contact with a subject inside the residence.

Subsequently, the subject had exited the residence and was taken into police custody. UCCM Police were assisted

by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) involving members from the Manitoulin detachment, Northeast Emergency Response Unit, Aviation Services, Tactics and Rescue Unit.

This incident came to a peaceful resolution, reported the UCCM Police. No one was harmed during this incident and no criminal charges have been laid. UCCM Police would like to thank the community of M'Chigeeng for assisting police and having patience during this investigation.

One person has been apprehended but no charges have been laid as a result of the incident.

Heavy police presence was in place at Corbiere Road on the M'Chigeeng First Nation Sunday afternoon, and the roadway at Corbiere Road had been blocked off by police.

Ogimaa Kwe Linda Debassige, in a Facebook post just before 3:45 pm Sunday afternoon said, "There is a heavy police presence at Corbiere Road. We are asking members of the community to stay away from this area as the investigation continues." She pointed out the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Services was conducting an investigation and in contact with First Nations officials.

MHC chief of staff calls on government to make changes to improve health care in North

MANITOULIN—One of the ways the Ontario government can help to improve health care in Northern Ontario and throughout the province is by having the province speed up the process to licence more foreign-trained physicians by creating a practice-ready assessment program to get internationally trained doctors to underserved Northern communities.

"The more trained doctors the government can help get here in Ontario, and especially the North, the better," stated Dr. Stephen Cooper, who is district nine chair of the Ontario Medical Association

(OMA) and chief of staff of the Manitoulin Health Centre. "There are several physicians in Ontario that are trained in other countries. By allowing them to practice in Northern Ontario communities it would alleviate a lot of the physician shortages."

Dr. Cooper said that Northern Ontario experienced a shortfall of 325 family doctors, psychiatrists, pediatricians and other health care specialists last year, and this situation is only getting worse, with a shortage of 350 this year.

"We advocate for improving the health care system,

and increasing the number of workers in the North would definitely go towards that," said Dr. Cooper. "Already, we are identifying deficits in health care workers, and challenges in training doctors and nurses and having them come up north to practice. A family doctor in Vaughan, for instance, might focus his practice on dealing with chronic disease patients, but in the North we also have to deal with working in emergency departments, delivering babies, providing palliative care; we have a wider scope of practice because there are less of us (doctors/physicians) in the

North."

Dr. Cooper was among OMA representatives who made a presentation last week to the province's standing committee on finance and economic affairs as part of the province's pre-budget consultations to improve Northern Ontario health care.

"I presented along with Dr. Stephen Viherjoki, the Dryden District OMA chair," said Dr. Cooper.

"Along with speeding up the process to licence doctors' physicians from other countries to practice here, (OMA) also wants to create a centralized wait list for

procedures with a referral and triage management system for surgeries, and allow diagnostic services and equipment to be provided to long-term care homes to alleviate pressure on hospitals. This would all help the health system. We are trying to get away from just going to hospitals. It's about alleviating the wait time for primary care, community specialists, home care and hospitals."

"Before COVID the calls were for no more hallway medicine, with people having to wait to get into emergency," Dr. Cooper continued. "This is still valid, but people have to wait a long

period of time in line for diagnostic care, like MRIs, and ultrasound which is a real concern on Manitoulin Island."

"Say you are a contractor and you have a very bad hip, you will wait at least three months for an MRI for a hip replacement. Those type of cases are having to be bumped back," said Dr. Cooper.

Dr. Cooper added that while he feels the government is listening to the OMA, "I think they are listening and hearing from their constituents that are saying they need to move forward on these improvements."

Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB joins calls for province to find end to homelessness

by Michael Erskine

ESPANOLA—Just because the homeless are not to be found curled up in tattered blankets over a grate on the streets of Island communities does not mean they do not exist. Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) members representing municipalities across Manitoulin and the North Shore have added their voices to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's call in its pre-budget submission for the Ford government to put an end to homelessness in the province.

"The DSB passed a resolution for AMO's call to end homelessness," confirmed DSB CAO Donna Stewart. "This resolution will be shared widely—AMO, NOSDA, NOMA, FONOM, other DSBs, ministries and municipalities—to support this call for action."

"At the same time that COVID-19 created an unanticipated spike in demand for houses in Ontario, it laid bare the failure of Ontario's public policy approach to homelessness," notes the AMO submission. "The homelessness crisis in your community is a made-in-Ontario crisis brought about by the policy decisions and choices of successive provincial governments over the past three decades. Inadequate investment in the health and mental health systems, and outdated approaches to addictions have failed people and families."

The AMO went on to note that, "provincial policies on financial assistance contribute substantially to growing income disparity and poverty. Failures in provincial child welfare, social services, justice and corrections systems compound barriers to economic participation and contribute directly to homelessness."

AMO went further in placing the responsibility for the homelessness crisis squarely at the feet of the provincial government. "The downloading of social housing and homelessness to municipalities in the 1990s hides the fact that our homelessness crisis is a product of provincial choices and policy levers entirely within the provincial sphere of authority, financial responsibility and accountability," reads the submission.

AMO pointed out that Ontario's homelessness crisis "harms people and families and undermines the social fabric and economic prospects of our communities. It imposes unnecessary costs on our institutions, community agencies and government."

The submission goes on to note that "the Government of Ontario has the tools and resources to end the homelessness crisis it has created over decades. It must surely possess the leadership, capability and political will to get the job done. AMO is calling on the Government of Ontario to take inte-

grated and collaborative action to end homelessness in Ontario. Municipalities and partners in all social and economic sectors stand ready to assist with the task."

"On the DSB front, we are required to maintain a by-name-list (BNL) to ensure that the homeless individuals identified are provided with wrap around supports," said Ms. Stewart. "We also have created a 'Change Team' which consists of over 20-plus providers and they meet regularly to help ensure that the work is seamless when the individual is identified and requires supports."

Ms. Stewart explained that a BNL "is a real-time list of all known people experiencing homelessness at a given point in time. The BNL is designed as a tool for communities to support triage to services, system performance evaluation and advocacy."

For the purposes of a BNL, continued Ms. Stewart, "homelessness describes the situation of an individual or family with the absence of stable, safe, permanent, appropriate housing or the immediate means and ability to acquire it. This can include unsheltered, emergency sheltered or provisionally accommodated (hospital, jail, residential treatment)."

Further a BNL provides aggregate data for service managers and community partners to identify the needs of individuals,

gaps in community services and advocate for what resources are needed to end homelessness.

"The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB has developed a BNL and a 'Change Team' built of representatives from community agencies with a passion for system improvement and working together to end homelessness," noted Ms. Stewart.

In addition, supporting the AMO call for action on homelessness, the DSB has updated its centralized housing waitlist policy to reflect new affordable and market rents for any new DSB acquisitions or new builds. "The housing waitlist policy will be uploaded to our website shortly."

DSB also supported Public Health Sudbury and Districts call on the provincial government to incorporate local food affordability findings in determining adequacy of social assistance levels. "Again here, we will send our resolution to various ministries, local MPPs and to PHSD to support their ask," said Ms. Stewart.

In previous conversations with the DSB administration, it was revealed that the DSB does not have adequate resources to tackle homelessness within the communities it serves, especially for single individuals. In essence, the sole practical approach has been to provide such individuals with the means to travel to larger urban centres with stronger resources and service bases.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong
Team Fergmeijer

What in carnation?! It's the spring equinox already! We know evergreens might not mind winter, but for all the other trees it must be a great re-leaf to see spring is on its way. You can be sure we here at Team Fergmeijer lilac spring a lot and are rooting for warm weather to arrive sooner rather than later. We asked local gardening expert Jamie Ward for his advice about whether we should start our seedlings in April. He told us, "May as well, yo!"

Big News! As part of the first annual NorthWords Festival, the Billings Library is bringing TV writer and author Claire Ross Dunn (clairerossdunn.com) to Manitoulin this summer! She will be holding a writing workshop while she is here, and we would love your input on the topic. Complete the survey at tinyurl.com/NorthWordsWorkshops (or find the link on fb.com/KagawongLibrary) and let the library know which topic you like best.

Happy Birthday to Brett V. who is diving head-long into adulthood. We wish you maximum fun on your big day with

minimum hangover in the morning.

Island Time Dancing is bringing beginner line dancing classes to the Park Centre! Join Joe and Beth Arnold, Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 pm, running for six weeks. Space is limited! Email joebeth.arnold@gmail.com or call 519-490-5586 to pre-register. Cost of the full six-week session is \$50.

Crocheting for beginners! Stop by the Kagawong Park Centre Sundays at 7 pm through the month of March and learn to crochet. All are welcome.

Have you had your ears perked lately? Keep your binoculars and ear horns handy if you want to be the first to spot or hear the migratory Sandhill Crane this year! If you see (or hear) a Sandhill crane, drop us a line at fergmeijer@gmail.com or message us (Facebook.com/kagawong1) to let us know when and where you spotted them. Winner gets bragging rights!

Also coming soon is the annual Sandhill cooing competition! Annually, on April 1st, competitors from far and wide gather on the steps of the Old Mill at sunrise to offer their best, most melodious coo. New this year is the Sandhill Crane Mating Dance competition. Competitors will be given 5 minutes to warm up and stretch, and then they will throw down with their best moves! Winners will be determined by an esteemed panel of judges. In order to avoid another bribery scandal, the identity of the judges is being held secret.

Looking to learn more about how our township is working to become greener? Check out the Climate Action Committee's blog! Follow along and watch for new posts at <https://billingscac.blogspot.com/>

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

Get those egg baskets ready - the Easter Bunny is coming to Kagawong! The Billings Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at the Park Centre on Saturday, April 8th, 2023 at 11 am. Everyone is welcome to hop on by!

Mark your calendars! Western Manitoulin Volunteer Fairs are happening in April. Stop in to meet the many organizations that work to make our communities so special. Learn about their efforts and events, and you are sure to find a comfortable fit for you. Billings is April 26th at the Park Centre from 2 to 8 pm and includes refreshments as well as prizes to be won.

Have you heard of a three-season bed? There's no spring in the mattress. Have a great week!

Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

Manitoulin Sporting Life



Thoughts on Damien

I received absolutely devastating news last week that a former student of mine, just in Grade 7, died.

Damien Swift was an amazing person. He dealt with many health difficulties with courage and grace. He was a consummate friend to many and an essential helper in class to all those that needed help. Additionally, he was a comical wizard who could diffuse many situations but then a fierce defender of himself and others when required.

My daily interactions with him involved sports and mainly hockey. He was a fervid Maple Leafs' fan and I being a long suffering Canadians' supporter, pointed out on occasion that I was not as 'long suffering' as his team was. He was a 'dyed in the wool', blue buds fan but he was so smart that he was able to articulate individual facets of the Leafs' team that he saw as suspect. Our taunts often concerned goal-tenders like **Petr Mrazek** or **Jack Campbell**. Damien was brutally honest when it came to evaluating his team and I often had little to get the better of him.

On occasion, when his team did not do too well, I might for instance tape a note to his locker that said, "Damien, what does the number, 0.866 mean to you?" Seeing this, a number of teachers would say, "Will he get it?" or, "What does that mean?" Ultimately, Damien never disappointed and would approach me with, "let me guess is that Mrazek's Save Percentage? Then, he would analyze every goal and make his own determination if it was the fault of the tender, defense or offense.

Words cannot express how we will all miss you, Damien.

LNHL notes

The Little NHL March Break is over for another season but the memories will never be. Here are another couple of interesting happenings. **Maximus Panamick** playing in the U11 Competitive won the 'B' Championship with the Moose Cree Scrappers

Andrew "Snooze" Corbiere, coach of the U15 Competitive 'A' Champions with M'Chigeeng, inspired his players, before their important game by having a special motivational speaker give a dressing room pep-talk. Walking around the rink, Andrew ran into the amazing **Jonathon Cheechoo** a former winner of the Rocket Richard Trophy in 05/06 with the San Jose Sharks! Jonathon agreed to talk to the kids and they won. Coincidence?

Hats off as well to three local substitute Officials who were called in as well, due to a Referee shortage: **Jeffrey Panamick**, **Jimmy Panamick**, and **Justin Sweeney** who helped make hockey happen for the kids.



Substitute Officials were called in as well due to a Referee shortage. Jeffrey Panamick, Jimmy Panamick and Justin Sweeney helped make hockey happen for the kids.

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Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association champions crowned!

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Many champions have been crowned in the Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association (MMHA) in the past week.

In the U11 division, the Little Current Flyers won the MMHA 'A' division final. The team includes Boston Abotosaway, Thomas Anderson, Jack Bentley, Finlay Card, Ada Correa, Kailyn Inglis, Lynndra Madahbee Peltier, Leo Shonias, Jackson VanVolkingburgh, Elijah VanVolkingburgh, Brooke Varey, coach Mitchell Varey, assistant coach Peter VanVolkingburgh and trainer Chris Bentley.

The Manitowaning Wolves won the U11 'B' division final. The team includes Ada-Lyn Cairns, Miah Hughson, Ella King, Priscilla Case, Cohen Metus, Mason Deacon, Alyeana McDermid, Trapper Cyr, Steven Gulyas, Jaden Huang, goalie Tatiana King and bench staff Chris King, Chris Cyr, Ray Moreau, and Christine Gulyas.

The U13 'A' championship was won by the Manitowaning Wolves. The team includes Ava Hartley, Alexei Pelletier, Joshua McComb, Hudson Roque, Liam Metus, Chloe Moggy, Track Cyr, Walker Hagman, Steven Gulyas, Arabella Otosquaib, head coach Blair Hagman, assistant coach Chris Cyr, manager Dawn Roque and trainer Laura Hagman.

In the under 18 division, the



The Mindemoya Thunder won the Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association U15 A division championship.



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Mindemoya Thunder took the 'A' division championship. The team included Brayden Phelps, Landen Smith, TJ Green, Brodie Pennie, Liam Lariviere, Jack Pennie, Chase Becks, Jon Mende, Garrett Sheppard, Xavier Mara, Noah Thorpe, Sadie Bridgeman, Ava Fields, goalie Landon Hare, Abbie Heins, Rylan Carrick, Cash Duchene-Milne, head coach Kennedy Lanktree, assistant coaches Brian Phelps and Maddy Niven and manager Mel Carrick.

The Mindemoya Thunder won the U15 'A' division championship. The team was made up of head

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Manitoulin Secondary School gymnasts qualify for Northern Ontario championship

by Tom Sasvari
M'CHIGEENG—The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs gymnastics team did very well at a competition held last week, especially when you consid-

er this was the current team members' first-ever competition.

"We made out very well at the level 1-2 regional qualifier (held in Sudbury)," said Heather Theijs-

meijer, co-coach of the MSS team, along with Jill Ferguson. "We had a small team with three athletes who were all in level one, which means they have never competed previously."

"Everyone on our team placed within the top 16 (in their individual events) in the competition and will be taking part in the Northern Ontario (NOSSA) championships at the end of the

month," said Ms. Theijsmeijer.

On the vault, Mustang Maren Kasunich won a gold medal with Aspen Debassige finishing fifth. On the bars, Aspen finished fifth, while on the beams Aspen won the gold medal for finishing in top spot while Maren finished in eighth place.

Aspen earned a bronze medal (third place) in the all-around category.

"Both Aspen and Maren qualified for NOSSA," said Ms. Theijsmeijer. As well, Mustang, "Hailey Ferguson qualified for NOSSA on the beam and Aspen also quali-

fied on the floor exercise (both finished within the top 16)."

Ms. Theijsmeijer said the Mustangs team has been preparing since November. "They've done well and have worked very hard. It was a good day."

A total of 13 schools from within all school boards in Sudbury and area were represented at the regional qualifier last week.

The NOSSA championships, which will also take place in Sudbury, will be held on Tuesday, March 28.



LNHL champs!

It was a great fun week of hockey for Manitoulin Island teams of all ages at this year's Little NHL. The U15 M'Chigeeng champs are, back row, left, Jackson Cunningham-Louks, Trenton Essex, Landen Lake-Rego, Eli MacInnis-Poulson, Ethan Ense, middle row, Andrew Corbiere, Kevin Eshkawkogan, Dallas Sinopole, Stephen Tooshkenig, Jeffrey Panamick and front row, Landyn Paquette, Evan Headrick, Julius Sinopole, Dreyon Boissoneau and Kohyn Eshkawkogan.

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coach Brian Stapleton, assistant coaches Darren Brown and Steve Redmond, manager April Watson, Tristan Cyr, Corie Brown, Josh Daniso, Lucas Brown (captain), Ethan Ense, Pre-

ston Kells-Riberdy, Brinley Watson, Jack Bridgeman (assistant captain) Thomas Redmond (assistant captain), Kohan Campbell, Jonathon Cooper (goalie), Sable Powsey, Steve Redmond (assistant coach) and

April Watson, team manager.

The U13 Wiikwemkoong Hawks Thunder won the Island 'B' championship in their division. The team is made up of coaches Paygibe Wabano and Tim

Ominika, manager Dakota Recollet and players Patience Manitowabi, Meeshen Meyers, Clayton Pedoniquotte, Sean Manitowabi, Kawnyah Osawamick, Zoey Recollet, Jolton Pitawanakwat, Terran Eshkawkogan, Shaianna Jackie, Emma Shigwadja, Cohen Wabano, Breeze Osawamick, Marissa Ominika, Shkwaandem Osawamick and Brayden Wabano.



The Manitowaning Wolves won the U14 A division championship for the Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association.



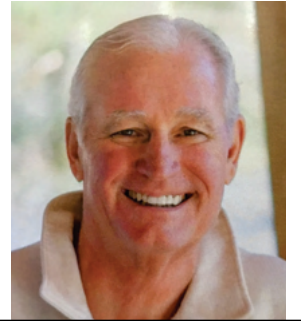
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...Wayne Trudeau

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M'Chigeeng First Nation in 1999 to be closer to his aging parents.

"I decided to accept my nomination after taking time to consider the role and responsibilities," he said, noting that he had been approached to run by elders in the community. He noted that the community has been experiencing growing trauma in recent years, particularly during the pandemic. "That isn't going away any day soon," he said, noting the challenges presented by addictions and safety issues in the community have everyone looking over their shoulders due to drugs and violence besetting the community. "It shouldn't be that way."

"We are not going to change anything if we just keep doing the same things," he said. "It is obvious that what we are doing is not working. The time for change is now and

people want change."

Tackling the fear that is crippling M'Chigeeng's ability to deal with the issues besetting it and bringing the community together, unifying against those who would drag the community down and building relationships both within and outside the community are among the first jobs that need to be tackled, he believes. "We need to find a different way of doing things," he said.

"Our relationships with our neighbouring communities were damaged during the pandemic and have not yet fully recovered," he said.

Within the community, Mr. Trudeau said that he has observed that an increasing number of people are "picking up their kids and leaving the community out of fear."

"I would like to see... I have a vision of a safe community," he said. "A community working and living together and that is going to take some thinking outside of the

box."

Mr. Trudeau pointed to his decision to not put signs up, such as those of other candidates, as being in keeping with "our Anishinaabe way."

...Floyd Ense

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community, a lot of hurt," he said. "Instead of dealing with it we hold up roadblocks."

Mr. Ense notes that the re-establishment of culture in the community would go a long way toward strengthening the bonds between youth and elders. "We need to make sure the culture is strong in the community," he said.

"Our communities have the highest rates of everything," Mr. Ense pointed out, "yet we do not prioritize dealing with those issues."

The route to dealing with that core issue is to be found in building relationships and discussing solutions in a healthy way. "We are not all going to agree on everything, but we need to communicate in a healthy way." That includes strengthening relationships with those agencies the band works closely with.

Bringing decision making back to committees and department managers will help to ensure that issues are dealt with by those who have the professional training and experience to find solutions that work.

"We need to have a strategic plan for each department,"

said Mr. Ense, noting that short term fixes and crisis management are a poor stand-in for a well thought out and long-term approach. "Right now, there isn't a 10-year strategic plan or even a five-year plan," he said.

Mr. Ense said that he wants to bring mental health back into the band's education system in order to provide youth with the tools they need to cope with trauma, be it generational or acute. As it stands, he notes, current mental health workers in the community are becoming burnt out. "Everyone is so understaffed," he said. "We need to advocate for better funding and to prioritize our workers."

Mr. Ense said he doesn't believe the solutions to the challenges facing the community will come about in the short term. "This isn't all going to be fixed in one term of council," he said. Still, Mr. Ense said he will soon be releasing a comprehensive list of his ideas in a brochure that will provide greater detail on his thought about health, mental health, education, housing, finance, administration, public works, Ontario Works, youth, language, culture and leadership.

...Linda Debassige

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years, she noted. There is a potential settlement that is currently being negotiated in the Robinson Huron Treaty annuity case, after which chief and council will need to engage band members through a series of consultations, to determine how funds will be used.

She is proud of the successes of Chief and Council throughout her terms, including participation in a class action. M'Chigeeng is one of 325 First Nations across Canada which have agreed to a \$2.8 billion settlement. Once approved by the federal court, M'Chigeeng will receive \$200,000 to develop and carry out a plan that addresses the revival and protection of Indigenous language, culture, heritage, or community wellness.

Language, culture and heritage have always been critically important to Ms. Debassige. During the current term, Ms. Debassige as ogimaa-kwe, along with council, spearheaded the revitalization of mental health and addictions programming in the community, creating a new department to concentrate on efforts that support the healing and wellness of the community with a mandate that this programming be inclusive of culture and language.

"There is a need to create and construct a healing and cultural centre to house all services and create safe spaces to allow our people to be supported in the best way possible," she said. That space would house the mental health, addictions and outreach team in an inclusive space that allows "for all to come together to participate in programs and ceremonies that will

help heal and uplift our people."

Ms. Debassige wants to see both a youth council and an elders' council incorporated into the governance structure. Also, along those lines, she acknowledges the need for a consultation code that outlines when and how the community needs to be consulted in relation to any matter under discussion by council, and how and when community needs to be consulted by government or industry, for example.

She wants to see a M'Chigeeng First Nation dedicated Board of Education that would build on the accomplishments of existing institutions including Lakeview School, Kenjegin Teg and Weengushk Film Institute, and would include adult learning opportunities and a new building for Lakeview

School.

"The time is now to really put action and effort into ensuring that our language is revitalized as it is our responsibility to do this," said Ms. Debassige. "Many communities are creating smaller immersion schools to support language learning and revitalization. It would be unfair to only rely on Lakeview School for this major initiative as language learning and retention is a community responsibility and members of all ages should be able to participate. Together we can ensure our language survives."

Ms. Debassige spoke to the years of advocacy and negotiation required to obtain funding and approvals to move forward with phase one of the waterline into the country project. Work will begin this spring. Phase two,

where the water line is built down Spring Bay Road into the village, replaces water tanks currently in use and supports the creation of a new subdivision. The waste transfer station to be completed this year is also a result of continued advocacy and planning, she said. "We successfully advocated and received additional and full funding for this project."

Other community infrastructure projects, including upgraded lagoons, a more environmentally safe wastewater treatment system, and a much-needed water tower remediation, all required the strong advocacy and negotiation skills and experience that Ms. Debassige brings to the table.

A council-approved study found over six million dollars is needed to

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...Renee Corbiere

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er, band representative and a family support worker. Being employed with M'Chigeeng First Nation has allowed me to understand the barriers should I be elected as chief," Ms. Corbiere says.

"Education is our future and will be at the forefront of our vision and goals," the candidate for chief continues. "It is our younger generations that will continue the work we are doing now. We need to equip them with the tools and resources to optimize success. Unity and transparen-

cy are what our community needs. Our people are the backbone of our community and the voice of the M'Chigeeng membership is important. I am a strong leader who will have those hard discussions to assist M'Chigeeng in progressing into a vibrant, healthy community. Education, unity and transparency, our children, youth and elders will be our priority."

"Being a leader is only successful when you grow others!" Ms. Corbiere enthuses. "This is what I want for our community. To uplift, inspire, support each

other and listen. Building trust in our community, by involving the people, will be my first step towards unity. M'Chigeeng is a great community, we just need to involve all our people in the projects and decisions."

Ms. Corbiere plans to share the balances from M'Chigeeng's revenue accounts "including community reinvestment funds that are currently under a moratorium, such as the revenues we get from the solar projects, investments, Casino Rama and land claims. We need community engagement on how

these monies will be allocated and such questions answered like what are investment opportunities? Are we planning on purchasing any land for future economic development or housing etc."

"M'Chigeeng is in need of a strategic planning session in order to achieve optimal success with regards to serving our membership," she continues. "Committees need to be reinstated to ensure com-

munity involvement is represented and the community has a voice. The chief's position does not need to be 24 hours a day, seven days a week if you are leading in a good way. We need transparency, accountability, democracy, and not the band administrative office enforcing micromanagement. I am not afraid of the challenge that M'Chigeeng faces right now nor will I be manipulated. I have the community's and peoples'

best interest at heart and will serve the people to best of my ability."

"As a community we need to seek clarity on decisions and have a community approach and share all pertinent information. Everyone is scared to answer questions because of liability and job security."

"Vote Renee Corbiere for chief of M'Chigeeng First Nation. Together for change. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech."

...Linda Debassige

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repair and maintain all M'Chigeeng roads. "There is very limited funding yearly for this and efforts are needed to make sure we get the adequate funding required to keep our roads safe and our community safe," said Ms. Debassige.

"We continue to address addictions and drug usage in our community, however, we will continue to rely on the community to report suspicious and illegal behaviour,"

she said. "We need to work together as a community to achieve healthy lifestyles which will come from helping one another so that there is no longer any need or desire for drug use which will ultimately eliminate any need for drug dealers."

"We need to get back together in a united way, to bury old grudges, so that together we can be a healthy and prosperous community."

Motorists take care—deer are on the move

MANITOULIN—With the arrival of spring and the shrinking of snow cover, herds of deer are wandering out of their winter yards in increasing numbers. The Expositor has heard numerous reports of close encounters of the cervidae kind and wishes to remind motorists to take special care

at this time of year.

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March 28th at 11 am

Learn How to Make Hot Cross Buns

With Pam Roy

In the Kitchen at the NEMI Rec Centre

April 5th at 6:30 pm

Cost \$20 per person

...Little Current Curling Club hosting 2024 Northern Ontario playdowns event

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2018 provincials, and we expect they will put on a similar, or an even better show in 2024," said Ms. Forget.

Ms. Forget pointed out there are six regions in Northern Ontario, and the venue for the provincials is rotated between the six. "This year we looked at bids from region four which includes Little Current, Sault Ste. Marie, Espanola and Elliot Lake. We received two bids to host the 2024 men's and women's provincials and Little Current was selected. We had several meetings, and the recommendation was made to the board to select Little Current. All the members of the board said yes."

Mr. Cooper told The Expositor both the men's and women's events will take place January 23-28, 2024.

Al MacNevin, mayor of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) said, "The last time the men's provincials were held in Little Current it was really well done and everyone enjoyed it."

"Yes, it is great to see the curling club getting ready to host something like this. It will be fun, and I am looking forward to it," stated Mayor MacNevin. "I know the last time it was held in Little Current the arena was packed all the time; you don't see that kind of curling talent in one place too often."

"I remember it was the Tanner Horgan rink and the Brad Jacobs rink in the last game—they didn't miss anything," said Mayor MacNevin. "It is always great to see a major event taking place here."

Mayor MacNevin said that the town will work with the organizers, noting the groups that support the event by giving up their dedicated ice time in the arena to allow the provincials to take place.

"We couldn't put a bid in for the event without the town approval and support from the Little Current Minor Hockey Association (LCMHA), Manitoulin Panthers, and the figure skating club giving up their ice time in the arena to hold this event. Their support is very much appreciated," said Mr. Cooper. "Everyone has been positive to us hosting the 2024 provincials."

Mr. Cooper acknowledged, "there is a lot to do. We have to assemble our team and get advertising done and start contacting and working with potential sponsors. If we don't have sponsorship the event will not be successful. We have to book a block of hotel rooms, thank goodness there is the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre and the new hotel being constructed in Little Current that is sched-



Crowds packed the stands in Little Current during the 2018 event.

uled to open this year." There is also food management for the event that will have to be tendered out, getting tickets printed for purchase and much more, he said.

"And we need a lot of volunteers to help out," stated Mr. Cooper. "The last time we hosted the provincials we had about 100 volunteers on hand and we are going to need as many or more this time. There are about 300-400 active curlers on Manitoulin Island and their help and from other volunteers in 2018 was part of the reason the provincials were such a success."

"We also had huge crowds at the last provincials we hosted," said Mr. Cooper. "I remember going to the Little Current arena on a Friday morning, arriving at 9 am and the arena was already packed."

"Absolutely, hosting the provincials provides a huge economic boost to the town and area," said Mr. Cooper, noting that January is one of the slowest times of the year for business and that should be boosted with the provincials being held.

Ms. Forget pointed out in the 2023 NOCA provincial championships held in Kenora, a total of 10 men's teams

...Jesuits release identity of Island clergy named in sex abuse

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The vast preponderance of cases referenced in the list did not come to light until after the death of the abuser.

The Jesuits of Canada cite "credible accusations" as those where it "appears more likely than not that an offence occurred," including accusations by "credible witnesses, parishioners, civil authorities or clergy." In compiling the list, the Jesuits and their audit assistants included those contained in "plausible hearsay evidence." It is noted that such evidence would not be admissible in court.

Among the accused, 10 of the 27 of those on the list worked either at a residential school or on a First Nation.

Among those included on the list is Fr. George Epoch, who is accused of sexually abusing more than 100 children. The Jesuit priest served in Wiikwemkoong over the course of 30 years and his remains are still buried in a cemetery in that community. The Expositor has documented the legal proceedings involving Fr. Epoch numerous times over the past few years—most recently in a 2019 article by Expositor writer Warren Schlote documenting that the list would be released.

Of those who served on Manitoulin or at Spanish Residential School one was accused of a single incident—Fr. Michael Murray (died 2020), who served in Wiikwemkoong, M'Chigeeng, Spanish and at the Anishinabe Centre in Espanola.

Those facing multiple allegations from the English "province" of Jesuits include Fr. Joseph Baker (died 1977), who served at Spanish Residential School and/or on the Island at Wiikwemkoong and M'Chigeeng; Fr. Lawrence

Brennan (died 2015), who served at Garnier Residential School in Spanish and Wiikwemkoong; Fr. Fredrick Costello (died 1965), who served at Spanish Indian Residential School; Fr. Epoch (died 1986), who served at Spanish Residential School and Wiikwemkoong; Br. Norman Hinton (died 1995), who served at Holy Cross Mission; Br. Gerard Horan (died 2011), who served in Espanola; Br. James Mara (died 1992), who served at Garnier Residential School in Spanish; Fr. John Neville O'Neill (died 2005), who served at Wiikwemkoong, M'Chigeeng and Little Current; and Br. William Westaway (died 1987), who served at Spanish Indian Residential School.

Other English "province" Jesuit priests on the list include those with a single allegation: Fr. Andrew Eordogh (died 2020), Fr. Wilfred Harris (died 1991), John Pungente (under restricted ministry), John Toth (died 1990), Francis Whelan (under restricted ministry) and those with multiple allegations: Fr. David Elely (restricted ministry), Fr. Robert MacDougall (died 2004), Fr. William Savoie (died 1989), Fr. George Topp (died 1997) and Fr. Lorne Trainor (died 2000).

French "province" (Jesuits of Lower Canada) priests with a single allegation include: Fr. Louis-Philippe (died 1980), Fr. Armand Chaumont (died 2002), Fr. Maurice Cote (died 2002) and Br. Fernand Desrocher (died 1982). Multiple allegations have been levied against Fr. Henri Lalonde (died 1974) and Fr. Marcel Menard (died 1974).

There are currently 208 Jesuit priests and brothers in Canada. The Jesuits are the largest Catholic order in the world, counting over 17,287 within their ranks globally.

...Dewar family's annual auction for cancer centre now on

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trating of the purest Manitoulin maple sap, and checking of temperatures and densities, we have finally produced and bottled our first delicious litre of 2023," said Mr. Dewar. "Although we may be slightly biased, we know it's the best! And if you would like to confirm that for yourself, keep reading and get in on the action."

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As of Monday, March 27 at 6 pm, "we will be accepting bids in the comments section of the Dewar Family Maple Syrup Shack Facebook post for the 2023 auction. The auction will close Friday, March 31 at 8 pm, and the winner will have sweet, sweet victory!" continued Mr. Dewar.

"During the auction, the Dewar family has hidden five secret milestone prizes, so if you are the lucky bidder to drive the auction above (or even to) the predetermined milestone, you will have won yourself a small, sweet prize which will definitely put a smile on your face. But please be prepared, the bids can get high, and the auction can be fierce, as all bidders strive to get this very limited taste of perfection," continued Mr. Dewar.

There are five rules to the auction, said Mr. Dewar, "Just win, because no one wants to lose in a syrup auction; bids must be in whole dollar increments and will only be accepted on the original Facebook post; trash talking is acceptable. Voice your displeasure if you are outbid, but please keep it PG; watch, bid share and enjoy!"

"We appreciate everyone who enjoys, shares, bids, or encourages others to bid. Everyone has made this auction a huge success year after year, which helps the Northern Cancer Foundation provide the amazing care that they do," said Mr. Dewar.

While the bidding on the first litre of maple syrup the first year was \$150, the bids have surpassed \$1,000 three times with the highest total being in 2022, when \$1,200 was bid on the first litre of maple syrup.

and seven women's teams took part. This includes, "the Krista McCarville rink, which has been to the Scotties 10 times, and for the men's, this year's winner was the Tanner Horgan rink which made a run at the Brier championship, getting to the playoffs. There was a really strong field and we expect a really strong field in both for the 2024 provincials in Little Current."

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Manitoulin Streams educating youth and children on the maple syrup process

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—A large group of youngsters on Manitoulin Island had the opportunity to get a hands-on and knowledge-based demonstration of the maple syrup process last week. The Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA) hosted another youth rangers event focusing on maple syrup at the Park Centre in Billings township March 16.

“There were about 45 youth that signed up and took part in the event,” said Liam Campbell, environmental technologist of MSIA. “Normally we hold our youth ranger nights programs beginning at 6:30 in the evening. I did this one during the day for the maple syrup process because of this being the March break and kids being out of school.” He noted that along with youngsters from Billings, kids from other areas like M’Chigeeng First Nation and Tehkummah took part.

“I will be running through the process of making maple syrup, from tapping trees,” said Mr. Campbell, prior to the event. “Everyone will learn how to identify maple trees, the size of the trees that you can tap and where on the maple tree is best for tapping. And everything will be hands on.”

“I will be teaching them

about why we tap maple trees and why we do it when we do,” continued Mr. Campbell. “They will

syrup out of maple tree sap and go over the temperatures that are required to tap the trees,” continued

arrival of iron pots, the evaporator, the tin can and research into the unique qualities of maple syrup.” “And hopefully we will be able to show them how to make maple taffy, pouring the maple syrup on snow, so they can get a taste of maple taffy,” said Mr. Campbell.

“I’m getting the kids out to make maple syrup because a lot of them might not have trees available or have experience making maple syrup, or having a hands-on experience carrying this out,” said Mr. Campbell.

As for the youth rangers program, “I started the program last November when we had a session learning about tree identification in the fall and winter,” said Mr. Campbell. “The second session for youth was held in January and focused on animal track identification, and in February we held a program on animal strategies for surviving the winter.”

“We have seen an increase in the number of kids participating, from 13-14 at the first event to 20 plus kids for the sessions ever since,” continued Mr. Campbell. “I have a lot of fun. I enjoy putting on these sessions for youngsters.”

“Hopefully we will be able to provide the youth ranger programs indefinitely,” said Mr. Campbell, who said part of the rea-

son the program was initiated was on a request from parents. He is looking for more funding initiatives to continue the program for awhile. “I would eventual-

ly like to hold these youth ranger events around the Island. Billings graciously offered the Park Centre to have the sessions held so far, here.”



Liam Campbell (middle) an environmental technologist with Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association hosted a Youth Rangers event focusing on the maple syrup process in Kagawong March 16.

also be taught about the science of what is happening inside the tree to make the sap run.”

“We are also having an indoor session focused on teaching why the sap runs, why and how we make

Mr. Campbell. “I will also be teaching the kids about the history of making maple syrup and tapping maple trees starting from when First Nations people were shown the maple syrup by a squirrel to the



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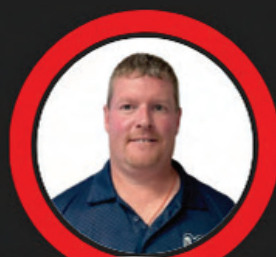


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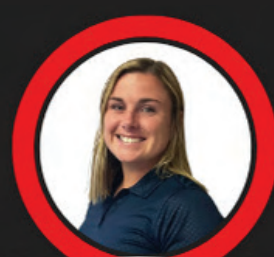
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Manitoulin Secondary School students Corbin Best (left) and Kowan Orford finished in third place in the welding category at the Rainbow District School Board annual technological skills competition, held March 1.

MSS Student skills competition

by Tom Sasvari
M'CHIGEENG—Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs students fared very well at the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) 16th annual technological skills competition, held March 1.

“They did very well,” said Steve Robinson, one of the MSS technological studies teachers along with Irving Noble and Paul Becks. “We had a bunch of second place finishes and three of our students are going on to the provincials in May.”

“Second place went to William McComb in cabinet making, McKenna Barnes was second in welding and third place went to Corbin Best and Kowan Orford, (also in welding),” said Mr. Robinson. “The provincial competition is being held May 1-3 in Toronto, and competing is Corbin Best, Kowan Orford

and William McComb, so far.”

Mr. Robinson said, “we still have one more skills competition in April, in prepared speech, and we will have at least one competitor there. New this year at the provincial level will be a heavy equipment division and we will have Brent Mastelko competing. Brent is currently working with Brandon Addison Mobile Mechanic on a co-op placement this year.”

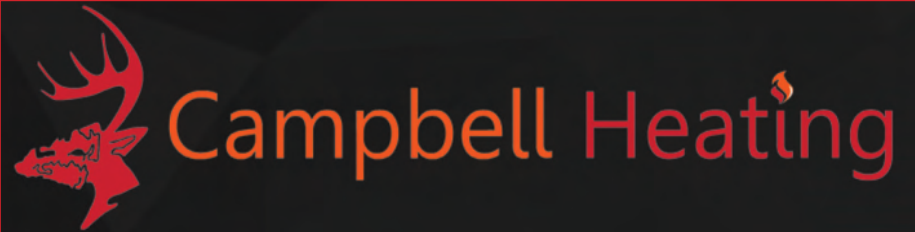
Other members of the MSS team made up of grade 10-11 students in the RDSB competition included Chase Becks in auto service, Noah Holmes in outdoor powered equipment and Tessa Prior helped with the auto service competition.

Approximately 75 secondary school students took part in testing their skills in 2D and 3D character animation, auto CAD,

auto-service technology, cabinet making, carpentry, coding, electrical installations, home and team building, mechanical CAD, photography, prepared speech, small-powered engines, tv/video production and welding.

“Events in the skilled trades give students the opportunity to problem-solve, think creatively, and explore careers,” said Dana Pratt, Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program Coordinator with RDSB. “We are reaching minds through innovative and challenging learning experiences and touching hearts by engaging students in activities that fuel their passion and support student success.”

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Happy retirement! Morley and Cathie Runnalls egg grading station and egg production business will close on Manitoulin Island at the end of March. The Runnalls have announced that they are retiring.

Runnalls egg grading, production closing down at the end of March

by Tom Sasvari

EVANSVILLE—At the end of March the Morley and Cathie Runnalls egg grading station and egg production business will close on Manitoulin Island after having been the supplier of fresh eggs for many businesses and individuals on the Island for many years.

“This has been a ma and pa operation for a long time and we are getting tired, especially ma,” stated Mr. Runnalls, last week. “We are retiring.”

“I started in the hen raising business when I was seven years old, so I’ve been at it for 71 years,” said Mr. Runnalls. “Ever since we moved back to the Island from Sudbury in 1975 we’ve had hens.”

The Runnalls got their egg grading

licence close to nine years ago. “Actually, you didn’t need a licence then, you needed a premise number and an inspection of the station.”

“You are now required to obtain a licence every two years,” said Mr. Runnalls. “The government tried to get our money last year, but the licence wasn’t due,” he quipped.

Mr. Runnalls said, “It has been a good ride and over the years we have met a tremendous amount of good people who have supported us very good over the years.” When the announcement was made on Facebook a couple of weeks ago on the couple’s retirement, “there were over 100

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Passport photos are taken Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm at the Expositor Office. \$20.50 including tax. No appointment necessary. 705-368-2744.

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coming events

The Gore Bay Curling Club will host a Recognition Event to recognize contributions from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to assist with needed upgrades at our Club on March 24 at 4:30 pm immediately followed by the first Curffle Draw. Please come out and help us thank the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Government of Ontario.

44c

"Bag Days" will begin at Knox Rummage Sale in Manitowaning on Wednesday, March 22nd and continue until the sale closes on Saturday, April 1st. Fill a small bag for \$3 or a large bag for \$5. Open Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm.

44p

Ladies! You are invited to morning coffee/tea and conversation each Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 am at Grace Bible Church, 10 Draper Street East, Little Current.

23tfn

Knox Church Rummage Sale in Manitowaning will be open Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm until the end of March.

41-45p

Little Current Fish and Game Club Spring Roast Beef Dinner and Fundraiser at the Little Current Legion on April 5. Door prizes and raffle. Cocktails at 5 pm, dinner served at 6 pm. Only 125 tickets available, \$35 each with limited take-out available. Serving roast beef which is supplied, prepared and served by Burt Farm. For more information or tickets call President Lou Shortt, 705-368-2446; Garry Elliott, 705-368-3055 or Tony Ferro, 705-936-6564. You may also pick up your tickets at The Manitoulin Expositor, Little Current.

42-44c

Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay is holding a rummage sale on Friday, March 31 from 9 am to 1 pm and Saturday, April 1 from 9 am to noon. This sale promises to have something for everyone! Please bring your own bags and masks. Donations will be accepted during sale week at the back of the church Monday through Thursday between 9 am to noon. All proceeds go to United Church Outreach Programs. We hope to see you there!

43-45p

Legion Events

Breakfast Brunch at the Royal Canadian Legion, Little Current Branch 177 on Sunday, April 2 from 10 am to 1 pm. Adults, \$15; children 6 to 10 years, \$8; kids under 5, free. Serving eggs, bacon, sausages, homefries and French toast. Also includes toast, coffee, tea and juice for the kids. Please support your Legion so we can support community events.

40tfn

coming events

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the recommended social distancing practices, the Board of Directors of Manitoulin Health Centre will be holding a virtual Board meeting on Thursday, March 23, beginning at 6 pm. Regular meetings of the Board are open to the public to attend and observe, with the exception of in-camera issues. Regular protocol will be in place and members of the public will not have the ability to make comments or ask questions during the meeting. For connectivity details, please send an email request to Lori Mastelko at lmastelko@mhc.on.ca.

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wanted

Donate your old car or truck or farm tractor, etc., or even an old metal boat to our church. We can send a truck right to you to pick these up, and in return you will receive an income tax receipt for the scrap value of your donation to St. Bernard's Church, Little Current. Please, no smaller items such as fridges, stoves, hot water tanks, etc. Contact Tony Ferro at 705-368-3066 or Jim Griffin at 705-859-2289.

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43-44p

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44-46c

Church Services

King James Bible Church, Providence Bay worships every Saturday Sabbath, 10 am to 12 noon. For more information call 705-348-2229.

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services

Are you a cancer survivor and need someone to talk to on Manitoulin? Meetings are not yet in person due to the pandemic but can support over the phone. Please feel free to reach out to anyone listed for support. Cancer Support group contacts Bonnie Young, 705-377-4998; Terry MacKenzie, RN (oncology nurse), 705-507-0433 or tandjmackenzie@hotmail.com. Ask us your questions, tell us your concerns.

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Christian Counselling: Alcohol, addiction, anxiety, children, depression, drugs, faith, grief, illness, marriage, PTSD, salvation, sin, etc. Free and confidential. King James Bible Church, 705-885-8951, cc.manitoulin@gmail.com.

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services

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Manitoulin Family Resources offers programs to support and promote positive family relationships on Manitoulin and the North Shore. Violence against Women Prevention Services: Haven House Shelter, Outreach Counseling Crisis Line 705-377-5160; Toll Free Crisis Line 800-465-6788; Children's Services: Early ON Child and Family Centre, Little Current Child Care, Mindemoya Child Care 705-368-3400; Help Centre: Thrift Shop & Food Bank 705-368-3400; Administration 705-368-3400.

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services

Are you concerned about someone's drinking? Al-Anon has one purpose: Welcoming, giving hope and comfort to help family and friends of alcoholics. Changed attitudes can aid recovery. Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Anglican Church, 213 Tudhope Street, Espanola, 705-869-6595. For more information call 1-888-4Al-Anon (1-888-425-2666, M-F, 8 am - 6 pm ET) <http://www.al-anon.org>. For meetings including electronic in Northern Ontario go to OntarioNorthAl-Anon.com. Please note the only Alateen meetings available in Northern Ontario are on a mobile app. Look for the app under Al-Anon Family Groups.

Questions or concerns about diabetes? We can help. Please contact the MHC Diabetes Training and Care Centre. Individual and group appointments available with a registered nurse or dietitian certified in diabetes education. Clinics in Little Current, Mindemoya, Silver Water, Gore Bay and Manitowaning. Please call 705-368-2300 ext. 2415 for more information. Self-referrals accepted.

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Frontline Shelter Worker (casual)

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Requirements: The successful candidate will have relevant post-secondary education (degree or diploma) and training/experience working with victims of woman abuse. Familiarity with provision of client-led, trauma informed services and harm reduction philosophy is a requirement. The successful candidate will also have excellent interpersonal, planning and communication skills, experience with data entry and computer skills, and a demonstrated commitment to diversity, cultural competency and an anti-racist/anti-oppressive or social justice approach. Current CPR/First Aid certification, First Aid, Safety, and First Aid are all required. Registration with the college of Social Workers and Social Service Workers is an asset, as is a strong understanding of the role of a social worker.

* This position is a bargaining unit position. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the shelter including, though not exclusive to, nights and weekends. Shifts will be pre-scheduled, though occasional call-ins will occur as needed, per the Collective Agreement.*

Manitoulin Family Resources welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

Deadline for applications: Thursday, March 2, 2023

Please forward applications (letters of consideration and updated resumes) to:

Attn: Marissa McCready
Shelter Supervisor
Manitoulin Family Resources
mmccready@mfresources.net



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
VICE-PRINCIPAL

Employment Status: Full-Time Regular
Classification Level: Teacher's Approved Salary Grid, along with Vice-Principal's Allowance
Department: Education - Lakeview School (K - Grade 8)
Pension: Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan Benefits: Extended Healthcare and Dental

POSITION SUMMARY:

M'Chigeeng First Nation requires an experienced educator to support school operations and provide strong leadership to educators and staff members. The ideal candidate is active in the Anishinabek community and makes themselves available for parent consultations, taking parent suggestions and discussing the educational needs of individual students. Under the supervision of the Principal, the Vice Principal will assist with major and minor building maintenance programs and ensure that educators have the resources they need to meet local Anishinabek priorities and provincial curriculum requirements. The Vice Principal will be a school leader who is well respected and has a proven record. He/she is community and student focused, and can strategically foster growth, development, and opportunities for students in the elementary educational system. They will cultivate strong relationships to support the involvement of a 'system'; and will work in collaboration with Principal, Director of Education, Chief & Council and the M'Chigeeng community at large.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

The main areas of responsibilities are focused on ensuring a safe and successful school:

- Promoting a positive school culture where teachers, parents and communities are partners in education.
Implementing a long-term plan for Anishinabek student academic success and supporting the engagement of staff, parents, and the community members in a three to five-year school success plan.
Cultivating leadership in others by modelling collaborative leadership and supporting capacity-building for staff.
Managing people, data, and processes through fair, effective, and accountable practices.
Facilitating, leading, and planning effective professional development for all education team members and implementing school wide initiatives tactfully, strategically, and meaningfully.
Upholding M'Chigeeng First Nation's educational policies and supporting the integration of Ontario Ministry curriculum infused with Anishinabek language, culture, history, and perspectives.
Support the use of provincial and local Anishinabek benchmarks for students and teachers to track progress towards learning goals.
Other duties as assigned.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Valid Ontario teaching certification and a member of the Ontario College of Teachers.
Completion of Ontario Principal's Qualifications Program (PQP) Part 1 and a commitment to take PQP Part 2.
Minimum 5 years teaching experience.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Completion of a Master's Degree in Education.
Completion of Ontario Principal's Qualifications Program (PQP) Part 1.
More than 7 years teaching experience in Ontario.
Experience in a leadership role (formal or informal) in an Ontario school system.
Understanding of and experience with Anishinabek education, values, history, culture.
Fluency in Anishinabemowin.
Knowledge of current issues in First Nations education.

*The successful candidate will be required to submit a current thirty (30) day Police VSS; and an offer of employment is contingent of a satisfactory Police VSS record.

Closing Date: March 24th, 2023, by 4:00 p.m.

Interested applicants must submit a Cover Letter, Resume, education certifications and three (3) references (2 professional and 1 character) addressed to:

CONFIDENTIAL: VICE PRINCIPAL
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0
Email: employment@mchigeeng.ca
Tel: 705-377-5362 Fax: 705-377-4980

Miigwetch for your interest, however, only applicants selected for an interview, will be contacted.
For a detailed job description, please send your request to andream@mchigeeng.ca



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Business Development Officer - Indigenous Women's Entrepreneurship Program

Qualifications

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Education: A Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Marketing, or a related field. A minimum of 3 years of business development experience, with a focus on working with Indigenous women entrepreneurs. Knowledge of the business development process and the ability to conduct business analysis and develop business plans. Strong communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to build relationships and provide excellent customer service. Ability to work independently and manage multiple projects simultaneously.

Duties

Provide business development support to Indigenous women entrepreneurs, including conducting business analysis, developing business plans, and providing ongoing support and mentorship. Conduct market research and identify potential business opportunities for clients. Develop and maintain a strong network of relationships with clients, industry partners, and community organizations. Provide training and education to clients on business development topics. Monitor and evaluate the performance of clients and provide feedback to improve their business performance.

Salary: The successful candidate will be compensated in accordance with the applicable collective agreement. Applications should be submitted to the Human Resources Department by Friday, March 31st, 2023. Please include a cover letter, resume, and three references with your application.

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Qualifications

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Education: A Bachelor's degree in Finance, Accounting, or a related field. A minimum of 3 years of finance or accounting experience. Knowledge of financial management principles and practices. Strong analytical and problem-solving skills. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Ability to work independently and manage multiple projects simultaneously.

Duties

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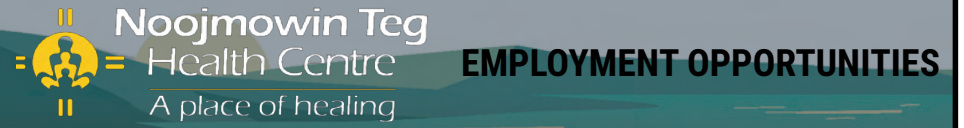
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- Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination Status is required

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Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
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Closing date for applications is **1 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2023**

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Job Description available at www.tehkummah.ca.
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MUNICIPALITY OF ASSIGINACK

**Seeks a Municipal Clerk NO. 2023-29**

The Municipality of Assiginack is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Municipal Clerk. The Clerk will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Municipality, including the preparation and presentation of the annual budget, the preparation and presentation of the annual report, and the preparation and presentation of the annual financial statement. The Clerk will also be responsible for the preparation and presentation of the annual report to the Council. The Clerk will also be responsible for the preparation and presentation of the annual report to the Council.

The successful candidate will have a minimum of five (5) years' experience in a similar position. The successful candidate will also have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in a related field. The successful candidate will also have a minimum of a Grade 12 diploma or equivalent. The successful candidate will also have a minimum of a Grade 12 diploma or equivalent.

Interested applicants should submit their resumes and cover letters to the Human Resources Department, Municipality of Assiginack, 156 Arthur Street, Assiginack, ON P0P 1N0. The application closing date is Friday, March 31, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

All offers of employment are subject to the availability of funds.

Sealed applications to be received by the Clerk on your behalf by Friday, March 31, 2023. Please note that the Clerk will not be responsible for applications received after the closing date.

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

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Town of Gore Bay is seeking applications for summer student positions:

Public Works Assistant
Dock Attendant (2)

Please submit your application to the undersigned no later than 4:00 p.m., March 27, 2023.

Pam Fogal, Deputy Clerk
Town of Gore Bay
PO Box 590, 15 Water Street
Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0
705-282-2420 ext. 4
pfogal@gorebay

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

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT MANAGER

Department: Health Services
Classification Level: Senior Management
Employment Status: Full Time
Salary Range: \$72,800.00 to \$98,800.00

Reporting Relationship

The Health Services Department Manager reports to the Enaagdenjig.

Position Summary

The Health Services Department Manager is responsible for the management of the M'Chigeeng Health Services under the direction of the Enaagdenjig. This includes providing support and assistance to the Band Membership for developing and maintaining quality health care services.

Essential Functions

- Prepare budgets, financial reports and recommendations of program expenditures to Enaagdenjig and ratify by Chief and Council.
- Ensure all activities conducted are consistent with M'Chigeeng First Nation policies.
- Advise Health Committee with the development of the Health Policy and By-Laws for M'Chigeeng First Nation.
- Ensure all activities relating to participation in government and community affairs are in the best interest of M'Chigeeng.
- Maintain communication liaison with Chief and Council, Band Members, health organizations, hospitals, health units and funding agencies.
- Respond to health concerns; be familiar and aware of local health issues, initiatives, and processes as well as conditions that may affect M'Chigeeng First Nation (i.e. water quality).
- Research sources of funding.
- Responsible for preparation of proposals and apply for funding in all areas that relate to the program.
- Manage project activities and funding requirements.
- Attend regular Committee/Board meetings and Chief and Council meetings when requested.
- Perform such duties as report writing, compiling statistics, program and delivery systems development with Health Services Team.
- Participate on Committee/Boards outside of MFN as appointed by Chief and Council.
- Prepare and maintain regular financial reports for MFN and funding agencies.
- Manage an annual budget and be responsible and accountable as per MFN financial policies.
- Ensure professional development needs are identified and relevant to Health Services Department Manager role and subject to financial resources.
- Responsible for on-call nursing services for Wellness Centre residents.

Qualifications/Requirements

- Degree in Public Health Administration or Equivalent Health related diploma with five (5) years' experience in administration of Health or Social Services.
- Well developed leadership and management skills.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills including computer skills.
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence and own transportation.
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, history and customs of the Anishinaabe.
- Understanding and fluency of Ojibwe is an asset.
- CRC/VSS requirement, must be current (30 days) and must be an original.

*The successful candidate will be required to submit a current thirty (30) day Police CRC

Application Closing Date: April 14, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Interested applicants must submit cover letter, resume, three (3) current reference contacts (two work-related references and one character reference) addressed to:

HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT MANAGER
c/o Human Resources M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0
Fax 705-377-4980 or employment@mchigeeng.ca

Miigwetch for your interest, however, only applicants selected for an interview, will be contacted. For detailed job description, please email andream@mchigeeng.ca.



MNAAMODZAWIN HEALTH SERVICES
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Home & Community Care Manager - 2nd posting

Mnaamodzawin Health Services is seeking a reliable and committed individual to provide leadership and support to the Home and Community Care health team that includes CHNs, RNs, RPNs and PSWs. The Home & Community Care Manager is responsible to ensure the effective and coordinated delivery of community-based and client focussed health services to First Nation community members of Aundeck Omni Kaning, Whitefish River, Sheguiandah, Shesheganing and Zhiibaahaasing. The Home & Community Care Manager will provide direction with program planning and development, quality assurance, risk management and ensure that daily operations and service delivery meet the goals, objectives and mission of the organization.

Skills and Qualifications:

1. Experience working with First Nations communities and knowledge of Ojibway culture, language, traditions and treatment approaches an asset
2. Post-secondary Degree or Diploma in clinical health-related services
3. Must be a member of registered healthcare body and in good standing
4. Two (2) years of related management experience
5. Three (3) years' direct experience in the delivery and/or coordination of home care services or experience in Indigenous community health nursing
6. Be able to demonstrate sound clinical knowledge and experience in home care case management and/or community-based home care service delivery
7. Proven ability to apply clinical case management skills in the development, assessment, planning, coordination and monitoring of services
8. Ability to liaise as appropriate with other health care institutions and First Nation internal and external providers to ensure appropriate continuum of care
9. Ability to work independently and collaboratively
10. Must have a valid Ontario Driver's Licence and dependable vehicle
11. Possess Standard First Aid/CPR certification or be willing to take training
12. Experience working with electronic medical records (EMRs)
13. Ability to prepare annual budgets and submit quarterly and annual reporting submissions to funders
14. Administrative skills include management of scheduling, health records, annual work plans and tracking of services provided

Closing Date: Friday, March 31, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Qualified individuals are invited to submit a cover letter, current resume, recent VSS (within the last year), credentials, proof of registration with registered body, along with three current work-related references, marked CONFIDENTIAL, to:

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

*Only those candidates considered for an interview will be contacted



George Williamson, in background, and Cole Hughson perform at the Assiginack Fall Fair.

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“It was a lot easier to play,” he said. By the time he was 17 he was performing in a wedding band formed by his high school music teacher.

“We must have played just about every hall in Sudbury, along the North Shore, sometimes even on Manitoulin,” recalled Mr. Williamson. “We were booked pretty much solid.” He credits his teacher with instilling a sense of discipline that really helped his music go to a new level.

A few years later marriage bells rang out and Mr. Williamson set his guitar aside for a while, eventually selling the electric and buying a 12-string that was more suitable to his more restricted playing opportunities. His wife Lynda has always been very supportive of his music, he stressed.

The idea for the concerts in downtown Little Current came about through his experiences while visiting his older sister Joan Sagle in Florida. “They had a circle that would play and support each other in a nearby park,” he said. “It was an open mic kind of thing.”

“Gordie Greenough of the Islanders was the first person to play with me downtown,” he recalled. “Lynda would organize the music and I provided rhythm guitar to help hold things together.” The crowds

were small to start, but Mr. Williamson and his growing cadre of musicians kept at it. “It was important to keep showing up,” he said. Eventually, the audience grew and the concerts became a fixture on the Little Current waterfront.

Mr. Williamson became a mentor of sorts to Cole Hughson, having been introduced to the young musician by Cole’s grandmother Norma Hughson. “We were playing at a Christmas dinner at the United Church, and she asked if Cole could come up and sing a song,” recalled Mr. Williamson. “Cole sang ‘White Christmas.’ I was very impressed with how nice and polite he was. He had good timing and reminded me of myself when I was younger.”

Cole became a regular in the Friday night crew and later joined Mr. Williamson on his online concerts during the pandemic. The duo are slated to play together at Bluegrass in the Country later this summer.

Mr. Williamson joins Sudbury District’s Andre Giroux, Cathy Brooks and Mike Foisy of Nipissing-Parry Sound, Sylvie Blais and Eric Girard of Cochrane and Temiskaming, Terry Eaton and Jerry Bouchard of Algoma West and Jim Graham of Algoma East as the 2023 inductees.



JOB POSTING: PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

The Assiginack Fall Fair is a major event in the community, and we are seeking a Public Works Manager to oversee the Water and Wastewater department.

The Public Works Manager will be responsible for the management, administration, and delivery of all AOKFN’s Public Works programs and services to ensure that the community has a safe and reliable water supply.

The Public Works Manager is responsible:

- Hiring, plan, direct, co-ordinate, administer and supervise Public Works staff and Public Works budget.
- Submitting reports on time.
- For strategic planning and project management.
- For financial reporting and budgeting.
- For all tendering and Request for Proposal preparation for Public Works services.
- Act as liaison to other departments, Crown corporations, and government agencies on all functions pertaining to Public Works.
- For reviewing cost reports and construction progress of AOKFN projects to ensure standards of quality and conformance with budget appropriations.
- In working in compliance with Occupational Health and Safety Act and any other relevant legislation.
- Certify employees as required.
- Be available to travel as needed.

The ideal candidate will have the following:

- A minimum of 5 years experience in a similar role, preferably in the public works setting.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Strong knowledge of federal/provincial legislation and policy that affects the operation of public works.
- Computer literate.
- Knowledge of Anishnaabemowin language and culture.
- Must be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions.

Interested applicants who meet the qualifications as listed above must submit a SIGNED cover letter, current resume, photocopy of degree/diploma, credentials & three current work references with phone numbers to:

Attention: Public Works Manager
13 Hills Trail,
LITTLE CURRENT, ON P0P 1K0

Only qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. The successful candidate will be asked to provide a current Criminal Record Check (CPIC).

DEADLINE DATE: March 24, 2023 at 2:00 p.m
There will be no return of submissions.
Posted: March 9, 2023

GORE BAY MEDICAL CENTRE

MEDICAL OFFICE ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST

FULL and PART TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Gore Bay Medical Centre is looking for persons with the following qualifications:

- Experience in a medical environment preferred
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Strong computer skills needed, EMR experience preferred
- Ability to work as a team member
- Willingness to learn new skills
- Ability to multi-task and be independently motivated

If you feel you possess the usual qualifications, please submit a cover letter and resume by hand, mail or e-mail (phone call not accepted) at:

gmcallister@gorebaymedicalcentre.ca
Gore Bay Medical Centre
Box 219
Gore Bay, ON
P0P

Closing dates for applications will be 5:00 pm March 24, 2023. We thank all applicants but only those chosen to be interviewed will be contacted by March 27, 2023



Northern Ontario’s oldest newspaper has openings for **qualified freelance Reporters**

Successful applicants must be capable of writing both news and feature stories. Some stories will be assigned, others may be self-generated in consultation with the paper’s editor. Photos to illustrate news and feature stories are an expectation.

Preference will be given to applicants who:

- Have had experience in journalism
- Can demonstrate the ability to work to a firm deadline
- Can demonstrate a good knowledge of Manitoulin Island, or at least the area of it in which they live
- Have a class G driver’s licence and access to a vehicle

If you feel you meet these minimum requirements and would like to join a team of professionals dedicated to telling the interesting stories of this unique place, please send your resume, including writing samples to: editor@manitoulin.com.

We thank all those that apply, however, only applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.



KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

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

We are now accepting applications for the following **FULL-TIME** positions which include pension and benefits:

Manitoulin Island:

- Case Aide (Closes March 24, 2023)
- IT Specialist (Closes March 30, 2023)
- Help Desk Technician (Closes March 30, 2023)
- Child Well-Being Worker (Closes March 30, 2023)

We are now accepting applications for the following **CONTRACT** positions:

Sudbury:

- Case Aide Contract (Closes March 24, 2023) Manitoulin Island or Sudbury:
- Health & Safety Officer (Closes March 24, 2023)

Apply to: Human Resources at hr@kgcfs.org and quote the position title in the subject line. All postings close at 4pm EST. To view the postings and detailed job descriptions, visit our website at: <https://www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities>

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



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

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

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

The following Employment Opportunity is now available to anyone interested in joining our highly dedicated workforce.

Custodian
Permanent Part-Time
Location: Gore Bay
Competition #2023-08-IAM
Deadline for Applications: OPEN

Custodian
Permanent Part-Time
Location: Little Current
Competition #2023-07-IAM
Deadline for Applications: OPEN

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

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



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

**Bilingual Mental Health Clinician
Urgent Response Services Program**

for the Sudbury/Manitoulin, Algoma and Nipissing/Parry Sound/Muskoka areas
Hybrid work arrangement

Permanent, full-time, 35 hours/week
Salary range: (Bachelors) \$35.03 - \$42.06 (Masters) \$37.83 - \$45.42

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

The successful candidate will have a Master's degree in social work or one of the helping disciplines (i.e. psychology) and must be registered and in good standing with the college of Social Work or Psychotherapy. Those candidates with an Honours degree may be considered. The successful candidate must have a minimum five (5) years' experience developing and implementing behaviour treatment plans for children with Autism; experience working in a multidisciplinary team, including with other registered clinical practitioners; experience in the development, implementation, data collection, and oversight of clinical treatment programming for children with Autism; excellent organizational skills to support planning for client services in a multidisciplinary context, case management, assessment, intervention skills and data collection and analysis.

The successful candidate will have knowledge of both theory and the application of systemic interventions, child development, childhood disorders and syndromes, family/individual mental health assessments and intervention. The candidate must be self-motivated and able to work independently. Exceptional leadership, inter-personal, problem-solving, written and organizational skills are further requirements for this position.
Bilingualism (English & French) is essential.

A valid driver's licence, access to a vehicle, and current insurance are required as travel throughout the assigned area may be expected. The successful candidate must provide a clear vulnerable sector criminal reference check. **The potential candidate will be expected to primarily work from home at this time.**

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

Mary-Katherine Howe, Executive Director
Children's Community Network
Tel: (705) 566-3416 ext. 2547
Fax: (705) 521-7376
Email: mhowe@ccnsudbury.on.ca
Posted: February 15, 2023 (until filled)

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



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

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Consultant - Bilingual
for the Sudbury office Hybrid Work Arrangement
Full time permanent, bilingual, 35 hours/week
Salary range: \$26.93 to \$40.48 per hour

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

The successful candidate will be committed to strength-based principles of child, youth, and family centredness, demonstrate the ability to build and maintain relationships with diverse stakeholders, have experience in data collection and analysis, have the ability to work independently and contribute to a team, and show strong organizational and time management skills. The successful candidate will have knowledge of both theory and the application of systemic interventions, child development, childhood disorders and syndromes, family/individual mental health assessments and intervention.

He/She will possess a BSW or equivalent degree in one of the social sciences or helping professions, have a minimum of three (3) year's work or equivalent experience with vulnerable or at-risk populations including special needs, have experience working with children/youth with FASD and their families, be fluent in both official languages, and have strong presentation and interpersonal skills. As travel throughout the assigned area is expected, candidates must have a valid driver's licence, access to a vehicle and provide a Motor Vehicle Abstract.

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

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

Mary Katherine Howe – Executive Director
Children's Community Network
319 Lasalle Boulevard, Unit 2
Sudbury, ON P3A 1W7
Tel: (705) 566-3416 ext. 2547 Fax: (705) 521-7376
E-Mail: mhowe@ccnsudbury.on.ca

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



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

is currently seeking a

SERVICE COORDINATOR

for the Sudbury office

Full time permanent, 35 hours/week
Salary range: \$26.93 to \$40.48 per hour

The successful candidate will provide screening for service eligibility/priority for a range of children's services and provide information about services and support available for children and youth in the assigned area. They will provide Coordinated Service Planning for families of children and youth with complex needs, refer children and youth to appropriate services, link children and youth to initial services and activate crisis services when required.

The successful candidate will have knowledge of both theory and the application of systemic interventions, child development, childhood disorders and syndromes, family/individual mental health assessments and intervention. He/She will possess a BSW or equivalent degree in one of the social sciences or helping professions. Experience in and ability to coordinate services, to empower clients and conduct comprehensive needs assessments is required. Candidates must have a valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle.

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

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

Mary Katherine Howe, Executive Director
Children's Community Network
319 Lasalle Boulevard, Unit 2
Sudbury, ON P3A 1W7
Tel: (705) 566-3416 ext. 2547
Fax: (705) 521-7376
E-Mail: mhowe@ccnsudbury.on.ca
Posted: March 10, 2023

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

...Municipalities threaten to give 'provincial offences' court back to Ontario

...continued from page 1 amount of revenue dollars that POA could collect in back fines (for POA tickets) from people that owe fines. But how do you get them?"

"We have had a collection agency trying to get people to pay the fines but they can't collect them either. So, the POA have all these fines on the books that look like revenues, but they aren't until the fines are collected."

"And the problem with OPP officers ticketing people who have driving offences is that they are too busy dealing with the major crimes like murders

and drug cases that have been taking place on the Island," said Mr. Stephens. "So, we are losing in that way too."

"And a lot of the people that are getting the tickets are going to court on the tickets, which costs the POA four times the normal process," said Mr. Stephens. "And for these cases we have to pay for the judge, prosecutor, court clerk, court guard and the police officer. We aren't going to even make back the money owed on the fine. And now municipalities have bylaw officers who are giving out tickets for fines and they are hav-



Many drivers who are issued tickets now choose to fight them in court, which costs the Provincial Offences Act court four times the amount, according to the Island chair.

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ing trouble collecting the fines as well." court costs because they are set by the province," said Mr. Stephens. "We

thought the past few years the problem with fines being imposed and collected was due to COVID-19, because there weren't as many people out on the roads and fewer tickets were being handed out."

Mr. Stephens said the POA had been looking at a substantial deficit in its budget last year, but it ended up not being as large as had been forecast. "But it still cost municipalities because we had to go to the municipalities for financial help to help pay the (POA) employees."

"I don't think it is sustainable," stated Mr. Stephens.

POA manager Pam Fogal told The Expositor, "Our projected deficit in the POA 2023 budget is over \$45,000. We had a huge deficit projected last year, and we ended up with a loss, but did a lot better than had been forecast."

POA budget deficits, "are a trend in the area. Other POAs are having the same problems."

"The problem is we know we have more enforcement (policing) on the Island but they have larger issues to deal with these days with investigations of drug busts and

murders," said Ms. Fogal. "We are projecting a deficit in our budget this year because we have 12 days of special trials scheduled for 2023 which have substantial extra costs associated with it. And the cost of these trials are huge."

At the March 7 POA board meeting, the 2023 budget was adopted as presented by the board, further that staff invoices the municipal partners for their share of the 2022 deficit, and further that staff submit a letter to the province to strongly push that they offer financial assistance or they can resume the responsibility for provincial offences.

At a Gore Bay council meeting last week, councillor Terry Olmstead, a member of the POA board told council, "The POA needs over \$45,000. It's the same everywhere."

"The POA downloading onto the municipalities from the province is not working out," stated Mayor Ron Lane, prior to council approving the POA budget and approval of paying its share of the deficit.

...Island cancer survivor group reorganizing, restoring

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tinued to support each other over the phone during the pandemic. We want to revive the bigger group."

"With the opening of groups and activities, the MCSG decided it's time to start meeting in person once again," said Ms. Mackenzie. "A small steering group has been planning for the restart in April which is Cancer Awareness Month. The vision is that this will be open to all people affected with cancer be it personally or in a supportive role. Discussion could be around treatment, side effects and long-term survivorship issues. No one will be forced to speak or share their experiences with the group."

"Please know that you are not alone in this journey here on the Manitoulin and would invite you to join the group

for as long as you need support," said Ms. Mackenzie.

"We are sending around a poster to the Manitowaning Family Health Team with advertising and will be reaching out to other family health teams and medical facilities and agencies on the Island," continued Ms. Mackenzie.

Ms. Mackenzie said the group meetings will rotate locations on the Island from Little Current, Mindemoya, Gore Bay and Manitowaning. The meetings will be approximately two hours in length and will be held on weekdays and alternating on weekends to accommodate those who are working.

"The first meeting will take place April 12 from 2-4 pm in Mindemoya at the municipal council chambers," said Ms. Mackenzie. Subsequent meetings will take place on Saturday, May 13 from 2-4 pm at the Gore Bay Legion; Wednesday, June 14 from 2-4 pm at the Assiginack Family Health Team office in Manitowaning; and Sunday, July 16 from 2-4 at the Little Current Legion.

"We will see how it goes, but hopefully the meetings will bring a lot of people out," said Ms. Mackenzie.

For more information on the Manitoulin Cancer Support Group you can contact Terry Mackenzie at 705-507-0433 tanjmackenzie@hotmail.com; Bonnie Young at 705-377-4998; Ann Cranston at 705-282-7531 or bnaanc@gmail.com or Ciann Strickland at 705-282-7197 seeds24joy@gmail.com

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Medes de Franca. "It was written about me and my adoption, by my aunt Deb, and provides a look back at my life and the people of South Africa and Cedarville, the small town I am from, my biological parents and what they would have gone through and her move to Canada to be with my wonderful, loving family."

Ellie was also nominated for best female artist, placing third (again among 10 nominated, including Diana Ross), and third for best cover song, for 'Emotions.'

"Ellie did very well in the contest," said Ms. Mendes de Franca. "The nominations were not singers in just one country, but worldwide. We are so happy that they nominated Ellie for these awards." The Fab Chart awards are based in Britain, "and they have been supporting Ellie and her music for more than two years."

"They are obviously listening to Ellie's music and songs, playing her songs on their radio station and they are supporting up and coming artists," said Ms. Mendes de Franca.

The contest took place from March 4-6.

"For those who need some kind of purpose or reason for the Fab Chart, it's an interesting way of poking music fans in the ribs and saying 'Hey, come and listen to these cool artists and songs,'" the Fab Chart website states. "When people put their songs online, we have a team who listen to new music each week, and the best of the best are put forward for the Fab top 30. We assume that musicians put their songs online because they want people to listen to them. The Fab Chart gets between 500-1,000 unique visits each week. We are only a small part of a massive music scene, but it

only takes one listener with influence to put an artist on the better musical map."

The first Fab Chart was in June 2006 and the first number one was "Sekai Ga Hitotsu Ni Narumade" by Ya Ya Yah.

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If you're outgoing, are a creative thinker and pride yourself on your organizational skills this could be the job for you!

Applicants should have good computer literacy, be outgoing, have a valid Ontario driver's licence and thrive in a creative and dynamic atmosphere.

For more information, or to drop a resume by, please email expositor@manitoulin.com or give us a call, 705-368-2744.

We can't wait to hear from you!

We thank all those who apply. However, only those considered for this position will be contacted.



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

for the Sudbury-Manitoulin, Algoma and Nipissing area Hybrid work arrangement

Permanent, full-time, 35 hours/week
Salary range: \$74,372 - \$84,514

The successful candidate will be responsible to manage the day-to-day oversight of unionized employees and our clinical programs. The Clinical Manager will assume accountability for his/her work and for those he/she supervises in accordance with legislation and clinical behavioural best practices. Duties will be carried out in accordance with the policies, philosophy, mission, vision and values of the organization.

The successful candidate will have a Master's degree in social work or one of the helping disciplines (i.e. psychology). Candidates with a Bachelor's degree with extensive management experience may be considered. The successful candidate will have a minimum of three (3) years' experience training and/or supervising others to provide behaviour intervention; ability to manage a clinical service team in the delivery and oversight of Applied Behaviour Analysis, as well as behaviour assessment and treatment for children and youth with ASD; ability to write clinical reports summarizing client strengths, needs and recommendations as required; ability to analyze and synthesize data; ability to work independently and collaboratively as a member of an inter-disciplinary team.

The successful candidate will have knowledge of both theory and the application of systemic interventions, child development, childhood disorders and syndromes, family/individual mental health assessments and intervention. The candidate must be self-motivated and able to work independently. Exceptional leadership, inter-personal, problem-solving, written and organizational skills are further requirements for this position.

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

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

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Posted: March 7, 2023

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

...Runnalls egg grading, production closing down

...continued from page 15 hits on Facebook wishing us well in retirement."

The Runnalls delivered the eggs to businesses, restaurants and individuals on Manitoulin Sudbury and the North Shore. "Wherever

we could sell them," Morley said. "Any surplus eggs we would have we would sell them to Martin's Country Market in Massey, and they would give them to retailers in Sudbury."

"Over the years the amount of product we were producing was the same, but the customer base has kept growing," said Mr. Runnalls. "We are way behind on our orders as we speak, and too old to keep up."

"Our business was the only licenced egg grading station on Manitoulin," said Mr. Runnalls. "As I mentioned, our customer base has expanded significantly over the years, to the point that we can't handle the orders. I'm 78 years old and would like 15-20 minutes before quitting time. It would be nice to be able to go to the Meldrum Bay or Tehkummah card parties."

Mr. Runnalls explained that Cathie was steady cleaning the eggs, and he was on the road delivering and grading eggs. "Every egg had to be looked at, at least three times by hand (with gathering them, washing, candling them, taking them to the grading station and then having them candled again before they were put in cartons and distributed to customers)."

"It costs 27 cents to put one egg in a carton, and this is not paying us anything or the gasoline we needed for our car to deliver the eggs," said Mr. Runnalls.

"I received a notice recently from the Ontario Egg Marketing Board that they are going to do all of us right by paying \$2.19 a dozen eggs. This is a little less than our costs after we take them to the grading station," said Mr. Runnalls.

Both Morley and Cathie have had many different jobs over the years. Morley has acquired skills in numerous jobs, ranging from farm work to navigation. He ran a large combine, delivered milk, cut wood, was watchman and

wheelsman on the Norgoma, Norisle and the Nor-mac, Algoma Central Railway, worked at a gold mine, Wagg's Creamery, Manitoulin Transport, Hydro, McQuarrie Motors, and graduated to driving a school bus, along with raising chickens, grading and distributing eggs to local stores over much of the Island.

The couple married on June 16, 1973. After the wedding, Cathie got work babysitting for a family. Mort left the dairy and worked for Manitoulin Transport from their Sudbury warehouse, delivering goods to many locations.

In 1975 the couple moved back to the Island and Morley worked for a farmer. In 1985 the couple bought their own farm and a year later, the house they now live in. Morley found more permanent work at McQuarrie Motors. He continued to drive the school bus as he had since 1978. He became a good parts manager for McQuarrie's and won the Superstar's Cruise in 1984 for selling the second highest number of parts. He also oversaw the Mills cemetery for many years.

Cathie brought in extra money, cleaning homes and the municipal office for the Town of Gore Bay. After 1981, she worked for Manitoulin Transport, staying there for 17 years until 1998. After that she became the janitor at Charles C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay.

In 1992 the couple leased Obejewung Park on the south end of Lake Wolsey. They ran it for 10 years, renting trailer sites, cleaning central areas and manning a small fast food outlet. They sold their interest in the park in 2002.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

All claims against the Estate of JAMES GRANT CHISHOLM, late of the City of Terrace Bay, who died on or about FEBRUARY 4, 2023, must be filed with the undersigned Solicitors by the 20TH OF APRIL 2023, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims which the undersigned then has notice.

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Death Notices

NORMAN "NORM" ERNEST HORE

November 20, 1935 - March 15, 2023



In loving memory of Norm who passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at the age of 87 years. Norm was born on November 20, 1935 in Mindemoya and grew up on his families' small farm in Honora Bay. After graduating high school, he left for Sudbury and began working for

INCO, spending 35 plus years with the company until his retirement. Norm met Marguerite (nee Paisley) and they married in 1964. They moved to Lively raising two children and enjoyed many good times with friends. Norm was community-minded and instrumental in starting Lively's first Little League Baseball organization for kids to play ball. Throughout his life he was a dedicated Mason and Shriner and developed numerous friendships and generously gave his time to those organizations. After Norm and Marguerite retired, they moved back to the Island and lived in Little Current. He loved his vegetable garden and was extremely proud to show it off to anyone that visited. Norm loved the outdoors and spent much of his spare time out at "the farm" in Honora Bay puttering and fishing in both the summer and winter. Norm loved music and he played the clarinet, drums and later in life the "wash tub" became his go to instrument. Norm and Marguerite enjoyed travelling and were fortunate to have visited many places during their time together. Norm will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 59 years, Marguerite; his children Tom (Donna) and Tim (Susan) and his brother Doug (Marilee). He will be fondly remembered by his five grandchildren Jessica (Paul), Josh (Allison), Sydney (Mitch), Graeme and Alison and his five great-grandchildren, Sophie, Rosalie, Brooke, Peyton and Zoe. Norm was predeceased by his parents Ernest Sylvester Hore and Margaret Julia (Armstrong). A Celebration of Life was held at Island Funeral Home on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 2 pm. A Masonic Service was held at 1 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children, the Little Current Fish & Game Club, the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary or to a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.IslandFuneralHome.ca.

BEVERLEY JOAN TEMPLE
(nee Marchand)
February 16, 1939 - March 13, 2023

Bev (Joan) passed away suddenly on Monday, March 13, 2023 in her 84th year. Beloved wife of 61 years to Wilson (Bill) Temple. Mother of Harold (predeceased). Grandmother of Ryan (Kaleena), Michael, Kyle (Djoni), Nathan and Cassandra. Bev will be sadly missed by her brothers and sisters-in-law Dale (Brenda), Wilfred (Donna), Fay (Abner), Victor (Gloria) and Barry; her niece Claudine; as well as many family, friends and cousins. Bev had a love of dogs and her family was her pride and joy. At Bev's family's request, cremation has taken place. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.IslandFuneralHome.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.

Gore Bay pavilion gets name

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—Gore Bay council has given its approval for the suggested name for a new building constructed in the town in 2022, after receiving a great response and input from local residents—22 submissions.

Council, at a meeting last week approved a recommendation from the town public works and properties committee to have the new open-air pavilion named the 'Harbour View Pavilion.'

"Are we going to put a plaque or sign at the building to identify it," asked Councillor Ken Blodgett.

"Personally, I don't think it would hurt to have the name on it," said Mayor

Ron Lane. He noted it would be a good idea to have a name installed on the building to make it easy for the town or groups holding private functions to be able to indicate these activities are taking place at the building.

thank you



The family of the late Larry Bowerman would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all family, friends and the community for their love and support during a most difficult time. We particularly appreciated the lowering of the flags in Birch Island for the two days in respect of Larry's service. Deeply appreciated were the food, visits, phone calls, messages, cards of sympathy, flowers and donations. Thank you to Mnaamodzawin Health Services. Special thanks to Dione Runnalls for the quality care that she gave. Also, thank you to Grace Bible Church and Lougheed's Funeral Home.

notices

Gore Bay United Church Food Cupboard is open every Thursday from 12 noon to 3 pm. Come to the church side door (facing McQuarrie Motors). You will be invited into the Food Cupboard to choose your food items. If you don't have a bag, there are some available. Please wear a mask. If you have questions, please call 705-282-2011. Messages are checked daily. Everyone is welcome. Tfn 44c

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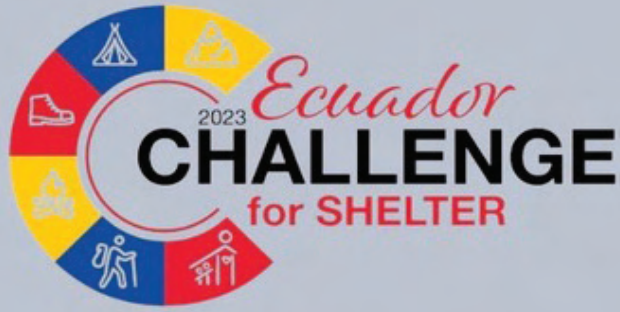
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Leanne loves to work with clients from all over the North but seems to have found her niche in working in the Manitoulin market. Having grown up on this beautiful freshwater Island, Leanne has the inside track when it comes to assisting clients whether they are looking to purchase their first home or selling their beloved family farm. She also maintains her Sudbury connections, with several team members specializing in this area.

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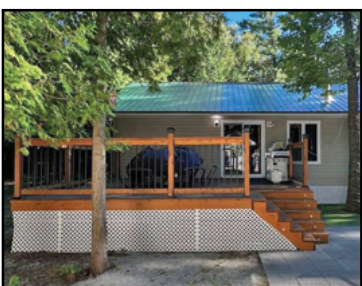
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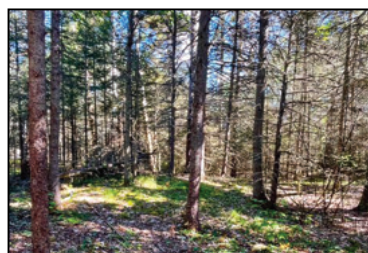
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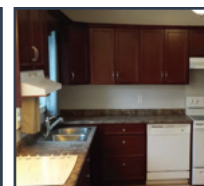
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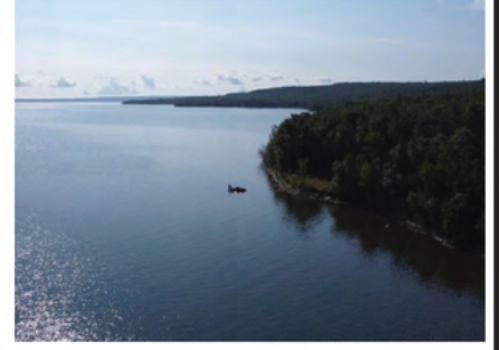
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