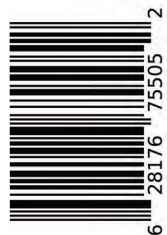


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CONGRATULATIONS, COMRADE RUTH!—Comrade Christy Deschamps, left, and Leslie Burnett, right, president of Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177 flank past president Ruth Eadie who was bestowed with a Lifetime Award during the Legion's annual Honours and Awards night held November 24. **SEE STORY ON PAGE 12.**

MHC board petitions ministry to increase Mindemoya's quota for family health team physicians

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) is calling on the province to open up a review of the awarded complement for its Manitoulin Central Family Health Team physicians'

group while its hospital board chairman says he is frustrated that a letter he sent to the Minister of Health on this subject several months ago has not been replied to.

"The Mindemoya group of

physicians has been asking the province to open up the complement review. We felt it was prudent to support them and the work the physicians do for the community," stated Paula Fields, president and chief executive officer of MHC.

Board chair Dennis McGregor pointed out he had forwarded a letter to Minister of Health

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Mindemoya Hospital emergency department staffed until 2024

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—Unless something unforeseen takes place, the Mindemoya Hospital Emergency department will be fully operational until later in January.

"We had a great meeting with the Manitoulin Central Family Health Team (MCFHT) and the Ministry of Health on Wednesday and knock on wood, we will not be looking at any (Mindemoya Hospital) emergency department closures until the third week of January," Paula Fields, president and chief executive officer of the

Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) told members of the hospital board at a meeting last week.

"We seem to be safe in terms of the emergency department until the third week of January, as long as there is no physician sickness that arises," Ms. Fields told The Expositor after the meeting.

Ms. Fields explained, "we had a meeting with the ministry and physicians and some locum doctors will be coming on board and our local physicians have graciously rescheduled their cover-

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\$80,000 is the target for Manitoulin Family Resources Christmas hamper campaign in '23

Need for food climbs ever higher

by Tom Sasvari
MINDEMOYA—With increasing referrals and requests for food support through the Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) Emergency Food Assistance Program throughout the year, MFR has initiated its 2023 Christmas Basket campaign.

"There is a greater need," stated Colleen Hill, executive director of MFR. "We have definitely seen an increase in the number of referrals and support throughout the year. And the need is increasing significantly every year, not just at Christmastime, due to the increased cost of food and transportation costs."

"People are very generous and want to know at this time of the year how to support the Christmas basket campaign," said Ms. Hill.

The Food Bank and Thrift Store has been providing emergency and seasonal food supports to the residents of Manitoulin district for over 35 years. Last year, thanks to the generosity of community

members, businesses and organizations, MFR expectations were surpassed, said Ms. Hill. Over \$75,000 was raised and put towards the cost of generating 1,046 baskets and gifts for families and individuals.

Each basket is tailored to the size of the family and includes a turkey or ham, a generous supply of seasonal food and other food products. In past years, baskets have also included gifts for all children and teens, as well as some winter apparel (hats, mittens, scarves) for adults and children.

Along with items for a holiday dinner and breakfast items, the Christmas baskets will have lots of staple dinner items like rice, canned soups and vegetables, said Vanessa Glasby, food security program supervisor at the family resource centre.

Ms. Glasby pointed out, "we have expanded our partnership with Farquhar's Dairy for butter, and a pound of butter will be

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Scam letter targets eventual litigation fund beneficiaries

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—Local trustees with the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (RHTLF) are encouraging residents of the 21 Robinson-Huron First Nations to alert their leadership if they receive letters being sent to bene-

ficiaries about RHT settlement payments being processed, asking for personal and banking information. The local trustees are also reminding residents the final agreement has not been signed off by the government yet, so

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Aspiring UNESCO Georgian Bay Global Geopark could include Manitoulin Island

by Jacqueline M. St.Pierre, LJI Reporter
GEORGIAN BAY—A UNESCO Global Geopark encompassing the entirety of Georgian Bay hopes to unite municipalities, First Nations, conservation groups, residents (both seasonal and permanent), educators and businesses in a collective endeavour. This initiative aims to highlight the Bay's remarkable geo-heritage on a global scale, fostering awareness and solidarity within Canada and beyond.

Simultaneously, it seeks to advance sustainable tourism, bolster community resilience and catalyze enduring economic growth.

In an interview with The Expositor, Tony Pigott, executive director of Georgian Bay Geopark, said the timeline for the UNESCO designation is open-ended. "It's a large-scale project, and we are just a small non-profit run by a group of volunteers," Mr.

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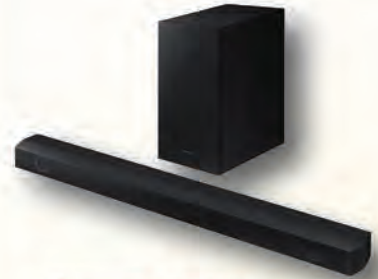
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Chiefs of Ontario education sector launches reports addressing gaps in K-12 schools

ONTARIO—Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare and the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) released a statement following the passing of resolution 45/16, Provincial Bilateral Process on Education, during the 2023 Fall Chiefs Assembly (FCA), which accepted recent reports as key evidence and the impetus for work being undertaken by the First Nations Life Long Learning Table (FNLLT).

“The longstanding systemic gaps in both the federally- and provincially-funded education systems have resulted in systemic discrimination,” said Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare. “This continues to grow and has created significant barriers to positive educational outcomes and achievements for First Nation learners in comparison to the non-First Nations population.”

“In order to gather evidence of the magnitude of the chronic systemic gaps and create a baseline from which these barriers can be addressed, COO has embarked on the COO Systemic Gaps Education Project. This project is intended to address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action on education and provide evidence-informed recommendations on how to monitor disparities in educational outcomes and opportunities for First Nation students in First Nation schools, as well as First Nations students in provincially funded schools.”

The first two reports emerging from this project focus on understanding current gaps in education outcomes and opportunities facing First Nation students that attend provincially funded schools in Ontario. Significant findings and recommendations of the first two reports include the statistic that in 2018-2019, 67 percent of Ontario students attended school at least 90 percent of the time, compared to 40 percent of First Nations overall and 24 percent of students living in First Nation communities.

Studies also show that in 2019-2020, 68 percent of First Nations students were “on track” for graduation with eight credits earned in Grade 9, compared to 87 percent of Ontario students overall.

In 2018-2019, First Nations stu-
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Manitoulin Island real estate agent Leanne Lewis, of Mindemoya, took part in the recent Ecuador Challenge for Shelter.

Island realtor treks Ecuadorian volcano, raises thousands for Manitoulin Family Resources

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Along with raising an incredible amount of funds for Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR), specifically for its women’s shelter and programs to end family violence, and trekking towards one of the highest volcanoes in the world, Manitoulin real estate agent Leanne Lewis learned some very valuable life lessons as well.

“Was it fun? No, but it was a great experience,” stated Ms. Lewis of taking part in the Ecuador Challenge for Shelter earlier this month. “I learned a lot of lessons on this trek; the biggest being that you should not think too far in the future. You need to focus day to day and take things step by step. If I had kept the same mindset I had on the first day when I saw the base of one of the world’s highest active volcanoes, I wouldn’t have finished the five day trek.”

“Nice and fun: I’m not sure those were the proper words to describe the venture,” said Ms. Lewis, “but it is definitely something I will never forget, and Ecuador is a beautiful country.”

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

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

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Chemotherapy suite will soon reopen at Mindemoya Hospital

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The long-awaited reopening of the chemotherapy suite in the Mindemoya Hospital is now within sight, members of the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) board were told at a meeting last week.

“It has been a long haul in getting where we are with the chemotherapy suite, but we are now almost to the point of reopening,” stated Paula Ferguson, vice-president of clinical service and chief nursing officer of MHC at a hospital board meeting last week. “We are putting the final touches on everything and refreshing (training) the nurses.”

Ms. Ferguson said the pharmacists need to do a final site visit to the Mindemoya Hospital in early January to complete the refresher training for the chemotherapy nurses. “Once the final site visit has been done by the pharmacists then we will be organizing a public announcement on the reopening of the chemotherapy suite.”

Board member Kimberley Chesney stated, “This is great news.” She inquired as to whether staffing is in place for chemotherapy suite.

“We are good for staffing,” said Ms. Ferguson. She explained the three nurses in chemotherapy will be going through refresher training and will be ready to start.

Federal economic update targets short-term rentals

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—The federal fall economic update released this past week has implications for those aiming to claim certain deductions related to expenses incurred while earning short-term rental income—a burgeoning issue for many municipalities.

According to the update, starting January 1, 2024, short-term rental operators will not be able to deduct expenses incurred to earn rental income, including interest expenses, in provinces and municipalities that have prohibited short-term rentals.

Further, those short-term rental operators who are not compliant with provincial and municipal licencing, permitting or registration requirements will also not be able to claim those expenses to offset their taxable income—also after January 1.

Short-term rentals have been fingered for worsening the affordable housing crisis in many provinces and municipalities in recent years, especially in popular tourism destinations. It is an issue that has been reverberating globally. The impact is anything but small potatoes, as a new study by McGill University (led by professor David Wachsmuth) found that between 2017 and 2019, the growth of short-

term rental units accounted for 19.8 percent of rent increases in British Columbia—resulting in a whopping \$2 billion cost to renters in that province.

The issue is nothing new, having been on the federal radar for several years. An earlier McGill study was awarded the 2020 President’s Medal for Outstanding Housing Research by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. That study determined that “short-term rentals have been a major cause of housing financialization in Canada, providing revenue outside of traditional rentals; the majority of short-term rentals are owned by large-scale commercial operators, and not by private individuals; and

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Still no trial date set for Toronto man accused of ‘22 first-degree murder in M’Chigeeng FN

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre, LJ1 Reporter

GORE BAY—Lawyer Susan Jane von Achten appeared with her client Prince Graham in the Ontario Superior Court on November 22. Mr. Graham was arrested January 16, 2023 and charged with first-degree murder for the death of Brandon Brooks who died on April 5, 2022 after having been shot on February 26, 2022 in M’Chigeeng First Nation. The accused was at large for over 11 months.

“The accused fled the scene prior to police arrival which initiated an expansive search of identified residences and associated vehicles throughout the communities on Manitoulin Island,” police said.

The accused was denied bail on January 27, 2023 and a bail review date is set for January 17-19, 2024. A trial date has not been set as the Crown has not provided availability at this time. Earlier dates were canvassed and offered and Crown advised they were not available.

The accused will appear in court again on Tuesday, November 28 at 9:30 am.

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Eight deer entered in Tom’s Big Buck Roundup!

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—I would like to say two things right off the bat concerning Tom’s Big Buck Roundup contest.

First, I would like to thank all those hunters who took the time to submit photos and provide information on their entry for the contest. Thank you, if it wasn’t for the photo entries you submit there wouldn’t be a contest.

Secondly, whether it be the 30 plus entries we received in last year’s contest or the eight we received this year, choosing the prize winners is by no means easy. In fact, it is extremely difficult.

One of the deer was harvested by Bill Sloss. Christy Deschamps wrote, “Please find attached a picture of my brother’s (Bill Sloss)’s deer. He harvested the deer at Vidal Bay Hunt camp in Robinson township on November 21. It was a 10-point buck and weighed in field dressed at 192 pounds. It is a special deer as it was shot at our father Jim’s tree stand.”



Laszlo Vernarsky of Shegumandah displays the eight-point buck he harvested, his first.

Dave Vien of Meldrum Bay told The Expositor the buck he harvested was while hunting in Meldrum Bay on Monday, November 20. The animal was 205 pounds field dressed and was a 10-pointer. He hunts with the group at Maggie’s hunt camp.

Cindy Rochon of Kagawong harvested an eight-point buck weighing 182 pounds field dressed in Kagawong. Courtney Romanko reported, “Cindy is from Kagawong, and the hunt camp she stays at is called the Redneck Hunt camp, which is also located in Kagawong.”

Ryan Corbiere harvested a 10-point buck on his family farm. “I’m from M’Chigeeng First Nation. Born and raised here on the Island. Our property is near Kagawong. The weight of the deer before being field dressed was 257.2 pounds and 210.6 pounds field dressed. “I have been hunting on this property for 30 years with my family. This was my largest buck harvested to date.”

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Property taxes are not the right place to find new housing

It is an old game in Canadian politics—blame the other guy. When it comes to solving our nation's housing crisis, the province points the finger at the federal government, the federal government lobs back saying it's the province's bailiwick. The province then says it's the municipalities that are placing roadblocks in the way of the virtual tsunami of new building that would come if not for municipal red tape and intransigence. Meanwhile, housing remains far out of reach of most as demand far outstrips supply as the politicians fiddle.

Talk is cheap, far cheaper than having to step up to do something about the issue—and so those whom we have entrusted to lead choose to stand still and prevaricate. Instead of rolling up their sleeves and making the tough decisions, they talk tough, or find ways to funnel the commons into their respective political war chests—maybe even their children's doweries.

There are two main streams of this housing crisis: one tributary is middle class affordability, the other is tackling the homelessness crisis. Together, those two streams are a major threat to our collective wellbeing.

The sight of tent communities nestled in the green spaces of our urban (and even some more rural) communities during the brutal Canadian winter is baffling to the boomer generation. "How did this come to pass?" they ask. Developers will point to government interference in the natural forces of the market—rent controls, red tape and "ridiculous" insistence on the preservation of green spaces, agricultural land and wetlands; populists will point to the influx of immigrants and refugees playing on people's worst instincts, but in the

end, this is just more finger-pointing and deflection.

One thing is certain—the homeless crisis is not a challenge that can be met on the backs of local ratepayers. While municipalities can, and do, build social housing, it is plainly demonstrable that they cannot build sufficient housing for the vulnerable without the heavy lifting power of the upper tiers of government. Property taxes are not a golden goose suitable for that banquet.

It can be argued that the current middle-class muddle will come to resolution through market forces, but that cannot be said when it comes to housing the homeless. Both upper levels of government must stop ragging the puck and start working together as a team to solve this issue—we are currently heading into overtime and the clock is running out. Desperate people do desperate things and crime will inevitably rise unless something is done and done soon.

It is in the interests of society, both ethically and economically. It costs far more to house people in our prisons than to supply them with a decent roof over their heads in social housing. Yes, it will take resources to do so, but it comes down to a question of "where is money to be best spent?" Better to place people where they can begin to rebuild their lives and, in turn, add value to the economy than send them off to "crime college" where they can become more efficient drags on society.

The federal and provincial governments have to stop bickering over who is responsible for dealing with the current housing crisis and set their sights on the ultimate goal laid out in our constitution—that of ensuring peace, order and good government.

letters

A mild critique of the editorial "meme"

Give the "us versus them" a break

To the Expositor:

Whilst I am in agreement with much of your editorial on hunting ('Hunting is not a sport in the North—it is a way of life,' November 22, Page 4), could you please give the "them versus us" meme a rest. I suspect most people's opposition to hunting is based upon perceived cruelty, pain and suffering, or the presumed "rights" of all life on Earth, naive belief or not. Perhaps your mocking of wanting to protect "God's gentle creatures" goes some way to explain man's incessant cruelty to man and beast alike.

I also suspect the "huge concentrations of our populations piled storey upon storey in urban centres" are paying most of the taxes that

subsidize our bridges, roads, schools, hospitals, ferry and local newspaper, and the tens of thousands of seasonal visitors that spend money here help raise the Island out of what otherwise might be abject poverty. (Probably to the dismay of those that settled here to escape our great "civilization.")

Finally, the last thing you should be criticizing is their consumption of immense amounts of vegetable, meat and fish each and every day. Those long lineups outside Barney's at midday are for their leftovers. It's not like we are all surviving on hawberries and maple syrup here.

David Samuels
Tehkummah

A statement from Buffy Sainte-Marie

"Now is the time for me to shine a light on my truth"

EDITOR'S NOTE: This statement from Buffy Sainte-Marie was sent to *The Expositor* by her publicist and has been reprinted here at Ms. Sainte-Marie's request.

To the Expositor:

I want to begin by thanking the International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences for the honour. As one of the most prestigious awards in the global entertainment industry, it is a true recognition of the outstanding team who worked on my story – the true story of my life.

I've always believed it takes rain and sunshine to bring a rainbow. This great honour does indeed come after the rain – as I continue to absorb and process the recent attack on my character, life and legacy. It's a deep wound to my inner child, but as an 82-year-old now, I'm strong – and these allegations do not shake me.

Now it is time for me to shine a light on the truth, my truth.

I have never lied about my identity. The more I've known, the more I've pieced together a sense of self from what information has been available to me.

What I know about my Indigenous ancestry I learned from my growing up mother, who was of Mi'kmaq heritage, and my own research later in life. My mother told me that I was adopted and that I was Native, but there was no documentation as was common for Indigenous children at the time.

When I grew up, I was adopted into a Cree family by Emile Piapot (son of Chief Piapot, Treaty 4 Adhesion signatory), and Clara Starblanket Piapot (daughter of Chief Starblanket, Treaty 4 signatory), in accordance with Cree law and customs. They were kind, loving, and proud to claim me as their own. I love my Piapot family and am so lucky to have them in my life.

I have always struggled to answer questions about who I am. For decades, I tried to find my birth parents and information about my background. Through that research what became clear, and what I've always been honest about: I don't know where I'm from or who my birth parents are, and I will never know. Which is why, to be questioned in this way is painful, both for me, and for my two families I love so dearly.

My Indigenous identity is rooted in a deep connection to a community which has had a profound role in shaping my life and my work. For my entire life, I have championed Indigenous, and Native American causes when nobody else would, or had the platform to do so. I am proud to have been able to travel the world, sharing Indigenous stories.

I have always tried to bridge gaps between communities and educate people to live in love and kindness.

This is my truth. And while there are many things I do not know; I have been proud to share my story – as I know it – throughout my life.

The attack on my character is full of mistakes and omissions. While I will not stoop to respond to every false allegation, I feel it is important to clarify two things.

First, the central proof used to question my identity is a story fabricated by my abuser and repeated by two members of my estranged family I don't even know. This has been incredibly re-traumatizing for me and unfair to all involved. It hurts me deeply to discover that my estranged family grew up scared of me and thinking these lies because of a letter I sent intended to protect me from further abuse from my brother. I want to be clear; I do not blame them. They, of course, want to believe their father. I have evidence I was sexually abused by my brother, but I can't tolerate discomfiting his children even more. I wish them only the best and hope they move forward from this and find peace, as I am trying to do.

The second is my "birth certificate." As many Indigenous people know, and the National Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation of Canada has stated, it was common for birth certificates of Indian children to be "created" by western governments after they were adopted or taken away from their families. So, it was quite shocking to me to hear a city clerk say she had 100 percent confidence in its authenticity. I have never known if my birth certificate was real. I have used it because it was the only document I've had my whole life. I've heard from countless people with similar stories – who do not know where they are from and feel victimized by these allegations and one-sided reporting as I do.

Most importantly, this is my life – I am not a piece of paper. I am a product of both my families and all my experiences in this world.

If you are a pure-blood documented something, I'm glad for you. It's awesome and beautiful to hear you speak your lineage, history and genealogy. But even if your documentation says you're racially pure, you might miss the point. Being an "Indian" has little to do with sperm tracking and colonial record keeping: It has to do with community, culture, knowledge, teachings, who claims you, who you love, who loves you, and who's your family.

With respect and love,
Buffy Sainte-Marie

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Tim and Lorraine Riorden

This charming couple lives comfortably in a home Tim built for them. It is well situated, on the brow of a hill providing a panoramic view of the farmland below. The entrance deck harbours assorted items that welcome a visitor, a bench built by Tim announcing in Gaelic that 'one has come home,' a wooden rocking chair, a willow chair, lanterns and a multitude of flower containers. Inside, the shelves boast Tim's carving skills. Many shore birds, geese, ducks, and smaller varieties of local birds, along with the time-honored antiques, add a cozy ambience to the home. Tea and tasty almond bars appeared and were quickly enjoyed followed by the handwritten recipe that was much appreciated.

Lorraine begins her story. "My paternal Grandfather, Colin Charles Philips, occasionally lived with us after Grandmother Ida Maud died. They had lived nearby. Like his father before him, Colin had worked for the Power Department at INCO as a dam regulator. Later, my father managed the 14 dams on four lakes that fed into the Spanish River. We lived next door to our maternal grandparents, Ferdinand Peter and Gertrude (Woodworth) Legace and only two houses from our maternal great-grandparents, Harry and Madeline Woodworth. Harry, born in England, had been a 'factor' or manager for the Hudson's Bay Post in the early 1900s."



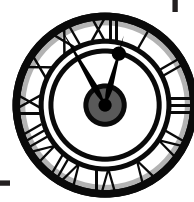
The Riordens on their wedding day.

Lorraine was born on March 8, 1952, to Bert Carl and Thelma (Legace) Phillips at the old Sudbury General Hospital. She was the first maternal grandchild. "There were 11 years between me and my youngest sibling, but we were all close in age to each other. Early memories include waking up to dad lighting the wood stove. Aladdin coal oil lamps were lit evenings. I enjoyed swimming, picking blueberries and fishing with dad and my brothers. Sometimes I would join dad on the boat, checking the status of a dam and he would do minor repairs. Reading was always my most favourite pastime and occasionally I would even use a flashlight to read under the covers."

"Many aunts, uncles and cousins lived nearby, giving us a powerful sense of 'belonging' in our community. Grandma Phillips baked on Wednesdays and Grandma Legace usually had soup on her wood stove. Aunt Lottie let us pick flowers from her garden and Aunt Kate made the best pies. Birthdays and major events were always made special by our parents. There was no hydro so Hockey Night in Canada was 'generator' driven. At Christmas, dad would harness his huskies to the big sled, head into the bush and pick a huge tree whose branches hung over the back and sides of the big sled. The festive get-together for the big family would include mother's fruit cakes baked much earlier in the wood stove."



Now and Then
A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin
By Petra Wall



Lorraine and Tim at home in November 2023.

"I was shy, but I loved going to SS No. 1 Margaret in Biscotasing. I enjoyed English and history and reading was fun. My Grade 1 teacher, Rose Blakie, later married Uncle Gerald Legace and became my aunt. My Grade 6 teacher Esther Calford was one of two teachers who inspired the joy of reading in me and motivated me to continue my education. Mrs. Calford also helped me get my first summer job and she stayed in touch with our family, even after moving to Manitoba."

"When I turned 12, we moved to Sudbury so no one had to board. We rented at first, and dad would join us on the weekends. When we sold our big home in Biscotasing, we bought a house in Minnow Lake and built a camp on Biscotasi Lake," Lorraine continues. "I was nervous starting Grade 8 at Adamsdale Public School. It was so big and I was coming from a one-room school. I wasn't sure if I was at the same level as the other students. At the end of Grade 8 I must have had the right tools for learning because I was awarded 'Most Outstanding Girl Student,' a real confidence booster."

In 1965, Lorraine started at Nickel District Collegiate and Vocational Institute. She enjoyed French language studies, English, history and creative writing. In June of 1970, after finishing Grade 12, she visited the family summer camp and met the new game warden who had been sent from the Chapleau office a month earlier. "Apparently, Tim had also spotted me and asked for an introduction. It was definitely 'attraction at first sight' for both of us. We made a date to go swimming the next day and enjoyed our short two weeks together before I had to leave for Akudlik."

Lorraine had been hired as a summer Recreation Director in Akudlik, situated between Churchill and Fort Churchill in Manitoba. Miss Calford had recommended her, but Miss Calford had died before Lorraine arrived. "It was also hard to leave Tim and our strong family presence to go so far away, but I really enjoyed the experience. Living alone in a house with only tundra visible for miles seemed like being thrown into the deep end of a pool." Nevertheless, the people, the rugged beauty, the polar bears right on the streets, beluga whales and



Lorraine at four months in Sudbury.

northern lights were fascinating to this 18-year-old. "The community was very kind to me, a novice worker, and I left with a deep respect for the Inuit people and their way of life."

Tim and Lorraine stayed in touch with letters and phone calls until Lorraine returned for Grade 13. "I met Tim's parents on Boxing Day 1970, in their Belleville home. I felt an immediate bond with Margaret, Tim's mum." The following summer, Lorraine returned to Akudlik as recreational director. "It was another enjoyable experience, but I missed Tim a lot. In the fall of 1971, I attended the School of Social Work at Laurentian University but Tim and I wanted to be together and we happily married on December 11, 1971, at the Holy Redeemer Church, our family church, in Minnow Lake." The priest surprised Lorraine mid-ceremony by asking "if she was a good cook because Tim needed more meat on his bones." Tim's family came from Belleville and stayed at the local Holiday Inn, the reception site for 100 guests.

Tim shares his story. "I was born to Derek and Margaret Audrey (Jackson) Riordan in Margate, Kent, England on May 8, 1948. I had an older sister Susanne and would get three more sisters in Canada, Penny, Molly and Sarah. My father had been born in Egypt where my paternal grandfather Edward Riorden had been stationed. Edward Jackson, his maternal grandfather, was a forest keeper in the Royal Epping Forest, where Edward's house still sits today. I never met my grandfathers but met both my widowed grandmothers when they came to Canada."

"Jobs in England were scarce or



Tim and his mum, Margaret, circa 1948.



A chickadee carving by carver Tim.

held by women after the war. Dad was in the British Infantry and had been a prisoner of war for 18 months." For better job opportunities, the family decided to cross the ocean on the Aquitania, on May 8, 1949, Tim's first birthday. They picked 'Belleville' off a map. "Dad was hired as a photographer in Belleville but wound-up authoring reports at the 'Bug House' an entomology research center for the Federal Department of Agriculture."

Early memories include living with the Burroughs, friends they met and stayed with initially when Tim was three. "We later moved three blocks away but would visit them regularly. I was

not aware then that Mrs. Burroughs was the sister of author Stephen Leacock," Tim continues. "I used to go fly-fishing for speckled trout in the streams with dad and we built a sailboat together. I also had lots of fun with other kids, building forts and damming streams in the marsh behind the house, staying out until the streetlights lit up. It was a wonderful place to grow up."

"Dad, a quiet man, had been raised by his mother and her sisters after his parents split. He had the chance to meet author Farley Mowat at Hasty P's, the 'Hastings and Prince Edward County Regiment' where they were both members and Farley was the Intelligence Officer. Farley would come and write on the board in Tim's Grade 2 class. We called him 'Mowat the Poet.'" Farley later authored a book about his own role in the Hasty P's and called it "The Regiment." When the 'Bug House' closed, most of the scientists moved to British Columbia. Dad stayed for a while, but in 1972 he moved the family, except Lorraine and me, to Summerland in the Okanagan region of British Columbia. Unfortunately, Dad died four years later and mother was widowed at 50. We used to visit our western family and they still visit us. Mother remained active, helped raise a grandchild and volunteered at nursing homes." Lorraine shares, "Margaret was a warm loving person and we got along very well."

"After high school, I had no job preferences. One day, Dad took me to the Lands and Forest College where I wrote and passed the entrance exam. I became motivated in this field but decided to attend the Ontario Forest Technical School (OFTS) in Dorset. After a year I got a job in Chapleau. I went back to school for a month to become a scaler so I could measure the timber, since we got paid for the volume of lumber. Soon after, I was given the opportunity to become a Conservation Officer in Sultan. It was a promotion for me. Nevertheless, you worked alone and our radios had only a four-or five-mile range, but I liked it."

Tim and Lorraine were married when they moved to Sultan, Ontario, where Tim was the Con-

servation Officer for the winter. "We rented for two years and then bought a small frame house. Lorraine continues, "Rachel Dyan was our first born at the Sudbury General Hospital. Each May to October, we would move to Biscotasing where Tim worked in the warm season, moving live catch walleye from Lake Biscotasi to other lakes. Tim now preferred fisheries work to the enforcement work."

Lorraine's dad and Tim built a camp for the young family. Rachel accompanied her parents at the new build in her carrycot and had learned to sleep through any-

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Dangerous future, scientists warn

'The Lancet' projects a loss of quality of life by mid-century if global emissions are not cut

by **Jacqueline St. Pierre, LJI Reporter**

CANADA—The Lancet medical journal, founded 200 years ago in 1823, has sought to transform urgent societal issues by contextualizing scientific research and study to create positive impacts for humanity.

The Lancet medical journal foresees potential hazards by the middle of the century should temperature escalation persist. The forthcoming United Nations climate talks, COP28, slated for November 30 to December 12 in Dubai, UAE, are anticipated to prioritize funding for economi-

cally repressed nations to adjust to climate shifts and manage the impact of severe weather occurrences such as floods, heatwaves and storms. The scientific journal projects heat-related deaths and food insecurity will skyrocket by mid-century—particularly in economically repressed countries.

"We're already seeing climate change claiming lives and livelihoods in every part of the world. The impacts are happening here and now," Marina Romanello, executive director of the Lancet Countdown at University College London,

said in a briefing before the report's release.

She added, "These impacts that we are seeing today could be just an early symptom of a very dangerous future unless we tackle climate change urgently."

The Lancet Countdown report, released annually, tracks the connections between public health and climate change, globally, and is led by University College London in collaboration with over 100 experts from 52 research institutions. The 2023 report emphasizes the vital importance of a public health-centred approach to a plan-

et facing unrepairable damage. Suppose immediate and substantial actions are not taken to address the fundamental drivers of climate change and bolster adaptation initiatives; there is a severe threat to the well-being of humanity.

Under this scenario, yearly heat-related deaths are projected to increase by 370 percent by mid-century, with heat exposure expected to increase the hours of potential labour lost globally by 50 percent. Increased occurrences of heat waves may result in approximately 525 million additional individuals facing food insecurity between 2041 and 2060, worsening the worldwide threat of malnutrition.

"People living in poorer countries, who are often least responsible for greenhouse gas emissions, are

have increased their funding to fossil fuel companies.

In the meantime, the most vulnerable communities continue to be disproportionately affected, trailing behind in the transition to zero-carbon alternatives. They remain dependent on air-polluting fuels and are exposed to the health hazards associated with energy poverty.

While one of the most severe examples of drought is unfolding in the Horn of Africa, punctuated by short and intense rainfalls, climate scientists project that droughts like this will increase exponentially because of human-instigated climate change, driven primarily by the burning of fossil fuels.

"You are coming from a very dry spell — then the next thing you are in this situation where there is a

security. Developed by Economist Impact and supported by Corteva Agriscience, it evaluates food security in 113 countries across four key pillars: affordability, availability, quality and safety and sustainability and adaptation. According to a 2022 report, 72 percent of the world's calories come from wheat, rice, maize, and soybeans grown in just five countries. We might face a global food shortage if China, the US, India, Brazil and Argentina face a climate catastrophe.

The disabled and elderly communities, along with Indigenous and racialized communities, experience increased challenges daily while climate change introduces new ones.

Limited mobility can impede their ability to evacuate during extreme weather events, including heat-



Law & Order

Traffic complaint leads to impaired driving charges

Shortly before 3 pm on November 18, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a traffic complaint of an erratic driver on Highway 6 in Assinack Township.

Police located the vehicle and determined that the driver had consumed alcoholic beverages. The driver was subsequently arrested for impaired driving and transported to the OPP detachment for further testing.

As a result of the investigation, Samson Shawanda, 38, from Keswick, has been charged with operation while impaired-alcohol and drugs, operation while impaired-blood alcohol concentration (80 plus), driving motor vehicle with open container of liquid, and drive vehicle with cannabis in open original packaging.

The accused was released from custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on January 9.

The driver was issued a 90-day administrative driver's license suspension, and the vehicle was impounded for seven days.

OPP charges driver with impaired driving and drug offences

A traffic complaint has led to a driver being charged with impaired driving.

On November 20, shortly after 5 pm, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP responded to a traffic complaint of a vehicle unable to maintain its lane.

Police located this vehicle parked in a restaurant parking lot. The driver was arrested for impaired driving and transported to the OPP detachment for further testing.

As a result of the investigation, Brian Bush, 71, from Central Manitoulin has been charged with possession of a schedule 1 substance, methamphetamine, operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs and

fabricating evidence.

The accused was released from custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on January 15. The driver was issued a 90-day administrative driver's licence suspension, and the vehicle was impounded for seven days.

Two people arrested at RIDE program

Police arrested and charged two people at a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) program.

On November 18, shortly before 2 am, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP were conducting a RIDE program on Highway 17 in Baldwin Township.

A vehicle entered the RIDE and open alcohol was observed inside the vehicle. Police were able to determine the driver had been consuming alcoholic beverages and the driver was subsequently arrested for impaired driving. The driver was transported back to the OPP detachment for further testing.

A search of the vehicle was conducted and resulted in police locating an edged weapon, which was identified as belonging to the passenger. As a result, the passenger was also arrested.

As a result of the investigation, Christian Toulouse, 23, from Sagamok First Nation has been charged with operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs, blood alcohol concentration (80 plus), driving motor vehicle with liquor readily available, and driving vehicle with cannabis readily available.

Donovan Toulouse, 27, from Sagamok First Nation has been charged with possession of prohibited device for a dangerous purpose.

The accused persons were released from custody and are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on January 15.



bearing the brunt of the health impacts," said Georgiana Gordon-Strachan, an epidemiology professor at the University of the West Indies and director of the Lancet Countdown's regional center for small island developing states.

Each tonne of greenhouse gas emissions magnifies the challenges and costs of climate change adaptations and increases long-term health risks to individuals. Despite this, fossil fuel companies, private banks and corporations persist in promoting fossil fuel usage, distancing us from a healthier future. Over the past year, investments in fossil fuels have surged, with oil and gas giants expanding their operations. Moreover, since the signing of the Paris Agreement, private banks

lot of flooding, flash floods, and a lot of rain," Lukhwaro, who works for Doctors Without Borders said in an interview. "There is no stability. There is no time to recover. There is no time to improve the situation and the livelihoods of the populations that we serve."

Canada is not immune to the risk of food insecurity caused by climate change. This past summer, Canadians faced a record-breaking wildfire season, with multiple parts of the country experiencing flooding. Droughts in Mexico and lowering water levels in the Colorado River affected exports of produce to Canada.

The Global Food Security Index (GFSI) is the pre-eminent source of intelligence on the drivers of global food

waves, wildfires and floods. Existing health conditions such as diabetes or respiratory diseases heighten the vulnerability of people with disabilities to extreme heat and poor air quality, exacerbated by the lack of air conditioning in their homes.

Indigenous communities grapple with constrained financial resources, leaving them ill-prepared to tackle extreme weather events and their fallout, leading communities to endure substantial damage to both ecosystems and infrastructure. Remote communities face augmented risks with rising temperatures and diminishing use of ice roads crucial for accessing supplies like food, fuel and emergency services.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

We hope all the hunters out there have had some success during rifle season. Team Fergmeijer would never make it as hunters. Anything that requires us to be up early, in the cold, staying still and staying quiet, just isn't going to work for us. So instead, we stick with our strength... bad puns. Though, maybe we could pass the time in the tree stand playing truth or deer. Honestly, we probably couldn't hit anything with a rifle, even if we were aiming deerecely at it. Deer can be just too darn cute to hunt, anyway. We had a baby deer hanging around our backyard this summer; we became quite fond of it. It gave us a great business idea: a company that clones deer. You know, for anyone who's looking to make a quick buck.

Many thanks to all the donors who made the library silent auction the largest one yet! And thanks also to all the

participants who bid on items, supporting the library. Items can be picked up at the library during regular hours (Tuesdays and Thursdays 4 to 7 pm; Saturdays 10 am to 1 pm). Email billingsreads@gmail.com or call 705-282-2944 for more information.

If a deer ever got its medical degree, do you suppose it would become a hart surgeon?

Let the township know your thoughts! Complete the Strategic Plan Resident/Property Owner Survey by December 15 to give input on what the township gets right, what you'd like to see developed and where improvements can be made. The online survey can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RGBNWP>

Thank you to the Manitoulin Community Choir for a lovely concert at the Park Centre this past Friday, which included several performers from Kagawong.

Happy birthday to Kagawongian Candy T and to Kagawong-adjacent Chantelle W, both of whom are turning 29. We wonder if getting up in years helps you save on heating - what with all those birthday candles going at once. You'll have to let us know!

Is a deer that can use both hands bambi-dextrous?

This weekend! The annual Kagawong Community Christmas Concert is this Saturday, December 2 at 7 pm at the Park Centre. Admission is by donation with all funds going to the Billings Library. Come prepared to laugh, sing and be entertained. Team Fergmeijer will be there with (jingle) bells on! See you there!

Citizens with property on the water system are invited to a special council meeting on Tuesday, December 12 to discuss the upgrades that were recently completed on Old Mill Road. The meeting will discuss cost recovery options for the work done including consideration of a Capital Cost Recovery By-Law under the fees and charges provisions of the Municipal Act. The meeting is at the Park Centre and will begin at 7 pm. Delegations wishing to speak at the meeting must contact the township clerk for a delegation request form (edance@billingsstp.ca). The form must be returned to the office by Wednesday, December 6 in order to be placed on the agenda. Written comments and opinions must also be submitted to the clerk by the December 6 deadline to be placed on the agenda. The meeting will also be live-streamed over Zoom. Contact the township office for details.

...realtor raises thousands for Manitoulin Family Resources

...continued from page 3 domestic violence.” The beneficiary of her efforts and fundraising was MFR.

“We will be trekking toward some of the highest volcanoes in the world (nearly 4,000 metres about sea level) over five days, crossing difficult terrain in unpredictable conditions,” she said previously. Participants slept in tents and went without indoor plumbing, electricity and cell service to raise funds for Canadian women’s shelters and programs to help end family violence.

“I was physically prepared for the trip, I had no issues physically,” said Ms. Lewis. “I managed the five days with no problem, but the mental part was grueling. When I looked at what we were attempting to do I was saying to myself, ‘I can’t do this in five days.’ But I decided that I would just take it a day at a time, and a step at a time. And everything ended up being great—I finished the trek in the five days.” She explained the highest point she climbed was Pasochoa which reaches heights of 4,200 metres above sea level (which was accomplished on day two). They reached the base of the Cotopaxi volcano on day five.

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

“We walked through open fields, with wild bulls



Leanne Lewis holds the flag with pride during a recent fundraising trip to Ecuador.

and cattle, and a ton of wild horses. The weather conditions would go from 29°C and sunny in the day-time to thunder and lightning and hail. And in the night-time, it could go down to zero degrees,” said Ms. Lewis.

“The walk certainly tested my fear of heights to the ultimate,” said Ms. Lewis. On one part of the trek, there was a path going left that had to be about 500 metres and 10 stories high to a river, right up—a wall of rock.

We only had a small path to walk through that went up and down.”

The participants walked about 100 kilometres over the five days.

Ms. Lewis said, “the most difficult thing about the whole thing is that I couldn’t sleep. Every night we would tent with another person, and I would sleep usually about one hour per night.”

“The people that ran the challenge were excellent guides,” stated Ms. Lewis. All the trekkers would get together every evening where they would hear a letter detailing someone that has suffered from domestic violence to motivate the walkers.

While Ms. Lewis had set an ultimate fundraising goal of \$10,000. “My fundraising efforts right now are at \$14,853 and donations can be made until the end of December. It would be great to raise at least \$15,000,” she said, explaining, “the funds I raise will be staying local. MFR will be receiving the funds I have raised.”

When she arrived back home in Mindemoya after the trip, “the support I received when I got back on Saturday was crazy. There was a bunch of family and friends were on hand to greet me.”

“I was well prepared for the hike physically,” said Ms. Lewis. “I had worked with a trainer in Sudbury who helped get me ready for the trek. And I walked a lot of the local trails and will continue this.”

...education sector launches reports addressing gaps in K-12

...continued from page 3 dents were heavily overrepresented in applied math, associated with lower chances of graduation and post-secondary opportunities.

Graduation in four and five years

Between 2016-2017 and 2020-2021, 89 percent of Ontario students graduated

with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) within five years, among First Nations students only 60 percent did.

A larger proportion of First Nations graduates (nine percent) take five years to graduate, compared to the Ontario average (five percent).

Self-identified First

Nations students are three times more likely than the Ontario average to finish high school with a certificate instead of a diploma. A certificate represents partial completion of diploma requirements.

In a second report, titled ‘Suspensions and Equitable Access to a Positive Disciplinary Climate,’ it was found that in 2018-2019, 9.4 percent of First Nations

students in elementary school faced suspension, compared to two percent of Ontario students.

In 2018-2019, the rate of suspension for First Nations students in Ontario was 12.3 percent, compared to a provincial average of 5.5 percent. The rate of suspension for students living in First Nation communities was 12.6 percent.

...targets short term rentals

...continued from page 3 the financial incentives of short-term rentals place pressure on housing has led to long-term rentals

being converted into short-term ones.”

The study also found that 31,000 homes have been taken off the market due to short-term rentals.

A number of Island municipalities have undertaken to place limits on short-term rentals, most notably Billings and Gore Bay (which has limited the number to five) while others are depending on existing regulation to help stem the tide. Those efforts have seen significant pushback by Island operators.



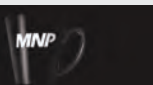
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...\$80,000 is the target for Christmas hamper campaign in '23

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included in each Christmas hamper."

"We hope to raise a minimum of \$80,000 during this year's Christmas basket campaign to meet increasing demands, as well as the increased cost of food and transportation," said Ms. Hill. "All surplus funds from the campaign will be used to meet the food security needs in our community throughout the rest of the year."

Vanessa Glasby said, "this year is unique because normally part of our focus for the food baskets is to include Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, but the (Amikook Seniors Centre) food bank has taken over this program there and will be providing the Christmas hampers to families and individuals in need there. We will focus our campaign on the rest of the island and Whitefish River."

"We are estimating we will help about 800 families with Christmas baskets, based on referrals and requests," said Ms. Glasby.



The Manitoulin Family Resources' Emergency Food Assistance Program has initiated the annual 2023 Christmas Basket campaign. In photo from left is Colleen Hill-executive director of MFR, and Vanessa Glasby-Food Security Program Supervisor of the Family Resources Centre.

"Some of the items that are becoming a very popular request is peanut butter, cereal, pasta, canned pasta, tuna and chicken," said Ms. Glasby. Special items like coffee, team, chocolate and sugar make the baskets extra special. "Along with donations of food, monetary donations are also graciously accepted. We want to extend a big thank you to all those who have made donations already," said Ms. Hill.

Island police services will also be helping the MFR Christmas basket campaign by holding stuff the cruiser events in December.

"We will also have donation boxes set up in stores around the Island very soon," said Ms. Glasby.

"There is greater need," stated Colleen Hill, executive director of MFR, last week. "We have definitely seen an increase in the number of referrals and requests for support. And the need is increasing significantly every year."

"And this is not just an urban or rural concern, we see a lot of food insecurity on the Island," said Ms. Hill. "We have clients that have three part-time jobs and can't make ends meet to pay rent or eat. And eating proper healthy food is linked directly to health. This is much more complex than a societal issue."

Ms. Glasby explained, "last year our average numbers were 350-400 visits to the food bank per month (throughout the year), now it is closer to 400-500 visits per month. August was our biggest this year when we had over 500 visits and we are still at 450 plus visits per month. These are visits from some people who are employed full-time and pensioners. It is definitely not a case of just folks who are on social assistance."

"We will be delivering the food baskets between December 18-22, packing them the week before," said Ms. Glasby. "The baskets will be delivered to families and individuals from Meldrum Bay to Whitefish Falls and all points between. There are lots of drivers and agencies involved. Agency partnership is crucial."

"We would like to thank all our community partners for all their help and contribution to the Christmas Basket campaign," said Ms. Hill. "It would be impossible to do this without all of them."

If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Food Basket Campaign, monetary donations are greatly appreciated and can be mailed to the MFR office. Please make cheques payable to 'Manitoulin Family Resources' and indicate on the memo line "Christmas Basket Campaign 2023."

If you prefer an online option, you can e-transfer your contribution to finance@mfresources.net or donate via Canadahelps.org by visiting www.mfresources.net and clicking on the 'Donate Now' at the top right of the page to link you to the MFR donation site. Please follow the instructions, make sure you select 'Christmas Food Hamper Drive' in the drop-down window under 'Apply your donation to a specific fund set up by this charity.' Tax receipts will be issued for financial donations over \$10.

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...Scam letter targets eventual litigation fund beneficiaries

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funds have not started to flow.

RHTLF trustee Duke Peltier of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory told The Expositor, "To my knowledge, no one has fallen victim of the (fraud/scam). This letter is something that some people have received and did not feel it was right and let us know."

"The final agreement hasn't been signed by the government," said Mr. Peltier. "Both the federal and provincial governments have to complete the requirements to sign the final agreement, but this hasn't taken place yet."

Kevin Mossip, a trustee for RHTLF, on behalf of the Zhiibaahaasing First Nation said, "the scam letter involves people trying to get into your bank account and obtain personal information. My advice is to listen to your chief and council—if the money has flowed yet, but it hasn't. Nothing has flowed yet."

Neither Mr. Peltier nor Mr. Mossip have seen a copy of the letter.

"I haven't seen the letter, this came through our communications department," said Mr. Peltier.

"The Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (RHTLF) wishes to alert members of fraudulent letters being sent to beneficiaries about RHT settlement payments being processed. Those letters are branded with government and/or RHTLF logos and ask for individuals to provide

personal and banking information to confirm their eligibility for distribution. Once details are provided, it promises to either direct deposit or mail a cheque," a release explains.

"Please note that the RHTLF and the governments of Canada and Ontario have not started to make any settlement payments and will not ask for your financial information via email or text," the RHTLF release continues. "If you think that a recent communication that you received might be a scam, please contact your First Nation office, email us to info@robinsonhuron treaty1850.com or send us a direct message on social media to verify its credibility."

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"Look at the branding carefully. Scammers tend to use logos, email or postal addresses that are very similar to legitimate senders. Check the communication you received carefully to see if there is a slight variation in spelling or logo to lure you," the RHTLF recommends.

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...increase Mindemoya's quota for family health team physicians

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Sylvia Jones August 22 with the same concerns that the doctors and MHC

have expressed. "I sent a letter to the minister, but I have had no response. I'll leave it alone for now, but it perturbs me that I have not

even been given the courtesy of a response." Ms. Fields, in a letter sent on behalf of the MHC and board and Dr. Mauri-

anne Read, president of the professional staff and Dr. Stephen Cooper, MHC chief of staff to the ministry dated November 16 writes, "The results of the recent Rural and Northern Physician Services Group Agreement complementary review by the Minister of Health and the Ontario Medical Association has resulted in concerns for the sustainability of health care service provided by the physicians at the Mindemoya site of the Manitoulin Health Centre.

"The Manitoulin Central Family Health Team (MCFHT) provides 24/7 emergency room coverage and hospital services to the Mindemoya site emergency department of the MHC. The volume of patients and acuity of patients has been rising over the past couple of years. We experience a large influx of tourists from May to November each year and subsequent

requirements for emergency care. The physicians remain on site 24/7 to ensure the safety of our community and patients. Capacity challenges with our tertiary centre have resulted in further increased length of stay, acuity, and requirements for increased physician service at MHC.

"MHC provides acute care services to a large Indigenous population and recently embarked on an engagement project called the Maamwewziwining project to identify ways to improve the patient experience for Indigenous patients. The report clearly identified that the MCFHT physicians are well known for the comprehensive and culturally safe care provided to our Indigenous communities.

"It is for these reasons that we ask for a timely review of the awarded complement for this physician group. Rural general

physicians make many personal and professional sacrifices to ensure the health care needs of the communities that they serve are met. Recognizing the physician shortages across the province, rural practices with inadequate physician complements are faced with additional challenges in recruiting to their practices. This creates inequities and an unsustainable model of healthcare for small rural, northern communities and residents.

"In order to create a sustainable model of physician services for Manitoulin Island, specifically at the MCFHT, there needs to be an adequate number of physicians, allowing for the provision of primary care, emergency services and work life balance," the MHC letter adds.

In his letter, Mr. McGregor said the board supports the Mindemoya physicians

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links can also come from friends who have been compromised," the RHLTF release continues. "Secure your personal information. Before providing any personal information, such as your date of birth, social security number, account numbers and passwords—be sure the website is secure."

"Resist the pressure to act immediately. Scammers often use urgency as a tactic to get your information quickly. Please verify the credibility of an organization before sharing your personal information."

Mr. Peltier said, "if anyone gets a letter or information that they think is not legiti-

mate, advise their First Nation leadership, or confirm with when and how monetary disbursements will happen. There will be notices sent to each of them from their First Nation on how the disbursement of the funds will take place. There will be announcements and information sharing, and First Nations will indicate when and how the disbursements will be sent out."

Mr. Peltier said it is unfortunate that scammers have jumped on the opportunity to try and scam someone in this way, but he added, "this type of thing has been happening forever."



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...Georgian Bay Global Geopark could include Manitoulin Island

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Pigott said.

So far, community engagement conferences have been held in Midland, Penetanguishene, Parry Sound and Killarney. The grassroots group plans to hold a conference on Manitoulin Island in the spring of 2024. "This is a grassroots environmental initiative; there is no 'big brother organization' that is going to affect land designations and usage. This project has to be signed off on by all the communities involved for it to go forward."

The group plans to do outreach to First Nations communities and tourism leaders to create beneficial impacts for all the communities involved.

"There's a lot of information that needs to be shared

but also information that needs to be collected from First Nations to ensure they're inclusive, they're going to be a partner, and we will not move unless they're a part of the process," Mayor Jack Contin of Penetanguishene said. During the conference held in Penetanguishene, a community member emphasized the significance of this opportunity for the region and highlighted that over the two-year application process, the Penetanguishene council should proactively plan for an expected surge in global tourists who will seek out the town as the central point of the Geopark.

UNESCO Global Geoparks encompass cohesive geographical regions where internationally significant

sites and landscapes of geological importance are preserved through an inclusive approach integrating protection, education and sustainable development. These geoparks leverage their geological legacy alongside the natural and cultural heritage of the area to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of critical societal challenges. They aim to address pressing issues like responsible resource utilization, climate change mitigation and minimizing risks associated with natural hazards.

Should the project be realized with the authorization of all impacted communities, the designation would be valid a four-year term, after which the functioning and quality of the Geopark would be re-exam-

ined during a revalidation process.

The principles of geotourism and destination stewardship would usher tourism planning, development and management in the Aspiring Geopark.

"Consistent with the Arouca declaration (adopted at the International Congress of Geotourism, under the auspices of UNESCO, that took place in the Arouca Geopark, Portugal, November 2011) geotourism is defined as tourism which sustains and enhances the identity of a territory, taking into consideration its geology, environment, culture, aesthetics, heritage and the well-being of its residents," according to UNESCO.

"Destination Stewardship is a globally recognized approach to tourism that focuses on sustaining and enhancing the unique natural and cultural assets of a place—the destination—and uses a multi-stakeholder approach where the community itself is at the table where discussions about tourism take place. Residents—the hosts—work in concert with local government agencies and civil society to plan, develop, and market their tourism future."

The Expositor asked Greg Mason of UNESCO Georgian Bay Biosphere Mindoro Gamii if their organization endorsed the Geopark. "We don't want to influence the communities to make a decision, one way or the other. Our organization serves the community, and

if they decide they want to do this, we will take our marching orders from them. We don't foresee any issues with the Geopark, but it has to be based on community desire," he said.

When asked about the difference between a UNESCO Biosphere designation and a UNESCO Geopark designation, Mr. Mason said biospheres focus on building networks to preserve biodiversity. In contrast, the focus of Geoparks is preserving sites of geological importance and helping communities develop

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...emergency dept. staffed until 2024

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age to provide care in the emergency department. But this means a sacrifice in primary care because the doctors will not be able to cover off both."

In her written report to the board Ms. Fields explained in part, "The MHC senior team worked tirelessly for the closure of the Mindemoya site (emergency department) at the beginning of October, with the closure being narrowly averted. This included frequent meetings with the Ministry of Health (MOH), Ontario Health, the creation of policies, procedures, internal/external communication, upstaffing

the Little Current site and working with health system partners to redirect patient flow and mitigate risk. Closures continue to be a threat in the coming months. December shifts are currently covered, however in January and moving forward there will be shift vacancies. The physician recruiter, Health Force Ontario, MOH, MHC and the physician groups continue to recruit for the vacancies. Concerns regarding shift vacancies will escalate unless a sustainable solution is found to replace the Temporary Summer Locum Program that is coming to an end March 31, 2024, and local physician vacancies are filled."

...increase Mindemoya's quota for physicians

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and (MCFHT) in their request for the ministry to be transparent and forthcoming with the formula and considerations that were made when undertaking the recent physician complement review. He said the board knows firsthand and appreciates the sacrifices to ensure that both its emergency departments remain open, often at the sacrifice of primary care and their own personal time. He pointed out physicians are supporting numerous care transactions and providers at one time, while faced with an unrealistic administrative burden.

"Additionally, the board hopes that the ministry can determine a permanent program that will incentivize locum physicians to the north. It has become increasingly more difficult to recruit locums to our region," continued Mr. McGregor.

As has been reported previously, Dr. Maurianne Reade said when the province came up with the decision on which hospitals would qualify for additional doctors for emergency rooms, they used a complicated formula to do this, with one part heavily weighted to how much work the doctors have done in the office. "Because

we (Mindemoya) are short of doctors and had been advised to prioritize keeping the hospital open, of course we haven't been in the general practice office as much as we would like. The metrics heavily favoured teams who could see a lot of patients through the office, as well as the emergency room. Our community suffers because we don't have enough doctors to do well in the formula, so we received a poor result in the complement review. It makes it impossible (for Mindemoya Hospital) to recruit new physicians."

Even with 7.5 doctors in Mindemoya it is not sustainable, said Dr. Reade. It would take 10-11 people to handle the work demand that we have been doing in the Mindemoya emergency room.

Mindemoya Hospital currently has 4.75 physician positions filled and has rarely been able to keep six doctors over the past several years. Since the late 1990s, Mindemoya Hospital has had funding for six full-time physicians, a number that has remained unchanged despite growing patient volumes and increased complexity from an aging population, along with opioid and mental health crisis that increased during the pandemic.

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...Eight deer entered in Tom's Big Buck Roundup!

...continued from page 3 of the buck deer he harvested, however, we couldn't get any information on the particulars before this week's press deadline.

Ken Ruppel harvested his big buck on Friday, November 24 at 8 am. "I hunt in Kagawong with the Shirt Tail Hunt Club. This club has 40 plus years of deer hunting on the Island," he explained.

"I was lucky enough to get into it through my father-in-law (Dave Calqhoun). He along with his childhood friends (Gerry and Garry Gravelle) are the founding members of the club," Mr. Ruppel wrote. "They are now in their 70s and still get excited for the hunt every year. We hunt from opening day Monday to the Friday so it was my last day waiting all week for this guy (buck), passing on smaller bucks and some nice does."

Mr. Ruppel's deer field dressed at 192 pounds and had eight points with a high rack. He lives in Lively but spends summer and fall on the Island.

Dwayne Veenstra told the Expositor, "I thought I would share a picture of my first deer ever shot." He explained, "I retired and moved up to the Island almost two years ago. I now live on Barrie Island where I shot the 10-pointer (he was not sure on the weight of the deer). I was invited to hunt with the Greenman party this year as I'm just



Dwayne Veenstra of Barrie Island harvested his first buck during last week's annual Manitoulin deer gun hunt.

getting into hunting. Was a very exciting experience! I'm still shaking!"

Viktoria Vernarsky shared a photo of her son with the buck he harvested. She explained, "my sons name is Laszlo Vernarsky, age 14. We live in Sheguiandah. He was hunting with his dad Laszlo Sr. at our friends' property off Greenbush Road in Sheguiandah."

Laszlo Jr. "shot the buck off Greenbush Road, in Sheguiandah, at 7:30 am on

Tuesday, November 21. It's an eight-point buck. I am not sure about the weight. I am sending in my son's first hunting picture for the contest."

And the winners are! The first place prize of a \$100 gift certificate was won by Dwayne Veenstra, and the second place prize of a \$50 gift certificate (both from Williamsons Up Top Sports Shop in Mindemoya) goes to Ryan Corbiere.



Ryan Corbiere of M'Chigeeng First Nation harvested this 10-point buck on his family farm near Billings township.

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George Williamson and Friends resume food bank fundraisers at Little Current United Church

by Expositor staff
LITTLE CURRENT—For the first time since the COVID-19 lockdown, George Williamson and Friends put in an appearance at the Little Current United Church Hall last Friday evening to once again both entertain and fundraise for the Manitoulin Family Resources food bank.

This event is the first in several years. Prior to the lockdown, the winter months saw an average crowd of 50 people come out to enjoy the country strains of George Williamson and Friends every two weeks, have a dance or two and enjoy fellowship.

Fundraising for the food bank is by donation, explained John Hodder who welcomed everyone to the event on behalf of the Little Current United Church.

Last Friday, George

Williamson's "friends" included fellow musicians Dale Wood on rhythm guitar and crooner and rhythm man Tom Beamish.

But the evening provided the small but enthusiastic crowd with several more impromptu "friends" that gave the event both a pan-Manitoulin and international flair.

David Richard and Lauriane Savoie are French nationals who have been exploring Canada on a "work away" capacity for well over a year. ("Work Away" means that you provide labour or do tasks for people who in turn provide you with room and board.)

Mr. Richard and Ms. Savoie are doing just that on Manitoulin just now and their hosts, having seen the ad for the event in last week's Expositor, told them about it so they turned up, and Mr. Richard brought along his autoharp, sitting

in with the Island musicians for songs both before and after the coffee break intermission.

Mr. Richard and Ms. Savoie have recently arrived on Manitoulin after spending a year in the Yukon. They are working their way across the country with a goal of exploring the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland before they, hopefully, return to the far North next summer where they hope to be employed in Nunavut.

But these weren't the only new friends that Mr. Williamson, only three weeks on from being installed as a new member of the Northern Ontario Country Music Association's 'Great Northern Oprey' in the Soo, sat down with last Friday.

Leslie Neshkiwe, from Little Current, before she sang, explained how important fundraising

events like this are to the Island community.

Ms. Neshkiwe explained that, when she moved to Little Current 15 years ago as a single mother, she had needed the services of the food bank and, emotionally, stressed how important it was to give back in this way. She sang a poignant and unusual version of the anthem 'Amazing Grace' as one of her offerings.

The final special guest was Eugene Manitowabi

from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, a fellow member of the Great Northern Oprey with Mr. Williamson.

Not only did former Chief Manitowabi sing, but he also told some stories that kept the crowd laughing. A Merle Haggard fan, Mr. Manitowabi said 'Holding Things Together.'

It was a good first pre-winter outing for George Williamson and Friends who also perform outdoors

all summer long on Friday evenings at the Soldier Park in downtown Little Current where they also raise funds and awareness for the Manitoulin food bank there.

The next event will be on Friday, December 8, beginning at 7 pm at the Little Current United Church Hall. There is no charge for these events but monetary donations to the foodbank are appreciated.



Eugene Manitowabi of Wiikwemkoong, right, take a turn at the mic, singing a song and cracking a few jokes for the audience.



Leslie Neshkiwe of Little Current is an old country soul, sharing her talents for the country classics at the Friday night open mic with George Williamson and Dale Wood on guitar and Tom Beamish on rhythm.



David Richard entertained audiences with his autoharp during the fundraising event for the Manitoulin Food Bank.

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tourism initiatives.

A potential benefit to the aspiring Georgian Bay Geopark would be access to data on shoreline erosion and prevention and studies on Lake Huron water levels and temperature. When Mr. Pigott was asked if this would affect pleasure craft operators

in the waters shared between Georgian Bay and Manitoulin Island, he stated that the Geopark's goals would not affect how the land and water are currently being used.

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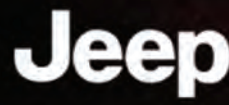
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Manitoulin Community Choir performs its first indoor concert since 2019

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre, LJI reporter

KAGAWONG— On Friday, November 24, the Manitoulin Community Choir performed its first indoor concert since the COVID-19 pandemic. Community members very well attended the event to hear Chuc Willson, Elora Miller, Janelle Addison, Janice Frame, John Robertson, Jonathan Best, Keith Schwindt, Kristen Nelson, Linda Willson, Marilyn Wilson, Nell Staalstra, Paul Best, Peter Gordon, Sandy Cook, Scott Miller, Sheila Schwindt and Theresa Webb sing. The choir was directed by Jane Best and accompanied by Mike McCormack.

The ensemble did not disappoint, performing the Canadiana, folk-based choral, traditional and classical songs for which they are known.

Janelle Addison and Kristen Nelson performed solos in 'Great and Mighty Wind' by Janet Kidd and 'Here's to Song' by Allister MacGillivray. John Robertson performed a solo in 'Gentle Lena Clare' by Stephen C. Foster, and Peter Gordon had a solo in 'Magie Blues' by Jack Frost and Jimmy McHugh.

Also performed were the songs 'The Lord is My Light' and 'Hope is a Seed' by the Manitoulin Community Choir's very own Jane Best.



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Miss Universe Canada Madison Kvaltín happy to have represented nation, Manitoulin

by Tom Sasvari

TORONTO—While she is disappointed at not having been selected Miss Universe, Madison Kvaltín said the experience of being in the pageant and the wisdom she has gained in the past year has allowed her to look forward to the next stage of her life.

“I wish the results had been different, but I left everything on the stage,” stated Ms. Kvaltín of Gore Bay following her time representing Canada at Miss Universe 2023 in San Salvador. “It has been an amazing experience and having graced the Miss Universe stage was a huge accomplishment in itself.”

“I am spending a couple of days in Toronto myself after all the craziness of the past two weeks,” said Ms. Kvaltín. “The whole year has been an amazing experience, and San Salvador is a very warm and gracious country. And I made awesome connections with the other (71) women in the pageant.”

Ms. Kvaltín said she has “endless possibilities to consider” in regard to her future. “Right now, I am going to finish my work on the lead management program with Manitoulin Transport and can look to travel more and my work in philanthropy. I’m going to be able to pursue my dreams outside of pageantry.”

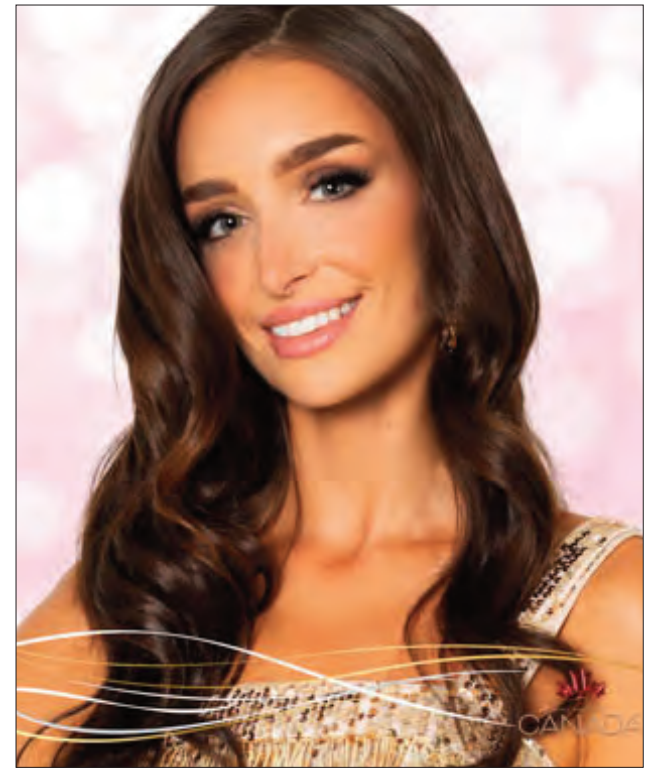
“I have spent the past 10-and-a-half years in pageantry, and that chapter has now been closed after the Miss Universe pageant,” continued Ms. Kvaltín. “Now I can begin an exciting new chapter in my life.”

Earlier this year Ms. Kvaltín won the 2023 Miss Universe Canada pageant, one of 58 contestants. She has been fundraising for SOS Children’s Villages, which is the official charity of Miss Universe Canada.

In 2022 Ms. Kvaltín finished as first runner-up at Miss Universe Canada and competed in Japan at the Miss International, where she finished in the top eight, the highest ranking for a Canadian contestant since the early 1960s. She won the 2023 Canada Miss Universe pageant earlier this year.

Ms. Kvaltín, who is 25, is originally from Sudbury, having moved to Gore Bay well over a year ago. Apart from working at Manitoulin Transport Ms. Kvaltín is also an entrepreneur who owns two companies, Skill Athletics that sells athletic wear and Mad Media Marketing that focuses on body imaging and positive health.

“For now, I’m excited to be going back home, back to my roots and to be around family,” said Ms. Kvaltín. “Yes, I had family, friends and neighbours around the past two weeks and felt so much love and support in being part of the Miss Universe pageant.”



RIGHT: Gore Bay’s Madison Kvaltín is back in Canada after representing the country at Miss Universe in San Salvador.

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Island pastors to host second annual Christmas singalong concert Sunday

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Following the success of its singalong concert last year, the Island Pastors are gearing up for a similar event this year.

“Last year was a big hit, and we are looking forward to hosting our Christmas sing along again this year,” said Pastor Josh Wilhelm. “The Island Pastors and Friends second annual Christmas sing along will take place on Sunday December 3 at 6:30 pm at the Freshwater Community Church in Mindemoya.”

Pastor Wilhelm said the singalong will include clergy from around the Island. “In terms of what those in attendance can expect it will be similar to last year’s musical event, but we will have a longer set this year.”

The Island Pastors band includes Pastor Ramona Jaggard on vocals and piano, Jason Snider on vocals and guitar, Jamie Greenwood on bass, Josh Wilhelm on drums. “We will have a couple of addition-

al clergy members to lead singing, Dawn Dawson and Catherine Hazlitt. We will also have a men’s quartet jamming with us.”

Various other Island clergy will be on site that evening helping with serving, ushering and greeting.

Pastor Wilhelm said there is no charge for people who want to attend the singalong, and the event is being held, “as a fundraiser for Manitoulin Family Resources Christmas basket campaign. Those attending can, if they wish, make a monetary donation or provide non-perishable food donations.”

“At last year’s Christmas singalong 400 pounds of food was brought in, and \$1,400 in monetary donations were made,” said Pastor Wilhelm. “We are hoping to do even better this year. We had a few empty seats for the singalong last year and we are hoping to fill the church this year.”

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...Now and Then: Tim and Lorraine Riorden

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 thing. Jennifer Rae arrived three years later and both girls loved their extended family, anticipating lots of hugs and treats. "In 1977, we moved from Sultan to Chapleau and Rachel started Kindergarten there. We kept our summer home and rented out the Sultan home, later selling it. We bought a home in the Chapleau area which included many MNR people and friends for the girls. Third daughter, Sarah Katherine arrived on New Year's Eve 1979 at the Chapleau General Hospital."

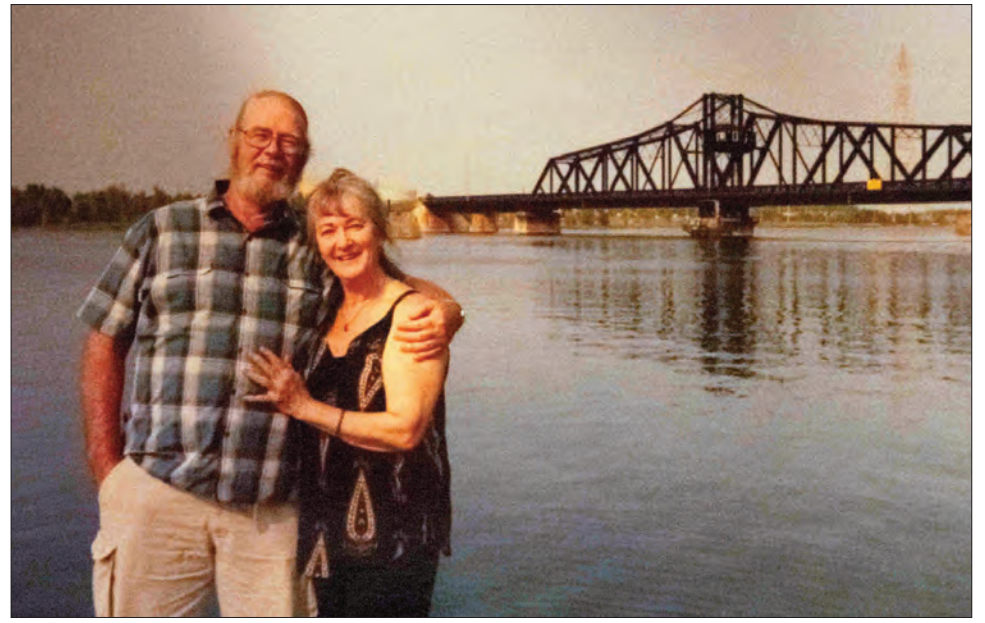
In May of 1981, Tim got work at the MacDiarmid MNR base in Beardmore, in the Nipigon area. For seven

years Tim worked on a boat, assessing the size of fish populations on commercially fished Lake Nipissing. He also did enforcement but wanted to leave that branch of the MNR and work only in 'Fisheries and Research.' The couple bought a house and added two bedrooms. Lorraine took government courses and found part-time work as both a librarian and a home-support worker. "We still visited our parents at Lake Biscotasi where I taught my daughters to swim as my mother had taught us earlier."

"In 1984, I was visiting my parents in Sudbury when brother Brian working for FedNor, was going to

visit Manitoulin. Rachel and I accompanied him on the two-day trip. We would also visit our brother Darren in Providence Bay. I had an immediate affection for the Island. The people were friendly and the Island was so beautiful. I felt a spiritual connection and later shared with Tim that I had "found the place where I wanted us to live for the rest of our lives."

"In early 1988, Tim got a position at the fisheries research station in South Baymouth starting in May that year. We sold our home in Beardmore and in July moved into an MNR rental home in South Baymouth. In November, our Haweater



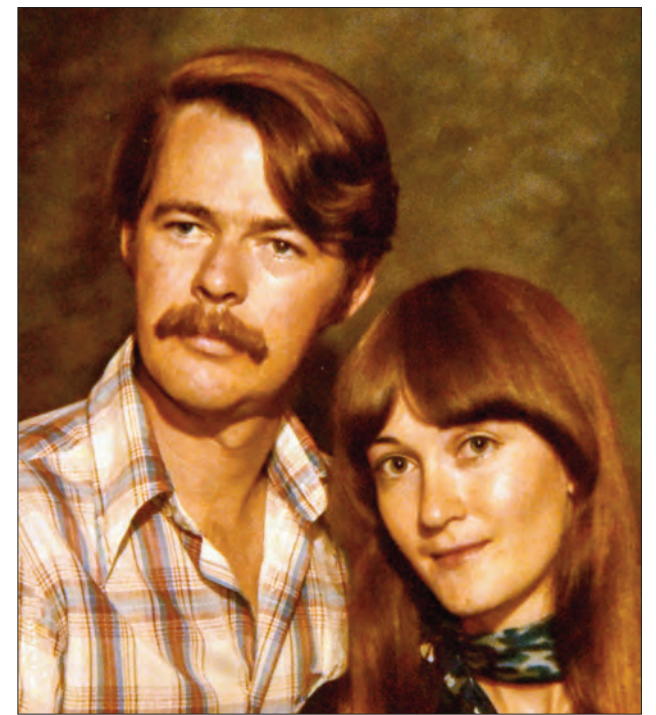
The happy couple, still going strong and celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2021.

son Derek Christopher Colin was born at the Mindemoya Hospital. In May 1989 we bought the Bryant farmhouse and 100 acres of land on Hwy 6. We believed this to be our forever home. We raised pheasants, chickens and turkeys."

Four years later, Queen's Park decided to close the research station and relocate the work to Owen Sound by September of 1993. "This was devastating news on many fronts. Tim was recovering from surgery and I was in the midst of chemotherapy. I had also become the first librarian in the newly established Tehkummah Township Public Library. We had built up community support and set up sources for more books. Lastly, we wanted to live on Manitoulin for the rest of our lives."

"We moved to Owen Sound in August 1993. Our Island land had been broken into three parcels. We sold off the farm portion, 96 acres, to a dear friend and sold the house and yard as one parcel. We retained about two acres of our favourite section for our future use." A rented home in Annan became their new location. It was soon replaced by a home in Shallow Lake in March of 1994. "By this time, Rachel had graduated from college, Jennifer was starting college, Sarah was starting high school and Derek was entering Kindergarten."

Lorraine began work as a PSW for Para-Med Health Services, having earned her PSW designation after night courses at



Tim and Lorraine in the late 1970s.

Georgian College. She also took courses in special infant care, Alzheimer's, palliative care and treatment for persons with ABI (acquired brain injury). "I loved the work, bonding with patients and families." Tim retired in 1999 but he continued to do short term contracts, captaining boats and ensuring fire safety in the north. In 2005, he and Lorraine began to clear their Manitoulin land and build their cottage. "By 2008 we were spending more time there and by the following summer, we knew we wanted to move there permanently. All the children had moved out. We sold the big house in Shallow Lake in a week, and we ramped up the 'cottage-to-home conversion' on Manitoulin Island, adding a large

living room. We moved in November 2009."

Were you named after anyone? "Derek was my dad's name." "Elizabeth Lorraine was chosen because I was born the year Queen Elizabeth was crowned."

Fondest memories? "The birth of our children and grandchildren, fishing and coming to Manitoulin." Favourite pets? "Bunty, a feline and Maggie the rescue cat."

Favourite season? "Summer for fishing, family visiting and outdoor activities. Fall for hunting and the colours." Lorraine also enjoys the 'newness' of spring.

Favourite television shows? "News, political analysis and British detec-

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coming events
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26-30p

Sunday, December 3 at St. Paul's Anglican church on Spragge Street, Manitowaning invites you to a pre-Christmas gathering at 1:30 pm. Please bring your favourite potluck sweet or savory dish to share. Following the food and fellowship will be a service of Christmas lessons and carols. Everyone welcome. For more information call 705-859-3041 or 705-859-1212. Hope to see you there, Sunday, December 3 at 1:30 pm.
26-28p

coming events
12th annual Christmas in Tehkummah, at the Tehkummah Hall on Saturday, December 2 from 10 am to 2 pm. Lots of vendors, come shop, enjoy music, lunch and socializing. Sponsored by Tehkummah Township Public Library.
27-28c

You are cordially invited to have breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus on Saturday, December 2 from 9 to 10:30 am at the Little Current United Church Hall. \$5 per person. Parents and children come and enjoy a morning with the Claus family that will always be remembered. Breakfast menu: juice, fruit, sausage and pancakes with maple syrup. There will be a surprise gift from Santa for each child. Bring your camera to take your own pictures. We hope to see you there! Love, Santa and Mrs. Claus.
26-28p

Annual Cookie Walk at All Saints Anglican Church in Gore Bay on Saturday, December 2 from 10 am to 3 pm. A wide selection of your favourite cookies to choose from and in time for Christmas. All proceeds for outreach programs locally and internationally.
26-28p

St. Bernard's Christmas Snowflake Tea, 19 Hayward Street, Little Current on Saturday, December 2 from 11 am to 1 pm. Serving soup, sandwiches, desserts also will have tables of baked goods for sale and a cake walk. Adults, \$12; children 5 to 12 years old, \$6.
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MHC Hospital Auxiliary, Little Current Cookie Walk, Saturday, December 9, 10 am to 2 pm at the Little Current United Church, 5 Robinson Street. All proceeds go to Patient Services. Walk from table to table gathering delicious Christmas cookies! \$25 for a large container; \$15 for a small container.
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 tive shows."
 Awards? "Ontario Scholar in Grade 13 and a French Language studies bursary for Lorraine. Tim won several carving awards from Ducks Unlimited.
 First salaries? \$2.49 in Chapeau for Tim and Lorraine, 35 cents an hour babysitting and 50 cents after midnight.
 Strengths? Tim: carving for 50 years, gardening, fishing and building

ber.
 If you could go back in time, is there anything you would change? "I would spend more time on things that matter, like being with people I love and less time on things that matter less, like housekeeping."
 "Today our daughter Rachel has a camp on Michael's Bay Road. She is a freelance illustrator, working from home in Hamilton. Husband Paul Riss is a co-owner of an



On their 50th anniversary with the family, from left are Derek, Sarah, Lorraine, Tim, Rachel and Jennifer.

camp. Lorraine: care giving, baking and communication.
 Anyone that inspired you? "Our parents."
 Recipe for happiness? "Sense of optimism to adjust to each other over time, spiced with a dose of humour to help trim off the edges. Love, commitment, and effective communication. Lastly, a sense of gratitude for what you have and the chances you get."



A nice Lake trout caught by Tim on the Manitou River last fall.

What are you most afraid of? "Losing our health."
 Anything you still want to do? "Stay healthy for travel to see our kids down south." Lorraine adds, "keeping the mind agile." That's sudoku for Tim and crosswords or the occasional French book for Lorraine.
 What did you enjoy most as a family? "Being part of a large family."
 Holiday traditions? "We celebrated a French Christmas on Christmas Eve, opening one gift, and a British Christmas on Christmas Day."
 Other contributions? Tim was vice president of the Legion in Beardmore, on the recreation committee in Tehkummah, where Lorraine, the first librarian, is a current board mem-

ber.
 advertising agency there, called Round. Their two children, Shepard and Georgia, are in high school. Jennifer is a trauma nurse in the critical care department at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto. Her husband Drew Fowle, from Little Current, is a firefighter and works in the nuclear medicine department at the Trillium Health Center in Toronto. They live in Pickering. He teaches firefighting at Humber and is an acting fire captain. They have twin girls Hannah and Harlow, both in public school.

"Sarah is a PSW and she and husband Mike Ward, a stonemason and building contractor, have moved to Sheguiandah. They have three sons, Connor and Maddoc at MSS and Declan at the Little Current Public School. Derek recently graduated from George Brown College in Architectural Design. He is doing freelance work. He and his partner Michelle live in Toronto. All four offspring love the Island, and the southern families visit regularly."

"We are so grateful every day that we moved to Manitoulin permanently. After 53 years, we still love each other and do so much together. The island is beautiful and there is a keen sense of history. People have always been welcoming, especially if you arrive to stay because you want to live here. It makes a stronger connection. Manitoulin has always felt like my spiritual home, since my first time here. We have been to the west coast often and many places in Canada, but Manitoulin always pulls us back home, where we hope to live forever."

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Ontario reaches tentative agreement with public elementary teachers

by Tom Sasvari

ONTARIO—Elementary school teachers in Ontario have reached a tentative contract agreement with the provincial government, that if ratified, would avert any possible central strikes in the next three years.

"I don't have any details and won't have any details on the tentative agreement until next week," Liana Holm, president of the Rainbow board ETFO, told The Expositor. "I do know we have a tentative deal for sure, and people will be happy with that."

The ETFO announced that the deal covering 80,000 teachers and occa-

sional teachers "protects their collective agreement entitlements and also addresses key bargaining goals," but is not making details public yet.

"This has been the longest round of central bargaining in ETFO's history (with over a year of bargaining), but we persisted," President Karen Brown said in a statement. "We remained focused on getting government cuts off the table and on addressing members working conditions, which are students learning conditions."

Stephen Lecce, Ontario minister of education said the deal involves some

items that will be decided through binding arbitration.

Ontario has already agreed to give public high school teachers and ETFO education workers retroactive salary increases to compensate them for constrained wages under a law known as Bill 124. Amounts were agreed to for two of the three years affected by Bill 124, but the amount for the third year will be decided at arbitration. He would not confirm if this was included in the ETFO agreement, reported Canadian Press.

"Our youngest in elementary schools need consistency in their lives,"

said Minister Lecce in a press release. "Our priority is to ensure children remain in class without disruption, with a focus on going back to basics so students can master reading, writing and math skills."

"To deliver on our commitment to parents and provide stability in their lives, I am pleased to announce that we have reached a tentative central agreement with the ETFO," said Minister Lecce. "This agreement brings us one step closer to ensuring there will be no province wide job actions or strikes in all English-language public schools for the next three years."

"This is another significant tentative deal that demonstrates our government's relentless focus on stability and getting students 'back to basics' in the classroom," said Minister Lecce. "I urge the remaining teacher's unions to end the delay and come to the table and sign an agreement that ensures every child in Ontario can learn without the threat of strikes over the next three years. The time is now to get this done."

Members of ETFO had previously voted 95 per cent in favour of a central strike, and Ms. Brown said that is what made the difference at the bargaining table. "Once they saw that strong mandate, we saw some movement," she said.

Local deals also get bargained with individual school boards and Ms. Brown said ETFO locals retain the ability to strike if those negotiations stall.

The government is still in bargaining with the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association, whose members also voted in favour of a strike, and with the union representing teachers in the French public system.

Public high school teachers are going to binding arbitration with the government in order to get a new contract, eliminating the possibility of a strike.



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Wiikwemkoong Tourism takes part in voyage to Germany to promote Indigenous tourism

by Tom Sasvari

WIKWEMKOONG—Wiikwemkoong Tourism representatives joined Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada (ITAC) and Destination Canada representatives on a recent trip to Germany for Canada Showcase Europe 2023, showcasing Indigenous tourism across the country including promoting Manitoulin Island and the region to tourist operators from around Europe.

"We were promoting Manitoulin Island, Wiikwemkoong Tourism adventures, Point Grondine and Killarney at the event," said Luke Wassegijig, manager of Wiikwemkoong Tourism. He explained ITAC, in partnership with Destination Canada and some of the Indigenous provincial and territorial partners and indigenous tourism businesses, showcased indigenous tourism at Canada Showcase Europe 2023 in Hamburg, Germany from November 10-17. This tourism tradeshow is a platform and marketplace where Canadian suppliers connect with European and British tourism professionals, creating an avenue to promote Canadian destinations, tourism products and experiences.

"We were promoting the multi-day activities available on Manitoulin Island, and Killarney, partners and business promoting the region as a tourism destination," said Mr. Wassegijig. "We had over 50 appointments with European and British tourism providers in one-on-one sessions (15 minutes apiece) with buyers from countries like Germany, Netherlands, Britain and Switzerland."

Mr. Wassegijig pointed out on November 8, "A showcase was held at the Canada Embassy in Berlin, with other tourism operations, and Indigenous tourism organizations."

"The Canada Showcase in Hamburg was held with the idea of connecting Canada to Europe and British tourism providers," continued Mr. Wassegijig.

Canada Showcase Europe is more than a marketplace, it is an opportunity to strengthen business relationships and enhance sales within the European tourism industry. ITAC's Director of Marketing, Tamara Littlelight and Communications Manager Ryan Rogers were among those who participated in CRD Tourisk's North America Days on November 10 and 12.

CRD Tourisk's North America Days 2023 consisted of insightful presentations by 40 partners hailing from the United States and Canada, delectable culinary offerings showcasing the flavours of North America, a captivating photo exhibition featuring works from Alberta, and engaging lectures all complemented by a compelling competition spanning seven floors.

"The marketing objectives for CRD Tourisk's North America Days 2023



Luke Wassegijig, second from right, manager of Wiikwemkoong Tourism helped showcase Indigenous tourism at Canada Showcase Europe 2023 in Hamburg, Germany.

extended beyond simple promotion; it aims to increase awareness, generate travel interest, and facilitate face-to-face communication. By understanding customer needs and desires, the event seeks to increase bookings, room nights, and the length of stay. Notably, the focus is on highlighting off-the-beaten track destinations and off-season experiences," a release explained.

Wiikwemkoong Tourism was one of nine Indigenous tourism operators, which included provincial and territorial Indigenous tourism partners from Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Quebec.

Each organization contributed to the understanding and appreciation of Indigenous experiences from Canada, offering a glimpse into the rich heritage and natural beauty that awaits visitors. Next, a comprehensive training event awaited participants, followed by a strategic session led by Destination Canada.

From November 14-16, over 100 travel trade representatives were present, and appointments were booked, including sessions with tour operators, receptive tour operators, and travel agents, underscoring the interest in collaboration and opportunities to bring more visitors to Indigenous tourism experienced in Canada.

On November 17, the focus shifted to media engagement with a breakfast event and one on one appointments. Approximately 35 German media representatives attended with this session aimed to showcase tourism's unique stories and experiences.

"The biggest thing is creating awareness with European travel experts," said Mr. Wassegijig. He pointed out in 2026 North America will be hosting the FIFA World Cup in Canada, Mexico and the US. "A lot of European travel destination operators say there is a lot of excitement about the event, and there will be teams from Europe that will have a lot of fans travelling with them. Our job

will be to promote and build up Manitoulin Island and Killarney as tourist

destinations while they are in Canada," said Mr. Wassegijig. He said there

will be a gap of three or four days between games and this allows for promo-

tion of these fans travelling to Manitoulin, Killarney and Northern Ontario.

Death Notices

LEWIS GRANT LANKTREE



Just two months shy of his 90th birthday, Lew passed over to the spirit world surrounded by an immense amount of love and respect. After learning he had inoperable brain cancer, Lew made the courageous decision to meet his death head on and chose medical assistance in dying, which took place on Thursday, November 23, 2023 at Health Sciences North. Lew was born in Britianville (Spring Bay) in 1934 to Frank and Thelma (Lewis) and was the eldest of four boys. It is a great comfort to know that Lew will once again be united with his parents and brothers (Fred, Jim and Morley), as well as with the love of his life, his wife, Joanne (Greenman) who predeceased Lew in 2006 and his son, Dale, who predeceased Lew in 2022. Lew made his living in a variety of ways including sailing and mining, but his heart was always the happiest when he was farming or working in the bush. Lew's family is so thankful that he was able to fire up his chainsaw and enjoy his acreage at 'The Palace' right up until the end. There is no doubt that Lew, the King of One-Liners, will be missed by his Mum's coffee crew and that his name will be brought up at bonspiels and ball diamonds for years to come. Choosing when one leaves this world is an immense gift as it allowed Lew's daughters, Sherry (Dan) Forest and Susan (Rich) Whynott; Lew's granddaughters, Tara (Dave), Tanya (Jeremie), Jamey (Tanner) and Taylor (Tom) the opportunity to spend the last four days of Lew's life with him, and with one another. Lew's legacy will live on in his grandson, Chris and in his two beautiful great-grandchildren, Liam and Emma, who thought the world of their great-grandpa. The list of those who will miss Lew wouldn't be complete without mentioning his two 'bonus' family members, his third son-in-law, Darryl Van Horn and his favourite pie-maker, Marilyn Proulx. A Celebration of Grandpa Lew's Life will take place at the Mindemoya Curling Club on Saturday, January 20, 2024 and it is our hope that during this Celebration, those who knew, and loved Lew will show up with a memory or a story to share. For those who would like to make a donation on Lew's behalf, please reach out to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary, as both Lew and Joanne received wonderful care at the Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya site.

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Great Lakes Islands Alliance holds retreat to help island communities in the Great Lakes prepare for the future

by Joe Shorthouse
 CEDARVILLE, Mich.—The Steering Committee of the Great Lakes Islands Alliance (GLIA) met from October 2-5 in Cedarville, Michigan, near the Les Cheneaux islands in northern Lake Huron with a challenging task – decide how the Alliance can best support the residents of islands as they face environmental and socio-economic issues over the next 10 years.

GLIA is a voluntary, collaborative, bi-national network that brings together leaders from 20 inhabited islands across all five Great Lakes. Established in 2018, the self-imposed mission of GLIA is to “enhance relationship building, foster the exchange of information, and leverage resources to address shared challenges and embrace opportunities that benefit islands.”

The Alliance coordinates discussions across two primary focus areas: (1) environmental stewardship such as biodiversity conservation, Great Lakes water quality and water levels and waste management, and (2) socio-economic well-being, with such far-ranging topics as tourism, ferries, housing, education and local governance.

Many of the topics discussed by GLIA are also relevant to mainland communities; however, GLIA has found that the specific chal-



Work session of participants at a retreat funded by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation held in early October at Cedarville, Michigan near the Cheneaux islands to discuss current and future issues faced by Great Lakes islands with permanent residents. Kate Tagai, kneeling, with the Island Institute of Maine, kept the meeting focused with continuous flow diagrams of ideas and priorities.

lenges—and their potential solutions—are different for isolated communities surrounded by water.

Now five years old, GLIA is looking to the future. The October meeting served as a leadership retreat for its steering committee plus several advisors. GLIA's steering committee consists of islanders from each of the five Great Lakes. An outside facilitator from the Island Institute, a valued partner from Rockland, Maine, led the 10 participants through a series of visioning, brainstorming

and prioritization exercises.

The purpose of the retreat was to recognize GLIA's current operations and impact, and then decide what changes are needed to help grow the network and provide support to islands so they can sustain themselves now and into the future.

The retreat drew attention to the need for GLIA to contribute to solving problems such as the high cost of housing, inability of the hospitality industry to find employees, invading shore-

line plants, loss of biodiversity, enhancing tourism, emergency preparedness, keeping young people on islands and disposal of garbage and large debris. GLIA recognizes that Great Lakes islands are on the front line of impacts from climate change and that island communities need help in building resilience in the face of many adverse changes.

Participants have learned from global events. For example, the recent disaster in Maui and the numerous forest fires in western Cana-

da are causing islanders here to consider their own risk from forest fires or other catastrophes.

Retreat participants questioned if any of the Great Lakes islands had prevention or response plans in place in their own communities. They pondered if GLIA could serve as a resource to compile and share plans from individual islands—response plans, master plans, tourism or recreation plans, housing plans and more—or more importantly, the processes by which they are developed, funded and implemented.

After discussing how these issues play out on different islands, participants debated if and how GLIA can assist with finding and implementing solutions for 20 unique communities across the vast region. As a diffuse, virtual network, it does not have dozens of staff or a central physical office.

One outcome of the retreat was confirmation that GLIA does have a role to play and would benefit from additional capacity. This could be either through more volunteers from islands or perhaps paid employees to help with tasks such as program development, marketing and communications, fundraising and assembling and distributing island

data. Ultimately, the results of the retreat will help create a 10-year strategic plan for GLIA. This roadmap is expected to be released in early 2024.

GLIA continues to leverage its relationships with other organizations and networks around the region and world. These include the Maine Islands Coalition, a 15-island association in coastal Maine that is facilitated by the Island Institute, which was the original inspiration for GLIA.

While in Cedarville, the retreat participants met with local officials and toured facilities serving the Les Cheneaux Islands as well as Drummond Island, 45 minutes to the east.

The retreat was made possible by generous funding from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, managed by The Stewardship Network, a non-profit out of Ann Arbor, Michigan which serves as GLIA's fiscal sponsor.

Membership in GLIA is free and open to all Great Lakes islanders. For information on GLIA, visit glaia.org or contact Angela LeFevre-Welke, chair, GLIA steering committee at angel@islandairways.com or Matt Preisser, GLIA coordinator, at PreisserM@michigan.gov.



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Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School donates dog houses

by Tom Sasvari

AJAX—Insulated dog houses, being built by students at a high school in Ajax have been shipped to Manitoulin Island to provide homes for dogs that live outside.

“All seven dog houses we have made so far have been shipped up to Manitoulin Island,” said Alex Ladouceur who is a construction technology teacher at Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School in Ajax. “I teach construction technology, architecture and technological design.”

Mr. Ladouceur explained his students have been making the dog houses for the past two years. “This is a wonderful project, and we will be starting our third version of the project soon.” He is in his third year of teaching, having formally been the site superintendent for a developer in Toronto. “I was very lucky to be placed in this school as a head construction teacher. I wanted to come up with some projects that would provide theoretical lessons as well as construction.”

Due to space limitations, the class couldn't build sheds, said Mr. Ladouceur. “Then I had the idea of the students building dog houses, but the question was, ‘what would we do with them?’ I called around to animal shelters to see if they were interested, and the Toronto SPCA (Society



Students in the construction technology class at Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School in Ajax have constructed seven insulated dog houses that have been shipped up to several Manitoulin Island communities including Aundeck Omni Kaning, Whitefish River First Nation, Sheshegwaning First Nation and Sheguiandah First Nation.

for the Protection of Animals) and humane societies. He was put in contact with the Animal Health Network. “I talked to a lady there that said if we constructed the dog houses, they would take care of the shipping and would send them to locations where they know there is a need for these type of dog houses.”

“She provided us schematic designs on how they should be constructed, for instance, there are two chambers on the houses that can control wind,” said Mr. Ladouceur. “They are fully insulated, and each has a hinge to replace bedding in the house. They are

totally insulated (on the inside and outside) and weather proofed, to stand up to all seasons. And the houses are decorated by students in our art department.”

“We have completed seven dog houses in total,” said Mr. Ladouceur pointing out the houses are three feet by six feet in size and three foot high. “They are very expensive to make, and we have to rely solely on donations. We have been lucky that Nestle Purina gave us a donation as did Pet Valu, and the local school board.”

“We have many students sign up for the course,” stated Mr. Ladouceur. “I

only had one or two girls in the first year I taught the course and now one of the classes I have is an all-girls class.”

“It's been great. To be honest, I don't know which communities on the Island the houses have gone to, but I know they have all gone to Manitoulin communities. And I'm pretty sure the

next batch of dog houses we make will also be going to Manitoulin Island.”

The third version of the construction of the dog houses will take place in early December and will continue until around the middle of January when the dog houses will again be shipped to communities on Manitoulin Island.

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Island resident pens definitive Manitoulin hiking trail guidebook

by Michael Erskine
 MANITOULIN—Exploring Manitoulin Island's many trails has just gotten a lot easier thanks to the work of author Julieanne Steedman whose new guidebook 'Manitoulin Hiking Trails' details everything a hiker needs to know about hiking the Island.

Ms. Steedman is a familiar face to be found regularly at the Kagawong market in the summer months and

at Christmas bazaars and fairs in the cooler months. As a visual artist of some renown, her works can be found at many Island galleries and her Great Lakes sculpture graces the community garden in Providence Bay.

Ms. Steedman came upon the idea of creating the guidebook thanks, in part, to the popularity of the Island's famous Cup and Saucer Trail. "This is a

lovely trail, but there is a reason it's nick-named the 401—because in the summer, it's jam-packed with visitors," she explained in a release. Ms. Steedman noted that it always seemed strange to her that people come to Manitoulin for its beauty and solitude and then go hiking on an incredibly busy trail. This was especially puzzling, given that Manitoulin has several trails that offer amazing experiences in nature that don't involve jostling shoulders with crowds of other hikers.

Being fond of nature and the outdoors, and having lived on Manitoulin for many years, Ms. Steedman was already familiar with some of the other Island trails. With the idea of sharing more about what Manitoulin has to offer, she set about gathering more detailed information for a definitive guide.

Over the course of four months, the intrepid hiker set out to catalogue local hiking trails, and with 120 kilometres of wear on her boots, she felt ready to pass what she had discovered onto to others.

"My sister and I joked when I set out exploring that I would be happy to find 15 trails to share ... I was blown away to end up with a whopping 40 trails in the book," the author said. "This project turned out to be about so much more than hiking: it's about the truly wonderful people on Manitoulin, the beauty that

can be found on the trails, and about how getting outside is just good for our souls."

The result is 'Manitoulin Island Hiking Trails: Walk, Hike or Bike: a game-changing guide to exploring the outdoors on Manitoulin Island,' a tome that provides its readers all the information needed to find the trail most suitable to their abilities and taste for adventure. The trails are catalogued by type, walking, hiking, or mountain

biking and include important information on how challenging the trail is, with maps, locations and parking information also provided.

Not just a compendium of trail information, the guidebook also offers suggestions on other things to explore on Manitoulin Island such as museums, restaurants and playgrounds to entertain the kids.

For visitors to Manitoulin Island, there is now a

chance to explore the trails less travelled—although the Cup and Saucer will likely remain one of the top hiking destinations in the region.

Manitoulin Hiking Trails can be purchased at the bookshop located in The Expositor Office in Little Current. In fact, the bookshop offers a wide range of books, both non-fiction and fiction—perfect gifts for the reader to place under the tree.



Julieanne Steedman's new book 'Manitoulin Island Hiking Trails' is available at The Expositor Office bookstore.



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One of the 34 vendors tables set up at the Gore Bay Christmas Market was the one put on by the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home Auxiliary. The auxiliary had a whole host of delicious treats for sale. In photo from left is Mona Lewis, Gloria Hall, Donna Noble and Phyllis Cacciotti.

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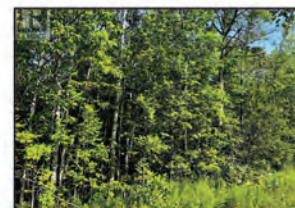
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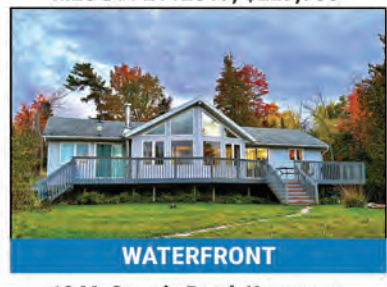
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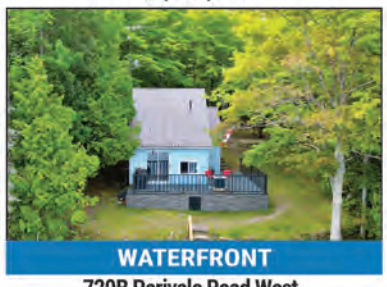
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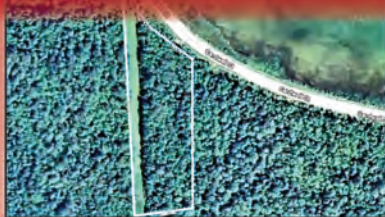
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Marian Jacko re-elected as a director on Hockey Canada board

WIKWEMKOONG—Marian Jacko of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT) has been re-elected to the Hockey Canada board of directors

"I am excited (to be re-elected) to the board," Ms. Jacko told The Expositor. "I had been on the organization's transition board of directors for the past 11 months, where we had to reflect on recommendations that had been made (by the Hon. Thomas Cromwell, on leadership renewal, sport safety, good governance and financial transparency and accountability for Hockey Canada). We implemented most of the recommendations, including changes in the election process (which saw the chair of the board appointed by the elected directors, rather than the previous practice of being elected by the members)."

Ms. Jacko was re-elected along with Grant Borbridge and Jonathan Goldbloom. Hockey Canada's 13 members elected the organization's new volunteer board of directors (made up of nine members). Ms. Jacko will serve for a two-year term.

The board appointed Mr. Goldbloom, a resident of Montreal, as its chair, and he will serve in the role for a three-year term.

"I am very proud of the meaningful progress that our transition board of directors made in leadership renewal, sport safety, good governance and financial transparency and accountability for Hockey Canada," said Mr. Goldbloom. "We have a strong foundation to build upon and I am eager to work with my new colleagues and Hockey Canada's leadership team to continue to advance the sport that we love as Canadians."

Ms. Jacko noted that as for her role with the Little Native Hockey League (LNHL), "on November 19 the LNHL held an emergency executive meeting. I let the executive know that I was prepared to resign (as President) and fulfill the role of past president."

The LNHL executive decided to expand Ms. Jacko's leave of absence as president. In her place, the vice-president, Chico Ralf



Marian Jacko of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory has been re-elected to the Hockey Canada board of directors.

will serve as the acting president until further notice.

"While on leave and not on the LNHL executive, Marian will continue to volunteer to help with the planning and coordination of the upcoming 50th anniversary LNHL taking place in March 2024," a release explained.

"So, I will still be able to volunteer at the LNHL," said Ms. Jacko. "I will still be involved in the event and I am looking forward to the 50th anniversary celebrations."

Ms. Jacko is the Assistant Deputy Attorney General for the Indigenous Justice Division of the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General. Prior to this role, she was appointed by Order-in-Council as The Children's Lawyer for Ontario, where she spent nearly 20 years representing and advocating for the personal and property rights of children and youth.

Ms. Jacko has spent her entire 24-year legal career tirelessly working on behalf of children and Indigenous peoples.

She raised her eldest child as a single parent while earning three university degrees, including a master's degree in social work and a law degree from the University of Toronto.

While working full-time as a lawyer and raising three children, Ms. Jacko obtained her Master of Law degree from York University in 2005.

Ms. Jacko strongly believes in community service, serving on many non-profit organization's boards and advisory committees over the years. She also joins a volunteer board of mentors with the Future of Hockey Lab whose work is committed to values-based social innovation and culture change while growing the game of ice hockey.

Ms. Jacko has over a decade of coaching experience having coached at the Little NHL over many years, at the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships and the Ontario Summer Games. She had been the head coach of the U18A team in North York. However, "I am no longer permitted to coach (as a member of the Hockey Canada board). Last year I was allowed to finish the season because the team was already so far into the season. This is the first year I haven't been a hockey coach for a long time. I do miss it. But I'm looking forward to being a director on the Hockey Canada board.

Manitoulin Sporting Life

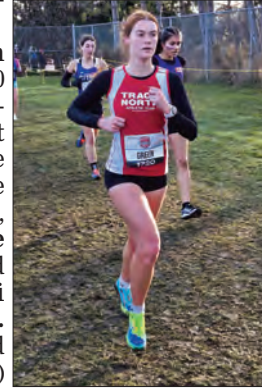
Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

C.C.C.C!

OK, there was one more race for some Manitoulin runners! In fact, seven Mustangs, were running inside Track North, singlets at the 2023 Canadian Cross Country Championships last week in Ottawa! The Island featured these, dedicated and well-trained athletes.

Alan Wilkin ran in the U20 Boys' race, finishing 109th against the best in the country! In the U18 contest, **Brodie Pennie** finished 61st and teammates **Xavi Mara** 198, **T.J. Green** (225) and **Matt Wilkin** (279) as well as Track North teammate, **Max Portelance** from Sudbury (236) to qualify a team 27th of 29 teams.

In the U18 Girls' event, **Maren Kasunich** ran an amazing race finishing 21st and MSS teammate, **Mackenzie Green** (163) combined with Track North's **Lauren Pineau** (144), **Georgia Lepage** (89) and **Katelyn De Poli** (169) the team placed 12th of 21 teams!



Mackenzie Green

Off their rock, hockey!

Catch-up time for **Kohyn Eshkawogan**! He is currently playing the 2023/24 season with North York Rangers U16 AAA of the GTHL U16 where he has 4 goals, 14 assist in 25 games played as a defenseman. He and his team are leading the league and are ranked 6th in Canada on My Hockey Rankings!

His team has an Instagram page with lots of fun team info. Kohyn is a popular player and is now being referred to as "The Ko Show" in the league! He takes pride in his defensive play and being a + player while helping chip in offensively when the opportunity presents itself. For instance, he scored the GWG just this Saturday in the last minute of play! He's putting in the work and definitely on the radar of many OHL teams. Keep up the hard work, Kohyn!

As a side note, two of his teammates have Manitoulin connections. **Owen Barfoot** and his family have a hunt camp near Kagawong and **Charlie Ashcroft** and his family have a camp on Manitou.

A true Sportsman, Lew will be missed

Lew Lanktree from Mindemoya, passed away recently. Lew was one of those rare personalities who helped define our community, making it a much better place for him being there. He was a tireless, altruistic volunteer that everyone wanted for their event because of his gregarious, positivity. He was that charismatic character who connected with people and always a quick wit, keeping things light. He wasn't the type who would not, simply acknowledge you on the street, he would take the time to actually engage with you. Even if you didn't know the man, but have been at an event in the township, you likely saw him there or he was behind the scenes in some capacity!

I reached out to his daughter **Sue (Whynott)** during this emotional time and she very generously put together a few memories. Sue says that Lew had a lifelong love of sports that started while he was growing up on the family farm in Spring Bay. Dad, along with his brothers and cousins would either get a ball game going in the summer or a hockey game going in the winter complete with a horse turd for a puck ... or so Lew would tell the story!

"Fastball was definitely one of Dad's main passions as he was either playing, coaching (men's and women's teams in Spring Bay and Mindemoya over a 30 year span) or helping to organize a tournament. Dad was the main 'diamond' guy in Mindemoya for the last couple of decades, always

making sure the fields were ready for others to utilize. He assisted the Special Olympics organization by ensuring the diamonds were in tip top shape for their annual, Manitoulin Special Olympics ball tournament. On behalf of the Lions Club, of which Dad is a member, he organized and ran the Homecoming Men's Fastball Tournament for many years, up until COVID put the kibosh on that. He also helped out **Greg Lockeyer** in regards to the Youth Tournament, **Karlene Scott** for many years in regards to prepping the diamonds for Pearson Cup and CMPS in regards to the Island elementary tournament."

Lew started curling when he lived and worked in Elliot Lake in the early '60s and this sport turned out to be his number-one, lifelong athletic passion and he was still curling last season at the age of 89, over 60 years after throwing his first stone. He was fiercely competitive and won more than his share of bonspiels, both off and on the Island. He also enjoyed golfing and for years took part in Seniors mornings at Brookwood Brae.

Sue recalls, "Dad loved to watch his children and grandchildren play sports. He never missed a basketball, fastball, blooperball or a hockey game if a granddaughter was playing, and just this past Pearson Cup, Dad at the age of 89, coached his daughters when Sherry and I resurrected (after a 20 year hiatus) our 'Circus Purple' team. We didn't win a game but that wasn't the coach's fault!"

Lew loved to watch sportsman hockey and would travel to every town depending on where the tournament was on any particular weekend. He was fiercely proud of how many great athletes the Island produced.

After receiving my message, Sue went the extra km and reached out to a few people who knew Lew in a variety of sports-minded ways to see if they would like to send her a quote. Of course, people from all over the Island were quick to share. Here are a few!

JP Peltier related, "Lew always welcomed the Wiky Lumberjacks to Mindemoya's Homecoming Weekend tournament, which was the best fastball tournament held on Manitoulin, attracting teams and players from all over Ontario. We are going to miss seeing Lew's smile at the ball diamond!"

Janet Anning laments the loss with, "Lew got involved in Special Olympics in 2006 when we hosted our first softball tournament. Lew said he would take care of our fields that year and then helped us to run this tournament for the next 12 years. Everyone looked forward to seeing Lew, he was the first one to arrive in the morning and the last to leave at the end of the day. When our athletes started curling, Lew stepped up to help with that as well, preparing the ice so it was ready for our athletes to practice on. Lew was so well loved and respected by all of our athletes and volunteers, and his words of wisdom will be missed by all."

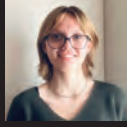
Todd Bailey had the neatest anecdote. "I knew Lew for the greater part of my life, mostly through curling. But, I preferred the last few years as I was curling with him rather than against him! 2017 was the first year we curled the Island circuit together, resulting in the most memorable curling year of my life. Lew, at the age of 83, skipped us through 6 bonspiels - winning 2 of them, coming in as runner-up in the 1st event final in 3 of them and winning the 2nd event final in the 6th spiel.

There were many lessons to be learned curling with Lew. The most important was while at a Mindemoya men's spiel. I was having a particularly poor game and was upset. Lew looked at me with that half grin and said "You know Todd, if we made all the shots, we wouldn't be curling here! Well, my old friend, wherever you are now, I hope you're "making them all!"

Indeed.

A good sport is good for sports!
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M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

MSS continues to prove that high school is not just about academic pursuits. In recent weeks, MSS has been busy with various events that bring students and their community together, emphasizing how important it is to give back. With events like Give Change to Make Change, MSS is modelling how to support one another as we head into the holiday season.

SHARE/Go Green ran the Give Change to Make Change event on Friday, November 24. Club members visited all homeroom classes collecting change to support humanitarian efforts in the Middle East. Students took the opportunity to contribute to a cause beyond their immediate surroundings. The campaign raised over \$200 and raised awareness about current global issues, allowing students to make a positive impact.

The new school group, Headstrong, has made waves in the past couple weeks. They are taking a proactive approach to mental health awareness at MSS with weekly meetings and a mental health fact or tip every Tuesday. This week's mental health fact from Headstrong is, "There are different parts to mental health; stress, anxiety, emotions, and connec-

tions."

In the spirit of giving, Headstrong is organizing a drive to collect gift donations for Manitoulin Family Resources Christmas Hampers. Students can drop off gift donations for young children or teens outside of the social work office to be added to the hampers. This not only emphasizes the importance of generosity but also instills a sense of responsibility toward the local community. Headstrong wants to remind everyone that, "Helping others promotes good mental health for ourselves and others!"

As the year approaches its end, anticipation is building for Awards Night on December 21. This event is not just about academic achievements but also celebrates the dedication, leadership, and talents of our newly graduated students. Local donors contribute to scholarships that will be awarded to those who have demonstrated excellence in multiple areas during their time at MSS.

Grad photos were taken on Monday, November 27 and Tuesday, November 28. Even though it is still early in the year, anticipation of



A discerning shopper

This young miss was checking the Little Current Ladies' Days sales at Turners of Little Current last week.

photo by Michael Erskine

graduation day is building for senior students. Even after graduation, these photos will be here to remind them of their years at MSS. MSS is showing students that high school can be

more than just going to class. Through initiatives promoting unity and giving back, MSS has proven that community and empathy are also a part of the high school experience.

Reminder: there are only four weeks left until Christmas Break.

Until next time, go, Mustangs, go!

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Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Emery Watson

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MERRISA MCQUARRIE

With a volleyball in hand and a bright smile on her face, Merissa can be found constantly on the move! During her second year as a Mustang, Merissa 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. Merissa has already established herself as an excellent all around player, creating a promising athletic future for her time at MSS!

Before becoming a Mustang, Merissa was a student at Charles C. McLean Public School. Here, her love of athletics blossomed. Merissa found herself taking advantage of every opportunity to play the sports she loved, enjoying the numerous friendships athletics brought to her. In public school, she participated in track and field where she competed in shot put. She was also a part of her school's volleyball team and soccer team. The wide variety of different sports is something Merissa loves about athletics.

Being a part of numerous sports teams, when looking back on her elementary days, volleyball holds many of Merissa's most cherished memories. She notes that her volleyball team, especially that of her grade 6 year, played a major role in the player she is today. Merissa remembers practices being something she always looked forward to and notes that her gym teacher at the time, Mr. Smith, always encouraged her to do her best when working toward improvement! She recalls it as the sport she always looked forward to at the start of a new year.

That love for volleyball stayed with Merissa as she came to MSS, eager to put her talents and skills to work sporting her new school colours, black and gold! Being a first year Mustang last year, Merissa was incredibly excited to experience her first NOSSA competition with the junior girls' volleyball team. Playing in the position of a right side, Merissa constantly worked hard to improve her own skills and was constantly seen as a positive team player! Their dedication paid off with their team ending the season with an incredible second place at the NOSSA level. Merissa carries that same passion for volleyball into this season, where she is currently undergoing tryouts for this upcoming season.

Although volleyball is one of Merissa's favourite ways to meet new people and stay busy, she also enjoys staying active outside of her school sports. Merissa keeps active daily by walking her dogs. Having multiple four-legged friends in her house, she is constantly kept busy with the constant walks and adventures her dogs Addie, Daisy, Bentley and Ike take her on!


Outside of her school activities, Merissa is seen as a model citizen in her community. She has been found volunteering on numerous occasions for multiple events such as Harbour Days in the town of Gore Bay and outside her community volunteering for Bobi's Play School in Meaford, Ontario. Merissa spends her summers working for the Gordon/Barrie Island township and occasionally walks dogs for her local neighbours.

Growing up with lots of little cousins, Merissa has grown to love being around kids! In the classroom, Merissa is as dedicated to her academics as her athletics. She works hard with the hope of one day becoming a teacher. In school, her favourite subject is math because she notes it is something that comes fairly naturally to her and she likes that there is always one right answer to work toward.

Merissa has grown up with many great inspirations, but someone she notes who means the world to her and doesn't get enough recognition is her aunt. Merissa notes that her aunt is her biggest inspiration because she is loving, supportive and always there for her. She is truly grateful for all the valuable life lessons her aunt has taught her and has always admired her beauty, hoping to one day be just like her aunt in numerous ways!


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

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



Position Title: Chief Executive Officer
Remuneration: Based on Education & Experience
Employment Status: Regular Full-Time
Closing Date: Friday, December 8, 2023 – 12 noon

Reporting Relationship
 The Chief Executive Officer will report to the United Chiefs and Councils of Mniidoo Mnising (UCCMM) Tribal Chair and Board of Directors.

Position Summary
 The Chief Executive Officer is ultimately responsible for the overall administration and operation of the UCCMM providing service to six member First Nation communities including Aundeck Omni Kaning, M'Chigeeng, Sheguiandah, Shesheganing, Whitefish River and Zhiibaahaasing. The Chief Executive Officer provides advice, recommendations and strategic initiatives to the Board of the Directors. The Chief Executive Officer directly supervises six (6) Senior Management Staff.

Key Areas of Responsibility

- To act as the administrative lead and link between senior managers and the UCCMM Board of Directors.
- Implement all decisions made by the Board of Directors.
- To ensure the UCCMM Tribal Council's Vision, Mission and Values are upheld.
- Support the Board of Directors by facilitating Strategic Planning Sessions and ensure that all strategic initiatives undertaken by the UCCMM Tribal Council benefit the six (6) member communities.
- Ensure clear communication to the Board of Directors including the provision of general updates in relation to the CEO as well as for all sectors within the UCCMM Tribal Council. Provide the Board of Directors with background material, research and information to support the Board of Directors in making sound decisions.
- Ensure that annual budgets are prepared for approval by the Board of Directors.
- Ensure that any budget amendments are approved by the Board of Directors.
- Provide the Board of Directors with quarterly financial reports.
- Ensure that all requirements for the annual audit are met.
- Ensure that meeting agendas, packages and minutes are prepared.
- Ensure that the By-Laws and policies including financial policies are up to date and approved by the Board of Directors.
- Recommend any key policy changes to the Board of Directors.
- Establish key long-term relationships with First Nations, affiliates and government partners that enhance the organization's representation for its members.
- Attend meetings as required – First Nations, affiliates, Indigenous organizations, partners and federal and provincial government.
- Promote the UCCMM Tribal Council Organization and First Nations through strategic public relations and government interactions.
- Ensure that the Board of Directors are supported by proper governance policies and leadership manuals.
- Inform the Board of Directors of emerging trends, threats and/or opportunities.
- Develop and enhance relationships between First Nations Organizations that the member First Nations are part of (ie. Castle Building Supply, Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre, McLeans Mountain Wind Farm, UCCM Anishinaabe Police Service, Kenjegin Teg, Noojmowin Teg, Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc., Kenjegin Teg and Ojibwe Cultural Foundation).
- Ensure oversight and provide recommendations and advice to the Board of Directors in relation to all aspects of existing claims and future claims benefiting the member First Nations.
- Provide support in any and all negotiations.
- Ensure regular communication to the Tribal Chair.
- Liaise with the First Nation's Band Managers as mandated by the Board of Directors.

Administration

- Direct Supervision of six (6) Senior Management Staff and ensuring that regular performance appraisals are completed.
- Responsible for human resources, strategic planning and contributing to a positive work environment.
- Ensure that all policies and procedures are updated and compliant with applicable legislation.
- Ensure the management and delivery of all programs and services.
- Development of annual work plans to include professional development relating to position.
- Practice strict confidentiality, privacy, ethical and non-bias approaches.
- Oversee the administration of finances of the Tribal Council.
- Review and approve all contracts and tenders and ensure that any contracts or tenders beyond the CEO authority are presented to the Board of Directors.
- Maintain and review up to date knowledge of all additional funding opportunities to support the UCCMM Tribal Council and its initiatives and ensuring that proposals are approved by the Board of Directors and submitted to the funding source.
- Ensure that staff have the ability to develop their capacity with professional development training.
- Ensure that all personnel files are maintained in strict confidence.
- Ensure and oversee effective communication between sectors.
- Ensure up-to-date knowledge on legislative changes impacting the UCCMM Tribal Council.
- All other duties as directed by the Tribal Chair and/or Board of Directors.

Qualifications and Requirements

- Post-Secondary degree in public policy, public management or related field.
- Minimum 5 years' experience in senior management role, including program development responsibilities and successful legislative advocacy experience, preferably on Indigenous issues.
- Have working knowledge of the Member First Nations of the UCCMM Tribal Council.
- Seasoned, knowledgeable and culturally astute leader who is highly adaptable to change and able to navigate through multi-faceted and complex environments.
- Significant knowledge and understanding of the 1850 Treaty, 1836 Treaty, Articles of 1862, 1990 Land Claim, and Federal Claims that impact the member First Nations.
- Proven experience negotiating and working within strategic partnerships.
- Excellent organizational, strategic, planning and implementation skills.
- Demonstrated excellent organizational management and administrative skills including strategic and operational planning, supervision and performance management, budget management and policy implementation.
- Strong leadership abilities:
 - o Leads, develops, mentors and motivates staff teams;
 - o Leads with diplomacy, transparency, honesty and teamwork.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Superior interpersonal skills and able to build and maintain strong relationships; approaches members, stakeholders and all relationships with respect and instills trust.
- High level of integrity, confidentiality and accountability.
- Possesses knowledge and deep understanding of Indigenous traditions, Indigenous issues and challenges and the relevant history and political landscape.

OTHER

- Self-motivated, ability to work independently and is team oriented.
- Have excellent time management skills and ability to multitask and prioritize to meet deadlines.
- Strong interpersonal and decisions making skills, analytical and problem-solving skills for nature of the work Must have knowledge and understanding of Anishinaabe culture, traditions and customs.
- Understanding and fluency of the Ojibwe language is an asset.
- Must have a valid Class "G" Driver's Licence.

Mail/drop off (no fax or email submissions) 1) cover letter 2) resume 3) copy of valid Ontario driver's licence 4) three work-related letters of reference including at least one from a direct supervisor/manager 5) current (within the past 3 months) criminal record check. Thank you for applying but only those candidates who are selected for an interview will be contacted.

Mark "Confidential-CEO" to:
Tribal Chair Chief Patsy Corbiere
 United Chiefs and Councils of Mniidoo Mnising
 Box 275, M'Chigeeng, ON, P0P 1G0



SUDOKU

1			5	7	9	4		
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Level: Beginner

Here's how it works:

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

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ANSWER:

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Nocturnal S. American rodent
 - 5. Requesting
 - 11. Give temporarily
 - 12. Happiness
 - 16. Military branch
 - 17. -, denotes past
 - 18. Middle Eastern city
 - 19. Air hostesses
 - 24. Partner to Pa
 - 25. Percussion instrument
 - 26. Popular computers
 - 27. Decrease light
 - 28. Valley in the Osh Region
 - 29. "To ___ his own"
 - 30. Absence of difficulty
 - 31. Notice announcing intended marriage read out in church
 - 33. Trims by cutting
 - 34. Impact
 - 38. Military member
 - 39. A French river
 - 40. Member of prehistoric people in Mexico
 - 43. Messenger ribonucleic acid
 - 44. Musician Clapton
 - 45. Greek sophist
 - 49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
 - 50. Narrow valley
 - 51. A way to disentangle
 - 53. Indicates not an issue (abbr.)
 - 54. Recommending
 - 56. Genus of legumes
 - 58. Friend to Larry and Curly
 - 59. Off-Broadway theater award
 - 60. Fencers
 - 63. Small Eurasian deer
 - 64. Denoting passerine birds
 - 65. Separate by category
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Colorless fluid part of blood
 - 2. Of a main artery
 - 3. Photographic equipment
 - 4. Confirms a point
 - 5. Developed over time
 - 6. Not the leader
 - 7. ___ Lang (country singer)
 - 8. Adults need one
 - 9. Nests of pheasants
 - 10. Antelopes
 - 13. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
 - 14. Japanese three-stringed lute
 - 15. Type of cat
 - 20. Cools your home
 - 21. The ancient Egyptian sun god
 - 22. Pouches
 - 23. Trigraph
 - 27. Form of Persian spoken in Afghanistan
 - 29. ___ route
 - 30. Body part
 - 31. Bridge building degree
 - 32. Indicates position
 - 33. Political action committee
 - 34. Tasty snack
 - 35. Part of a quadruped
 - 36. Locate
 - 37. Pitching statistic
 - 38. Of I
 - 40. City in Utah
 - 41. Football players in the trenches
 - 42. Hammer is one
 - 44. A "nightmarish" street
 - 45. Performers
 - 46. Slang for cut or scrape
 - 47. More breathable
 - 48. Most slick
 - 50. Provokes
 - 51. Home to college's Flyers
 - 52. Sodium
 - 54. Large fish of mackerel family
 - 55. Zero
 - 57. ___ and behold
 - 61. The Palmetto State
 - 62. Popular Tom Cruise movie franchise (abbr.)

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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HOROSCOPES

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ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

You may have difficulty reaching people this week, Aries. Whether it's difficulty getting attention or tech issues affecting communication, use the situation as an opportunity to relax.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, a challenging project may lead you to throw yourself into work even more than usual over the course of the week. Remember to take time to exhale.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Visit someone in person if you are looking to catch up or have a meaningful conversation, Gemini. Skip impersonal text messages or social media posts and meet face-to-face.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Unfortunate financial news may come your way, Cancer. Take the developments in stride and resolve to overcome them. Seek advice on how to do so, if necessary.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, there is a strong desire for romance surrounding you. Whether you want to spice up a current relationship or are seeking a new one, this is the week to put out feelers.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, enjoy a unique chance to spend quality time with someone you love. Enjoy the experience in the moment and resolve to spend more time together.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

An unexpected meeting with a friend and subsequent conversation could leave you feeling a little shaken, Libra. You will learn things that give you a new perspective.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

You could experience a desire to make sudden changes to your home life, work situation or even a relationship, Scorpio. Stagnation has set in, but now is not the time for big moves.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, if a message arrives from someone who lives far away, you may be prompted to hop in the car or on a plane and visit that person. An impromptu trip could be fun.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Look into all of the facts surrounding an offer to increase your income, Capricorn. It could be too good to be true, or it might be a legitimate deal. You need to sort things out.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, this week you may encounter someone who is very interested in you. The resulting attention can be quite flattering. You'll need to decide if it should go further.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Situations that arise this week could have you feeling stressed, Pisces. Find ways you can separate yourself from certain situations that rile you up, even if it means a five-minute break.