

# The Manitoulin Expositor debuts new section

With this week's edition of The Manitoulin Expositor, readers will find a change in format, the first in many years.

The main change is the creation of a second section flagged as 'Manitoulin Expositor LIFE Styles.'

This is where readers will look to find career postings and help wanted notices together with sports, which will make a permanent move to this section, including the weekly profiles of the MSS Mustangs athletes.

Brand new reading in this new section will include new columnists.

This week The Expositor is debuting 'Mystical Manitoulin,' a periodic column by Mani-

toulin writer Dorah L. Williams who has researched and written about paranormal phenomena for more than two decades. Her column this week deals with two quite difficult experiences by Manitoulin people—one of them involving the late Danny Dodge, but following his tragic death.

The Expositor hopes to introduce other new and interesting features as time goes on.

The other new offering is titled 'Island People,' little anecdotes about ordinary folks' experiences.

This week's maiden column will tell the story of a Gore Bay boy who got to fulfill a lifetime dream: attending a Toronto Maple Leafs Game. We will also learn of a young woman

from Sheguiandah First Nation who is just completing her term as Youth Chief, the first such position in her community.

'Island People' will largely be written by Expositor staff but if you have a submission, please forward it to editor@manitoulin.com.

The idea of a dedicated careers section in the past has been suggested by more than one human resources professional person on Manitoulin and since it's spring and a time for new things, the Expositor Office determined this would be an appropriate time to launch 'Manitoulin Expositor LIFE Styles,' which will also serve to bring readers sports and also some different perspectives.

Happy reading!



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**VOLCANO WARRIORS**—Wiikwemkoong High School students pose at the base of Mt. Aranel, a volcano in Costa Rica, during a recent school trip. They students are, from left, Kordell Elijah, Edison Fox-Corbiere, Adrian Katt, Robert Koskie-Obey, Aidan Leedham, Ellie-Anna Leedham, Aaliyah Lewis, Justice Manitowabi-Trudeau, Jeremy Neganegijig-Ballyk, Lanaya Oshkabewisens, Deea Peltier-Simmonds, Grace Pitawanakwat-Wemigwans, Kiera Recollet-Trudeau, Keaton Roy, Shaolin Roy, Ava-Rain Trudeau, Daniel Trudeau, Hailey Trudeau, Ryley Wassegijig-Migwans, Carmine Wemigwans, Jessica Wemigwans and Tristan Wemigwans. Chaperones were group leader Jason Thibault, Jason Oshkabewisens, Tia Peltier and Natalie Neganegijig. The excursion, a first of its kind, gives the students a class credit.

## Gore Bay assumes ownership of Lodge

*Manitoulin Lodge owner Jarlette Health Services gifts facility to town*

by Tom Sasvari  
GORE BAY—Jarlette Health Services is in discussions with the Town of Gore Bay to transfer the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home licence to the municipality, which is looking at an ownership entity towards redevelopment and keeping the beds in the town.

"Today we are announcing that Jarlette Health Services has entered into a discussion with the Town of Gore Bay regarding the future of the Lodge," said Jill Knowlton, director of long-term care operations for Jarlette Health Services at a press conference on March 21 with Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane, families and residents of the Lodge. "The Town, in partnership with surrounding municipalities and others is looking at all options for ownership and redevelopment."

"The important message is that together with Jarlette Health Services, we are committed to keeping long-term care in our community for now and years to come," said Mayor Lane. "This can be a long process as we work together with Jarlette, our com-

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## MSS student named prestigious Loran Scholar

*Jocelyn Kuntsi one of a handful of graduating students receiving \$100,000 scholarship*

by Tom Sasvari  
MANITOWANING—Jocelyn Kuntsi, a resident of Manitowaning who attends Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) has been selected as one of 36 exceptional youth from across Canada who

has been named a 2023 Loran Scholar by the Loran Scholars Foundation!

"I feel really honoured to have been chosen," stated Jocelyn. "But it hasn't sunk in yet, and I tear up when I start talking or

thinking about it. It is important for our community, Manitoulin Island, for others like me to realize that if you apply and do your best you can do this as well."

"When I first applied I said 'I'm from a small community, I won't get selected for this,'" said Jocelyn. "One thing I definitely

learned through this whole process is how much I love my community and how much everyone has always supported me in everything I've done. I am so fortunate to be here on Manitoulin and to have grown up here."

"Jocelyn is a very amazing

## M'Chigeeng elections now delayed to May following miscommunications

*All candidates have been reinstated*

M'CHIGEENG—The M'Chigeeng First Nation election scheduled for March 27 was rescheduled following the disqualification of one of the candidates for chief and most of the candidates for council.

Candidates for council were outraged when 18 were told they had been disqualified, leaving just 13 candidates vying for 10 seats. The news came just hours before the advance poll opened and well after an all-candidates meeting where many of the candidates for office had delivered their platforms.

At issue, in most if not all cases, were the deadlines that candidates

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## 2023 darkest winter in 80+ years

*Island, Georgian Bay darkest skies Dec. to Feb.*

by Maureen Strickland,  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MANITOULIN—If you thought, or felt, that the winter of 2023 was grey and gloomy, you were right.

Brian Brettschneider, a climatologist with the Alaska Region of the United States National Weather Service, created a map of winter solar energy over North America and Manitoulin Island is the bullseye.

And depending on your philosophical bent, the bullseye is not in a "we won" kind of way.

Mr. Brettschneider made the map because in Anchorage, Alaska, where he works as a climatologist, February was very cloudy and snowy. He couldn't see the Aurora and wondered why.

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AND GIFTS  
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# The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



Kate Corbiere and two of her children, Hanna and Isaac, on a recent snowmobile trip. The Manitoulin Snowdusters Snowmobile Club held a very successful poker chip run in memory of Todd 'T.C.' Corbiere of Honora Bay, a snowmobile enthusiast who passed away at the age of 60 in August of last year.

## Snowdusters poker chip run a huge success

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Cynthia Debassige of M'Chigeeng First Nation was the first-place winner in the successful Manitoulin Snowdusters Snowmobile Club poker chip run. The event was held in memory of Todd 'T.C.' Corbiere of Honora Bay, a snowmobile enthusiast who passed away at the age of 60 in August of last year.

"The event went pretty well," said Chris Laidley of the Snowdusters, one of the main organizers of the event. "We had a total of 51 people take part, along with 35 businesses."

"We had our Snowdusters meeting last night (March 21) and had the draw for the poker chip values," said Mr. Laidley. The point value results were red, 25 points, black, 20 points, blue, 15 points, white, 10 points, and green, five points.

For finishing in first place Ms. Debassige won a \$1,000 detailing package from Wheels 2 Water plus \$822.05 in cash, for a total prize value of \$1,822.05.

Second place went to Rob Breathat of Spring Bay who had a total of 575 points. He received a cash prize of \$822.05. Judy Felic of Mindemoya, with a

total of 560 points took third place of \$548.00 in cash.

There were also several donated prizes handed out on a first come first choice basis, said Mr. Laidley. A snowmobile helmet donated by Rylan's Clothing was won by Stacey Felix (535 points), while snowmobile oil, donated by McDougall Energy was won by Rick Bond (545 points). A NAPA trunk organizer, hats and lights package donated by Allen's Automotive was won by Brooke Addison (500 points) and Joan Prior (545 points).

Landen Harasym (525 points) won a gift bag donated by Indigenous Tourism Ontario, Tom Morphet (500 points) won a gift bag donated by Trailside Sports and a gift basket donated by Charlene's Kitchen was won by Martha Murray (510 points). Annette King (530 points) won a hat, scarf and mitts donated by Julia's Boutique while Nancy Clark (525 points) won a two-night stay at the Kicking Mule Ranch, and a one night hotel accommodation at Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre was won by Cole Chisholm (who had 530 points).

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## Split Rail feature business in Go North video series

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Split Rail Brewing Company in Gore Bay is the featured Manitoulin business for the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) Go North Video.

"It was an honour to be the featured Manitoulin business in the

FONOM Go North video this year!" said Andrea Smith, president of Split Rail Brewing Company. "We greatly appreciate (FONOM) board member Al MacNevin (Mayor of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands) for recommending Split Rail to the FONOM board

as a candidate for the Go North Video Series."

"We have had two funding rounds through the support of FedNor for this video series," said Mr. MacNevin. He pointed out Henley Boats (Manitowaning) had been featured in the Go North video last year. "Craft breweries are here (Manitoulin) as well, and are one of the unique ways to bring businesses and jobs to the North."

Mr. MacNevin pointed out Split Rail has a unique history, having been started in part through a Kickstarter fundraising campaign and over the years it has expanded its business, employee numbers both full-time and part-time "and in recent publications I have read that they have partnered with New Grain to provide food at their business as well. They source local producers for their ingredients for their product as well. They have proven to be a success and are a model for other business entrepreneurs from here and other areas that if you do things right you can be successful."

Mac Bain, executive director of FONOM told The Expositor,

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## Manitoulin Streams developing angling/outdoor recreation map

MANITOULIN—Along with a major project that it will be undertaking this summer in Billings Township, Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA) is also developing a Manitoulin Angling/Outdoor Recreation Map.

"We've been working on developing a Manitoulin Angling/Outdoor Recreation map," Seija Deschenes, MSIA coordinator told The Expositor last week. "We have GIS software for some mapping and Liam (Campbell) is creating various layers to add onto the Manitoulin Island map. So, for example, if a person is looking for a certain lake and clicks on it, it will indicate what type of fish species is in that lake."

"Liam also went to every boat launch on the Island to take drone imagery of them, so people can see where and what they look like," said Ms. Deschenes. "And there is information in regard to what the parking is like and the condition of the boat launches so that when someone is planning a fishing trip to Manitoulin Island they will know what to expect."

"We are adding on all the municipal marinas on the Island to the mapping and are approaching private marinas for their information and to take photographs to put on the map," said Ms. Deschenes. "This will provide information on the marina itself, the number of boat slips it has and the services provided at each marina."

## US Island cottagers must file Underused Housing Tax return soon or face fine

by Tom Sasvari

BARRIE ISLAND—A US resident and an official with the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association (FOCA) are both sounding the alarm to alert American residents who own cottages in Canada about the new Underused Housing Tax (UHT).

"I am surprised at the number of Americans that don't know that if they don't file UHT return with tax identification before May 1, they will be fined \$5,000," stated Richard Butela. "I'm an American with a cottage up on the Island, on Barrie Island."

"I just want to get this news out as many people might not know about all of this and they would no doubt be shocked if they get a \$5,000 fine or not filing a return," said Mr. Butela.

"The law was enacted last year but this is the first year we have to file a return with a tax ID," said Mr. Butela. "We are still awaiting our tax ID and have been waiting for awhile so it may take time to get it."

Terry Rees, executive director of FOCA told The Expositor "If you are from the US and have a cottage in Canada you will be in the soup. Seasonal owners will have to pay one percent of the current property value annually. And they need to file the UHT tax return with the tax identification number. It is going to be a real crap show."

FOCA noted on its website in February, "if you are an affected owner of a residential property in Canada in December 31, you must file a UHT return (with the tax identification number) for the preceding calendar year."

"If you are a non-resident you have to file a form with the CRA," said Mr. Rees. "And if you are from the US you have to get an ID number and have to file a return by April 30. It can take eight weeks to get an ID number. The CRA will need to make some exemptions and FOCA would suggest that US residents with cottages here file and say that you requested

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## Cottage rental agent calls on Billings to reverse Airbnb bylaw

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—A local resident who helps as an agent for cottage and bed and breakfast owners to rent out their buildings for short-term rental accommodations questioned why Billings township has a short-term rental accommodation bylaw in place and wants council to reverse this decision.

"I believe the previous council made a huge mistake by putting this bylaw in place," stated Bill Concannon at a Billings council meeting last week. "I've researched this issue across the province and several places on Manitoulin Island. Why would council last year decide to put this bylaw in place. I would think get a similar answer from all municipal councils. Why would the township put in place a bylaw to solve something when there isn't a problem?"

Mr. Concannon said in talking to the Billings bylaw enforcement officer about why the township put the bylaw in place was in part due to liability concerns, for example someone getting injured at a cottage.

Council passed the short-term accommodation bylaw last year as part of the township zoning bylaw. It allows people to operate short-term rental accommodations, however it comes with responsibility for property owners to pay a licence fee to operate a short-term accommodation much like other businesses do to operate, and it comes with proof of insurance to the township that the accommodation is in operation.

"I understand that no municipality has been sued successfully over something, like an accident that happens on a private property where someone for example falls off a deck at a private property," said Mr. Concannon. "When I talked to a neighbouring municipality I asked about liability and

was told if someone falls off a deck at a party on a private property that is being rented out the township can be sued for being liable. Are you kidding me? Liable for a party taking place and a person following off the deck and hurting themselves?"

Mr. Concannon said, "I believe council should spend as much time to see if the bylaw could be removed then it spent to have the bylaw passed." He pointed out another municipality that he questioned on this type of bylaw they said one of the reasons they have such a bylaw in place is from noise complaints from such rentals. "How does the municipality know if the place where the noise was created is a short-term rental? I don't see anything that

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## Gore Bay seniors' housing development nears completion

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—A seniors housing development project in Gore Bay is nearing completion.

Kurtis Noble, along with his brother Kyle are developing the new seniors' housing development. "The construction is taking place on three duplexes (with two apartments in each) on beautiful Doc Strain Boulevard. Construction started in October, and we are looking at a mid-May moving in date for residents."

Mr. Noble pointed out each of the apartments will be 1,700 square foot in size, including 350 feet of that being for a garage.

"With the need for more seniors' housing in town this project was designed for seniors who are 50 years plus," said Mr. Noble. At this point half of units have been

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## editorial

### Nursing home operator departure a call to think outside the box

The news that Manitoulin Lodge operator Jarlette Health Services intends to turn the long-term care facility over to the Municipality of Gore Bay is sending shock waves through the West End communities as councillors wrestle with options for a continued nursing home presence at that end of the Island.

Given the need for significant renovations to the current Lodge facilities mandated by the province to be completed by 2025, the clock is ticking quickly toward a deadline for a solution.

Given the relatively small number of beds at the current Lodge, and no sign that the province is willing to expand those numbers as they have with the Wiikwemkoong Nursing Home, the challenge is significant, but not insurmountable.

There has been intense pressure on the provincial government to reduce the size of long-term care facilities, a debate given fuel by the recent tragedies that unfolded in large institutional homes. Certainly, a one-size fits all strategy makes dollars and cents in an economics of scale perspective, but do we really want to be warehousing our most vulnerable citizens in a lowest bidder environment?

Another consideration is that, although currently there is high demand for long-term care beds that far exceeds supply, that demographic bulge will pass within a couple of decades, with the potential of leaving behind huge, underutilized facilities. Sometimes smaller can be better.

Both the Lodge and Manitoulin Centennial Manor operate well below the "magic" number (around 128ish) that the provincial government uses as a funding benchmark, leaving those institutions scrambling to provide for their residents. That is not a recipe sure to attract privately owned homes.

Both homes do a remarkable job under the circumstances, at least according to most reports from residents and their families. Waiting lists at both homes attest to the current need, and with aging populations, most Island communities have plenty of potential clients in the

wings for the foreseeable future.

So, there are two viable options that come to the fore. One is to combine the Lodge and the Manor in a new municipally owned (and supported) facility that takes both sets of residents and combines them to reach the province's magic number. Such a facility would require either the expansion of the current Manor (and yes, contrary to some reports the Manor has significant expansion room below the current facility in Little Current) or the construction of a new, modern and energy efficient facility more centrally located on the Island.

Given the need for access to a hospital site, that means Central Manitoulin is really the only other option when it comes to location.

The other option would be building smaller, less institutional nursing homes such as those being advocated by many in the industry. These would likely also require municipal support, given the unlikelihood of the province moving significantly off that economically magic number. Unfortunately, or fortunately depending on one's point of view, when it comes to governments, it is all about the numbers. But these are not numbers we are debating—these are people. Parents, grandparents, great grandparents, aunts, uncles and, yes, children. Although we often forget, the need for intense nursing care is not always limited to the aged.

Families need to be able to visit their loved ones, whatever their age, so any solution needs to keep that critical element in mind.

One thing is clear, the hands on the clock are moving inexorably closer to that 2025 deadline. Even supposing that the provincial government would make exception for the Lodge should a viable solution be in play, the time required to build that solution would be significant. This is not an issue that can be kicked down the road. The solutions mentioned above are the most obvious—but the box isn't getting any larger, so perhaps the solution lies somewhere outside.

Municipalities across Manitoulin need to roll up their sleeves and get working on finding a solution.

## letters

### Say no to "cides"

#### An addendum to the glyphosate debacle

#### To the Expositor:

First, I wish to extend my deep gratitude to Paul Darlaston of Kagawong and other concerned citizens in their ongoing battle against the use of glyphosate (aka Roundup) by our private (Hydro One) and public (MTO) institutions. I cannot believe that in 2023, despite the public release of the Monsanto papers in 2017, and the 2018 lawsuit against Monsanto's cancer causing Roundup, that we are still having to plead to stop the use of this dangerous compound. If the threat of cancer in humans or animals is not enough to deter its use, how about the threat of the demise of pollinators and a resulting crash of the food web. I wish to expand on the serious threat that these herbicides are inflicting on our pollinators and will use the honeybee and monarchs as the examples. I also wish to enlighten the prevalence of this herbicide.

In 1962, a book 'The Silent Spring' by Rachel Carson was written. It documented the environmental harm caused by the indiscriminate use of pesticides. Since then, much evidence has shown how pesticides, such as neonicotinoids, have had a helping hand in honeybee colony collapse. There is no debate about this. These compounds are used in veterinary medicine to kill fleas through paralysis...and it isn't a giant leap to know that the nervous system of the flea and bee are pretty similar. There have been moratoriums placed on the use of these compounds in some countries, and the bee populations bounced back. Herbicides, like Roundup, however, are also another incriminator. In 2020, two Quebec beekeepers lost 50 percent of their 600+ hives while being prepared for travel for blueberry pollination. At the time of the kills, herbicides were being sprayed on a nearby field in windy conditions. The chemicals being sprayed were a mix of Vios G3 (Bayer) and Roundup (Glyphosate) and Eugenia (BASF).

It's not just honeybees. There has been documented loss of insect diversity across the board. I often ask folks if they remember the days when their windshield used to be splattered with bugs when they would go for a drive in the summer. These seem very rare now.

And as for the monarch, when herbicides are used to kill milkweed, this is their only food source. Not only do they have to battle the elements, but now they have to battle starvation.

If we have no pollinators, we have no food. Pollinators are responsible for 75 percent of our food, and 80 percent of our flowers. They also feed the next level up on the food chain—birds. If the chain starts to break "we all fall down."

Glyphosate is more prevalent than one realizes. Originally used as a metal stripper, it is used to kill broadleaf weeds and is used as a desiccant. It is used to dry wheat grains before storage so you will find it in all non-organic flour and flour products you buy (human and pet food). It is used to kill off deciduous trees in agroforestry so that Jack pines and spruce will dominate (sprayed on forests via helicopters). It is used on hayfields before tilling in a tired field. It is used on Roundup ready crops such as genetically modified crops of canola, soy, corn, alfalfa and cotton to kill off competing weeds (dandelions and such). And of course, it is used by homeowners in search of that perfect "green" lawn.

Seeing how prevalent this compound is, I am reminded of phrase, "the dose makes the poison." In other words, although it would be wonderful to ban this compound entirely, I know that economics and corporate greed will not allow it to happen. So, can we reduce it as much as possible to mitigate its harmful effects?

Lastly, for those who think that this may be a "Chicken Little" letter I strongly suggest watching the 2022 documentary 'Into the Weeds' on CBC Gem (free streaming). It is the story of the 2018 lawsuit against Monsanto for causing non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in a groundskeeper who was using Roundup. It is comprehensive and contains all the evidence that we need to stop the use of these extremely harmful products.

Please, limit or don't use "cides" at all, and share this information.

**Janice Mitchell  
Tehkummah**

### Notes on previous letters to the editor and an editorial

#### Sometimes the language is just not strong enough

#### To the Expositor:

I would like to honour the sweet lady, who after reading my rebuttal to the rehash of a "tired old colonial narrative," (March 22, 2023), phoned me and proceeded to correct one line in particular as being too "wishy-washy": "The children were often not allowed to speak their language or to practice their culture, and many were mistreated, abused and certainly shamed." She was adamant that it should read: "The children were never allowed to speak their language or to practice their culture, under immediate threat of physical abuse and shame." Otherwise, I stand by the rest of my note to Mr. Best. Apparently, I am also in good company, as my letter was followed by the excellent letter-to-the-editor by Sue Nielson from Cobalt, 'A tired old colonial narrative is a tad out of step,' who also put the boots to the misinformed and racist screed by this residential school denier.

I would also like to honour the excellent editorial 'Out of sight should never be out of mind.' I am the first to agree with criticism of

Ontario's Conservative premier Doug Ford's pro-corporate agenda and his continued ignorance of the proper stewardship of the land and the people, not just the rich and privileged. However, anti-Indigenous racism is obviously still alive and well in Canada. Many still assume the majority of homeless are lazy, alcoholic and drug addicted Native people, which is just not true, as this better applies to white folk. It was only just recently in Gore Bay that the new mayor attempted to shut down an Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services affordable housing apartment project, approved in principle two years earlier by the previous mayor and council, with conditions that included a mix of one, two and three bedroom units, rather than all singles. Not in our backyard, as Gore Bay the good does not want to be inundated with you know who.

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**John and Rae Skippen**

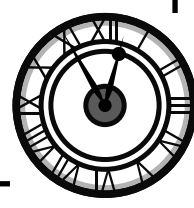
John Skippen is part of the fifth generation of a long line of Skippen ancestors that first came to the Green Bay area of Manitoulin to farm in 1870. He is a jovial storyteller with a keen memory and strong interest in the historical aspects of his family tree. "One of my early ancestors was a general in the English army, about the mid 1800s. My first ancestor here was my great-great grandfather, also John Skippen. He arrived from Europe in a sailing boat and settled in southern Ontario before moving to Manitoulin. He arrived at Sheguiandah in the fall of 1872 and luckily found a wigwag that the local Anishinaabe folk were using to make maple syrup. He was allowed to use it to shelter his wife Elizabeth and his family for the winter. In the spring, he came to the Lime Kiln area where the local quarry is. He found little soil there so moved the family to the nearby Green Bay Valley area and a home was built. He had a family of eight boys and four girls."

"He was charged one dollar for 100 acres and to keep it, he had to clear enough land to support his family. The very early settlers had no horses, so trees felled with axes, were 'trailed,' that is pulled out of the bush by hand. John had oxen to clear the swampy areas, and he managed to clear enough to grow food and shelter a few animals. About 14 years later, John owned many farms. Each son had his own cleared land in the Green Bay Valley. Son William married Pearl Bryan of Gore Bay. William continued to farm as did his son, John Thomas who married Anna Stringer. As a side note of interest, Henry, another of William's sons, created directions using landmarks to help new visitors get to Rockville. He added comments like, 'pass the building where the bear tore off the front



**Now and Then**

A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin  
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin  
By Petra Wall



John and Rae Skippen after the storytelling at home, January 2023.

at KVP, the pulp and paper mill in Espanola, a buddy and I decided to try our luck at getting employment there. As the car pulled out of the yard, mother ran after us. She reached us, breathless and begged us not to go. 'You are needed on the farm,' she insisted. We stayed home. I was also a bit of a daredevil in my earlier years. I loved to race the car over a steep rise in the road, near the Green Bay Church. It would launch eight feet into the air. I repeated this a few times, but never had an accident."

"Music was always important to our family. Mother was a wonderful piano player. She would play the notes first, then play by ear. For 30 years she performed every Saturday night in the Spring Bay Hall. At age eight I got a dollar for playing my guitar while mother played the piano. I also learned to play the accordion and drums. I bought the drum set from Jack Seabrook. Mother played for 80 weddings but never charged; it was always a gift for the new couple. One time, the Queen of Denmark came to a dance at Spring Bay. It was during the war years and she felt safer in Canada, at a nearby lodge with her husband and two children. We showed her how to square dance and she was so happy that we played for her."

John met Rae Moggy in the mid 1950s. Rae, born on August 10, 1938, was a middle child. "I used to



The first John Skippen and his wife Elizabeth in the 1870s at Lime Kiln, their first home near Green Bay.

hour's home. That job took two hours and gave us only a short time to skate on the rink before bedtime. The next day, we often had to do it all again."

"Summer jobs were at Lonestar Camp on Bidwell Road, run by our aunt and uncle and at the Red Lodge. I cleaned cabins and waited on tables. Ford Plant employees were frequent guests at the Lonestar Camp." Soon Rae and John started to date. "She was beautiful, and the nicest girl in Manitowaning," John recalls. Rae was impressed with his musical talents and how well he and his mother sounded together.

The wedding was held on October 12, 1956, in the Knox United Church in Manitowaning. The reception was staged in the Orange Hall where Doug Smith and his Gore Bay Orchestra played the music. John adds, "I recall Doug giving me a shot of vodka behind the hall to celebrate my entering this new stage in life. An old 1951 Chevy truck, found without wheels on top of a stone pile at Nobles, took us on our honeymoon. With new wheels, the

ent at the burial helped him understand this stage of life and offered a closing for him.

"The son of John Thomas Stringer, John 'Ross,' my father, covertly married his sweetheart, Isabelle Sheppard-Connor, the daughter of Harry Shepherd and Isabella Spry. Isabella had died when her daughter Isabelle was just a baby. Isabelle was raised in Sheguiandah by an aunt in the Connor-Batman family. The night John Ross married Isabelle, he climbed the ladder to her room and carefully brought her down, trying not to wake up others in the home. They got to the Lewis home and were married. After her family became familiar with John Ross, they accepted the union."

"My sister Annabelle was their first-born. I arrived in Green Bay, on February 18, 1935." As an



The bride and groom leave the Manitowaning United Church October 12, 1956.

adult, Annabelle later worked in the Wagg's store and in the creamery. She married Ken Smeltzer who helped run the creamery with the owner Duff Brown. Dad Ross was on local council for Howland Township. My father also had two sisters, Gladys, and Gertie. Gladys became a nurse. Her husband worked for the Customs office in Little Current. Gertie's husband served in two world wars. Gertie owned the Edgewater Restaurant."

"I remember turning six. My parents told me to look in the

pony manger where I found a handsome pair of red rubber boots. They were great on the farm. At that time, I was milking four cows a day and putting the milk into a separator to get cream. My father would take the sleigh and pick up cream from all the Green Bay farmers and meet the Wagg's truck in Sheguiandah. Dad also cut a lot of wood with Uncle Noye and then cut it into boards with a belt saw."

"My early school memories were not positive. I remember being the target of a few bullies but I did my share of mischief too. One incident could have turned out to be a tragedy. We had built an ice igloo for a jail and put a 'prisoner' in it. We plugged up the opening with snow to make 'prisoner's bars.' We soon realized that the prisoner might be running out of air and quickly dug him back out. He was looking a little stressed by the time we reached him, but he was fine."

"Getting the strap was a regular occurrence for me. Talking to a girl in the school basement warranted the strap. I did deserve this punishment when I threw an icy snowball at the window of the outhouse to annoy the teacher. Unfortunately, it hit him in the head. He grabbed me and bounced me all the way back to the schoolhouse. The strap he used was salvaged from a horse's harness and gave me blisters each time. Finally, after Grade 8, I was given this weapon as a souvenir."

Like many others, John left school at 14 and worked on the farm. "I helped with the animals and did general farm work. When the annual fair was held in Manitowaning each July, I loved being in the races. In 1950, I was 15 and my horse was the fastest that year. We won the race easily and I was standing beside my horse when the others came to the finish line." He also recalls the horror of hearing his horse get shot, three days after the horse had twisted his foot in a hole, while running.

"My first car was a 1951 Chevy. When we were old enough to work



The band, from left, John, Jack McCormick, Burt Nelder, Annabelle Smeltzer and Isabelle Skippen, John's mum, circa 1950s.

play with the boys, Rae shares. "My sister Norma was five years older and had her own friends, as did my older brother Hugh. Glen and Bill were younger. Bill, seven years younger, selected me as his go-to person. When my parents went to the barn to milk the cows, I was also responsible for the dishes."

"School was a mile and a quarter away and roads were not plowed. I always hoped a team of horses had gone by so we could walk in their tracks. Mr. James 'Lucky' Tilson was my teacher for the first five years and he was our son Paul's teacher too. I liked school and spelling, but I didn't like reading out loud. Once, I accidentally broke Mr. Dinsmore's finger. We were playing baseball and he was on first base. I hit the ball hard and it made a beeline for his finger."

"I recall the horses with bells jingling, heading into the woods with all of us. We were cozy under our quilts, determined to find a huge Christmas tree. They jingled again on Christmas Day, heading over to Grandma Sadie's house four miles away. One year, at six, I got a pretty pair of white boots. They were handy for cleaning the snow off the ice rink at our neigh-

truck took us to Toronto and Castlerock, Michigan. The fenders were barely hanging on."

"Rae and I moved to the farm. Dad had sold his horse for \$100 and that money built our home. We had 40 to 50 beef cattle that could be milked and used for meat. I started to drive a school bus and continued that 55-mile route for 30 years." John also got his pilot's and boating licences. It was handy being able to fly to destinations from the airport at Ten Mile Point. My flight instructor, Roland Hemner at the Sudbury airport, had also taught the ace who later led the Snowbirds Demonstrations Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force. I never had a significant accident in any vehicle."

"My next road vehicle was a rusted truck with no top. I cut the top off my older '51 Chevy and welded it to the newer truck. In 1972, we also bought 200 acres at Ten Mile Point for grazing beef cattle. On our home farm, the government surveyed the land and kindly told us where the creeks were running, and how we could drain the fields. My uncle Francis Skipper, 'Franzie,' put up the track to lift the hay into the barn. Sadly, it accidentally fell, and

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John with his sister and parents in the 1940s.

door' or 'go through the yard with the rail fence,' etc. and continue until you get to Rockville."

"I recall a story about John Thomas's brother Noye who had lost his leg in an accident. The leg was subsequently buried nearby. Noye insisted the leg had to be dug up and moved because he could still feel discomfort in this missing leg. The family dug up the leg and repositioned it. It seems that Noye had no discomfort after that. He plowed his field with one leg. He and his wife also dug a hole under the house for their new oil furnace. Noye, under the house, would fill a small can with dirt and pass it through a tiny opening to his wife who would toss it away. Noye also used his peg-leg once to stop a car from rolling down the hill, traumatizing a witness who thought he was using his own foot."

When grandfather Batman died, dad was concerned his grandson, Jerry, 10, might be distressed by the burial so Jerry was asked to stay home. His grandson, a bit of an adventurer, had other plans. Nobody saw him climb into the wooden rough box which also contained the coffin. He emerged again at the graveyard. The family was surprised but decided to let him stay." Perhaps his being pres-

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Uncle Franzie was badly hurt."

John and Rae have one son, Paul and he was taught farmwork at a young age. "After 1985, when square bales came in, I joined John and Paul, getting them on the conveyor belt, into the barn," Rae adds. She also became a clerk at Turner's in Little Current for three years before she became the accountant at Tim's and Co. (now RONA Little Current Building Supply) for 21 years. Tim's sold lumber and hardware.

"I recall Paul's first outside job at the Sandy Beach Trailer Park near here," John recalls, smiling. "He was selling ice cream from a truck. I had purchased the bars for resale but found out he was giving them away. A lesson was taught



Son Paul with Maddison and Rae in earlier years.

about successful business practices. Later, Paul became a teacher at the high school. He taught mechanics and other subjects."

Were you named after anyone? "I was named after John Alfred Morphet. My full name is John Edwin Alfred Skipper. My fondest memory? Meeting and marrying Rae. I ran into her sister in a Manitowaning store and asked her if I could take her to the dance that night. She said 'no, but you can take my sister. I will bring her to the Bidwell Hall.' At the hall, mother was playing the piano. I found Rae standing with a group of girls and approached her. That was the best decision I have ever made."

Favourite pets? "Our dogs, collies and the horses

that would take us to school in the democrat. The horses would be tethered in a small barn where they got some oats and hay while they waited. My horse broke out once and ran all the way home without me."

Favourite season? Rae: "Spring when weather is warmer, and all life is a fresh green."

Collections? John: "Money, and watches. I have collected many different watches over the years. Rae has a wonderful collection of antique glass dishes, all different colours."

An enjoyable trip? John continues, "the east coast of Canada. Rae, her brother Hugh and his wife Marilyn and I went, and we had a lot of fun. A police officer stopped us for speeding. We told him we were from Manitoulin, and he said, 'You are lucky,' I hunt there. Next time, slow down; you are in the computer now."

Strengths? "With one arm, as a youth, I could lift a big weight, like a barn jack, over my head. We also moved a huge rock near the door of the schoolhouse, before a Christmas concert. Also flying. I learned to fly a Pitts Special quite well. I was also in a Cessna 172 once to watch a dead-end turn being executed. The plane seemed to turn on a dime, so to speak, after the



John winning the Manitowaning race circa 1952.

engine was stalled and restarted. You had to trust your controls and keep your foot on the gas." Lastly, playing the drums is something John does well. "We played Saturdays at Spring Bay, Tuesdays at Little Current, Thursdays at Sucker Creek or West Bay."

Going back in time is there anything you would do differently? "No, I lived my life and did my best. It was hard to succeed on the Island in the early years. It was safer, though. You could leave your door open. Now it's not always safe to do that despite the best efforts of the police. Traits I admired in others? My dad would always have something on the go. Each morning I was urged to get up, 'sleep and eating are over,' he would say. 'Time to do chores.' Sometimes I still

wake up with that same feeling. I also learned so much from Rae."

A lesson you recall? "I wanted to swim. A friend told me to jump into the water with my toes pointed down. I did as instructed, hit bottom, then scrambled to get back to the surface for air. That was not how I imagined I would learn to swim."

Associations you participated in? "I belonged to seven Masonic Lodges, honourable organizations, in the States and in Canada. Prior to taking the chair, all members must learn 27 pages of instructions. I was also a member of the CO-OP board on the Island. Other members were Wayne and Dorothy Skippen and Dougal Hembruff."

Recipe for happiness? "When other people are

happy, it makes me happy."

What are you most proud of? Our son, his partner and their daughter, our granddaughter Maddison. She wants to be an X-ray technician. Paul's partner Nancy has a paving crew that works all over Ontario."

What are you most afraid of? "Nothing in particular. I don't worry about stuff that usually works out on its own," Rae adds.

"Manitoulin is special," John affirms. "It is part of Canada which in itself is unique. We don't have major restrictions; no recent wars and we always have lots to eat. Manitoulin has its own culture. This Island is not 'as hyped up' as the rest of the country. To be a Haweater, some say you must be born here, but I think you can also arrive here and prove yourself to be a worthy citizen and a Haweater. Rae adds, "I wouldn't want to be anywhere else. It's quiet. We know a lot of people and we have great scenery, with 10-mile Point being especially beautiful. You forget where you are sometimes and come over a hill in your car and see an incredible view of the lakes or the hills and the trees. Where else can you see so much beauty in one place?"

## Friends and Neighbours

### Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

As spring showers come down, our umbrellas go up, but as the spring equinox just passed, we know that we'll all soon have a spring in our step. Business will soon be absolutely blooming at the local greenhouses. Yours truly will soon be trading in our winter weight for spring rolls. With April 1st just around the corner, remember there are two kinds of April Fools jokes - the funny kind and the kind played on you.

At time of writing, the title is still up for grabs! 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!

This Saturday! Don't miss the annual Sandhill cooing competition! Annually, and always on April 1st, competitors from far and wide are said to 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 five minutes to warm up and stretch, and then they will flap down with their best moves! Winners will be determined by an esteemed panel of judges. In order to avoid another blackmail scandal, the identity of the judges is being held secret.

The township is looking to fill three student summer positions! Applications are still being accepted for positions at the marina and with Public Works. Send your resume to tmills@billingsstp.ca as soon as possible.

We are sending out very happy birthday wishes to one of the few people whose birthday we can remember without a Facebook reminder. Former Kagawongian Micki B turns at least 29, but since she moved out of the township boundaries, it's hard to say how old she is now. Many happy returns!

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 at 11 am. Everyone is welcome to hop on by!

Speaking of eggs, Team Fergmeijer has been taking some cooking classes with a focus on omelets. After an intense month of study, yesterday was our last day. That's right, it was our final eggs ham.

It's that time of year to get your green on! The Billings Climate Action Committee is planning Earth Day activities including a community garbage pick-up, as well as a circular economy sale in the township. Looking to learn more about how our township is working to become greener? Check out <https://billingscac.blogspot.com/>.

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.

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@billingsstp.ca)

Peruvian owls always hunt in pairs. It's because they are Inca hoots. Have a great week!

### Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Maple syrup season is in full swing in Meldrum Bay. Many people are in their respective sugar bushes collecting and boiling sap. I have heard that the yield so far has been very good. I am looking forward to testing the end product.

Friday night at cards we had five full tables. High lady was Helen Black with 70 points. High man was Dave with 68 points. Ladies' lone hands went to Myra Duncanson with four. Men's lone hands went to Harold Rogers with four. Rich Bradley had seven euchres. Juice was won by Matt Arwynn. The money jar was safe. We had a really great time. There were lots of goodies to sample. Thanks to everyone who brought something.

There is lots of snow on the ground, but the sun is bright, and we know that spring is coming. We all worked hard to dig out of the Saturday night storm and our mornings started later than planned but there were no hydro outages or trees over the road so things were good.

Have a great week.

### Barrie Island

Darlene Orford visited George and Carolyn Calback last Sunday afternoon.

Murray Montgomery had his daughter Erin from Blind River visiting on the weekend.

### Silver Water Karen Noble

Monday, March 13 the recycle bins were open and we had lots of people show up.

Monday evening a group of us went to Evansville to play euchre and there were seven tables.

Tuesday, March 14 was fire practice for the team.

Thursday, March 16 there was euchre at the Silver Water community hall.

Friday, March 17 there were about 50 people who came out to the community hall for a chili supper to fundraise for the hall. Thank you to the people who volunteered to decorate the downstairs, helped set up the tables in the morning, and the cooks who made the chili, and then worked at the dinner and cleaned up afterwards. The homemade rolls and pie were all very good and a big hit.

Once the dinner was cleaned up, the euchre players went to Meldrum Bay to play.

Saturday there was a call for the fire team to go to the scene of a car accident.

Monday, March 20 I took a carload of people to the Burpee Complex for euchre. We got to meet the new fire chief, Richard.

We took a load of liquor containers to the Mindemoya depot on Wednesday. We were disappointed to learn some of the new rules and the reasons behind them. Some individuals had passed off many bags of pop cans as beer cans and the depot lost a large amount of money as the processing centre sorts the cans and discards the pop cans. The depot is no longer accepting crushed liquor cans so they can be sure they are getting the right returns. Anyone donating cans to us going forward, please do not crush them. We understand that other depots are also implementing the new rules.

We had a visit with Jim and Joanne Smith on Wednesday at their home in Mindemoya. We got to watch all the ducks come up from the pond to get some food.

We made our first attempt to eat at the Water's Edge on Wednesday, but it was closed for the day.

There is still line dancing being held at the Silver Water community hall on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm.

Ross and Lorna Hall were here for a short visit last week. Euchre in Silver Water was well attended on Thursday night.

Lynn and Charles Pickard were surprised on Thursday afternoon by the arrival of their family to help celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on the weekend.

Happy 56th anniversary to Doug and Donna Kay McDonald last week.

Happy 90th birthday to Doug Smith on April 2. Condolences to the family of Lois Nelder.

**SPORTS FANS: Please go to front page of Manitoulin Expositor LIFE Styles section**

**Wiikwemkoong students pave the way on environmental travel**

**by Michael Erskine**  
**WIIKWEMKOONG**—A group of high school students from Wiikwemkoong travelled to Costa Rica over the March Break as part of an innovative environmental studies class designed by teacher Jason Thibault. Not only did the Wiikwemkoong students get to engage with students from other parts of Canada and their Costa Rican hosts, but they came home eligible for a high school credit—the first course of its kind in the country.

Students departed Wiikwemkoong High School after being loaded aboard a bus departing for the Sudbury airport at 4:30 am on March 8, returning home around noon on March 17. The intervening week was an action-packed schedule that took the students to new heights, both academically and literally.

On the first day, the students settled into their first hotel in San José, the capital city in the Arenal region of Costa Rica—taking some time to acclimatize to the much warmer weather. Most days temperatures ranged between 26° and 30°C. For most students, it was the first time they had travelled outside the province, let

climactic life zones, the dormant Cerro Chato Volcano and the Cerro Los Perdidos (“Lost Mountain”). Students were treated to the impressive and near-perfect cone of the 1,633 meter (5,358-foot) high Arenal Volcano. The picturesque volcano belies the immense natural power that lies within.

That power can prove devastating. The Arenal volcano eruption in 1968 destroyed 232 square kilometres of land, herds of cattle and important crops and led to the deaths of 87 people—catching the three villages of Tabacón, Pueblo Nuevo and San Luís in its pyroclastic flows. The volcano is currently in a dormant phase and park rangers keep a close eye to ensure safety of their charges.

There are more than 500 bird species identified within the park, that’s roughly 53 percent of all the birds to be found in Costa Rica. There is also a wide variety of flora and other animals in the park, including three kinds of monkeys, red brocket deer, ocelots, pumas and tapirs. The striking aspect of the plant life found on the trails compared to Northern Ontario is the size of the leaves.

“People would cut the leaves



Wiikwemkoong students join other Canadian students on a kayaking tour of Lake Arenal. The active volcano can be seen in the background.

photos by Jason Thibault

and a visit to a butterfly sanctuary and then took part in a crocodile safari boat tour—where they very nearly witnessed a ‘Wild Kingdom’ moment.

“This great big crocodile drifting down the river like a log toward a herd of small horses in the water,” said Mr. Thibault. “The boat driver slowed down and we watched. I thought ‘oh no, this could get very traumatic.’” Fortunately, for the horses at least, the wary animals were not to be caught off-guard.

“We were hoping that we would see the crocodile grab a horse, but it didn’t happen,” said Adrian. “We saw a lot of little crocodiles and that one big one.”

The following day, students travelled to Manuel Antonio National Park. Established in 1972, the park is one of the most beautiful and bio-diverse areas in the world—even though it is the country’s smallest national park. Manuel Antonio holds within its 683 hectares unequalled beauty and diversity of wildlife. With a combination of the rain forest and coral reefs around the most beautiful beaches to be discovered in Costa Rica, the lush forest is home to sloths, iguanas, rare and adorable squirrel monkeys, white-faced monkeys as well as colourful little crabs numbering in the millions.

“I fell in love with Costa Rica,” admitted Adrian.

Students are not often taught computational math, so figuring out the exchange rate on the local prices was another teaching moment.

Homeward bound, students travelled back to San José for a final evening of folklore before settling in for their final night and the morning flight home.

Next year, it’s Belize. “I already have six students signed up,” said Mr. Thibault.

sive conservation and ecotourism model based in biodiversity research and education.” It also trumpets that it is the “mountain where you can touch the clouds.”

It is estimated that only one percent of the remaining forests on Earth are classified as “cloud forests,” offering the students a truly unique experience. A visit to the Central Pacific Coast included a stopover at a Rainforest Adventure Park.

“We were in these suspended cars that held eight people,” said Carmen, describing the experience of travelling over the canopy of the forest stretched out beneath them.

Students followed that up with an exploration of a nature trail



In Costa Rica and harnessed up for the canopy adventure at Monteverde’s Santa Elena Cloud Forest Reserve. Established by a group of scientists and Quakers, the reserve protects one of the last pristine cloud forests in Central America.

alone the country. They also met the tour director, Gustavo and bus driver Chepe, who would be their companions for the coming week.

“We caught a bus to the airport in Sudbury and then a plane to Toronto where we caught a bigger plane to Costa Rica,” said Adrian Kat, one of the students on the trip. “I hoped we would stop in LA, but we didn’t,” he laughed. Still, the students were not disappointed with days featuring 12 hours of daylight.

The students covered all seven provinces of Costa Rica, staying in four hotels, averaging two days in each.

“The first day we just chilled out, got used to it,” said Carmen Wemigwans.

“The guy who toured the coffee plantation spoke a little bit,” said Adrian, “we tried to talk to Chepe, but he would just look at you, smile and give a big thumbs up.”

For their part, the students picked up a bit of Spanish.

The second day the students were taken on a tour of a coffee plantation, getting an up close and personal introduction to one of Canada’s favourite morning beverages before heading to Arenal Volcano National Park. Travelling up a steep mountain path, students could see the volcano in the distance.

“We went hiking up a trail that had a nice view of the volcano and lake,” said Adrian.

Created in November 1991, Arenal Volcano National Park covers an area of 30,000 acres (12,000 hectares), including four major

and use them for an umbrella,” said Adrian.

Day three was all about kayaking on Lake Arenal, with a visit to La Fortuna Waterfall, participation in a local exchange and a visit to the local hot springs. “They took sugar cane and processed it into candy,” said Mr. Thibault.

“They showed us how to make stuff,” said Carmen, tortillas and banana bread. “That was good banana bread,” agreed Adrian. The students made toffee with the boiled down cane sugar.” The result was similar to maple candy. “It was called ‘sabato.’”

“The hot tubs at the hotels were not very hot,” said Carmen. “They were lukewarm. But the higher up you went at the hot springs, the hotter the water in the springs.”

Day four saw the students travelling to Monteverde and a local food workshop. Food is usually near and dear to the hearts of travellers, and the Wiikwemkoong students were struck by the inclusion of fried bananas (plantains) at every meal. Foods on offer were the familiar stuff of hotel buffets the world over.

Monteverde is famed for its canopy adventure into the Santa Elena Cloud Forest Reserve.

Established in 1972 by a coalition of scientists from the Tropical Science Center (TSC) and Quakers from the local community to protect one of the last tracts of pristine cloud forest in Central America, the Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Preserve bills itself as “a pioneer and progres-



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# ...Split Rail feature business in Go North video series

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"In the first series of videos (in 2022 which featured Henley Boats in Manitowaning in this area), and the videos were seen over half a million times. For a small little organization and having had this product in Northern Ontario is pretty impressive."

Split Rail Brewing Company produces high quality, small batch beer and soda. Founders Andrea Smith and Eleanor Charlton began brewing in a garage in 2011, and opened Manitoulin Island's first craft brewery in 2015 in Gore Bay, with solid community support and a Kickstarter campaign.

"Our goal was to create something that would not compete with other local businesses," Ms. Smith said in the video. "We were the first to start a Kickstarter campaign in Ontario, if not Canada to open a brewery."

Mr. MacNevin said FedNor has provided funding for these promotional videos. "The film producers (Good Gauley Productions) did a very good job

on the video. I saw a draft of it. It will go a long way to convince entrepreneurs from southern Ontario and other areas that they can move up to North and have a successful business and enjoy life."

Randy Smith, sales/marketing manager for Split Rail told The Expositor the taping of the Split Rail episode took place last fall. "The producer introduced himself, then explained the idea of the video was designed to help promote Northern Ontario businesses, but also to promote the fact that businesspeople can open businesses in the North and be successful. They were here for a couple of days of filming and conducting interviews with employees and customers of the business."

Ms. Smith was quoted on the video explaining that both she and Eleanor are both originally from Toronto but after visiting Manitoulin they both fell in love with the Island. Help from LAMBAC and government support grants were significant to obtaining the infrastructure and equipment need-

ed to start a business. "Right from the beginning the response has been really great that the residents want a local beer product,"

Ms. Smith said.

Many of the unique features, sites and places to visit on Manitoulin were noted in the video.

"Having good people is the number one resource a business needs to have," said Ms. Smith. "We are not family run, but in a

way we are because everyone can bring forward ideas and have input on things we could be doing."



Split Rail Brewing Company is the featured Manitoulin business for the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities Go North Video.

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## ...calls on Billings to reverse bylaw

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give this any root."

Mr. Concannon told council that he rents out cottages/houses for clients. "I charge them a percentage of the cost that they rent the cottage out for to take care of looking after the cottage for them. I have been doing this for five years on the Island," he told council. "I have clients from all over—Toronto, Ohio—and trust me, I don't allow just anyone to rent out one of these cottages. I vet out potential renters for my clients. These cottage owners can't spend all their time at the cottage and the money they receive for renting out their place

helps offset the rents they are paying in property taxes to the municipality."

"None of my clients can rent out their cottage this year (in Billings) (because it would be in contravention of the bylaw)," he told council. "Whatever decision council makes, if council can't see to change the bylaw then I would like to see a town hall meeting set up to hear the concerns people have. People are angry with this bylaw."

Mayor Bryan Barker had told Mr. Concannon at the beginning of his presentation that council would not be responding directly to his questions at the meeting but would at a subsequent meeting.

## ...Underused Housing Tax return

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an ID number."

Last year FOCA pressed the government for clarity about the new UHT (that was implemented by the federal Department of Finance effective January 1, 2022) and is payable at tax-time in 2023) asking that seasonal owners be excluded from this tax (one percent of current property value, annually) and the government did eventually bring forward an exemption for Canadian owners of vacation or recreational properties, with certain conditions.

The Bayfield-Nares Islanders Association put out a release to its members on its

website February 27, 2023, "the Canadian government just enacted a new tax on foreign-owned properties, designed to prevent speculation in vacant (or underused) Canadian housing. The UHT amounts to one percent of the property value, every year. However, if you own a seasonal cottage in Canada, one that you can't use for over half the year, then it is exempt from the new tax. But there's a catch: you still have to file with the Canadian government to claim the exemption by April 30, 2023.

To read more about the tax and how to apply for the exemption go online to <https://bnia.ca/uht-non-residents/>.

## ...Gore Bay seniors' housing

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spoken for, so three units are still available for rent.

As with previous housing construction projects the developers have carried out over the years in town, "we are using local tradespeople for the construction of the

duplexes," said Mr. Noble. "We have used the services of about 10 different local contractors on this housing project."

Those wanting more details on the housing project or renting out one of the units can contact Kurtis Noble at Noble Lumber.



One of the three new duplexes currently under construction in the town of Gore Bay. The development is nearing completion with a mid-May moving in date for residents being planned.

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# ...Gore Bay assumes ownership of Manitoulin Lodge

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munity and our partners at the Ministry of Long-Term Care (MOHLTC). We are in the very early stages of these discussions.”

“We do of course understand that change represents uncertainty. We want to reassure residents, their families, our team members, and the broader community that we will work closely with all our sector partners, including the MOHLTC, to manage a smooth transition for all. To that end, we are committed to providing regular updates to residents, family members, team members and community stakeholders throughout this lengthy process,” said Ms. Knowlton.

Mr. Knowlton said, “Lodge residents will continue to have the same level of excellent care as they currently receive. Manitoulin Lodge will continue to need the services of a dedicated team of professionals. Normal operations at the long-term care home will continue.”

“It is important that long-term care services remain within the community of Gore Bay to ensure that the residents and families continue to be well served and that the home be elevated to an even stronger position for redevelopment,” said Ms. Knowlton.

Mayor Lane told the gathering, “The Manitoulin Lodge has been here for over 40 years. It is a Western Manitoulin Island home, and it is critically important to myself and council that the nursing home beds stay here in the community. People need not be afraid of what is happening.”

“Planning has been in the works for awhile to keep the Lodge beds here in town and assure the lifestyles of residents now and in the future will remain and these residents receive the dignity that they deserve,” said Mayor Lane.

Mayor Lane explained, “we’re working on a proposal for the Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay to transition into a community owned home to continue the excellent care residents have received over the years,” said Mayor Lane. “We need to plan for that. The management structure is still being worked on. The key is we are working on it for you. We also need sup-

## Expositor Easter egg hunt next week

MANITOULIN—The Easter Bunny is coming back to the pages of The Expositor. Please see the ad this week on page 16.

By way of a fun Easter/spring feature, readers can look for little Easter eggs hidden throughout next week’s paper, the April 5 edition, primarily in the advertisements. Don’t forget to check out both the front and also the new “Manitoulin Expositor LIFE Styles” sections next week.

This is a tradition that has been running for over a decade and, as usual, there will be a half-page tally sheet published in the paper next week as well as an online version at [www.manitoulin.com](http://www.manitoulin.com) that can be emailed in.

The deadline for entries is noon on Easter Monday, April 10.

Printed tally sheets can be dropped into The Expositor Office, faxed to 705-368-3822 or emailed from the website, or you can take a photo of your tally sheet and email it to [services@manitoulin.com](mailto:services@manitoulin.com)

There are points for naming each advertiser where an egg is hidden and an additional point for mentioning the product or service being advertised.

All tally sheets will be reviewed, and three lucky winners of a giant chocolate Easter bunny and egg array will be drawn from those who tally the most eggs and products. Happy hunting (next week).



Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane and a representative of Jarlette Health Services (which operates the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home in Gore Bay) announced at a meeting last week that Jarlette and the town have been in discussions to transfer the Manitoulin Lodge licence to the town.

port from our provincial partners the MOHLTC and others on this complex process.”

“We would like to thank the Jarlette family for all they have done over the years. Many small rural communities don’t have long-term care facilities, but on Manitoulin we have two long-term care facilities in our municipalities and one in Wiikwemkoong,” continued Mayor Lane. “We appreciate the advocacy and support the Jarlette family has voiced to keep the lodge here and not move the beds somewhere else.”

It was pointed out by both Mayor Lane and Ms. Knowlton that the community, residents and families will be engaged and informed of all steps of the process. “Manitoulin Lodge has been an integral part of the Gore Bay and Manitoulin Island community for over 45 years, during which time it has built strong relationships with residents, their families, dedicated team members and volunteers, and the Island’s broader communities.”

“While proud of this legacy Manitoulin Lodge and the Town of Gore Bay are mindful that redevelopment of the LTC home is essential to fulfilling the increasingly complex care needs of residents. That is why Manitoulin Lodge, and many of those of the council of the Town of Gore Bay, have been energetic advocates of redevelopment for years,” said Ms. Knowlton.

“I hope everyone understands the real commitment of the town and the community to keeping the beds in the Lodge in Gore

Bay,” said Ms. Knowlton. “There is clear strategy in place for redevelopments for Northern Ontario. Council is very hopeful to find this. It takes a tremendous amount of leadership around this.”

One person at the meeting asked if in the future the Lodge will continue as a for profit corporation. “We are in discussions on the transfer of the Lodge to Gore Bay. What entity will receive it is being worked on,” said Ms. Knowlton.

“Current licencing on the Lodge to make improvements expires in 2025. Is this still in place?” asked one family member.

“Across the province licences for many LTC homes expire in 2025, and they have to apply for redevelopment,” said Ms. Knowlton. “But for instance, in this case we are signalling to the province that we need an extension until the new home is ready to move into. I think there has to be an extension. The ministry is interested in having beds redeveloped and it would take probably between 25-30 months to build a new building, so it will no doubt take longer.” He said the town is looking at a couple of new sites for the building, within the town limits of Gore Bay.

At this point Mayor Lane said the entity that will become the new owner manager of the Lodge at this point is unknown. “We have partners and are reaching out to other partners. My understanding of LTC is that it is either non-profit or municipally owned (like the Manitoulin Centennial Manor in Little Current). We will probably be one of those two.”

As for whether the town and its partners would keep the current Lodge building Mayor Lane said, “there is a lack of seniors housing in the area. I foresee this building would be perfect for seniors housing and seniors assisted living.” And he said there is a provincial funding model in place for new LTC homes, depending on the entity holding the licence. He said there is redevelopment funding available from the province for a new Lodge building. And money can be up front to build. “Jarlette (Health Services) is prepared to transfer the licence for the LTC home to the town. And there is significant funding available to redevelop the building.”

“We are reaching out to nearby municipalities and

other partners to see if they are in favour of working with us to redevelop the Lodge,” said Mayor Lane, noting that “we would probably move forward with a non-profit model, but we are still in the early stages of the process. No decisions on this have been made as of yet.” He said, “it will take partnership, no small municipality can take this on themselves.”

“It’s very, very early in the process with respect to the town,” said Ms. Knowlton. “There are meetings and discussions taking place. But there hasn’t been any firm decisions made so far. These will be made by elected officials, but the mayor and council have made a big commitment to keep people informed.”

Even when a proposal goes to the ministry for approval to transfer the licence it could take up to 12 months before the licence is approved, said Ms. Knowlton. “But things will continue status quo until then.”

“In conclusion I want to tell you that I come from a smaller town, with a population of 35 people. I understand the importance of keeping the long-term care nursing home close to close. There is a tremendous commitment and advocacy locally to keep the Manitoulin Lodge and the beds close to home. We will be working closely with Mayor Lane and council in the transition.”

After the meeting Ms. Knowlton told The Expositor, “Jarlette continues long-term care home and redevelopment projects in other areas. But we know we will not be able to redevelop the Lodge, so the Lodge will be transferred to the town. We just felt that we could not redevelop this building on this property. The Jarlette family sincerely want to keep the beds in Gore Bay, as does the town, but we know we can’t redevelop this one. It is a small home, it’s rural and it just not feasible for us.”

Mayor Lane said, “our discussions initially started in September, and got more intense at the beginning of when Jarlette approached us.” He said the town is looking at a couple of new sites for the new building, within the

town limits of Gore Bay.

“I have spoke to the other three Western Manitoulin municipalities on this proposal,” said Mayor Lane. “Are they sitting at the table now? No, but they are interested. Again, as we have mentioned we are in the early stages of all of this. But all three (municipalities) agree they want to keep the Lodge and the beds

in Gore Bay. If in time we feel we need to we will reach out to other municipalities on Manitoulin we will do that.”

Mayor Lane said the key is that the Lodge and the beds will stay in Gore Bay. “Our feeling is that people will now be more comfortable to know work is being done on it.”



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# ...student named Loran Scholar

...continued from page 1 individual,” stated Roxy Rae, community engagement and communications officer with the Loran Scholars Foundation told The Expositor. “I really don’t know how the judges selected the 36 scholars from the 90 they had to review in the final stage. They are all such inspiring individuals.”

“We are pleased to share that Jocelyn Kuntsi has been selected as a 2023 Loran Scholar, joining a cohort of 36 out of nearly 4,800 applicants from across Canada, each earning a Loran Award,” a release explains. “The Loran Scholars Foundation looks beyond conventional measures like grades and rankings to find strength of character and the promise of leadership, to ultimately define and nurture the young people who can become Canada’s next generation of values-driven leaders.”

“Jocelyn is captain of the MSS Manitoulin Metal Robotics, leading the environmental movement in the FIRST Robotics community. She serves as a school board student trustee, student senate chair, and works as a lead astronomer at an eco-park. Jocelyn received a Youth Achievement Award as part of the Lieutenant Governors’ Ontario Heritage Awards. She is a Shad alumni, beekeeper and Haweater and continues to make time for music and theatre.”

“The pursuits and accomplishments of the 36 newest recipients of the Loran Award are exemplary, but it is their values driven approach to uplifting their communities that distinguish them as Loran Scholars,” said Ms. Rae. “We know that such promising young people have the power to change the future for the better, they just need a launchpad and opportunities to grow. This is precisely what we offer Loran Scholars; an enrichment program of leadership development and diverse learning experiences that equip them to create positive change over the course of their lifetime. The Loran Award consists



Jocelyn Kuntsi, a resident of Manitowaning (who attends Manitoulin Secondary School) is one of 36 exceptional youth from across Canada who have been named a 2023 Loran Scholar by the Loran Scholars Foundation.

of summer work experiences, mentorships, scholar gatherings, an annual living stipend, and a tuition waiver at one of 25 university partners.”

“Jocelyn was very excited about joining the Loran community,” said Ms. Rae, noting that about 4,800 candidates had been selected at the beginning of the process.

As the newest recipients of the Loran Award these students participated in an in-depth, nationwide selection process carried out through the work of hundreds of volunteer assessors and interviewers.

“Loran Scholars benefit from a four-year, comprehensive leadership-enrichment program, tuition waivers and financial support, and a network of values-driven peers and mentors, unlike anything else offered in this country,” said Ms. Rae. “We give exceptional young people a launchpad to unlock their potential and empower them to make positive change in their communities.”

From writing an application to attending national interviews in Toronto, the entire Loran selection process is a personal growth experience, in itself a chance for the students to reflect, learn about themselves, and connect with other passionate and optimistic young changemakers. “In addition to the four-year Loran Award granted to 36 students, we also recognize and provide one-time entrance awards to 54 Loran Finalists who

made it to Nationals and 60 students recognized as Loran provincial and territorial award recipients at the semi-final level. Overall, we will be investing close to \$4 million in 150 students across Canada this year.”

Jocelyn, who is going to take engineering in college, is still undecided what university she will attend. “That is a good question. I don’t know yet, but I have it narrowed down to McMaster or Waterloo.”

“Along with tuition (sponsored by the school), there is residency and a meal plan provided,” said Ms. Kuntsi. “And after our first year we can apply for funding for individual work or to volunteer. There is also a retreat each year for the 36 scholars in the summer and a retreat every year for the four years learning about things like financial literacy and entering the workforce. And we each have a mentor, who has been a scholar. There are lots of opportunities. I am really excited about all of this.”

“One thing that I truly appreciate is that they make it clear they are here to support you from a financial, learning and growth aspect, and they just want us to be the best we can be,” said Jocelyn.

“The 90 people (who made it to the finals of the Loran Scholar process) are all amazing,” stated Jocelyn. “I was sitting at the table with these people and every person was an amazing person, super passionate about what they do, and care about their community. At our interview sessions I met these amazing people from every province in the country. It is after meeting and talking to all these amazing people that the imposter syndrome set in with me,” she quipped. “I was asking myself how I could be part of this group of amazing people.”

Since its inception 34 years ago the Loran Scholars Foundation has provided more than \$62 million in undergraduate awards to 3,200 plus promising high school and Cegep students including 757 Loran Scholars.

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**Meeting # 489 313 1974**  
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Our Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday and Thursday of the month or a full copy of the agenda, please visit our website at [www.townofnemi.on.ca](http://www.townofnemi.on.ca)

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
10862 Hwy 6, Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah  
April 8th at 11:00 am

### Public Notice

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands will be considering the Water and Wastewater by-law at the upcoming Council meeting on April 20th at 7 pm in the Council Chamber

A copy of the proposed by-law is available on our website, [townofnemi.on.ca](http://townofnemi.on.ca) at the town office located at 14 Water Street

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands will be considering the Building Permit and Fee by-law at the upcoming Council meeting on April 20th at 7 pm in the Council Chamber.

A copy of the proposed by-law is available on our website, [townofnemi.on.ca](http://townofnemi.on.ca) at the town office located at 14 Water Street

The effect of this by-law will see increases as follows

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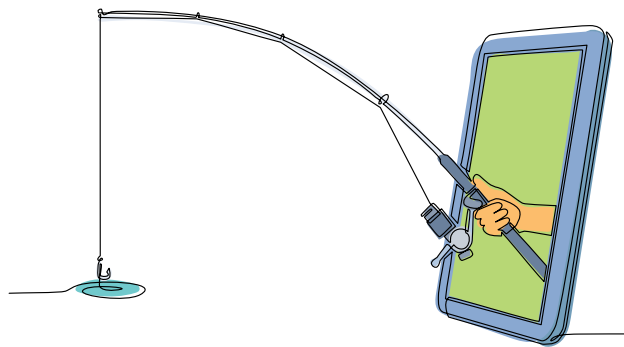
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# ...Manitoulin Streams developing angling/recreation map

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"We will also be adding on various businesses on the map. Basically, we are looking for any businesses that have products or provides any type of services for the recreational fishing industry, things like equipment, selling boats, have canoes-kayaks (buy and/or rentals), safety gear, chargers, bait, fishing charters," continued Ms. Deschenes. "We will be approaching Island businesses on this." She pointed out the maps for each lake will also indicate where each of the gas stations and grocery stores that are available in a specific lake location area.

"We will also be approaching various accommodation businesses on the island for information as well. So if someone is planning a fishing trip on the Island they will have easy access to lake maps, and can find places where they can stay, get gas, where to eat, get fishing equipment and where they can get groceries," explained Ms. Deschenes. "Berry Boats is on board so if someone needs repairs to their boat this will be indicated on the maps. Turners came on board, and they have navigational maps." The maps will also detail hiking trails and outdoor activities one can enjoy on



A new app underway by Manitoulin Streams will help anglers plan their next adventure on Manitoulin.

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the Island.

Ms. Deschenes stressed, "this mapping project is still a work in progress, but a good portion of it is done already. We will be approaching a lot more businesses to see if they want to be a participant in this project and some of the marinas will be added on when the ice is gone this spring so we can get drone imagery. And if there is any business that we haven't approached yet who want to be part of this we would ask that they reach out to us." She pointed out MSIA is asking \$20 from every participating business to update the software on an annual basis and to cover the costs to keep the map up to date.

MSIA has received fund-

MSIA has plans for a major project to take place in Kagawong this year. "We are planning to restore the mouth of the Kagawong River. We have a site design in place. We hoped to carry out this work last year, but with some funding we hoped for not coming through we couldn't undertake this project. Instead, we focused our attention on the Manitu River," said Ms. Deschenes.

"This year we are planning to make improvements to the habitat at the mouth of the (Kagawong) river so we will be putting in things like vortex weirs, root wads and boulder clusters to improve spawning habitat," said Ms. Deschenes. "And the design for this project that was created will allow for adaptation, if climate events occur (low water levels on the river) to focus the waters energy in the middle of the river so there is still enough water to allow for fish to spawn." "We are also hoping to do riparian restoration work on the river mouth and improving habitat," said Ms. Deschenes. "The mouth of the river is one of the sites that we have listed in our Enhancement Strategy for the Kagawong River."

MSIA is also planning to put in an angling platform,

said Ms. Deschenes. "We have sent out tenders for bids on the work to be done. The whole idea is providing angling opportunities, and the platform will be accessible to everyone, so people of all (mobility) abilities will be able to utilize the platform. The platform will allow locals and tourists to have a great place to fish and observe the river from, and grandparents and parents can bring their children or grandkids to an area without some of the concerns with safety. There will be educational information and signage established. We will be asking members of the community and groups in Kagawong what they would like to see on the education information signs."

"We are also putting an angling platform in a loca-

tion in Wiikwemkoong (Unceded Territory)," said Ms. Deschenes. "We have to send out a request for proposals for site design to engineers and hopefully be able to get into the planning of the platform this year (with construction in 2024)."

It is anticipated the restoration work on the Kagawong River will take place in July, followed by the installation of the fishing platform and signage after that. Ms. Deschenes said the habitat work will benefit the rainbow trout that access the river in the spring and the salmon species in the fall, as well as bass and pike at the mouth of the river.

# ...Snowdusters poker chip run a huge success

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Al Davy of the Snowdusters brought forward the idea of the poker chip run. A portion of the proceeds from the event will be going toward a student bursary being created in Mr. Corbiere's memory.

"Originally we talked of doing this for the family, but Kate (Mr. Corbiere's wife) wanted to do this as a bursary for the high school (Manitoulin Secondary School) in his memory," explained Mr. Laidley. He said that \$1,644.05 of the proceeds raised from the Poker Chip Run will go toward this student bursary.

Ms. Corbiere told The Expositor previously, "I had been contacted by Maya Holsen, secretary of the Snowdusters who asked if they could have my blessing to hold this event. I was extremely honoured and so pleased that the community would do this for Todd. And to see that other

people were affected by him in this way was heart-warming. I asked if a portion of the proceeds from the event could be used for a student bursary at MSS. Todd was a member of the Snowdusters and helped the club maintain its groomer, and he was proud of, and loved, Manitoulin."

Mr. Laidley said the organizers are very grateful for all those who took part, the businesses, and all those who donated prizes for the event. He also thanked, "Kate Corbiere and her children Madelyn, Hanna and Isaac for allowing the Snowdusters to have this event in memory of a great guy."

Mr. Laidley also acknowledged his son Cole for putting the packages together and distributing/collecting packages. "And my wife Tammy for supporting me while I took time away from regular work to put this Poker Chip Run together."

# Sheguiandah water rates could soon top \$1,500 annually

by Alicia McCutcheon

NORTHEAST TOWN—At its regular meeting on March 21, Northeast Town council discussed raising the water rates for residents of Little Current and Sheguiandah by four percent for 2023.

CAO Dave Williamson gave council a breakdown of the rates. For Sheguiandah, residents on municipal water (of which there are 87), it will mean an annual increase of \$59.73 bringing the total they must pay for 2023 to \$1,543.06.

For Little Current residents, who pay for both water and sewer (of which there are 700 users), it will mean an annual increase of \$20.05 for a total of \$521.23 annually for water and the same again for sewer (equalling \$1,042.46).

Mr. Williamson noted the capital projects slated for both water treatment plants this year. Councillor Bill Koehler asked about the big discrepancy in prices between the two plants and questioned their respective capacities. It was explained that

Sheguiandah has much capacity left for new users, but Little Current's plant is upwards of 85 percent maxed out. Mr. Williamson shared that an engineer has been hired to explore ways of increasing the Little Current plant's capacity,

and to find out its lifespan.

Councillor Dawn Orr, a Ward 4 representative in Sheguiandah, noted the high rates for her constituents. "That's a big hike for people to swallow," she said. "I understand you're being careful but it's still a

real hardship."

The water rates will next go to a public meeting scheduled for April 20. Northeast Town council meetings can be attended both in-person and virtual-ly.



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...M'Chigeeng elections now delayed to May

...continued from page 1 had received regarding the submission of criminal record checks (CRC) and their resulting failure to comply with the CRC requirements found in the M'Chigeeng First Nation Custom Election Code 2019.



Candidates and their supporters gathered outside the M'Chigeeng complex last Thursday to protest the disqualification of many of those running for election.

Due to the late decision, the names of all of the disqualified candidates remained on the ballot and a number of mail-in ballots had already been received.

A large group of candidates and their supporters (including one who had not been disqualified) gathered at a peaceful protest outside the M'Chigeeng Community Complex where the advance poll was taking place on March 23.

As more and more evidence came to light regarding the inconsistency of the messaging the candidates had received from official sources and the vague wording of the custom election code, a meeting of the M'Chigeeng First Nation Election Appeals Committee (EAC) and its legal council was held on the morning of Thursday, March 23.

The committee discussed the grievances that it, and the band administration, had received following the disqualification of the candidates. In a letter released by the EAC it was noted that the committee "found this section of the code to be very confusing and was causing a lot of confusion among the candidates who

had been nominated and other members of the community."

The letter also revealed that some members of the EAC had been threatened following the decision to disqualify candidates. After deliberation and discussion, the EAC announced a series of decisions, first and foremost of which was to cancel the March 27 election—setting a new election date of Saturday, May 13, 9 am to 6 pm at the M'Chigeeng Community Complex.

A new advance poll will take place on Saturday, April 22 from 9 am to 6 pm at the M'Chigeeng Community Complex and new mail-in ballots will be sent to off-reserve voters.

The disqualified candidates (who had all apparently submitted their CRCs) were reinstated and no longer disqualified but must submit CRCs by April 8 and must include up to February 13, the date of the nomination meeting. Any CRC that is dated prior to

February 13 will not be accepted.

The ballots cast at the advance poll are declared invalid and will not be counted, as will those mail-in ballots that had been received as of March 23.

As part of the decision, chief and council terms of office have been extended to Saturday, May 13.

The EAC intends to meet weekly with the electoral officer and deputy electoral officer from April 6 to April 27 in order to ensure a smooth election takes place.

In their final decision from the March 23 meeting, the EAC "strongly recommends the new council amend the custom election code to make it clearer to interpret and thanked the community for their patience and understanding during this difficult time."

Candidates expressed relief following the decisions of the EAC and conveyed a desire to move forward.

...2023 darkest winter in 80+ years

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Being a climatologist he then took the climatological (or meteorological) winter data in early March from the European Centre for Medium-range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF) who, he says, "are the gold standard for producing climate re-analysis data."

The map he created for climatological winter, December 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023, showing the lack of solar energy over Ontario proved to be extremely popular.

Mr. Brettschneider said he has done hundreds of climate and weather related interviews over the years but he has "never done more interviews than on this topic."

Mr. Brettschneider believes "there has been so much interest in this because it's a shared experience; a dark and dreary winter is a community bonding experience."

The map itself shows Manitoulin Island covered by a large black dot because Manitoulin had the most dramatic drop in solar energy compared to normal.

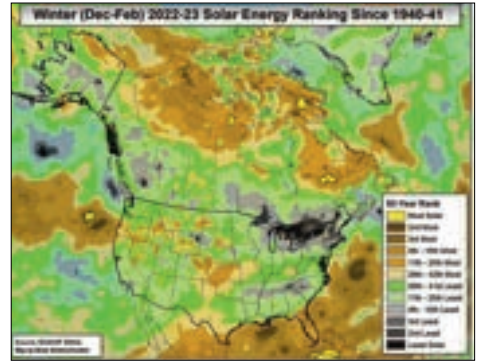
Mr. Brettschneider describes it this way: "If you had a solar panel generating electricity for the last 80 years and kept records of the amount of energy generated, the energy generated this winter would be the lowest amount of all of the 80 winters of data."

In terms of solar energy December was typical, January was noteworthy across Ontario and then February remained low in solar energy, specifically for the Manitoulin region.

Manitoulin Island does come out the winner with the bullseye in one respect as Mr. Brettschneider shared with The Expositor; his previously unshared map specifically of February 2023 solar energy.

According to Mr. Brettschneider the dark winter on Manitoulin Island was caused by two systems. In January an upper level of high pressure south of Hudson Bay caused an easterly flow of moist air to the Manitoulin region from the Maritimes and Atlantic. This moist air created the clouds experienced in January.

Then in February an area of high pressure over the eastern coast of the United States created a southerly flow of moist air



A big black blob, denoting no sun, rests atop Manitoulin.

from the Gulf of Mexico. When this air travelled over the unfrozen portions of the Great Lakes, it picked up even more moist air creating the cloudy conditions in February.

On Manitoulin this winter, "the dominant winds were from the east and south with less north and westerly flows," said Mr. Brettschneider. The north and west winds normally blow the clouds away, clearing the skies.

With winter officially over, both climatologically and astronomically, what does spring of 2023 have in store for Manitoulin Island?

Astronomical spring arrived on March 20 and the Farmer's Almanac prediction of "a turbulent transition to warmth" appears to be bearing fruit, with a good old fashioned spring snowstorm this past Saturday, March 25.

The Farmer's Almanac then predicts snow and slush around the Great Lakes into early April, followed by a generally showery spring with mild temperatures.

Climatological spring is from March 1 to May 31.

An Environment and Climate Change Canada map predicting seasonal surface radiation from March to May 2023 shows a 40 percent probability that we will see more sunny days than normal over the far east end of Manitoulin Island and the normal amount of sunny days over the rest of Manitoulin.

Hope springs eternal.

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Zachery cuts the cake during the Early On Child and Family Centre open house while Child Care Resource worker Michelle Pyette (in charge of the Little Current EarlyOn Centre), Jessica Pelland (EarlyOn resource worker), Zachery's mom Ashley, Diana St. Pierre, Manitoulin Family Resources Children's Services director, and Home Care Services supervisor Patricia Hurst look on.

photo by Michael Erskine

## EarlyOn Centre holds open house for parents

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Parents and caregivers rejoice, the Little Current EarlyON Child and Family Centre in Little Current has moved to larger digs, offering up more room for programming and services. Previously located in Little Current Public School, the EarlyON Centre is now located in the former Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board offices in the Island Business Centre on Highway 6.

"We moved the EarlyON Child and Family Centre from the elementary school so we can create more space for child care," said Diana St. Pierre, Manitoulin Family Resources children's services director, noting that there is a huge demand for daycare spaces, but plenty of demand for the EarlyON services.

EarlyON centres are different from daycares in a couple of important ways. Although EarlyON Centres offer up many of the same programs and services as the daycare centres, EarlyON centres are more focussed on parents.

Where parents drop off their children at daycare centres before heading off to work

or school, parents accompany their children at the EarlyON centres, explained Ms. St. Pierre.

"You just show up, pretty much," said Little Current EarlyON Child Care Resource worker Michelle Pyette, who is in charge of the Little Current site. "Our calendar is online at [www.keyon.ca](http://www.keyon.ca) (the calendar can also be downloaded at [www.mfresources.net/childrens-services](http://www.mfresources.net/childrens-services) or found on the MFR Facebook page). We have different locations, here in Little Current, Minde-moya, Manitowaning and Gore Bay. You just see what programs we are offering and what you are interested in."

Featuring plenty of natural light from the large glass doors at the front, the EarlyON centre parents dropping into the centre were commenting on how it offers up an inviting series of play areas for children and parents to interact, with a bright and colourful colour scheme.

Parents can register for programming by going to [www.mfresources.net](http://www.mfresources.net) or by emailing [earlyon@mfresources.net](mailto:earlyon@mfresources.net) or by calling 705-370-4796.



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# Second annual youth March Break fishing tournament reels in the fun

by Tom Sasvari  
 MINDEMOYA—The second annual Central Manitoulin Youth March Break Fishing Tournament was a resounding success.

“We had an amazing total of 48 youths register in the second annual event,” said Marcus Mohr, community development/outreach coordinator of Central Manitoulin. “It’s wonderful to see the youth and their families enjoying the outdoors, creating memories, and carrying on traditions.



Graeme Becks took first place in the longest lake trout category.



Emma Becks won a whopping \$450 in cash and prizes in the derby.

It is the aim of the organizers to facilitate involvement in outdoor recreation and family time with this friendly youth tournament.”

In the 13-18 years old category the winner for catching the longest perch was Rylan Carrick in first place with a 13-and 5/16-inch perch; with Lucas Laquerre and Hudsyn Young in second and third, respectively. The lake trout category winners included Kohan Campbell in first with a 17-

who won a whopping \$450 in cash and prizes. Emma won the first-place perch \$150 fishing gear package, the mystery length prize (for two perch) for a cash prize of \$100. She was in second place in the Lake Trout division for a \$100 cash prize and \$100 in cash for a mystery length (one lake trout) prize. Congratulations Emma!” stated Mr.

Mohr.

“We would like to thank all of the participants, their parents, guardians and the sponsors,” said Mr. Mohr. “The sponsors contributed \$2,825.00 in cash and prizes this year and many of the youth and parents expressed their gratitude towards the organizers and sponsors and we would like to acknowledge them as

well. We are truly blessed to live in a community where the people and businesses are always willing to rise to the occasion, especially when it comes to youth.”

Sponsors of the tournament included Jake’s Home Centre, Melvin E. Van Horn Insurance Brokers Ltd., D.A Williamson Hardware/Up Top Sports Shop, Manitoulin Chrysler,

Rylan’s Clothing, Mountain View Resort, Kat’s Pet Supplies, E’s Flowers and Gifts by Design, Manitoulin Tree Service, Wilson’s Corner Store, Mindemoya Guardian Pharmacy, Buie’s Grocery and the Dean and Robin Nadorozny family.

The youth fishing tournament was held between March 10-19.

inch lake trout, with Anders Watson and Rylan Carrick finishing second and third.

In the 12 years of age and under category, for longest perch caught, Emma Becks took top spot with a 12-inch perch, with Ryley Corbiere in second and Lily Carrick third. The winners in the longest lake trout category included Graeme Becks in first with a 24-inch lake trout. Emma Becks was second, while the third prize was not awarded.

Closest to the mystery length category prizes were awarded to Mackenzie Hempel, Hudsyn Young, Kohan Campbell, Anders Watson, Ryley Corbiere, Emma Becks and Graeme Becks. The elusive walleye weren’t biting for youngsters in either age category so these prizes will be randomly drawn and evenly distributed to participants with other unawarded prizes, said Mr. Mohr.

“The big winner for the week was Emma Becks

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Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

Hello everyone! It's been more than a week since March Break! Students and staff are getting back into the swing of things after a relaxing week off. It is now officially spring and I'm sure many of us have our fingers crossed that the warm weather will come sooner rather than later.

To sum up how I feel here's a spring joke: What did the tree say to spring? What a re-leaf!

To start off I'd like to give a big congratulations to Jocelyn Kuntsi, a student at MSS. Jocelyn was a recipient of the Loran Award, the highest undergraduate merit award in Canada.

NEMI soccer is looking for student volunteers to help referee and coach junior soccer. Soccer starts May 8 and is hosted on Mondays and Tuesdays.

The badminton team is up and running once again! They have been practicing three times a week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Go, team!

The MSS robotics team had their first competition of the year this season! Nipissing University hosted Manitoulin Metal and 28 other teams at their district event.

Team 6865 submitted for many FIRST awards including the Dean's List Award, a recognition of an outstanding student in the program. The second award Manitoulin Metal applied for was the Impact Award, a recognition of a team that goes above and beyond in what they do. In terms of robots, this year's team designed a sturdy robot with a large mechanical arm. The team had many successful matches on Saturday, March 25. Matches continued into Sunday, March 26 where the team continued to thrive. By the time the competition ended, the team had received the prestigious Engineering Inspiration Award. This award recognizes impactful actions and taking steps to lead in innovation. This award qualified the team to compete for it again at FIRST Ontario Provincials at McMaster University. The MSS robotics will compete in another district event next weekend from Friday, March 31 to Sunday, April 2. Wishing Manitoulin Metal 6865 the best of luck in upcoming competitions!

That's all for this week. I hope everyone has a wonderful day! Until next time, go Mustangs, go!



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### thank you

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## Eastlink fibre upgrade project nears completion

**MINDEMOYA**—Eastlink confirmed recently that it has begun to connect residents in Mindemoya to its newly upgraded fibre network bringing high speed internet to residents and businesses in the town. "We are so pleased to be building fibre into this community as part of the federal government's Universal

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Eastlink director of sales and marketing for Ontario Louigi Salvati said, "We're very happy with our progress as we near completion of our fibre network build. This improve-

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Eastlink has invested in excess of one billion dollars (over \$180 million in Northern Ontario) in its fibre and mobile networks over the past decade. This includes high-speed internet delivered over the company's

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**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 1-888-4AI-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. 40tfn


### 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

### church services

**King James Bible Church,** Providence Bay worships every Saturday Sabbath, 10 am to 12 noon. For more information call 705-348-2229. 30tfn

### coming events



**Manitoulin Secondary School is hosting Parents' Night**

**Thursday, March 30th**  
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Parent teacher conferences are a great opportunity to:

- meet your student's teacher
- learn about your student's academic progress
- inform teachers about your student's strengths and challenges
- discuss strategies to support your student's learning
- discuss issues that may be interfering with learning and growth

## 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.

**DATED: MARCH 21, 2023**

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## GARAGE SALE!

**Sale on March 31st - April 1st**

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## 54th Annual Maple Syrup Festival

**R.C. Legion Br. 374 - St. Joseph Island**

**April 1, 2, 8 and 9, 2023**  
**8 am - 3 pm**

Join us at the Legion in Richards Landing (1534-10th Side Road)

- All-you-can-eat pancakes and sausages
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**Breakfast includes:** pancake, sausage topped with delicious maple syrup, coffee, tea or juice.

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The Legion hosts such fundraising events to better be able to support local Veterans and their families. Branch 374 strives to give to the community, including many senior and youth organizations.

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## Death Notices

### ALEXANDER JAMES COLVILLE February 20, 1982 - March 3, 2023



Every parent's nightmare became a reality for us on March 3, 2023, as we (Bill and Debby Colville) learned of the sudden death of our beloved son, Alexander James Colville (D.O.B. February 20, 1982). His birth mother, Teresa Turtle (nee Assin) of Grassy Narrows First Nation, shares this sorrow. In 1999, Alex left the Island and landed a job at TSN Canadian Facts (market research) in Toronto on Bay Street. He had one corporate client: Kraft Foods. After 15 years and five changes of ownership, Alex and many other colleagues were downsized with a healthy severance package. He moved to Hamilton where he worked part-time as a 'mystery shopper'. Alex was very fortunate to share a house in Hamilton with his best friend Dennis, two other housemates and Dennis' two little dogs. Alex helped to care for 'Luna' and 'Agatha', spoiled them royally, fed them people food and took them for walks at any time of day or night. He adored them. Our son, family and community member and friend, died peacefully at his residence from heart failure with the doggies at his side. A 'Star Trek lover', Alex described himself as shy, reserved and admitted recently, that he didn't like to express emotions. In light of that, there will be no traditional funeral. He wished to be cremated and to have some of his ashes placed with his grandparents in Toronto, with little (or no) fanfare. Alex and his three siblings chose the burial plot (for Deb's father in 1992) that met their criteria: it had to be near a tree, near a tap to water flowers and with the headstone facing a certain direction. Alex's urn will be placed there in the fall of 2023. Some of Alex's ashes will be buried with Teresa's parents at Grassy Narrows. Rudy and Teresa Turtle, his five siblings, extended family and community members will celebrate his life and mourn his passing. Special thanks goes to Marie Turley of Gore Bay, for her friendship from Grade 4 until his death. Alex enjoyed visiting Marie and her family.

### RAYMOND WILLIAM ALBERT MCKENZIE April 9, 1940 - March 19, 2023



In loving memory of Raymond William Albert McKenzie who passed away peacefully at the Mindemoya Hospital on March 19, 2023. Beloved husband of Sheila (Peck). Loving father of Rhonda (Sandy) Morphet, Cindy (John) VanHarberden, Lisa (Rick) Martin, Todd, Tammy (Chris) Laidley. Grandpa of Adam, Kimberly, Christopher, Nicole, Jeffrey, Sara, Dylan, Noah, Dustin and Cole. Great-grandpa of Octavia, Hadley and Korbin. Brother to Marvin McKenzie, Neola (nee Vessilisin), Allan and Roberta (Purdy). Born to Irene McKenzie (nee Sawyer) and Albert William McKenzie. Grandson of Zaida Hillson (nee McKenzie) and Leslie McKenzie. He will be missed by many nieces, nephews and friends. Raymond was a farmer at heart. He began working for Marty Brennan on the Manitoulin Valley Cattle Ranch from 1958 until 1969. On March 17, 1961 Raymond married the love of his life, Sheila. They have shared 62 wonderful years together. While at the Brennan farm he was gifted his beloved horse Betty. He absolutely loved Betty and brought her to many shows winning many awards and ribbons. He travelled around Canada and the States going to many different shows and would be quite successful at bull competitions. He would spend hours combing and brushing the bulls' hair until it was absolutely perfect. He then moved to the family farm in Sheguiandah. He was baptized into the Jehovah's Witness Organization in 1983. In 1991 he began building his retirement home in Mindemoya. In 1996 they moved in. He absolutely loved this area being close to Lake Manitou. There he stayed until he moved to the Manitoulin Lodge in December 2018 until his passing at the Mindemoya Hospital in March 2023. In 1999 he built "the Shack," an Island, cozy hideaway. He was a very proud and active member of the Cattleman's Association. Raymond was very smart at math and building. He could build anything he put his mind to without needing blueprints and even going as far as to mill his own lumber. When he wasn't farming or building something, Raymond enjoyed hockey, playing until he broke his jaw, and he was a very good guitar player and mouth organ operator, bringing music to many functions and events. He also enjoyed spending time at "the Shack," ice fishing, cutting wood, hunting and making maple syrup. Raymond will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

### MYRNA AGNES FIELDING CUDNEY December 17, 1938 - March 16, 2023



Myrna passed away quietly Thursday morning, March 16, 2023 with her family by her side. Myrna was born in Sudbury on December 17, 1938, to parents Gerda and Carman Fielding. Myrna is predeceased by her parents and brothers Douglas (Gaye) and Michael (Elise). She is survived by her siblings Carmen Jr. (Sandy), Barbara (Bob), Karen (Ken), Daniel (Joanne), Kathy (Michael), Laurie and Lynda. She is survived by her daughters Kimberly (Fraser), Dana and Meredith. She was blessed with six grandchildren Parker (Josephine), William, Fielding, Georgia, Ben and Carman. She will be deeply missed by her many nieces, nephews and close friends. Myrna met the love of her life, Ross Cudney, to whom she was married to for over 60 years until his death in 2018. They lived in southern Ontario for almost 15 years before moving back to Myrna's hometown in Northern Ontario. In 1993 Myrna and Ross moved to Manitoulin Island making many new friends and became proud members of the community. Wherever they were their door was always open. Myrna never met a house she could not transform. Sometimes two in one year. She had talent for creative arts, redesigning and refurbishing. She was a renovating powerhouse and believed that every woman should have their own power drill. Myrna loved gardening, golfing, entertaining, travelling, cooking and playing cards. Cherished moments included her summers at Lake Penage spending time on the dock and ending each day with a hot sauna. Myrna loved her family and was happiest when with them. The family is grateful for the support of Home and Community Care Support Services Northeast, Bayshore Home Health and Maison McCulloch Hospice of Sudbury. Her family would especially like to thank her personal care providers and nurses for their dedication and kindness. To honour Myrna, the family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Maison McCulloch Hospice of Sudbury. A Funeral Service will be held at St. John the Divine Anglican Church, 34 Godfrey Drive, Copper Cliff on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 11 am. Reception to follow. Arrangements entrusted to the Jackson & Barnard Funeral Home.

### DAMIEN CLIFFORD RODNEY SWIFT January 10, 2010 - March 16, 2023



It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Damien Clifford Rodney Swift on March 16th, 2023 in Little Current, ON. Damien was 13 years young, a student at CMPS and a shining light to many. He was known to be a fun-loving jokester who had a passion for math, video games, chess and sports. Particularly loved hockey, basketball and baseball. Math and numbers were something he excelled at and was very proud of his success. Damien took time quite literally and would squeeze every second he could out of time to do the things he loved. Most important, he was a kind boy with a big heart and always put others first. He is survived by his father David Swift, mother Sarah Bridge and brother Dante. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, grandparents, cousins and friends. He was undoubtedly greeted at the gates by his biological mother Kayla Bourque, which may be the only comfort anyone can find in this devastating news. Damien was blessed to have many different layers of family and in return they were blessed to have him. One thing is for certain, there is an irreplaceable void in the Swift, Bridge, Bourque, Clarke and Green families forever. Visitation was held at the Island Funeral Home from 10 am to 1 pm on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 with a private visitation and funeral at 1 pm for family members. A luncheon followed at the Royal Canadian Legion at 2:30 pm. Memorial donations may be made to the GoodHope Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Clinic, Cheques made out to the clinic may be mailed to: UHN Foundation 5th floor, 5S-801 190 Elizabeth Street, Toronto, ON M5G 2C4 or online at: [https://support.uhnfoundation.ca/site/Donation2?df\\_id=1480&mfc\\_pref=T&1480.donation=form1&s\\_src=globalnav](https://support.uhnfoundation.ca/site/Donation2?df_id=1480&mfc_pref=T&1480.donation=form1&s_src=globalnav). Island Funeral Home can only accept cheques for all charitable donations. To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Damien Clifford Rodney Swift, please visit our floral store.

### JEAN MARGARET BRODIE (nee Noble)

January 27, 1924,

Barrie Island, Manitoulin

to

March 19, 2023,

Sprucedale Care Centre, Strathroy



With heavy hearts, our family announces Jean's passing on March 19, 2023 at Sprucedale Care Centre after a brief illness at 99 years of age. Daughter of George and Sarah (Phelan) Noble, Jean spent her earliest years on a farm in Gordon Township, Manitoulin Island. In 1946, she married Glenn Campbell Brodie, her loving husband of 49 years, and moved to Melbourne, Ontario where together they raised four daughters, and launched several successful businesses, including a feed store, grain elevator and egg farm. Like so many of her generation who survived the Great Depression and World War II, Jean believed in hard work, honesty, and community. She was a tireless community volunteer, who was recognized by the province for her many decades of service to, among others, the Women's Institute, the United Church, the Melbourne Library and the Melbourne Quilters. Jean will be remembered as a caring neighbour and friend who was always there to lend a hand, but also for her playfulness and sharp wit. She touched many lives across several generations in the Melbourne community, often in quiet and heartfelt ways. In her later years, this community reciprocated with countless everyday kindnesses, from a ride to an event to clearing snow, enabling her to live independently in her home until her mid-90s when she moved to Sprucedale Care Centre in Strathroy. On recent birthdays, she was genuinely touched and amazed by the outpouring of birthday greetings that she received from present and former members of the Melbourne community. The family is especially grateful to Mom's long-time and caring neighbours, Judy and Harry. Manitoulin Island, however, was core to Jean's very being and she eagerly awaited returning there every summer with Glenn who was a relentless fisherman. Manitoulin was where Jean restored her spirit, watched her clan frolic in the lake, treated friends and family to superb fish dinners, and every evening watched "the most beautiful sunset in the world." Glenn passed away in 1995. Jean also was predeceased by her siblings and their spouses, Grant (Dorothy) Noble, James Noble, Noreen (Eric) Brown and Marion (Jim) Beange, by a generation of treasured friends and relatives both in Melbourne and on Manitoulin Island, and by her cherished pal at Sprucedale, Gerry. She is survived by her four daughters Patricia (Lee), Gwen (Tom), Janine (Malinda) and Mary (Michael); eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and dear nephews and nieces. We have been blessed to have Jean in our lives for so many years. She lived her long and meaningful life with strength, dignity, generosity and humour. Jean was one of a kind, and we will miss her dearly. The family expresses its deep appreciation to the health professionals and staff at Sprucedale for the incredible care and friendship they provided Mom in the past four years amidst a challenging pandemic, and especially in her last days. A Celebration of Jean Noble Brodie's remarkable Life will be scheduled later.

### FLORENCE HELEN DINSMORE (nee Rumley)



Florence passed away peacefully March 16th, 2023, after a short stay at the West Parry Sound Health Centre. She was born in Robinson Township, Manitoulin Island in 1934 and was the youngest daughter of the late Cliff and Bessie Rumley. She was predeceased by her devoted husband Bill in 2018. They were married for 65 years. Florence was a strong and supportive mother to Joyce, Bill (Bonnie), Mitzi (Guy) and Craig and leaves her brother Grant (Mary) and sister-in-law Donna (Blair). She was a proud grandmother to Seth, James, Max, Neal, Alex, Thomas, and Kathleen; and four great-grandchildren Ian, Claire, Aidan and Colton. Florence was predeceased by her sisters Cappy, Hazel and Geordie and brother Leslie. Bill and Florence lived and made friends throughout Ontario including the communities of Azilda, Nobel and Cornwall during their working years and Waterloo, Meaford and Barrie after retirement. She was a respected and well-liked administrator for over forty years and had many talents and interests including quilting, golf, cards and travelling with Bill. After Bill's passing Florence returned to Parry Sound and enjoyed her final years with family, friends and the supportive staff at the Gardens. As per Florence's wishes she has been cremated. Later this year interment will take place at Silver Lake Cemetery, Manitoulin Island.

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### Notice of Municipal Budget Adoption

Pursuant to Section 290 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended

**Notice** is hereby given that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of The Town of Gore Bay intends to adopt the 2023 Municipal Budget at the Regular Council Meeting on **April 11th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.**

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting at the Council Chambers located at 15 Water Street, Gore Bay. The budget draft review can be found on the Financial & Information page on the Town's website at <http://www.gorebay.ca/town-office/communications/financial>

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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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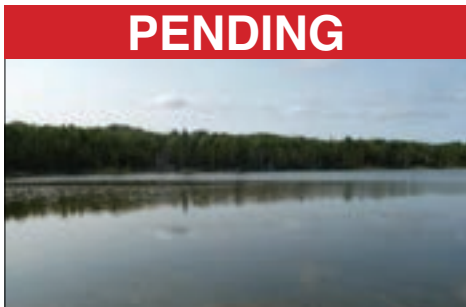
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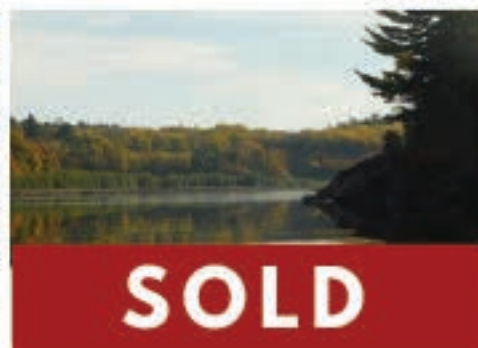
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## Gore Bay Curling Club hosts 35th annual curffle event

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The Sherry Forest and Heather Hall team were the winners of the first event at the 35th annual curffle event held at the Gore Bay Curling Club this past weekend.

“Sherry and I have been doing this for a while now (winning the event for the fourth time this year, the previous time in 2005). I don’t know if we can do this again in 18 years,” said Ms. Hall. “As usual the weekend was great,” she said praising the bar and kitchen staff and Dan Marois, president of the club.

The runner-up in the first event was the team of Mark Merrylees and his 12-year-old nephew Joseph Merrylees.

The second event saw the Drew Purvis and Kevin Bushey team win the final over the team of Gord and Sherri Loutitt.

In the third event the team of Al Lanktree and Kennedy Lanktree (who was filling in for Kyra Lanktree) won the final game, defeating the team of Brooklyn Clark and Wyatt Dearing in the final.

Hye and Holly Clark were master of ceremonies for the awards presentations. “As is traditional for curffle, we would like everyone to turn to their left, and then turn to their right and acknowledge the person beside you. It is all of you that make curffle a success,” said Mr. Clark.

“Everyone knows that none of this happens without a lot of people’s help,” said Mr. Clark.

“We would like to thank Dan Marois and the bar staff, Kim Orford and her kitchen staff, and all the designated drivers who got everyone home safely over the weekend,” said Ms. Clark. “Jill Patterson makes all the wines for curffle prizes and our dad Bill Clark draws the poster board (games



The champions! The Heather Hall and Sherry Forest (both sitting) team were the first event champions at the 35th annual ‘Curffle’ event held at the Gore Bay Curling Club last weekend. Standing are Hye and Holly Clark, master of ceremonies for the award presentations.

schedule for the weekend.)”

“We had a lot of new players this year, which is great,” said Ms. Clark. “We want to thank everyone for participating.”

Peggy Clark pointed out that Joseph Merrylees, “is the only 12-year-old who has been in the first event in the 35 years this event has been held. Be proud of yourself, Joseph. You were awesome.

## Jack White rink wins annual mixed curling bonspiel

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—The Jack White rink has won the annual mixed curling bonspiel held at the Assiginack curling club March 17-19.

The Jack White rink which included Ellen Holroyd, Dave and Bev McDermid, who won the first event, defeating the Al Lanktree rink in the final. Along with Mr. Lanktree his rink included Kyra Lanktree, Steve Salt and Michelle Lanktree.

In the second event the Joe Cooper rink won in the finals, defeating the Brock McKenzie rink. Along with Mr. Cooper was Kim Cooper, Mike Wall and Dawn Wall. The Brock McKenzie rink also included Jackie Cooper, Wesley Trimmer and Katie Cooper.



The Jack White rink won the first event final at the Assiginack Curling Club annual mixed curling bonspiel. In photo from left is Bev McDermid, Ellen Holroyd, Jack White and Dave McDermid.

The Brad Ham rink won the third event final, beating the runner-up Pierre Trudeau team in the final. The Brad Ham rink also included Lori Moggy, Lynn Ham and Lynn Moggy. Mr. Trudeau’s rink included Christiana Jones, Bobby Corbiere and Sonja Morningstar.

## Island People

### First Youth chief reflects on end of term

by Expositor staff

SHEGUIANDAH—Xoë Roy is just now ending her term as the very first Youth Chief of Sheguiandah First Nation.

Xoë was 21 when she was elected (initially to a three-month term of office) in June of ’22. As a younger teen, she had been advocating for a Youth Council, “mostly among other youth,” she told The Expositor.

Eventually, the idea caught on and there was sufficient community and band council support to hold elections. Xoë was elected along with a Youth Deputy Chief, secretary, two treasurers and a grant researcher. Any community member and band member between ages 12-29 is eligible to vote their choices for Youth Council membership, with an election day and using traditional paper ballots.

After the first three-month term, Xoë and her colleagues had determined three months was too short a term to demonstrate accomplishments so the second term (just ending) was extended to six months and this time, Xoë was acclaimed to the Youth Chief’s position.

The Youth Council concept inspired the community’s Youth Worker at the time, Xoë explained, adding that, “I happened to be working with her at the time.”

The Youth Council idea caught fire at the same time as the Maple Leafs Sports and Entertainment-funded basketball court, part of



Xoë Roy discusses her term as the first Youth Chief of Sheguiandah First Nation.

the community’s youth initiative.

During her two terms, Xoë (who often attends meetings with Chief and Council) is pleased the Youth Councils have been successful in having more signs erected in the community stressing roadway safety for children. She notes Youth Council completed several events last summer in conjunction with staff at the health centre.

The Council hosted a

haunted house event last October, held a scary movie night this month at the community hall and also hosted a drum social this winter.

Xoë observes that it’s satisfying that responsibility for events, like the annual haunted house and the Shta Taa Haa winter carnival in which herself, other members of the Youth Council and other young community members that they had all enjoyed as children, are now falling to them.

### Young Maple Leafs fan attends first NHL game

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—It is a thrill of a lifetime for a Gore Bay youngster.

Eight-year-old Cameron Chaytor of Gore Bay saw his beloved Toronto Maple Leafs on Saturday, March 18 in the first National Hockey League (NHL) game he has attended, when they played in Ottawa against the Senators.

Cameron’s grandmother Tammy McVey took Cameron to watch their favourite team play.

“I thought the arena was so cool and way bigger than I ever thought it would be,” stated Cameron. He received a certificate to mark his first NHL game from the Canadian Tire Centre, the home of the Senators.

Cameron got to see his favourite players, Auston Matthews and second favourite, Mitch Marner, play. “The Toronto fans were so loud in the arena,” said Cameron. “You could here ‘Go Leafs Go’ the whole game.”

And what a game it was. Cameron was surprised the game went down to nine players from each team taking part in a shootout (after regulation and overtime play) to determine the Leafs as the winners. “It was the longest shoot-out



Cameron Chaytor holds a certificate celebrating his first NHL game.

of the season. With Toronto winning the game!” he stated.

Before the game Cameron and his grandmother Tammy had the opportunity to tour Ottawa and see the Parliament buildings, the Terry Fox statue, the Tomb of the

Unknown Soldier and the Ottawa sign.

He loved going to see the game and says next time he wants to go to a Toronto home game.

“Thanks, Grandma, for taking me,” added Cameron.

Manitoulin Secondary School  
**PLAYER PROFILE**

by Mackenzie Green



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**EMERY WATSON**

From the trails to the track, from the court to the arena, Emery can be found constantly on the move with a smile on her face! As a rookie Mustang, Emery brings a positive attitude and enthusiasm to all of her athletic endeavours. Her involvement in sports from a young age has instilled a love for athletics that is evident in every minute of gameplay. Emery has already established herself as an excellent all-around player, creating a promising athletic future for her time at MSS!

Prior to becoming a Mustang, Emery was a student at Walden Public School/Lively Secondary School for the majority of her elementary school experience. For her eighth grade year, she moved to Mindemoya, where she competed as an Eagle for Central Manitoulin Public School. Even at a young age, Emery capitalized on every opportunity to play school sports, signing up for volleyball, basketball, hockey, soccer and badminton. Her team spirit shines as she reminisces on her elementary years; noting that her best memories were of watching her friends compete and travelling to other schools with her team.

This year, Emery has wasted no time in transitioning to high school sports. So far, she has already made a NOSSA appearance for cross country as well as volleyball. Along the way, she picked up a gold NSSSA medal and silver NOSSA medal with the Junior Girls' volleyball team, coached by Mrs. Balfé. Emery didn't hesitate to lace up her skates and jump on the ice as a member of the girls' hockey team either! Emery looks forward to the upcoming badminton and track season as well.

Growing up playing ringette, Emery has a special attachment to the sport that provided her with great friendships and memories over the years. Once she moved to the Island, she traded her ringette stick for a hockey stick, quickly jumping into the house league action. She didn't miss a beat, helping her team, Mindemoya Thunder secure the playoff win last year. Emery has a special love for hockey because of the opportunities it provides to meet new people, learn new skills, and engage in a fun team sport.

When Emery takes the black and gold jersey off, she can be found staying active while caring for her two horses (Duke and Archer) or walking on the beach. Emery finds that the weather is a great motivation for her to continue to be active and enjoy beautiful weather. She loves to bike, swim, and go for walks. She can also be spotted in the community working at the Manitoulin Guardian Pharmacy in Mindemoya.

In the classroom, Emery is as dedicated to her academics as her athletics. She thrives through brainstorming and problem-solving, pushing her to especially enjoy math. However, science and history are also her favourite subjects. Emery finds them interesting and engaging. Despite the busyness of sports and school, Emery found time this year to volunteer for Halloween for Hunger.

One reason why Emery excels in athletics and academics may be because of her mom. Emery notes that her mom inspires her. She has always supported and encouraged Emery through more competitive levels of ringette, and each step of her schooling. Emery has learned from her mom that it is important to be the best you can mentally, and taking breaks is important in maintaining a balanced lifestyle.

Although Emery still has three more years rocking the black and gold, she is interested in a career in medicine following her graduation. Emery's health care career goal is to be a doctor that it creates a great outlet to help people.

With Emery's hard work and dedication, she is sure to continue to be a standout Mustang, on and off the court!

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**Manitoulin 3 on 3 Tournament!**

An amazing event was once again, able to operate, since the Covid Pandemic threat has been decreased. It is the time of year when teams get together in smaller groups, often based on their regular league teams and sometimes competitive sides who can draft friends to play with friends from other communities.

This lauded tournament, has been resurrected in a major way, and has attracted teams from all over the north. With teams as young as U9 (players aged under nine) to the elder states-people of the U18's. The Mindemoya Minor Hockey volunteers came out strong and facilitated this experience for the kids and the local businesses.

Reports from said organizers revealed that it was difficult to host everyone even with the M'Chigeeng sports complex. Teams had difficulty securing retail, rooms and restaurants for the weekend. Hopefully these future, major events will more efficiently, benefit local businesses.

As far as the results, hats off to: the U9 Excel Seagulls who defeated the Thunderbirds with a roster featuring: **Andre Martel, Emmett Bouwmeester, Nolan Massicotte, Parker Donnelly, Cody Stack, Ryder Fulton, Hudson Leclair, Cruz Bourcier and Conner Bergeron!**

In the U11 it was the DSI Shrinkwrap defeating AOK Chiefs. The Wraps included: **Cordell Bouwmeester, Sophie Gagne, Jackson Lalonde, Zoey Paradis, Kaiden Bergeron, Drake Desjardins, Caleb Sidock and Parker Polden-Woodley.**

In the U13, it was the Hellcats rising over the Brunswick House First Nation squad. Hail the players: **Ryley Corbiere, Corrie Brown, Collin Goodfellow, Casey Bowerman, Nixon Azer, Landon Armstrong, Ozhaawshko Migwans and Nathan Quackenbush.**

In the U15 class, Fountain Tire defeated the Espanola Express. The team roster featured: **Mika Giroux, Deric Boisvert, Preston Wylie, Ethan Marshall, Noah Burns, Deagan Kingsley, Alex Lavigne, Hunter Levesque, Caleb Leclair and Charles Caissie.**

In the vet category it was the U18 AES Lightning defeating the Cotton Candy Crusaders. The Lightnings' included: **Evan Roy, Liam Gray, Carter Thibodeau, Gavin Thibodeau, Gavin Gibson, Jake Patreau, Koen Palmquist, Alex Hopkinson, Owen Leblanc and Regan Houle.**

Organizers are hoping for an even larger event next year.

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**Provincial Level hockey!**

OWHA U18 A Central East Division champion Sudbury Lady Wolves and captain, Mindemoya's Delaney Bridgeman, were down in Toronto for the 3rd round of the playoffs on the weekend. The third round playoff format saw the champions of the 6 divisions divided into two groups, and face each other twice each. The Lady Wolves drew the Central champion Mississauga Hurricanes and East division champions Toronto Leaside Wildcats. Therefore, the team with the most points from each pool advances to the single game championship the next week. Opening last Saturday at Canlan in Scarborough, the girls took the first game 2-0 from Mississauga. Then it was off to Iceland in Mississauga for the Saturday night game that saw the girls win that one, 2-0 as well.

On Sunday morning at York the girls were all over the Leaside team yet only managed 1 goal, but a shutout performance by **Farrah Farstad** made the one goal stand up, and the girls were 3 for 3. That, Sunday afternoon at Leaside Gardens the girls' long weekend of travel and hockey showed, and they came out flat. Down 1-0 early, the girls tied it, only to go down 2-1 almost immediately. They battled back hard, and in the third, Claudia Castellanos ripped a 'wrist' top shelf to tie it with just 5 minutes remaining. The Leaside team knew a tie meant they were done, so it was a timeout, goalie out with 1:55 remaining for the Wildcats. The offensive zone faceoff set piece worked like a charm, and Leaside went up 3-2 straight off the hop. Sudbury's comeback ran out of time, and it was a 3-2 Wildcat win.

This means the Lady Wolves have to wait and see the results of the Leaside versus Mississauga two game set Monday and Tuesday to see if their impressive, three for four weekend was enough to book a trip to Championship Weekend next week.

**Hockey off the Rock!**

Full disclosure, the following is about my nephew who plays house-league hockey down in the center of Toronto. **Jacob Leblanc/Symington**, a hockey aficionado, and player has toiled in downtown T.O. rinks for many years with limited (expensive) ice-time but has stuck with it, for the love of the game. Currently, he is an eighth grade student who has helped his team to the brink of their league championship.

Jacob is another great touchstone of sports, in that he still plays despite difficulties. In their semi-final game, Jacob got the first goal of the game, after several days in bed with a migraine. Even within this little house league he is on a very supportive team with coaches who have really focused on team play and having fun. You would think they had won the Stanley Cup when they all hug at the end of a game! Good luck, Jacob!

**Unsung, sport enablers!**

It is great to recognize Deb McLeod-Topash, who has not only been a high level, hockey official for many years, she still has been coaching in North Bay and/or Almaguin for about 13 years now. She is currently prepping her U11 team for Provincials in April. Thanks, Deb!

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

by Heather Marshall

Growing up in Mount Albert north of Toronto, Jaimie Geist had never given much thought to military life nor even remotely considered bow hunting for deer. All that changed with her decision in 2013 to attend Laurentian University in Sudbury, where she studied bio-medical biology. The university was a logical choice for post secondary education, as her grandparents had a camp in the Sudbury region and she had spent summer vacations in the area most of her life. What wasn't expected was that Jaimie would dramatically alter her original career plans and forge a future unlike anything she had ever contemplated, a life-changing decision that would eventually see her Manitoulin bound.

While still attending Laurentian Jaimie volunteered with St John Ambulance for several years. One of the people she met through this activity was involved in military recruitment. Despite having absolutely no military background in her family, Jaimie was herself recruited when she began working part-time in the reserves with the 2nd Battalion The Irish Regiment of Canada, part of the Canadian Army Reserve. Following graduation, it became a full-time job. It was while there that, in late 2016, she met Nathan Farquhar-Kay who had been posted in from the Canadian Armed Forces where he'd been in the Infantry with the 1st Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment in Petawawa since 2008. Nathan took on the position with the reserves in Sudbury to be closer to his mother, Peggy, who then lived on Manitoulin and was in failing health.

To hear the couple tell it now, it wasn't love at first sight. "When someone from the regular Force was posted in for several years, they sometimes came with a work pace and culture that was unlike the reserves, and I assumed Nathan was one of them," explains Jaimie. For his part, Nathan's first impressions of Jaimie were that "she was the person who slammed on her keyboard really loudly and had an erupting laugh" After a month or two, the duo reassessed and decided the other wasn't so bad after all. Within a few years they were engaged and married. Jaimie already owned a home in Sudbury, and they bought another property together as an investment.

Nathan had been in the military since finishing high school, specializing in the infantry which entailed reconnaissance and repelling. Prior to that, he had divided his life between spending time on Mani-

# NEW-ish to Manitoulin



New-ish to Manitoulin couple Nathan Farquhar-Kay and Jaimie Geist are all smiles as they settle into their new Island digs.

toulin – first, from birth to eight in Providence Bay and then again during his high school years in Gore Bay, living with one or other of his parents – and living in North Bay for a period as

a child or, later, in Petawawa as an adult.

One of the things the couple discovered about each other early in their relationship was that they both hoped to some day make

Manitoulin their permanent home – Nathan because he had spent so many of his early years here and Jaimie because she fell in love with the Island the very first time she visited. They took the first step toward their dream of Island life with the purchase of land midway between Spring Bay and Gore Bay that they planned to use for hunting and eventually build on.

Nathan had shared his love of hunting with Jaimie and the pair took up bow hunting as a hobby. "I'd shot a lot of guns in the military so gravitated to bow hunting as it has more of a surveillance aspect to it, and I like getting closer to the animal." Jaimie quickly picked up the technique,

bagging her first buck within seven minutes of the season opening her first time out.

They got the chance to further refine their hunting skills when a job opening became available working at the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay in 2022. Jaimie applied for and got the position. As a result, Nathan accelerated his plan to leave the military, originally intended to be in 2023, and was medically released due to a slew of injuries incurred during his career. The couple took advantage of a then hot housing market to sell both their home and investment property in Sudbury to move to Manitoulin.

Around the same time, Nathan started an online clothing business called H-Hour Apparel. Nathan's latest online venture, known as Nate in the Woods, is a YouTube channel documenting his experience building the couple's new

home on their land. While working in Gore Bay Jaimie started her own side hustle called The Lake Life Company, which provides cottage and camping theme products in a box for shipment to clients throughout Canada and the US. She also set up a small seasonal shop with the same name in the Pavilion at the waterfront near the Gore Bay marina.

Jaimie's career took another turn in late October 2022 when she became the new Office Manager for Community Living Manitoulin in Mindemoya, a non-profit organization offering residential, vocational and community services to adults with developmental disabilities, where she supports the management team and board of directors.

The couple is extremely happy to be able to live their dream at such an early

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Attention: Public Works Manager  
 13 Hill Street,  
 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 (CPCIC).

**DEADLINE DATE: April 6, 2023 at 2:00 p.m**  
 There will be no return of submissions.  
 Posted: March 24, 2023



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*While all applications for the position are appreciated, only those invited for an interview will be contacted.*

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# CAREERS



**Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service  
Employment Opportunity**

**Position: Human Resource Manager Term: Permanent Full-Time  
Location: Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory  
Reports To: Chief of Police**

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting employment applications for a Human Resource Manager.

**Summary:**  
The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is looking for an experienced Human Resource Manager. The HR Manager will report to the Chief of Police, work with collaboration with the Staff Sergeant, and Finance Manager. The HR Manager will be responsible for overseeing all of the human resource functions including but not limited to: legislative compliance, labour relations, civilian / uniform recruitment, WSIB / benefits claims, policy development, performance management, mental health and wellness initiatives. The business administrative professional will provide human resource guidance and expertise to all levels of staff within the organization and will be handling sensitive information.

**Knowledge and Skills:**

- Human resource management and file maintenance.
- Excellent human relations and interpersonal skills to maintain professionalism to members of WTPS and external agencies.
- Strong policy development and writing skills.
- Ability to multi-task, and to meet deadlines in a fast-paced business environment.
- Ability to exercise professional judgement, analyze, and solve issues effectively in a variety of situations.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.

**Key Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Provide general HR support and comply with all applicable labour and employment laws.
- Provide direction, expertise, and support to management on employee relations and performance management issues.
- Assist in the administration of compensation and monitoring the performance appraisal process.
- Oversee the recruiting process by preparing job postings, screening selection and selecting resumes, interview process, recommendation of new hires, and on-boarding orientation process.
- Manage pension and benefits, WSIB claims, and long-term disability claims.
- Policy development, prepare, update, amend, recommendation of internal policies and procedures.
- Plan, develop, and implement in-house programs, specific skill-based training.
- Must be willing to attend and participate in all required training programs as instructed.
- Other duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

- Diploma/Degree in Human Resource Management, Business Administration or related field.
- Membership in the Human Resources Professional Association is preferred.
- Minimum of 3+ years of progressive experience working in the Human Resource field.
- Advanced knowledge of Labour Relations Act, Occupational Health and Safety Act, Employment Standards Act, and other applicable provincial legislation.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office software applications.
- Must have awareness of First Nations culture and traditions.
- Must possess a valid Class G Ontario Driver's Licence
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Must be of good moral character, no criminal record, and must pass a background check.
- Must provide a signed WTPS Consent to Security Clearance Investigation Form, which is included in the employment application package.
- Documentation showing you are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 as approved by the Ministry of Health or have valid exemption pursuant to the Human Rights code.

**To apply for this position, interested applicants are to forward their completed employment package, letter of interest, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates, and three 3 ork related re eference letters to:**

**Acting Chief of Police, Jason Spooner  
jason.spooner@opp.ca  
osting Deadline: pril 1 , 2023 at :00pm**

Employment application packages are available for pick-up at the WTPS detachment or can be emailed to the request of the applicant. Please call our office during administrative hours if you require an application. Individuals of Anishinaabe ancestry are encouraged to apply. Application packages will be screened, interviews will be scheduled, and at that time a decision will be made to consider the successful applicant for hire. We thank everyone for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



**MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**PARKS AND RECREATION MAINTENANCE WORKER**

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

Further information including a job description is available on our website at [www.centralmanitoulin.ca](http://www.centralmanitoulin.ca)

Resumes will be received until Friday March 31, 2023 at NOON at the office below.

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



**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 Enaagdenjeng.

**Position Summary**

The Health Services Department Manager is responsible for the management of the M'Chigeeng Health Services under the direction of the Enaagdenjeng. 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 Enaagdenjeng 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](mailto: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](mailto:andream@mchigeeng.ca).



**TOWNSHIP OF TEHKUMMAH**

Is looking for a

**MUSEUM CURATOR**

**For The Little Schoolhouse and Museum**

**Located at 113 Church Street in South Baymouth**

The Museum Curator position is a year round part-time position reporting to the Management Board. The Curator is expected to provide an optimal visitor experience at the Museum while building and safeguarding the Township's heritage through the museum collection. Organizing and assisting with events, supervision of summer staff and volunteers, and preparation of displays/materials for visitors, maintaining inventory database and knowledge of Tehkummah/Manitoulin Island heritage and commitment to museum/cultural best management practices would be a benefit.

Job Description available at [www.tehkummah.ca](http://www.tehkummah.ca).

References and current criminal record check are required for interview.

Apply by: **WEDNESDAY, April 5, 2023 at 3:00 pm**

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

EMAIL: [clerk.administrator@tehkummah.ca](mailto:clerk.administrator@tehkummah.ca)

FAX: 705-859-2605

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



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

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

**Current available positions:**

- Cultural Support Worker-MMIWG (12-Month Maternity Leave)
- Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (Full-time 1-year contract)
- Family Coach FASD Coordinator (Full-time)
- Firekeeper/Harvester (6-month contract)
- Registered Practical Nurse (Full-time)
- Traditional Knowledge Keeper (Full-time)
- Medical Administrative Assistant (Full-time)
- Receptionist (Casual/On-call)
- Aging at Home Van Drivers (Casual/On-call)

**For job details please visit:** [www.noojmowin-teg.ca/about-us/employment](http://www.noojmowin-teg.ca/about-us/employment)

**Submission Pre-Requisites:**

- Please submit a cover letter, resume, a copy of registration and list three (3) work-related references
- Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination Status is required

**Applications:** Can be sent by email at [info@noojmowin-teg.ca](mailto:info@noojmowin-teg.ca) or by facsimile at **(705) 368-3922** or by mail: **Attn: Human Resources**  
Noojmowin Teg Health Centre  
Postal Bag 2002, Hwy. 540  
Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation  
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0

To learn more about employment opportunities, call (705) 368-0083 ext. 235  
**Miigwetch/Thank you** for your interest in applying to Noojmowin Teg Health Centre



**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, Sheshegwaning 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*



**Township of  
BILLINGS  
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
SEASONAL STUDENT POSITIONS  
REPOSTING**

*The Township of Billings is accepting applications for the following seasonal student positions for the spring/summer of 2023:*

**Marina Assistant (1 @ 35 hours per week)  
Public Works Assistant (2 @ 35 hours per week)**

Contract length varies from 8-12 weeks depending on position and successful applicants' availability. Eligible students must be planning to return to school full-time in the fall, be eligible to work in Canada and be at least 15 years of age upon commencement of employment.

Applications (cover letter and resume) will be accepted by the Municipal Office until the positions have been filled and must be submitted by email. Please direct enquiries and applications to:

Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk  
tmills@billingswp.ca

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

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



**MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**Events Coordinator (Part-time)**

***The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is seeking applicants for the position of a part-time Events Coordinator***

The Events Coordinator will act as an event facilitator and promoter, helping to provide the community with social and recreational events. The Events Coordinator will assist with the planning, coordinating and implementing of municipal led events and provide assistance to community events in the Municipality of Central Manitoulin.

Facilitate placemaking initiatives to foster the connection between business owners, community organizations, ratepayers and the Municipality.

Further information including a job description is available on our website at: [www.centralmanitoulin.ca/employment](http://www.centralmanitoulin.ca/employment)

***Resumes will be received until Friday, April 7, 2023 at NOON at the office below.***

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



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
Elementary School Teacher**

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

Sheshegwaning First Nation is currently accepting applications for an Elementary School Teacher.

**Essential Duties:**

- Work under the supervision of the Principal.
- Prepare and deliver lessons to the students according to the approved curriculum.
- Implement and deliver culturally appropriate Anishnaabe teachings within the school and community setting.
- Teach students using a systematic plan of lessons, discussion, audio-visual presentations, field trips, hands-on activities to promote their physical, mental and social development, and their school readiness.
- Develop and implement long-range plans.
- Prepare and administer assessments.
- Evaluate the progress of students and discuss results with students, parents, and school officials.
- Identify children's learning styles and needs.
- Prepare and implement remedial programs for children requiring extra help.
- Participate in staff meetings, teacher training workshops, professional development days and other school functions.
- May supervise teacher assistants and student teachers.
- Knowledgeable in literacy and numeracy practices.

**Qualifications/Requirements:**

- Must hold a valid Ontario Teaching Certificate.
- Must have a Bachelor of Education or ATEP.
- Must have knowledge and/or experience of the culture, tradition, history and customs of the Anishnaabe.
- Understanding and fluency of Odawa or Ojibwe language is an asset or must be willing to learn the language.
- CRC/CPIC and Vulnerable Sector Screening.

**Location:** Sheshegwaning First Nation St. Josephs Anishnabe School  
**Salary Range:** Negotiable

**Deadline to Apply: April 6, 2023 (NOON)**

**Interested applicants may forward their resume and three written references marked confidential to: Jessica Sampson, Human Resources Director  
Sheshegwaning First Nation  
1079A Sheshegwaning Road  
Sheshegwaning First Nation, ON P0P 1X0  
[Jessica@sheshegwaning.org](mailto:Jessica@sheshegwaning.org)**

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

# Local junior curlers take part in Idylwyld under-15 curling bonspiel

by Tom Sasvari  
 PROVIDENCE BAY—Providence Bay Junior curling club members represented themselves very well at an under-15 junior curling bonspiel held at the Idylwyld Curling Club in Sudbury recently.

Johnston, Eric Wahl, Devon MacKelvie, Liam McLean and Silva Verboom. They participated in the under 15 age division of the bonspiel, "so our team of 12-13 years old was playing against teams with players 14-15 years old. They did well representing the Island and the club."

Ms. Johnston explained in the youngest age division age 5-7, Providence Bay junior curlers Tommy and Joshua Joyce took part. "They played in the half sheet little rocks division."

they played really well, and learned a lot about the game."

The two teams included Parker Johnston, Charlie Orford, Lexi Fisher, David Joyce and Shawn MacK-

elvie with coach Allison Orford. The second team included John and Cordelia McLean, Lila Fisher, Shane Cranston, Alice McIntosh and Nico Long. The team was coached by Marc Lefeb-

vre. The two teams played three, four end games, and all received medals at the end of the day for their efforts.



**LEFT:** Lexi Fisher, Charlie Orford, David Joyce, Shawn MacKelvie, Parker Johnston and coach Allison Orford played in the one-day full ice division at the U15 curling bonspiel held at the Idylwyld Curling Club in Sudbury, recently.

**BELOW:** Providence Bay Curling Club junior curlers Shane Cranston, Cordelia McLean, Nico Lang, John McLean, Alice McIntosh, Lila Fisher and coach Marc Lefebvre played in the one-day full ice division.

said coach Angela Johnston. "We had three age divisions of players taking part, from age 5-7, 8-12 and 11-13."

Mr. Johnston explained, "the older team, ages 11-13, I've been working with and they took part in the two-day bonspiel playing four six end games over two days." The team finished fourth among a total of eight teams participating in the bonspiel.

Members of the age 11-13 team included Spencer



## 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:

- IT Specialist (Closes March 30, 2023)
- Help Desk Technician (Closes March 30, 2023)
- Child Well-Being Worker (Closes March 30, 2023)
- Service Supervisor (Closes April 3, 2023)

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

- Child Well-Being Worker (Closes April 6, 2023)

**Apply to: Human Resources at [hr@kgcfs.org](mailto: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. Migwetch 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 three months of application date), Driver's Abstract and Proof of Liability Insurance.



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](mailto:mhowe@ccnsudbury.on.ca)  
 Posted: February 15, 2023 (until filed)

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](mailto: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:

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

