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Kengewin Teg offers practical nurse training

M'CHIGEENG—Fleming College is pleased to partner with Kenjgewin Teg to offer practical nursing training to learners on Manitoulin Island. The two institutions recently signed a five-year agreement to offer Fleming's practical nursing program through Kenjgewin Teg, an educational institute on Manitoulin that provides Indigenous culturally relevant learning.

"Fleming College is committed to Truth and Reconciliation and as a post-secondary institution, we have an opportunity and an obligation to incorporate Indigenous knowledge into our curriculum," said Maureen Adamson, Fleming College president. "Fleming College is honoured to partner with Kenjgewin Teg and support the principles of Truth and Reconciliation that will create positive change in health-care."

Kenjgewin Teg will act as the service provider to offer Fleming's practical nursing program, tentatively scheduled to start in spring 2021. Theory curriculum will be delivered virtually, while clinical learning will be on-site at other key local partner locations including Manitoulin Health Centre, St. Joseph's General Hospital Elliot Lake, Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc. and Noojmowin Teg Health Centre.

Students who successfully complete the five-semester diploma program are then eligible to write the national examinations with the College of Nurses of Ontario and become registered to practice in Ontario as a registered practi...continued on page 9



SANTA COMING ABOARD—Santa decided to check in on the town of Providence Bay to make sure everything was ship-shape at the town's marina and that the townspeople were following public health measures before he takes flight on Christmas Eve. Along the way, he ran into new residents Horst and Judy Eichholzer who gave him a copy of The Manitoulin Expositor—the first gift of Christmas.

photo by Warren Schlote

Central council votes to tender for Old School demolition

Will discuss \$200K-\$250K annual commitment to fund new arena

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—The computer screen was filled to overflowing as a record number of people joined a December 17

virtual Central Manitoulin council meeting. A packed agenda meant it took a while for the item that encouraged the high attendance to come up on the docket—a

recommendation from the property committee to proceed with a request for proposals (RFP) for the demolition of the Mindemoya Old School building. The motion to send out a RFP for demolition was moved by Councillor Derek Stephens and

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Mattie Becks, Mindemoya centenarian, recalls favourite Christmas memories

by Michael Erskine

MINDEMOYA—Many snowfalls have come and gone over the past 10 decades, but Mindemoya's latest centenarian Mattie Becks is still going strong with the Christmas spirit—although a lot has changed since the days of her childhood.

Yet her most telling memory of the Christmas of her childhood might surprise those raised in the modern Coca Cola Santa commercial version of the holiday.

"I remember getting an orange in my stocking when I was very little," she said.



Mattie Becks on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

"That was really something. We didn't see oranges very often in those days, they were really very rare. But every Christmas we would find one in our stocking."

Quite a contrast. "They get so much now," she said. "We were very thankful for what we did get. My mother used to say, 'the Lord gave us weather to grow apples. They must be valuable."

That highlights another memory that comes to mind for Ms. Becks. "We always had a Bible reading. In fact, we had them all

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No paper next week

This edition is the final one for 2020. As usual, The Expositor will not publish the week between Christmas and New Year's and the next issue will be dated Wednesday, January 6, 2021.

The Expositor Office will be closed during this time and will reopen Monday, January 4.

The staff at The Expositor Office wishes our readers and business associates and their families a safe and happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year!



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Mental health challenges grow during holidays, pandemic Important to check in on loved ones' wellness this holiday season

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—Island mental health workers are emphasizing that there are many services available to help people who need mental health support, a need that often increases around the holidays and into the new year and which will also grow due to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

"We've had a lot of community members reaching out with mental health concerns, feeling like there aren't any resources on the Island. We think the issue is that people don't necessarily know how to access them and they need to be better advertised," said Melanie Stephens, a member of the Manitoulin Mental Health and Addictions Partners Table and the manager of clinical innovation and partnerships at Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC).

To that end, a group of Island health

providers has united to advertise the availability of their services through a central, unified hub—ConnexOntario.

"The holidays, especially, can bring up a lot of trauma, whether past family traumas, addictions, health, financial pressures, and now with the factor of isolation (due to COVID-19 restrictions), that will definitely be something that will play a toll on how people will be feeling now and into the new ConnexOntario spokesperson Amelia Lomat told The Expositor.

ConnexOntario is a provincially run 24hour-access database of mental health, addictions and problem gambling support services. Anyone seeking support in the province can visit its website (ConnexOntario.ca) to view the directory or access live chat support, can call 1-866-531-2600 or email the organization for assistance.

Ms. Lomat said ConnexOntario receives more than 70,000 contacts per year—an average of nearly 200 per day.

Knowing what mental health services are available is important, not just for people who have battled such issues in the past, but for friends and community members alike.

"A lot of our calls come from people concerned about family members and loved ones. That's another way that people can help care for themselves and the people they care about as well," said Ms. Lomat.

There is also a mobile app available, called ConnexGO, available in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Many Island supports available

Manitoulin Island service providers have been working to get all of their service offerings posted on the database to make it easier to find help, especially during a crisis. By accessing ConnexOntario and entering one's location, users get a listing of the most appropriate services near them. They can also reach an operator.

The Island's mental health and addictions partners group includes health providers, the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board, Manitoulin Family Resources, Mnidoo Mnising Crisis Response Team and other communitybased organizations.

Noojmowin Teg offers mental health and violence support services and will continue to offer support during the holidays on weekdays from 8:30 am to 4 pm (except the statutory holidays of Christmas Day and New Year's Day, both Fridays this year).

Its services are available to Indigenous ...continued on page 21

Two-week provincial shutdown to begin on Boxing Day, December 26

TORONTO—As COVID-19 cases continue to rise at an alarming rate, the Ontario government, in consultation with the chief medical officer of health and other health experts, announced a province-wide shutdown Monday which will come into effect at 12:01 am on Boxing Day. December 26. In Northern Ontario, the shutdown will last for two weeks while in southern Ontario, the shutdown will be imposed for 28 days.

"The number of daily cases continue to rise, putting our hospitals and long-term care homes at risk," said Premier Doug Ford. "We need to stop the spread of this deadly virus. That's why, on the advice of Dr. Williams and other health experts, we are taking the difficult but necessary decision to shut down the province and ask people to stay home. Nothing is more important right now than the health and safety of all Ontari-

In response to these exceptional circumstances, the province-wide shutdown would put in place timelimited public health and workplace safety measures similar to those in other jurisdictions. It would help stop the trend of high COVID-19 transmission in communities, preserve health system capacity, safeguard vulnerable populations and those who care for them, and save lives. Measures include, but are not limited to: Restricting indoor organized public events and social gatherings, except with members of the same household (the people you live with). Individuals who live alone may consider having exclusive

close contact with one other household; Prohibiting in-person shopping in most retail settings curbside pickup and delivery can continue. Discount and big box retailers selling groceries will be limited to 25 percent capacity for in-store shopping. Supermarkets, grocery stores and similar stores that primarily sell food, as well as pharmacies, will continue to operate at 50 percent capacity for instore shopping; restricting indoor access to shopping malls—patrons may only go to a designated indoor pickup area (by appointment only), essential retail stores that are permitted to be open (e.g. pharmacy, grocery store), or, subject to physical distancing and face covering requirements, to the food court for takeout purchases. Shopping malls may also establish outdoor designated pickup areas; and prohibiting indoor and outdoor dining. Restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments may operate by take out, drivethrough and delivery only.

On the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, all Ontarians are advised to stay home as much as possible with trips outside the home limited to necessities such as food, medication, medical appointments, or supporting vulnerable community members. Employers in all industries should make every effort to allow employees to work from home.

"This was not an easy decision before the holidays, but we have reached a tipping point," said Minister Elliott. "We continue to see sharp increases in hospitalizations and occupancy in intensive

levels. Urgent action must be taken to prevent our health care system from becoming overwhelmed.

care units is reaching concerning By implementing a province-wide shutdown, we can work to stop the virus in its tracks, safeguard hospital capacity, and save lives.

While transmission in schools remains low, all publicly funded and private elementary and sec-

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Manitoulin Family Resources executive director Marnie Hall accepts a cheque for \$5,000 from Stacey Lewis of McDougall Energy (the new parent company of Manitoulin Fuels) as staff Derek Green, depot manager Ryan Stewart and OPP Community Services Officer Marie Ford look on. The presentation was made outside the Mindemoya Foodland while the OPP

McDougall Fuels donates to Manitoulin Family Resources

MINDEMOYA—McDougall Energy Inc. and Imperial Oil's Esso Community Program have donated \$20,000 toward three Northern Ontario organizations supporting individuals and families over the holidays,

including \$5,000 to Manitoulin Family Resources. Also receiving Christmas donations were Edgar Burton Christmas Food Drive/Sudbury Food Bank and ELLEVIVE Women's Shelter in Timmins.

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Tree of Lights campaign boosts quality of life at Manor

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—This year's Manitoulin Centennial Manor Tree of Lights campaign is especially near and dear to organizer Wendy Gauthier's heart, being aimed squarely at improving the quality of life of the long-term care facility's residents.

This year's Tree of Lights campaign project is a courtyard renovation to provide residents with a comfortable place to get out and in fresh air despite pandemic lock-

The tally so far is officially \$40,491.75, noted Ms. Gauthier, but the real number is significantly larger than that as donations have been coming in steadily.

"I think what is really helping us this year, and is really important, is that people see the value in this project," she said. "In the past, our projects have been for things that are critically needed by the Manor but couldn't be afforded with the funding received from the province. This is something that is directly for the residents' comfort and quality of life."

In a bit of added good news, Ms. Gauthier informed the Manor board that an Island family has stepped up to offer the funds to finish the project. Not a small commitment, given the courtyard project target is in the \$200,000 to \$250,000 range.

"The family wants to remain anonymous for now," said Ms.

Gauthier. "I think that will be the case for a few months yet."

But every penny raised through

the Tree of Lights will be allocated to that project. "People donated ...continued on page 14



Members of the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary earned the honour of topping the tree for the 2020 Tree of Lights. Their donation of \$3,400 was the result of their hard work fundraising during the year. Pictured from left are Brenda Hallett, Shelva Reiss, Donna Wuksinic and Linda Bowerman.

I'M YOUR NEIGHBOUR Tyler Madahbee enjoys a rather sharp pastime away from work When it comes to friendly

faces, it's hard to beat Tyler Madahbee's familiar grin and cheerful banter. Tyler has been working at Mindemoya Foodland for 13 years, having started Tyler likes to stay active and

besides hiking with his friends, Tyler is active in the Manitoulin Special Olympics. "Curling, baseball tournaments and floor hockey are my sports," he said, although he is no slouch when taking to the greens as part of the MSO golf team.

Although he no longer has any pets, Tyler does have a hobby. "Well, sort of," he laughs. "I like to collect different sorts of knives." From katanas on down, all things sharp and shiny are welcome in his collection.

But martial arts are not in the cards. "No, no," he says. "I just like to collect the materials.'

Remember, when you shop locally, you are not only supporting local businesses like



Tyler Madahbee

Mindemoya Foodland, you are helping to support your friends and neighbours, like hard-working young men like Tyler.

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<u>editorial</u>

Educational opportunities now abound on Manitoulin

This has certainly been a year for the history books, with a global pandemic, the economic havoc wrought by the shutdowns and numerous gathering restrictions, but there are plenty of rays of sunshine still on the horizon—especially in the realm of education.

With Kenjgewin Teg now offering a practical nursing program and numerous trades training opportunities—including the new welding certification, Cambrian College with its ongoing courses and the partnership between Wiikwemkoong and Canadore College in carpentry as well as the many offerings of Contact North—the future can look bright if you let it.

The arts are also well represented, with Weengushk Film Institute looking to expand dramatically in the near term, the internships of Debajehmujig Storytellers and the ongoing work of 4elements Living Arts offering many opportunities for the creative crowd.

Often it seems that the darkness in the world gets the greatest attention, but a glance through any edition of The Expositor will discover many stories of an heartening bent.

The recent adaptation of the Christmas concert in Kagawong to a successful virtual event proves just how resilient Manitoulin Islanders can be and birth announcements tell us that, despite what clouds may have formed on 2020's horizon—we will endeavour to persevere.

As we close off one of the most challenging years in our collective living memory, let us look to a brighter and lighter 2021.

Merry Christmas, happy holidays to our readers and advertisers both in print and online, and may peace and joy be with you all in the coming New Year.

<u>letters</u>

Adopting UNDRIP will strengthen Indigenous ability to challenge

No longer to be excluded from federal or provincial consideration

To the Expositor:

Adopting the United Nation Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) as Bill C-15 will certainly strengthen Indigenous citizens' ability to raise legal challenges and combat discrimination, but it must be supported by a dismantling of harmful systemic racism. Indigenous people still cannot enjoy the full freedom of Canadian citizenship when many communities struggle with the lack of clean water resources or from barriers to educational, training and employment opportunities. The benefit of UNDRIP is that it expresses the uniqueness of Indigenous people, their ties to the land, spirituality and the necessity for self-determination.

It might benefit Canada's relations with indigenous people if First Nations communities were granted self-determination; the right to establish their own self-governance and laws. They might then participate in a kind of Canadian "commonwealth" where their leaders represent their regions as ambassadors. Self-determination ought not to mean their nations would be excluded from any federal or provincial consideration or from Canadian citizenship. It would grant Indigenous communities the reassurance of territorial, environmental, economic and political sovereignty. Sincerely,

Christopher Mansour

Destruction of the Old School should be photographed with council

Let them go down in history as the council that destroyed a very large part of our history

To the Expositor:

Democracy, as I understand it, is taking the majority of its voting citizens, in this case, Central Manitoulin, and acting on their demands for the good of the wards they represent. As Pat Costigan quotes, "if we don't care about our past, we cannot hope for the future." When you have over 1,000 citizens petitioning to keep the beautiful strong 100-year-old consolidated school open, don't pull a Trump trick and do as you please. If you decide to use the wrecking ball, before you do I want

to take a photo of this council in front of this beautiful school and you will go down in our history as the council that destroyed a very large part of the Central Manitoulin history.

Sincerely

Lyle Dewar Providence Bay

PS: What tourist would come to and visit the Island to see a parking lot?

Why must Assiginack and Wiikwemkoong drive on icy roads?

Writer urges drivers to complain when they encounter unsafe conditions

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is an open letter to Emcon Services, the Ministry of Transportation's area roads contract-holder, and has been printed here at the author's request.

This is a letter to Emcon Services since it's impossible to speak with anyone on the phone

On Monday, December 14 I was heading to Little Current. Conditions were not good until the far side of Sheg. From there to Little Current, the highway was bare. On Tuesday, December 15, I went to Manitowaning and the highway was nearly snow packed. I was talking to someone there who said he heard our highway was classed differently from other areas and they weren't using the same amount of salt on our part of the highway. Why?

I left an email message for Steve Beauchamp, local manager of Emcon, but no response. I called Emcon's head office, Steve

Beauchamp's office and the Lively office—all I got were voice mail messages. Impossible to talk to a person. I even tried calling MTO but was told to call Emcon's head office. No luck talking to anyone there either.

I don't understand why we should have to drive on dangerous roads but other parts of the Island have bare roads.

A faw years ago there were fines levied against a contractor who was

A few years ago there were fines levied against a contractor who was not doing an adequate job of clearing the roads. Does the same thing have to happen before we get clear roads? Give our highway the same consideration you give other parts. This

is a dangerous situation.

I urge people to complain when they encounter the same conditions I

did. This has to change.

Jane Rohn Assiginack

Manitoulin Islanders are proud of this unique and beautiful Isle

Let's keep tourists coming

To the Expositor:

Manitoulin Island means many things to those of us who either live here by choice or those who were lucky enough to have been born here; things such as its beauty, serenity, history, calmness, originality and uniqueness, to name a few.

Those of us who have chosen to live on this beautiful, unique island permanently are very proud to be a part of it and its originality and uniqueness.

My husband and I chose to move to the Island many years ago. My husband was first introduced to the Island back in 1962. He fell in love with it from then on and continued to come here annually until he retired in 1994 when we bought some property and he finally lived his dream (I was long sold on the dream by this time), which was to build a home and live out his retirement in "heaven," which he called his home on Manitoulin Island.

I'm sure this is a common story for many who have made Manitoulin Island their home.

What is it, other than beauty, that make the Island so attractive? Well, in my opinion, I believe its uniqueness and its originality are the reasons, especially in the quaint towns that you find throughout the Island.

I've heard many people say, "It's the calmness they feel once they cross the bridge."

Take Little Current, the town where I now live. It has much to offer its residents with lots of businesses that are owned and operated by people who also live on the Island. Some businesses have been part of this community for many years.

It has a downtown that is pretty well laid out along the waterfront and has a wonderful docking set up that attracts a lot of tourists that come here who depend upon our local businesses to be here for them when they visit. It's up to us, the residents, to support these local businesses as much as we can in order to help keep them operating. Do not abandon them when a new kid comes to town. Do not let the new kid take over, support our local businesses as well.

Let's keep those tourists coming here to enjoy what they come to the Island to see, our unique, quaint towns and their local businesses that the Island has to offer.

Keep the Island unique!

Janet Johnstone Little Current

Loaded question on roadwork?

Inquiring minds left to wonder

To the Expositor:

Sincerely.

We all definitely all know who isn't on the town snow plow now in Little Current. Ever wonder why?

Elaine Peck Little Current

Fred and Carolyn Hunter

Fred and Carolyn, both Haweaters, have been connected to Manitoulin Island for many generations. A cherished heirloom, a binder filled with memorabilia sits on the table. "A lot of our family is in here. We have many ancestral records." Both Fred and Carolyn spent their formative years on this Island, carrying on the family tradition of farming. Fred also worked for Ontario Hydro as a foreman, laying and maintaining the lines and in forestry, cutting and trimming trees until he retired in 1993.

Their relationship, with each other and with the land, has always been their focus. They became adept at dealing with the pain and the joy nature could bestow on them. Another compelling draw was square dancing, something they both loved and partook in for many years, sharing their skills with other likeminded friends and providing entertainment for local groups and seniors.

"My maternal grandmother, Martha Sloss Paisley and her husband Fred farmed the Long Bay area first and later bought a farm in Sandfield," Fred begins. "Martha's sister married a Lewis. The Lewis family has many members, so our extended family is huge. Over the years, my sister Shirley Bond has also accumulated a lot of information about the Paisley, Lewis and McCauley fam-

"Great grandfather on my dad's side was Paul Hunter. He came from Scotland in the early 1800s and farmed in Tamsworth, Maydock, north of Kingston. He met Elizabeth Miller of English descent and they had nine children. Elizabeth died in 1922, long after her husband passed away in 1888. My paternal grandfather William Hunter, the fifth child of Paul and Elizabeth, married Rose Ann McCauley in 1895 at the Anishnabek Anglican church in Sheguiandah.'

"A year later, they bought the 200-acre Tekhummah farm that has been passed down to future generations and wasn't sold until 2006. That's 110 years! They had a family of 10 children and son James was my dad. He bought the farm from his dad, as William had before him. I purchased the farm from my dad, James, in 1972. My mother, Gladys, when she was young, worked in Watson's store in Sandfield. She had one sister, Ethel (Monkhouse) and three bothers, Stan, Everett and Clarence. Stan lived in Spring Bay, Everett took over the Sandfield farm from dad and Clarence, a war veteran, worked at the Espanola Mill."

William Frederick was born on June 5, 1940 to James and Gladys Hunter. He was named after two grandfathers, 'William' Hunter on his dad's side and 'Fred' Paisley. Maternal grandmother was Martha Sloss. Fred would have two siblings, Shirley and Mary. They all lived on the ancestral

"My first memory is walking to school, just up the road. It was only one room for all of us. We came home for lunch. The school was close enough so my mother could watch me all the way there and back again. I liked every subject, especially reading. We played games like 'anti-I-over.' The ball was thrown over the school, often with the girls on one side and the boys on the other. Someone would catch it and tag us with it. Occasionally the bell on top of the school would capture the ball and someone would have to dislodge it by hitting it with a stone or climbing up there."

"We discovered we could occasionally move the school clock ahead one hour while the teacher had her midday nap. It took a few clock changes for teacher to realize our devious deed and we got home earlier than anticipated



Now and Then A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin

Mnaachtoong Maadsewin *By Petra Wall*





From left are Jean holding Carolyn, then Donna, Betty and Mary Ann in front.

those days," Fred confesses, smiling. "Of course, when I got home, I had to milk 10 cows by hand. Thankfully, dad milked the cows in the morning on school days. Chore time was from 4 to 6 pm, suppertime. I worked with dad a lot and he gave me a good lesson about life. He taught me to be respectful and treat people right."

"I helped raise and show a calf for the 4-H Club and won third prize; but it is noteworthy that all contestants got a ribbon. In 1956, Rena Quackenbush and I won a trip to the Royal Winter Fair for judging a certain class of calves, hogs and sheep. Five of us went on the trip, the agricultural representative, his wife, son, Rena and I."

High school was on Fred's agenda for two years, but the curriculum was not exciting enough for him to stay. He prioritized his need to work on the farm with his dad. "Some siblings were still at home and dad was getting older, so it was a good time to make a career decision. I liked being with my family and my friends, so I was encouraged to stay on Manitoulin."

"At 20, I got extra work with the Manitou Valley Ranch in Sandfield. I used to show cattle for them too, in various locations including the Toronto Exhibition in 1960. That year, we came back with several prizes for the fine cattle we had raised. The cows on our farm, as on most farms, were nurtured with hay and grain. We also milked the beef cows. Later, the black Angus herd was exchanged for the Charolais breed, which was a faster growing, bigger breed. On average, there was a 200lb difference between cows in the two breeds.'

Fred met Carolyn White at a dance in Sandfield. They danced the evening away and seemed taken with each other. "It was a bit annoying," Carolyn injects, "after all that time dancing together, he asked a blond girl to dance and then took her home. I found out later that she was his cousin, and I knew it was normal to share rides at that time." Fred and Carolyn soon began to frequent other dances, including those at Spring

'My maternal grandparents were Wilfred and Olive (Aelick) McCulligh," Carolyn offers. "Paternal grandparents were Darius and Mary (Brown) White. My parents, Helen McCulligh and Cliff White farmed in the Green Bay area all their lives." Carolyn

was born on July 25, 1946. There were 17 kids in her family: Donny, Jean, Betty, Terry, Donna, Maryanne, Pete, Tom, Freda, Linda, Gary, Bev, Susan, Christina, Henry Allen, Barbara and Car-"We were all raised on the farm and we got along happily with each other, with our friends and with our extended family."

"A poignant first memory was Laddie, our dog, saving Susan, my three-year-old sister. Mother was hanging the laundry outside and I noticed Laddie kept running from the house to the barn. He seemed to be signalling, so I followed him to the barn. Susan had climbed into the water trough and was in distress. I wasn't a lot older, but I was able to pull her out and she was alright. After that event, Susan became more special to me. Both Laddie and I had saved her."

"Another milestone in life was the burning of our barn. I believe it was hay time and my older sister Jean was babysitting. The children, including me, age seven, were in our beds. When we realized that there was a fire nearby, we hid under our beds where we felt safe. Jean was working hard to convince us to leave the house, just in case. She finally succeeded. The barn burned down, but luckily, the house was spared and nobody was hurt."

"At the Green Bay School, Mrs. Keatley helped me a lot. She taught Grades 1 to 8 in the oneroom schoolhouse. She was a mentor to me, despite having 32 to 34 kids at any one time. At recess, spelling bees, tag and baseball were popular. Occasionally another school would visit, and we would challenge them to a baseball playoff. My cohort of four kids started together in Grade 1 but was reduced to two when we graduated from Grade 8. Both Ron Wood and I wrote the compulsory entrance exam for high school that year."

"After Grade 8, I stayed home to help with the chores. Summers were spent at Manitou Haven, in Rockville, owned by the friendly Chisholm family. I cleaned cabins and served food to the tourists. I met a lot of nice people. I was 18 when Fred and I married on September 5, 1964 in the Green Bay United Church. We both shared a love for dancing which has followed us through our lives. We had over 200 people at the reception in the Mindemoya Community Hall." After being impressed with Niagara Falls during their



Fred when he was 16, about the time he left school and went to work on the farm.

honeymoon, the newlyweds rented a farm in Tehkummah and started their life together.

They had two children, Jamie and Ann. "Watching them grow was another chapter in our years on the farm. We taught them about farm life and watched them bloom. Lots of stories accumulated there. One is the pig story. "It was tricky doing anything with this old sow. We loaded her into the truck. Putting a bucket over her head to overcome her defiance, we encouraged her to walk backwards up the plank. As we were driving slowly through Manitowaning, I noticed in my rearview mirror that our sow was running along the road beside me. She had gotten her nose under the boards at the back of the truck and jumped out. When she stopped to scratch in the roadside grass, I got a rope on her leg. I walked her back to Harold O'Brien's place. He had a load of gravel at the end of his driveway which served as a ramp to get her back on the truck."

Turkeys were raised for many years on the farm. "After the kids left, we had to stop; we couldn't totally process 200 turkeys by hand anymore. We had to get 10 of them ready to eat each day (at this time of the year), to keep up with the Christmas demand for folks who came to the farm for them."

Fred got on the Tehkummah council for a stint. He was tasked with the fence viewer role. It was a system of arbitration that helped council decide where a legal fence could be placed. There was no other government body available for this task and it seems that there were many areas of contention on Manitoulin. "We had a specific road that we used to get to some of these land parcels with no distinct boundaries, but ultimately that property was sold, and we no longer had access to these contested areas." Fred left council when he got the construction job with Ontario Hydro, laying lines, in 1974. "I was a part-time foreman for them. Whenever I was laid off for two to eight weeks due to a work slowdown, I would go back to the forestry division."

In 1985 both Jamie and Ann were married, Ann to Greg Pyette in July and James to Kelley Tann in October. It was a busy year for the Hunter family. Ann works for the Rainbow District School Board. Jamie and Kelley have Mitchell and Jenna. Jamie works for Ontario Hydro in forestry and Ann and Greg operate their market garden business Pike lake

Farm, assisted by their daughter Katie and her family.

'In 1987 we joined the modern square-dancing club Tehkummah and were part of the Starlight Dancers. Earlier square dancing, before the 1950s, had used only fiddle music. The modern version had a range of music. In February 1990, we joined the Little Current Hawberry Hoedowners dancing group." Three years later, the dancing teacher in Little Current left and Fred decided to take this role on.

"I took a one-week course in Cookstown and we had to call a dance. Six of us were training so we took turns calling and dancing. There were 12 squares of dancers and they all had to dance in harmony, or we were in trouble. It went quite well. We got off the beat once while I was calling and had to restart, but otherwise all went well."

We continued with the Hawberry Hoedowners and I taught for 20 years until 2017. During that time, we attended five jamborees, including one notable one in 1996 with over 400 dancers from all parts of Canada. The square-dancing was a real social time for us. We made good friends and had lots of fun from September to May each year. We drove from Tehkummah originally, until we moved to Little Current in 2016. We also taught the folks at Community Living how to square dance. They loved to watch us doing our patterns and they enjoyed participating too. Our group was well-received at bluegrass events. Revenues were donated to the hospital, medical centers and LTC.'

Fred and Carolyn attended another square dance convention for three days. "I had the honour of calling for a group of wheelchair dancers. They were quite good, having danced before and they came from all parts of Canada," Fred declares. "There were four basic moves that they performed. Sometimes the music ran out before they were finished doing their pattern. It takes a little longer when you are in a wheelchair, but we all had fun." In Massey, they were square-dancing with tractors. That was quite the entertainment."

"I took a retirement package when Hydro began to downsize their labour pool in 1993. We continued to farm until 2006, when we sold the property. We kept the house for another 12 years until 2018. We had already moved into this apartment in Little Current. two years earlier.'

"Volunteerism? We worked with the seniors in Tehkummah for about six years. We cleaned the hall and got the place ready for special events." Fred was president of the Tehkummah Triangle Seniors' Club. Most important event? Fred adds, "meeting each other at that dance and a lot of dances since then! Having our children, watching them grow and have their own families, has been rewarding too."

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September 5, 1964 was a special day for the two at the Mindemoya Hall for their wedding reception.

Manitoulin Secondary School honours grads virtually

from that, we had the feeling of

superiority from finally being the

new Grade 12s and the well-

deserved chance of having a spare. Also the stress of applying

to schools, getting into schools

and deciding on a program to

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) celebrated its graduating class of 2020 in a virtual ceremony published on December 17, featuring messages of support and congratulations from school officials who could not host an in-person ceremony due to pandemic restrictions.

Vice-principal Dawn Noble McCann served as emcee for the ceremony.

"Tonight is a time to be joyful and maybe even a little relieved, but mostly a time to be proud as we are all here to celebrate and honour this incredible group of young people and all of their accomplishments," she said.

Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) First Nations Trustee Linda Debassige's remarks to graduates included encouraging words that making wise decisions is not always easy, but doing so will have lasting benefits in one's life.

"In Indigenous culture and traditions, the Seven Grandfathers teach us the lessons of love, respect, bravery, truth, honesty, humility and wisdom as the path to a good life. It is my sincere wish that these teachings guide you as you continue to develop your full potential and become all that you were meant to be," said Trustee Debassige.

Next were remarks from RDSB Manitoulin Trustee Margaret Stringer, who opened with an acknowledgement of the many people that contribute to student success, from family, friends, teachers and, yes, the students themselves, especially during a pandemic.

"Take time to think about what you want to do and the type of person you want to be, and let the values you want to live by guide you every day," she said. "The choices you make will help decide the future of our country and our world."

Principal Jamie Mohamed said 2020 has been a year of learning to adapt to a rapidly changing world and he acknowledged the class of 2020 for having to persevere during their education.

"When faced with adversity, remember all that you did to get



Jasmine Clark

you through high school. You are strong, resilient graduates of Manitoulin Secondary School and I'm proud to say that you are our future. Believe in yourselves, continue to challenge yourselves and live life to its fullest," said Mr. Mohamed.

Following the principal's address, he read the list of 2020 graduates as their grad photos flashed on screen.

Vice principal Denis Lafleur then introduced valedictorian Mackenzie Cortes, beginning with a testament to her commitment to an unforgettable high school experience. He cited her involvement in all of the extracurricular activities she could join, her musical creativity with her tribute graduation song released earlier this year, and a variety of comments from teachers (dating back to her elementary school days) about her positive presence in their classes.

"I strongly believe that Mackenzie will make a difference in this world," he said.



Mackenzie Cortes of Little Current was the Manitoulin Secondary School valedictorian for the class of 2020.

Mackenzie's valedictorian speech is printed below: "2020, what a hell of a year.

We've been through so much

start us on the right career path, or just figuring out what to do after high school in general.

"We had a nice Christmas break and the feeling of excitement for the new year 2020 that was going to be so good. Then we found out about a deadly virus that had started in China and learned that march break was going to be three weeks long. Eventually, we found out this coronavirus was now a full-on pandemic and we were left wondering how this led to the shortage of toilet paper.

"We had to slowly come to the

"We had to slowly come to the realization and acceptance that we wouldn't be making it back to MSS to finish school. Instead, we were informed that we would finish high school from our laptops at home, most likely in bed while still in pyjamas.

"So yeah, we missed out on prom and an actual graduation ceremony, and we didn't get a real last day of Grade 12. It sucks.

"I'm well aware that this speech is sounding like a real downer, but that was the reality, and we



Staff of Manitoulin Secondary School wish the Class of 2020 well during the finale of the virtual graduation.

that's gotten us here. Cancelations and classes online from your room. It really is hard to do school through your laptop on Zoom. Okay, we don't need to hear that song again, but it does make some valid points. And it brings back memories of Grade 12.

"Starting Grade 12 in the almost new and improved MSS. The partially renovated building and the constantly changing detours from closed-off hallways, and believe me I was very familiar with these long detours from having to sprint the absolute longest possible route to get to the office every morning. I truly hope you guys will never forget hearing me panting into the announcements mic from being so out of breath to get there on time. Shoutout to Amber for never forgetting about morning announcements.

"We also had the fancy couches and the struggle of running out of chairs at a table in the caf. Apart



Ben Marshall

missed out on some major experiences of our senior year. That being said, we can't lose sight of the things we do have to be grateful for in our lives. Instead of focusing on the things we didn't get to experience, we have to rejoice in the things we did get to be a part of.

"The sports, the clubs, the teams, the spirit days, the fun days, the friendships we've made, the bonds we've formed, the things that we've learned. There's all that good stuff buried under the things we are so devastated to have missed out on. Cherishing the good memories is what will keep us going.

"We have to be thankful that we were able to continue learning even as we were all separated. We must be grateful to our teachers for continuing to stay dedicated through online learning to prepare us for post-secondary and make sure that we could continue to learn. Most importantly, we have to be proud of ourselves for getting through so many weeks of learning through a computer screen.

"We worked hard through lost motivation and slow WiFi and distracting noises in the background from annoying siblings. We've learned a lot in the past four years, and that's including 2020. Even when it seems like learning is impossible or that we feel absolutely useless, we must remember that nothing can stop us from learning.

"I had to be reminded of this by someone when I lost sight of why I was working so hard for a bad mark. He told me to never let anything stop you from learning. Not



Ella Stewart

a bad mark, or a fail, or a nay-sayer or anything else that may be dragging you down.

"Not even roosters screeching at the top of their lungs, or bipolar temperatures changing from hot to freezing cold with no inbetween, or construction workers drilling into the walls all around you while you're trying to write a test. He reminded me of the importance of perseverance. He told me that I should see failure as an opportunity to learn from my mistakes and understand what I need to do to be better for next time.

"I think we all need to be reminded of this sometimes. Especially all the people doing online school right now. Starting university or college is difficult enough on its own. Starting post-secondary school online is a whole other playing field.

"The challenges we face are essential in teaching us to adapt to the new learning environment and we should not see this as failure. We need to see this as a chance for us to become stronger and more resilient to the workloads and the difficult concepts we're being taught.

"Even the people who aren't in school right now, whether you're working or taking a year off, there will be different challenges that you may be faced with that you'll also need to adapt to.

"So, on behalf of our graduating class of 2020, I'd like to thank the people who helped us get to



Nicole Shank

the places we are today. The people who helped us through our four years at MSS. Thank you to the MSS administration who make the difficult decisions to keep MSS running smoothly.

"Thank you to the MSS staff who work tirelessly to maintain the building to provide a safe place to learn. Thank you to the MSS faculty for putting up with us students and teaching us even on the days we didn't want to be taught. Thank you to all the family members that have supported us throughout our lives and academic careers. And thank you to the students for making MSS full of memories and a fun place to

"So, as we are reunited again

here, virtually, I hope we can take some time to reflect on how we have grown since we've gone our separate ways. We have the rest of our lives ahead of us. We still have time to screw up, make mistakes and continue to figure things out. We must live our lives to the fullest. Live your life for your future self. Make choices and do the things that your future self will look back on and be proud of.

"Don't miss out on things because you're afraid of other people's opinions. Think about your future self and whether you would have regrets for not doing something. Live in the present by thinking about your future self looking back on the past. Push through the difficult times and the judgement of strangers.

"Have faith in yourself and know that it's never too late to try new things. Don't stop learning. And don't be afraid to ask for help along the way. We are the class of 2020 and we are capable of anything! Thank you."

At the end of the ceremony was a short clip of 33 physically distanced school staff members con-



Olivia Hall

gratulating the graduates while holding a 'class of 2020' banner.

The 2020 MSS graduates are: Carter Abotossaway, Lukas Abotossaway, Kal Alhadi, Britney Biedermann, Kyleigh Biedermann, Nicole Boyle, Caleb Byers, Zachary Carr, Reece Carter, Brady Case, Larissa Chevrette, Jasmine Clark, Keegan Clarke, Von Clayton, Willow Corbiere, Mackenzie Cortes, Zoe Couillard, Jessica Craig, Alex Dawson, Mickey-Lynn Deeg, Donald DeGrace, Harmony Esquimaux, Ayden Farquhar, Jonah Gilmore, Tanner Golder, Rheanne Green, Ally Hall, Natasha Hall, Olivia Hall, Sydney Hallett, Abbie Harper, Shield Harvey-Migwans, Sam Hill, Lily Hore, Nathan Janoki, Grant King, Cassidy Latva-Aro, Avery Lentir, Karlee Lentir, Randi Lynn Lovelace, Michael Madahbee, Ben Marshall, Nyah McDowell, Anna Migwans, Jasen Millette, Gregory Mishibinijima, Mya Otosquaiob, Zoe Peltier, Connor Phillips, Austin Purvis, Jason Quacken-Aryanna bush. Pitawanakwat, Shania Roy, Holly Sagle, Xavier Sagon-Panamick, Marjorie Scott, Teigan Seabrook, Nicole Shank, Monica Shawanda, Avery Sheppard, Rachel Sheppard, Abby Smith, Taylor Smith, Zoe Smith, Ella Stewart, Sterling Stoneypoint, Madison Swihart, Katelyn Taylor, Shaylee Taylor, Boston Thibault, Rachel Tompkins, Paige VanderWeerden, Valarie Wabegijik, Amber Wahl, Morgan Wall-Varey, Quentis Wood, J.T. Wright and Tanner Wright. Receiving certificates of accomplishment are Jacob Brasil and Hunter McDermid.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The graduation photos included were the only photos received by press time Monday from students who had granted permission for their use to Prin-

cipal Mohamed.

Manitoulin Sporting Life



MMHA news!

Thanks to **Jackie White**, who has been keeping track of some good news stories on the Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association. Obviously, Manitoulin minor hockey is looking different this year. As directed by the Northern Ontario Hockey Association, each division is in a bubble of 50 players. Under normal times, when players were needed on different divisions they could be called up within their association. Due to COVID-19 this is not allowed this year in order to keep players safe.

What has come out of it is that players within the same division can play on another team in another association. For the first time ever in U18 (midget), as an example, a Manitowaning team can borrow a player from Little Current. This, which never would have happened in regular hockey, is making the games that much more fun as players are getting to play with friends that normally they would only play against. And some may say it takes the overly competitive edge out of house league and allows kids to simply play for fun.

Some highlights this year so far are when Little Current, Manitowaning and Gore Bay did a moment of silence to honour PC Marc Hovingh and Mindemoya Thunder wore blue arm bands. A hunting group in Gore Bay made up of **Don** and **Jeanette Currie**, **Jim** and **Birgit Martin** and the Barrie Island Dog House gave a donation to the Manitowaning Wolves and part of that is being put towards a hockey jersey in memory of PC Marc Hovingh as he coached for five years for the Wolves.

At a peewee game between Little Current and Gore Bay, by half time it was lopsided in goals, so they switched goalies thereby mixing it up and even the playing field. When Manitowaning showed up to Gore Bay with no goalie, Gore Bay suited one of their players up.

For once standings don't matter as kids are moving around and playing on teams within their division and having fun.

No doubt there are downsides to COVID, but the willingness of all involved in hockey to show up to games dressed and only allowed in minutes before a game, let alone the rules involving COVID on the ice shows what an amazing group of people make up Manitoulin Minor Hockey! A huge shout out to all the officials, bench staff and association executives that have worked so hard to make this happen.



Fred Sasakamoose

Sasakamoose passes over

Fred Sasakamoose died last month at the age of 87 due to complications of COVID-19. Fred was the first treaty status Indigenous person who played in the NHL. He played briefly for the Chicago Blackhawks and then various minor league teams. Following his hockey career, Fred became active with Indigenous affairs and charity work. Unfortunately, he died just as his memoir, 'Call Me Indian,' was wrapping up. It is slated to be released this coming April.

New NHL

The National Hockey League has finally come to an agreement on the upcoming season. It was no easy task to say the least. The NHL even considered moving Canadian teams state-side to avoid cross-border travel and the 14-day isolation required by teams and staff after each transverse. The NHL has also had to negotiate with individual, provincial health authorities on the logistics of keeping everyone safe.

In the end, the schedule will include 56 games and brand new reorganized divisions. The most exciting division, in my opinion, is the North Division that features all seven of the Canadian teams! The puck drops January 13, 2021. This will allow proper indulgence of the World Junior Championships with Canada's traditional, first official game on Boxing Day, despite several positive COVID-tested players.

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Virtual Northern Ontario Ice Extravaganza fishing derby announced for February 12-28

MANITOULIN—After much discussion on how to safely operate a winter fishing event, the partnership of The Manitoulin Expositor, Wikwemikong Tourism and the Wiikwemkoong Anglers will be giving anglers far and wide a chance to get out and win some cash prizes in a new event. In lieu of the Manitoulin Ice Showdown, this new two-week event will take on a virtual format and allow anglers from regions around Northern Ontario to fish from home and put their hot spots to the test.

This year's edition of the derby will go virtual as a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of all participants from COVID-19. The virtual format will also allow for anglers from all around the Sudbury, Algoma and Manitoulin districts to participate, as the virtual weigh-in process means that you do not have to report to a weigh station, but rather submit your measurements online where they will be recorded by the organizing group. Participation in the derby is open to anyone in Ontario Fisheries Management Zone 10, Zone 13 (South Bay only) and Zone 14, North Channel from Sault Ste. Marie to North Shore to the east of Phillip Edward Island including Collins Inlet. A full map of the fishing zones will be made available on fishmanitoulin.com and the event Facebook page. This multi-species fishing derby has something for every type of angler with cash prizes for first, second and third place across each of the five divisions (pike, walleye, whitefish, rainbow trout and lake trout) as well as a guaranteed registration draw for \$500 for all paid

participants. Registration is \$60 per person and includes your entry into the derby for two weeks.

This one-of-a-kind event will take place from February 12 to February 28, giving anglers two weeks to dial in their hot spots and climb the leaderboard. Participants are also allowed multiple submissions, meaning they will have the opportunity to place across multiple categories for the chance to win multiple cash prizes. For submissions, the honour system will come in to play as anglers will be required to submit a video via Facebook or by email using their own measurements, while also stating the passcode during recording that will be provided hours prior to the event. The combination of live release and the passcode will ensure that fish are both caught within the event time frame, and also legally in accordance with the event rules.

Tournament information will be available on fishmanitoulin.com and on the event page on Facebook. To register for the derby, online payment can be made at fishmanitoulin.com, or in person at the Wikwemikong Tourism or Manitoulin Expositor offices. Upon receiving payment, you will be contacted with confirmation that your payment has been received and that you are registered for the event.

The Manitoulin Expositor, Wikwemikong Tourism and the Wiikwemkoong Anglers Group look forward to a safe and fun two weeks of fishing for all participants. Full contest details will be made available at fishmanitoulin.com and Fish Manitoulin on Facebook.

Bob Izumi Ice Showdown episode to air over the holidays

MANITOULIN—Looking for some holiday viewing? Bob Izumi's Real Fishing Show, Manitoulin Ice Showdown edition, will be airing on networks near you in the coming days.

Last February, in what became the final major Manitoulin event of 2020 before the pandemic hit, Bob Izumi and brother Wayne attended The Manitoulin Expositor and Wikwemikong Tourism's Manitoulin Ice Showdown, fishing Manitowaning Bay and Lake Manitou for this upcoming episode, alongside Neil Debassige of Fuel the Fire TV.

Fans can catch the Real Fishing episode on Global TV on Saturday, January 2 at 8:30 am and on Sportsman Channel on Tuesday, December 29 at 6 pm; Friday, January 1 at 1:30 pm; and Saturday, January 2 at 5:30 am.

The Manitoulin Ice Showdown Real Fishing episode was made possible thanks to donations from Explore Manitoulin, Wiikwemkoong Anglers, Northern Ontario Tourism, Indigenous Tourism Canada, Indigenous Tourism Ontario, Fuel the Fire TV and Fish Manitoulin.

"We hope that anglers will catch this episode and it wets their whistle for the upcoming Northern Ontario Ice Extravaganza virtual ice fishing derby being held February 12-18," said Dave Patterson of Fish Manitoulin. For details, please visit fishmanitoulin.com and see the article above.



Neil Debassige of Fuel the Fire TV, left, and Bob Izumi address the crowd at a Manitoulin Ice Showdown social at Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre last February. The special Manitoulin Ice Showdown episode is set to air this month and in early January.

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...votes to tender for Old School demolition

...continued from page 1 seconded by Councillor Steve Shaffer.

Mayor Richard Stephens requested that deputy mayor Councillor Dale Scott take over the chair for the motion as he wished to speak to the motion.

"What we are doing here has been an issue and a lot of people are upset," said Mayor Stephens. The idea of starting the 100th year (of the Mindemoya Old School building) with the slate for demolition after celebrating the 95th birthday of one lady (Jean Ridley) and the 100th birthday of another (Mattie Becks) was distressing, he said. "To demolish a building that has stood the test of time," he said, referencing the community history attached to the structure.

Mayor Stephens thanked resident Jim Smith for putting together a comprehensive history of the Mindemoya Old School.

He went on to note that the cost of the structure to the municipality as it stands is minimal, with approximately \$1,100 in insurance and a further \$400 in electricity costs.

Councillor Al Tribinevicius also spoke in favour of holding off on the demolition, $\bar{c}iting$ the interest being expressed in the structure by M'Chigeeng's Weengushk Film Institute (WFI), noting that WFI is affiliated with Brock University and that WFI's Shirley Cheechoo is the chancellor of that universi-

Councillor Rose Diebolt responded to ask what the time frame for a proposal from WFI would be.

"The letter they sent was unspecific on the time," said Mayor Stephens, who had taken a delegation from the film school through a tour of the Old School. "They have to do their due diligence, of course." Mayor Stephens noted that WFI currently only has room for 10 to 13 students, but gets applications from 40 to 50 students each semester.

"The issue has been going on for too many years," responded Councillor Stephens. "It will take a million and a half dollars to repair it. It's great that people have come to see the building, but I don't see any guarantee. We have the money for demolition and it will make room for future expansion for the arena or for parking. It is a dilapidated building." He went on to suggest that even though the RFP would go out, the actual demolition was unlikely to take place until the spring, leaving plenty of time for a solid proposal to come from the film school.'

Councillor Shaffer also noted that the process has been long and drawn out, going on to read a prepared statement into the record.

"Here we sit again, and debate the fate of the Old School, although this time we do so virtually. As this issue has been festering for several years, there is much ground to cover in reviewing the facts, facts that are a matter of public record. I will try not to rehash that ground, but summarize the facts. Over five years ago this process officially began, public meetings were held, two consultant



Architects with speciality in historical buildings visited the Old School

Expositor file photo

ey when we have an arena

that needs fixing up," said

Councillor Rose Diebolt.

'We need to move forward."

ston took exception to the

suggestion that the munici-

pality was not listening to

taxpayers, noting that while she had received a

number of calls about sav-

ing the Old School, she had

actually received more call-

that she was in favour of

saving portions of the Old

School to be incorporated

model located at the muse-

said that he was disappoint-

ed that the municipality

could not accept an offer to

repair the roof on the build-

ing, noting that the build-

ing is solidly built and

would stand safe indefinite-

ly should the danger of

water damage be dealt

Councillor Scott said that

he did not have a lot to add

to the discussion, but that

he agreed with the points

made by Councillor Shaffer.

He did, however, hold out

that he might change his

mind should a solid propos-

al be forthcoming from WFI

before the RFP was accept-

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"Bring a business plan,

bring your funds, if we are

going to go forward, bring

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Councillor Tribinevicius

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Councillor Johnston said

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reports were completed, a special committee was formed and their mandate extended, money was budgeted, tax dollars were collected on that budgeted money, all this effort and more came to the same conclusion, that repurposing or selling the Old School was not a viable option. When I was elected to council in 2018, I drew what I considered the short straw and political hot potato, I was appointed to the Old School Repurposing Committee. As a member of that former committee I feel confident and comfortable that every possible avenue has been explored in an attempt to utilize the Old School building, a building that has sat vacant for over five years. We cannot continue on this indecisive path; we cannot continue to kick this ball further down the road for yet another council to deal with. We must make a decision, a fact-based decision, not an emotional decision, on what is in the best interest of the municipality as a whole. Some may ask 'what harm is it to wait, why rush,' my response to that is simple, 'what are we waiting for?' Someone to decide now, after five years of a very public debate that they are willing to invest in this building? Why rush? After five years this is anything but rushed, it has been a very much debated and studied topic. Waiting is costly, both financially and in terms of risks. If previous council would have moved forward on the first RFP for the removal of the building the cost to taxpayer would have been \$55,000,

approximately now we are looking at a doubling or tripling of that removal cost. Waiting costs the taxpayer money. This municipality has many buildings, some would argue too many buildings, buildings that are currently in use that require a significant financial investment. I chose to make that investment in building that currently provide a service to the community, not in empty structures with no foreseeable use. Yesterday we received a letter of potential interest in the Old School. I think everyone would agree that that is a positive thing, however we have been down this path several times before, unsuccessfully. Tonight's motion does not prevent us from considering any offer that may be forthcoming. We can proceed with the RFP as we await any

neously. "Derek said it, Steve said it, I can't support spending taxpayers' mon"But it has to be viable." Councillor Stephens

called for a recorded vote. Councillors Stephens,

Diebolt, Johnston and Shaffer voted in favour of the RFP for demolition. Mayor Stephens and Councillor Tribinevicius against the motion.

"I see this decision as an insult to both the people who have been working to save this historic building and as an insult to the community activist who School. "Derek Stephens' comment that Weengushk still has time to come up out and would likely be exelack of regard for the opinare opposed to its destrucfaith in making this a race.

destroyers on council? Some councillors don't want to sell and they don't It's looking like they just ing. They don't even have plans for the land."

McQuay said she and the other supporters of the Old School have not thrown in the towel. "We are willing to help WFI develop a plan as quickly as feasible," said Ms. McQuay. "Making this a race against time is ugly."

In a related motion, council debated a recommendation to allocate \$200,000 to \$250,000 a year towards building a multiuse facility—in the end deciding to defer the motion to the committee of the whole as part of the overall budget debates.

to entertain it," he said.

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Ms. McQuay continued, "What can satisfy the want to rent and they don't want to use it themselves. want to destroy the build-

As for going forward, Ms.



by Zoe Redmond Public Relations, M.S.S. Athletic Association



CONGRATULATIONS, AYSIA!



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AYSIA FRANCIS-DEBASSIGE

Aysia Francis-Debassige is a Mustang who has certainly accomplished a lot when it comes to both sports and athletics. She is a Grade 10 student, who certainly keeps herself busy. When she isn't busy with practices and school, she can be found enjoying herself spending time with my family and friends. She loves visiting new places and going to concerts, Aysia looks forward to attending concerts again as soon as she can. She also enjoys going to Quebec and spending time with her family at the cottage. Aysia also really likes just hanging out and going for long drives with her mom. Something that Aysia is also very passionate about is taking the time to learn about current events and issues in the world and figuring out how she can help to

During her years at school she participated in many sports. She attended Lakeview School from JK to Grade 4. Then went to LCPS from Grade 4-7 and back to Lakeview where she graduated and was the valedictorian. Aysia took part in sports such as volleyball, track and field, flag football, baseball and soccer. Outside of school Aysia played hockey and is still currently playing hockey.

Throughout Aysia's sports experience she has achieved a lot, and is especially well rounded when it comes to both sports and life skills. When it comes to working as a team Aysia is always working to make people feel included in the team, as well as helping to keep motivation at a high rate. Aysia started playing hockey at the level of tyke. Over the years she has played for M'Chigeeng Thunderbirds, Manitowaning Wolves, Manitoulin Panthers, and the Sudbury Lady Wolves, Currently Aysia is playing for Little Current, she plays on an all girls' team, however, they often have two other players who play with them as well.

She continued to play sports in high school, and in Grade 9 she took part in the girls volleyball team, and the Mustangs girls' hockey team. In hockey Aysia played defence. Sadly this year volleyball has yet to start due to COVID-19, and there was no Mustangs hockey season. Over the years she has won several tournaments, a few every year. Aysia says that she has been fortunate enough to play on a winning team, with great teammates. Aysia and one of her teams of friends have won a few out of town 3on3's, including Tournament of Champions and Island Championships. The highlight of her hockey career was when she won a gold medal at the OWHA Provincial Championships with the Sudbury Lady Wolves AA team. Aysia and her team won in overtime, with only a few seconds left in the game, this was a moment

For Aysia, Grade 9 was an exceptional start to many more wins to come, Aysia and her volleyball team have been all-round successful and this year would definitely have put on a great show. They have also had many undefeated season games. She and her team went to NOSSA, as well as NSSSA for volleyball. Aysia has not yet made it to OFSAA, but certainly hopes to one day, especially given her and her teams valiant efforts at NSSSA and NOSSA

Aysia is looking forward to playing volleyball, as well as she is looking forward to continuing her hockey season and is hoping that COVID-19 does not intervene in her continuing to join her team in competition in the attempt at victory, and creating more great memories. Aysia especially enjoyed playing hockey this year, even though hockey is on a break right now due to COVID-19 getting back out on the ice and connecting with friends is extremely important to her. After games, Aysia likes to reflect back on how she played, and think of how she could improve for the next time. Some things that she often thinks about are what plays might work, or strategies she could use to help set up goals.

Throughout Aysia's sports season, she sets good examples for her teammates and shows just how involved in the team she is. Her determination and kindness never fails to keep her and her team ready to challenge their next opponents. Aysia's favourite overall sport is hockey because she finds that in hockey she has made so many friendships and connections. Hockey is also a way to have fun and keep active at the same time. Aysia certainly shows that she loves hockey as she is always eager to play alongside her teammates. She likes playing sports because she likes the team connections, the friendships, and when she would be able to travel out of town for tournaments. Overall Aysia has made many good friends and has had great coaches that have inspired her over the years. Aysia has created a second family in a way from

When it comes to her own motivation Aysia finds that the inspiration she uses comes from her mother. She encourages Aysia to put her best effort forward every time, and to try her best whatever that may be. Aysia's mom supports her decisions and encourages her to trust her instincts, follow her heart and reminds Aysia of her strengths all the time. When Aysia finishes school she plans to travel for a year after high school and continue on to post secondary school - which may be in another country or city. Currently her favourite subject is History class, because she gets to learn a lot about Canadian history. Aysia also finds that she likes the class discussions

Aysia is one of many super Mustangs, and with her determination, Kindness. and allround thoughtfulness she is sure to represent MSS well. Have an amazing year, and keep up the exceptional work Aysia!!!!!



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Wiikwemkoong launches LTC fundraising push

WIIKWEMKOONG-Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories (WUT) has launched the Wiikwemkoong Long-Term Care (WLTCH) campaign to raise millions of dollars to build a new facility before its current licence expires in 2025, delivering a new home that meets the Ontario government's 2015 design standards for its growing resident population.

"Our long-term care (LTC) home is an integral link to Wiikwemkoong and Manitoulin Island itself," stated Cheryl Osawabine-Peltier, administrator of the home, in a December 21 press release.

"Our residents ... are the pillars in our families. We need to keep them here—keep them 'home'."



On hand for the fundraising announcement held Monday night is, from left, is Walter Manitowabi, campaign co-chair, Cheryl Osawabine-Peltier, Wikwemikong Nursing Home administrator, Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Duke Peltier and Kerry Assiniwe, committee member and emcee.

In 2019, a feasibility study found that the only way the home could meet new LTC home standards (updated in 2015) would be

a new build, one that would also increase its capacity to 96 beds from its existing 59.

Having more beds would

increase the financial sustainability of the operation and offer residents and staff better condi-

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...Kengewin Teg to offer practical nurse training

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"Going forward, our local Mnidoo Mnising and surrounding communities will continue to see more opportunities in health and wellness programs at Kenjgewin Teg as we continue working together with valued partners like Fleming College and other Indigenous institutes who support culturally relevant training and education closer hosted home," said Stephanie Roy, president of Kenjgewin

"Manitoulin Health Centre is excited to support a locally grown practical nursing program," said Paula Fields, vice president of clinical services and chief of nursing officer at Manitoulin Health Centre. "Recently, due to COVID-19 and additional opportunities for nurses, we have found a shortage of local nursing staff. It is beneficial to offer a program locally as graduates will have ties to the Island and be aware of the unique diversity of the patients that we serve, resulting in positive outcomes for patients. It is really a winwin for the students and our Manitoulin Island communities.

"Especially, and even more so at this time during a global pandemic, this new partnership will allow us to provide ongoing support and help meet the evergrowing needs of not only our local and regional First



Stephanie Roy, president of Kenjgewin Teg, signs the official partnership between the M'Chigeeng educational institute and Fleming College that will see a practical nursing program offered in M'Chigeeng.

Nation health sector organizations, but will also help Ontario's health sector too by supporting goals of hiring diversity of both Indigenous people and Indigenous perspectives in healthcare," said Natasha Abotossaway, Kenjgewin Teg's health and wellness programs co-ordinator.

In 2015, Fleming College signed the Indigenous Education Protocol for Colleges and Institutes Canada. This partnership highlights Fleming's commitment to underscoring and prioritizing the importance of structures and approaches

required to address Indigenous peoples' learning needs and support self-determination and socioeconomic development of Indigenous communities.

Kenjgewin Teg is one of seven members of the Indigenous Institutes Consortium in Ontario recognized under the Indigenous Institutes Act, 2017. Kenjgewin Teg is dedicated to lifelong learning by providing an Anishinabewin community-based

approach to education, training and business support services and opportunities.

Ms. Adamson and Ms. Roy are both pleased to see a new agreement officially come into effect. Additional team members who were instrumental in bringing this to fruition from Kenjgewin Teg include Beverley Roy, director of quality assurance, Ms. Abotoss-away and elder Josh Eshkawkogan. The team members from Fleming College are elder Shirley Williams, Elizabeth Stone, academic chair of Indigenous Studies, Nick Stone, chair of Fleming School of Health and Wellness, and Molly Westland, dean of Fleming School of Health

and Wellness.

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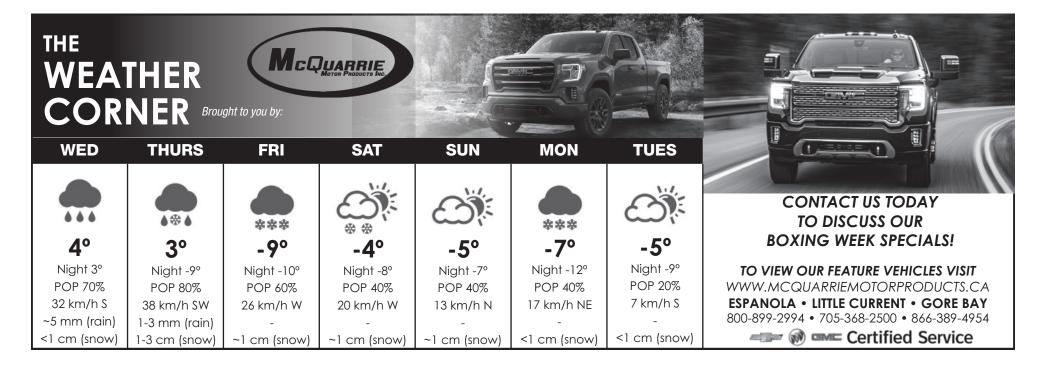




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Artistic makeover coming to Goat Island calcium tanks

Co-ordinating group seeks artists' submissions

The silos located across the North Channel at Little Current will have a new colourful future if a plan by a group of Island residents comes to fruition. The plans would see the tanks bedecked in visual artwork. A request for submissions is seeking one or more potential designs for the tanks

photo by Warren Schlote

by Warren Schlote

GOAT ISLAND—The trio of calcium tanks at the north side of the swing bridge on Goat Island, near Little Current, are slated to feature visual artwork in the future and an ad-hoc committee is seeking artist submissions for one or multiple potential tank

"We've had lots of people asking about this for a long time. I had some free time and thought I'd take a look and see what we could do," said Barb Baker, an entrepreneur and a Northeast Town councillor who first began the effort to beautify the indus-

She has initiated this project as the leader of Women of Manitoulin Entrepreneur Network.

So far, the working group on this file is made up of Ms. Baker, photographer Lamar Hyatt and muralist Monique Legault. Ms. Legault will be the official project lead on the art project.

The trio has also brought on an elder from Manitoulin to guide the process. Any Indigenous designs must come from someone with Indigenous heritage.

The group will publicize the request for artists and work with them to negotiate pricing and oversee the project through completion.

Pollard Highway Products Inc. owns and operates the three cylindrical holding tanks. They contain calcium, which arrives by barge, for road usage in an area that spans Northeastern Ontario from Mattawa to Sault Ste. Marie.

"I think it's great and would be positive if we can work something out," said Kevin Pollard, marketing manager at the highway company.

The art project is in its preliminary stages. In addition to the owners, the working group sought approval from the Ontario Ministry of Transportation because the project is located close to Ontario Highway 6.

Both Islanders and those from away were quick to register interest in taking on the painting duties; another individual mentioned that they may apply for a grant to make a documentary about the project.

The group also has to consider factors such as where condensation would surface on the tank, the material in the paint's base

coat and any areas that artists must avoid in the painting process.

The silos' sizes, in feet, are 73 by 40 (circumference 229 feet), 80 by 48 (circumference 251 feet) and 35 by 23 (circumference 110 feet). Designs are to wrap around the entire circumference of the tank.

Ms. Legault, in addition to serving on the committee, plans to suggest some designs as part of the process as well. Ms. Baker suggested that even if the art on the various tanks is different, the group may suggest a unified element on all three of the tanks.

The group will begin to fundraise in January and seek access to a mobile lift it can borrow for the artists.

It has formally opened submissions and will welcome those until February 28, 2021, by email or physical mail. A group of three finalists will receive a stipend of \$150 to prepare drawing plans and a detailed budget, with the target for the first paint hitting the tanks in May 2021.

"I think, based on the interest we've seen, this is the way to go. The comments we've been getting are good so a lot of people are looking forward to it," said Ms. Bak-

Murals can be divisive topics, such as the former hospital in Sudbury that received technicolour treatment (albeit in stages, after the artist was unable to complete the job in one go). Ms. Baker said the involvement of artists on the committee, including Ms. Legault who has an extensive mural portfolio, will hopefully ensure an attractive design that will be reflective of the peoples on Manitoulin Island.

"You'll never get 100 percent of people happy with everything you do, but I haven't heard many negative comments on the mural at the Mutchmor (in Providence Bay) so I'm hoping we'll have the same levels of love and acceptance with this project. We're hoping to do something really lovely and that people will be happy to say is part of Manitoulin," she said.

The tanks are within a fenced area that will help to deter vandalism once the art is complete.

Further details on the project can be found at the Women of Manitoulin Entrepreneur Network social media or by emailing info@manitoulinwomen.ca.

Leadership Committee announces vaccine taskforce

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin COVID-19 Leadership Co-ordination Committee met for its 20th session on Tuesday, December 15.

During the meeting, the leadership, along with Manitoulin Health Centre, discussed the vaccinations for COVID-19.

"Together as the Island, we have our own vaccine taskforce," the leadership committee noted. "Phase 1 will include First Nations adults, as well as healthcare workers. As of this meeting, there is no defi-

Doctors joined in this session to confirm COVID-19 updates and informa-

The leadership also stated that it has begun addressing the opioid situation on the Island and urged anyone who is struggling with mental health or addiction issues to get in contact with your local health clinics, social workers and counsellors. For 24hour crisis hotlines, call the Sudbury Mental Health and Addictions Centre at

nite date when Phase 1 will 705-368-0756, toll free 1-877-841-1101, or the Canadian Mental Health Association at 1-866-531-2600

> As Christmas approaches and COVID-19 a strong concern, the leadership is encouraging all to be mindful that we still remain in a pandemic and to practice COVID-19 safety protocols this coming holiday season. We wish everyone a safe

> The committee will continue to meet biweekly. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12,



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Auxiliary celebrates 75 years of putting patients first in Little Current

LITTLE CURRENT—In 1945, a 20-room private residence located on Meredith Street in Little Current was purchased by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie and opened to the public as the St. Joseph Hospital. Sister Reginald was the first administrator. Records held by the sisters show an active hospital auxiliary was established that same year, 1945. In 2020, 75 years later, the present Manitoulin Health Centre Auxiliary is continuing those good works and helping to deliver quality patient care, albeit with diminished membership.

Recorded minutes throughout the auxiliary's history give us an idea of the variety of volunteer activities and the members involved. Minutes from 1949 demonstrate the auxiliary's role in providing linens. "Sewing on hand includes 11 pair of private patient sheets, 39 ward sheets, 24 draw sheets, 24 baby sheets, 105 baby gowns and 10 dozen diapers."

Minutes from the September 21, 1949 auxiliary meeting discuss the purchase of a new piece of equipment for the hospital, which it was decided, should have a public demonstration. And while they were at it, the auxiliary decided to tack on a fashion show, tea and bingo to go along-side that demonstration!

In 1952, the auxiliary gave the then-St. Joseph's Hospital an advance of \$300 to go toward its new cardiograph machine. The minutes of that time were filled with the usual talk of fundraising efforts, such as teas, bake sales, bazaars, bridge tournaments and even plays.

In the 1960s, the children's ward was a focal point. In the minutes of March 1961, a motion was made by Mrs. Baron, seconded by Mrs. B. Turner, "that we supply toys for the children's ward." In February 1963, Barb Squires moved, seconded by Laurine Bousquet, that \$10 per month be spent for colouring books to a maximum of \$200.

The chronic care patients (about 24) also received special attention. Shampoo basins, curlers, pins and accessories were provided: a gallon of hairdressing solution was donated by Mrs. Ashley, patients had their hair done. Paint by number sets, wool, writing materials etc. were purchased and members provided lap robes as well as giving their time to write letter, read to patients, help with handicrafts and many others activities—anything to provide comfort and help a chronic patient look and feel good about themselves.

Chronic care patients enjoyed diverse activities, often extending into the community. There were concerts, plays, choir, dances, picnics and parties. One of the special comedic and musical entertainments was Charlie Farquharson and his wife Catherine McKinnon, brought to Little Current by the auxiliary and thoroughly enjoyed by the chronic care patients.

And there were teas: Christmas, Easter, St. Patrick's, Hospital Day, Halloween and Summer.

There were bake sales, bazaars, dances, bridge tournaments, bingos, opportunity day sales, casserole suppers, a walk for the building fund and the ever-popular draws.

In 1971, a motion was made by Joanne Bouquet, seconded by Dorothy Stephens, "that we have a yearly bursary of \$50 to be given to an outstanding student in the nursing field." (The bursary is now \$500 x two.)

And of course, the auxiliary bought equipment. The list of purchases at the auxiliary's 60th anniversary included a cardiograph machine, croupette, emergency table, two commode chairs, a photometer, cardiscope, ventilator monitor machine for the operating room pulmonary unit, a recovery room stretcher, 20 bed lamps, a cystoscope, two ambu bags, an ice machine, a stenocord dictation system, cauterizing machine for the operating room, an auriscope, two small fridges, a resuscitation and oxygen machine.

"In addition, donations were made to the building fund, crash cart and other ongoing projects of the time," a note from the auxiliary's 60th anniversary states. "The most outstanding contribution all members throughout the 60-year history have given is the gift of time—volunteer bours!"

"Times change, needs change," the 60th anniversary note continues. "The active auxiliary members change but the philosophy of assisting in every possible way in the interest of patient care remains constant. Those who set the pace in the past have given current members a challenge."

While long-time auxiliary member Madeleine Charlton can no longer give of her time and efforts, she does still support the auxiliary through donations.

"I like to volunteer," she tells The Expositor of why she joined the auxiliary. "I wanted to help and shortly after I joined, someone had to be the auxiliary representative on the (hospital) board, so I did that."

Ms. Charlton has fond memories of her time with the auxiliary, calling it a "worthwhile organization."

"If you want to help and don't have a lot of money, it's a good way to volunteer," she adds. "They certainly do a lot of good and it helps a lot of people."

Marion Henry's name figures prominently in the minutes of the late 1950s and 1960s. Mrs. Henry was a nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital and wife of the late Dr. Jack Henry. As the wife of a physician, Ms. Henry said it wasn't expected of her to join, but she and many other nurses did, which was common in those days.

"The auxiliary was very active," Ms. Henry recalls. "It was a lot of fun—it was a nice social outing."

She says she is proud of the good works the auxiliary did in raising funds to help the hospital out. "Boy, they did a lot of good work, and every organization in town helped too."

Ms. Henry remembers the major fundraising push the auxiliary held to see the new addition of St. Joseph's Hospital through. "It was exciting, my goodness."

The creation of the tuck cart figures strongly in the memories of many former members who spent years of their lives baking, cooking and hosting for the auxiliary, including Phyllis Turner, Jean Ridley and Donna Corbierre.

"It was a really nice group," Ms. Ridley says fondly. "And I really enjoyed taking that tuck cart around to patients."

Ms. Corbierre and Ms. Ridley began the tuck cart. For the uninitiated, the tuck cart is wheeled around to inpatients at the hospital and includes snacks like chocolate bars and other treats as well as other items the patients might like to have during their stay.

"Austin Batemen built it and it was a big, heavy wooden cart with glass inserts in it," Ms. Corbierre recalls of the original tuck cart. "It took two people to push it."

In March 1963, a tuck shop was discussed, which became the aforementioned tuck cart built by Mr. Bateman of Little Current at a cost of \$35. The new cart was displayed at the January 1964 meeting.

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The tuck cart provided service to patients during visiting hours on Tuesday afternoon and on Friday evenings.

Ms. Corbierre noted that the tuck cart was created because it was thought to be a needed element for patient services, and it still exists today.

"Unless family came in, no one was there to provide treats to the patients, and it provided a social aspect, with members having a little visit with the patients," Ms. Corbierre explains.

Ms. Corbierre has fond memories of the auxiliary in the 1960s. "I remember all the nice outings and the discussions surrounding what to buy the patients for Christmas." To this day, the auxiliary still purchases presents for all the patients who find themselves in hospital at Christmas, usually in the form of a cozy blanket.

"The sisters were there when I started out in the early 1960s and we couldn't have asked for better leaders—they were so grateful for the things we did," Ms. Corbierre, who is a lifetime member of the both the Little Current auxiliary and the old provincial organization of hospital auxiliaries, adds. "We were a very good group, very involved, and we always had such great support."

Ms. Corbierre notes the continued importance of the auxiliary to this day.

Debbie Heise is the current secretary and has been an auxiliary member since Ms. Corbierre invited her to an evening out after Mr. Heise had given birth to her first child in 1976.

nnd in 1976. "Donna Corbierre called and invited me to a meeting and a 'night out'," Ms. Heise recalls. "I went home with the treasurer's book." $\,$

"I've always volunteered and thought that volunteering was worthwhile," Ms. Heise says, reflecting on her motivation for joining the auxiliary. "That, and it's a very worthwhile cause."

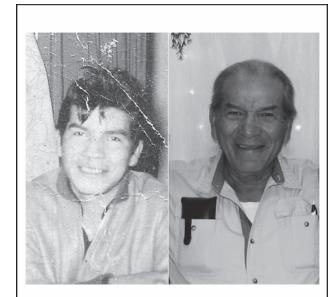
"My memories of the good old days is that I miss the camaraderie we had with the staff," the treasurer shares. "Staff used to be a big part (of the auxiliary). Doctors and nurses used to be big supporters and came to all our events."

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Artist/carver Mike Ranta and his faithful companion Spitzii stride proudly in front of the Big Dippera paddle fit for Big Joe Mufferaw and a Guinness World Book of Records winner.

Giant paddle gives homage to veterans

by Michael Erskine

KILLARNEY—The small but mighty community of Killarney (Shebahononing in the original Anishinabemowin) has a new claim to fame, literally. With the installation of The Big Dipper the community is now a strong contender for the world's largest canoe paddle.

The new paddle was created by artist/adventurer Mike Ranta, an avid

6' cedar planks. The sculpture will receive a coat of burnished copper to put on a special finishing shine.

'It's a keystone and cog style construction," said Mr. Ranta. "By constructing it in this way I can defend my paddle," he laughed.

Mr. Ranta describes himself as being of Finnish descent and that being on the water is "in my blood.'

Mr. Ranta said that aside from the natural beauty of the region, it is the people who make Killarney special. He gave a particular acknowledgement to the owners of Herbert's Fisheries, who he said had taken him under their wing, providing a

said Mr. Ranta. "I have spent so much time in the bush that I don't even like sleeping in a bed now."

the weather was doing and that would help determine the route they would take.



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Spitzii, a 12-year-old Finnish Spitz, stands guard below The Big Dipper, the world's largest canoe paddle.

canoeist who has crisscrossed the continent twice paddling from coast to coast. Mr. Ranta said he hopes the apply named Big Dipper will help establish Killarney as the paddle capital of Canada as well as set the paddle in the Guinness Book of World Records—but the real impetus is to honour Canada's veterans.

to germinate more than 15 years ago, but it was over a beer with Killarney Mountain Lodge and Conference Centre owner Holden Rhodes at Killarney's Sportsman's Inn that the dream began to cement into reality. "I asked him if he would be interested," recalled Mr. Ranta. "Well, it looked like a lightbulb lit up in him. He asked 'could you put it here?" A few moments later, and a bit of cajoling, the project was paddling off to the races.

The paddle currently measures in at 107-feet in length, but its construction keeps an eye to the future with a design that can easily be extended should any would-be competitor dare to paddle into view. The 'handle' of the paddle is constructed out of 4' by 8' pine posts laminated together, while the blade of the paddle is constructed of laminated 3' by

He has crossed the continent a number of times, tackling the longest solo journey across North America in 2014. He first came to Killarney in 2017 "and immediately fell in love with the place." Over the past couple of years one of Mr. Ranta's paddling companions has been none other than retired justice Stephen The concept first began O'Neil, himself a familiar canoeist in the region's waters.

On July 1, Mr. Ranta received a Canadian Meritorious Service Medal from a nation grateful for his contributions on behalf his advocacy work on behalf of youth, veterans and first responders.

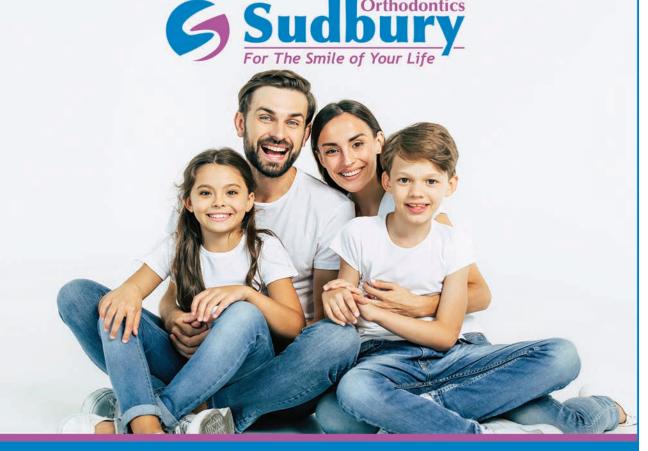
The giant paddle will be officially inaugurated following the July 3, 2021 Canoefest canoe race, part of the belated bicentennial celebrations of Killarney's incorporation as a town. The paddle will stand sentinel outside Killarney Mountain Lodge and Conference Centre's Canada House, the world's largest log building.

"Everyone travelling across the Great Lakes until very recently would have passed through this area," said Mr. Ranta. "They would climb to the bluffs above to look out over the water to see what



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...Now and Then: Fred and Carolyn Hunter

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volunteerism included the information booth on the ferry for 10 years. "We were kept busy, getting information to passengers. Carolyn and I also offered our services to the information booth in Little Current. We spent time with the museum in South Baymouth and Michael's Bay Historical Society as directors. That work is ongoing. There are five graveyards in Michael's Bay, and we are trying to preserve them for posteri-

"Collections? No. There was no time for that." "Favourite holiday? While working in forestry in New Liskeard, we rented a cottage for two months and the kids followed me around at work." "Favourite television shows? 'I Love Lucy,' the 'Grand Ole Opry' and



Getting ready for the Hawberry Hoedown, where Fred called the dancing, in 2000.

'Vet Stories'." "Favourite sports? Baseball and a bit of hockey." "Awards, trophies? For square dancing and 4-H." Carolyn adds, "Fred was Senior of the Year in the 1990s when he was president of the Triangle Club."

'What are we most proud of? Our family, our friends, homes, and all we have accomplished over the years. We now have our grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. It's rewarding to see them emerging and making their own lives." "What would we still like to do? Take the train to the West Coast to see more of Canada. We really don't feel compelled to go to distant shores in other countries." "What are we most afraid of? One of us dying and not being together anymore. We hope our health will stay good for the foreseeable future."

"Is there anything we would change if we could go back in time? No, we both would do the same, not change anything," they agreed, except perhaps, increasing our farming operation at the time. However, "we had two tractors, one for each of us, and we really enjoyed the field work. Today that same work is easier with better, advanced machinery and the bales are bigger. Getting the hay baled and stored was a much more time-consuming and harder task back then."

Is there someone who has particularly inspired you? "My dad gave me some important advice. He was

an honourable man," Fred shares. "My mom was also helpful, and Carolyn's parents helped us too." "Our legacy for the future? Our memories, displayed in these big binders, and the stories that we can share with friends and family. We also have family plots set aside." "Recipe for happiness? Just keep talking if there is disagreement and make up before going to bed."

"Advice for our youth? Enjoy life and when you have your own families, take the time to be with your children and always be respectful of others."

"Family traditions? We like to participate in community events, like the Canada Day Parade on July 1. In one South Baymouth parade in the 1980s, we were both wearing red hats in the photo. A family tradition years ago at Easter was eating as many fried eggs as we could," Carolyn continues.

She recalls that "George Skippen would take yearly family photos of the big White family at the farm on Christmas morning. When we were growing up, Christmas presents were always opened Christmas Eve, so the kids could get up the next morning and play with their gifts. Now, we all get together in July for Christmas instead of December,' Carolyn adds, "every third week of July is a family reunion for all the brothers and sisters. It's officially Christmas in July. That is quite a sizeable bunch of good people. The last few years we have had this celebration at my sister Freda's home, at Ten Mile Point.'

"Today, here, we share the work, the cooking and the cleaning. Fred is good at baking bread from scratch," Carolyn adds. "We love the Island. It is the best place to be. We have lots of fresh air, water and good neighbours. It has been an exceptional place to raise a family. People are friendly, they will wave to you and talk to you. We never feel isolated here in our special place."



A recent photo of Fred and Carolyn relaxing at home.

...Manor Tree of Lights

...continued from page 3 towards that project and I think that it's important that all the money raised goes to what people were told it was for," said Ms. Gauthier.

In addition, Jennifer Harvey, the landscape architect who has been engaged to provide the design for the courtyard project and a pro-

fessor at Sudbury's McEwen School of Architecture, has offered her services to oversee the contractor's implementation of the design.

"We have just lucked out on everything with this project," said Ms. Gauthier. "Because it is a fundraised project, she is willing to do that for us."

...McDougall Fuels donation

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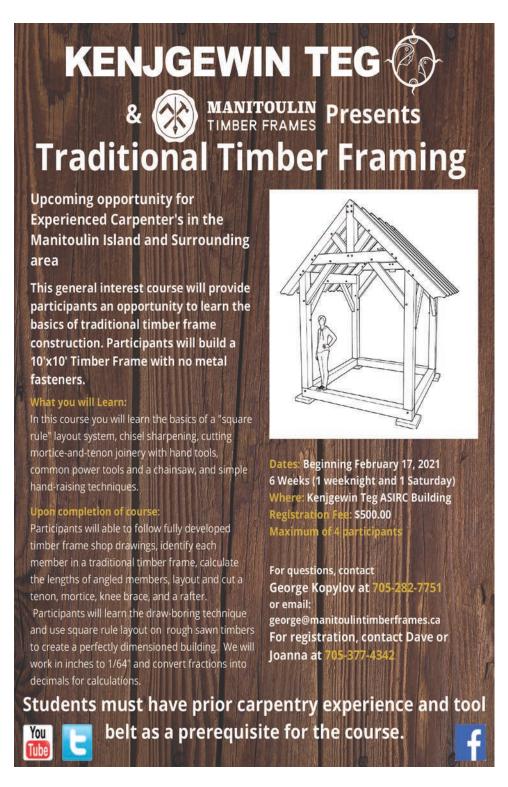
"This has been a very challenging year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we want to help brighten up the holidays for deserving individuals in the communities we serve, and where our customers and employees live," said Darren McDougall, president of McDougall Energy. 'McDougall Energy is built on the support of our customers, and we are committed to giving back through our Community Investment Program to the dedicated organizations that help make a difference every

"We are so happy it worked out," said Ryan Stewart, Manitoulin depot manager. "With the help of many volunteers, community support and generous donations, these organizations provide comfort to children and people of all ages by easing potential burdens caused by additional financial stress during this time of year. Over the past year we have given out around \$100,000 and we are

really happy it has worked out."

Manitoulin Resources is a multi-service organization whose mission is to support individuals and families by providing resources, advocacy and education through the agency's three program areas of violence against women prevention, children's services, and emergency food assistance. The food bank provided essentials to over 300 people per month pre-pandemic, having since seen the numbers soar. The agency is currently planning to build a new, expanded food bank and thrift store in 2021 to support the community.

"Manitoulin Family Resources would like to thank McDougall Energy for this generous donation," said Marnie Hall, executive director of Manitoulin Family Resources. "It will help many people this Christmas by assisting our food bank in providing Christmas baskets to 1,300 homes and meet the coming needs of January."





... Mattie Becks recalls favourite memories

...continued from page 1 through the week."

Religion was front and centre for the Becks family and an integral part of their daily lives. It was actually a Bible reading that gave her her nickname. "People think my nickname comes from my name, but it is really spelled Mattie, not Maddie, even though lots of people call me that now. But has nothing to with Madeline,' she explained. "My name is Effie Madeline, but my nickname comes from Matthew, not Madeline."

Every member of the Becks family took turns reciting the daily Bible reading. "I was fifth in a family of six," she recalled. When it came to Ms. Becks' turn, still very young and just learning to read, she began hesitantly..."Matt-hew."

"My brother laughed and laughed, from that day forward I was Mattie," she laughed.

Christmas meant travelling out into the bush on one of the many AJ Wagg properties to cut a tree to be dragged back inside for decorating. "It was all horse and buggy in those days," she said. She recalled that her father, the founder of Wagg's Creamery, arrived on the Island as a 10-year-old.

The Becks household was always filled with music, with Ms. Becks playing the piano and her sister playing the organ. "There was always lots of



A drive-through celebration was held at the United Church in Mindemoya on Tuesday, December 8 to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mattie Becks, left. Among the large throng of well-wishers was one of Ms. Becks' many friends, who presented her with flowers to commemorate the birthday.

music in our home growing up," recalled Ms. Becks' daughter Gail Meehan of Honora Bay.

Ms. Becks comes from a very practical and religious family, but there was a bit of rebel in there as well. "Skirts in my mother's day were very long," she recalled. "They would drag in all the dirt on the streets, and that was in the days of horse and buggy, so you can guess what that meant. My mother finally got fed up and took a pair of scissors to the bottom of her skirts. She always said that was the start of shorter skirts."

Visiting friends and neighbours was a big deal in her childhood, as it is for most people even up to the present. "But this year is going to be very different," admitted Ms. Becks. "It is very scary."

Ms. Becks misses her

church and the camaraderie of her fellow parishioners almost as much as she does her own family.

But she has kept busy, as she has done for her entire life, knitting mitts, touques and scarves for the homeless and disadvantaged. She still bakes, with her recipe for Hello Dollies and other delights being emulated now in the third and fourth generations of her family.

"My mother is an amazing baker, she's a great cook too, but it is her baking that is really her thing," said Ms. Meehan.

This Christmas has been among the most touching of her 100 years when she was invited to light the Mindemoya community Christmas tree. "She was just so honoured," said her granddaughter. "So honoured and so surprised."



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OPP Stuff-a-Cruiser event attracts a steady stream

OPP Community Services Officer Marie Ford and Auxiliary Constable Chris Bajc watch as Brinley and Samara bring bags of goodies to the annual OPP Stuff-a-Cruiser event in Mindemoya. The event was held outside Mindemoya Foodland where a steady stream of folks soon filled both an OPP cruiser and SUV. "We did well," said Constable Ford, "over 450 bags and approximately \$1,200 plus the \$5,000 donation from McDougall Fuels."

photo by Michael Erskine



A rare but colourful winter visitor

A male varied thrush's typical habitat would be in coniferous forests in the Pacific Northwest and along the west coast of North America—but it does have a habit of wandering to the east right to the Atlantic. It is very rare here, but there are more and more sightings of it to the east of its normal range-including here in Ontario. This picture was taken in the South Baymouth area on Thursday, December 17.

photo by John Diebolt



For more information, visit Noojmowin-teg.ca or call (705) 368-2182 EXT. 237



Dear Santa,

I want Mine Craft Lego and other Lego at my Grandma's house. Also some robots and a Transformer dinosaur. A drone Flyer with a remote too and more Lego. Last, thing a race track. I am good, good boy who likes Santa.

> From Alec Nakogee **Lakeview School M'Chigeeng**

Dear Santa,

I want a car with a remote and lights to play with in the dark and play with my friends. Also, a dollie and skateboard. Maybe a horse too with a button on the back to walk. Thank you, Santa.

> From, Ava-Jean Drummond Corb Lakeview School **M'Chigeeng**

Dear Santa,

I want new toys, new soap and new art supplies. Some clothes and shoes too. I am a good girl.

Love, Bailey Nootchati **Lakeview School M'Chigeeng**

Letters to Santa

Thank you,

I want a new mint green sled for Christmas. I've been really good.

> Ayah Taukei Lakeview School **M'Chigeeng**

Dear Santa,

I want new toys and new dinosaurs and a new t.v. for myself and Colton to watch.

Thank you, **Bryce Atawish-McGregor** Lakeview School **M'Chigeeng**

Dear Santa.

What I want for Christmas is a big Lego set. It has a tiny girl falling off the thing "you know." Another guy is on a motorcycle with two fighting dinosaurs and a guy with a gun. I've been a really good boy. Thank you, Santa.

From Lazarus Corbiere **Lakeview School M'Chigeeng**

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa! I want new clothes for Christmas and some papers to draw on. Also, some apples and new cups. New soap too for washing my hands.

Thank you,

Benson Ense Lakeview School M'Chigeeng

Dear Santa,

I am a good boy! I would like Wild Kratt's toys and a robot dinosaur. Just those things.

From.

Oliver Debassige **Lakeview School M'Chigeeng**

Dear Santa,

I would Want a American girl doll outfits and shoes and american girl doll cars. I Would Want a new ipad. My big







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From your friend Maria Loucks Grade 4 **Lakeview School M'Chigeeng**

Dear Santa,

My name is Navayah I am I am a horse rider at honora riding stable. My horse is nameb Pooh bear.

Love Navayah Grade 4 Lakeview School **M'Chigeeng**

Dear Santa,

I would like a nintenDo Lite and a Vr. I was good From: Darius Migwans Grade 4 **Lakeview School M'Chigeeng**

Dear Santa,

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> Landon **Lakeview School M'Chigeeng**

Dear Santa,

This year I have been a good girl. I have been helping my mom also doing dishes. This year can I have a elf again? By the way my name is Aiyenna Catherine Toulouse. This year can I have a pink hoverboard, a IPad and phone, L.e.d. lights, air pods thank you.

Love: Aiyanna Grade 4 Lakeview School **M'Chigeeng**

Dear Santa,

My name is Vayda I'm from Mchigeen. I Really want a couple of things for Christmas. Here is my list. I kinda really want an Xbox card And More. I really want a hover-

Love Vayda Grade 4 **Lakeview School M'Chigeeng**

Dear Santa,

My name is Riley. I have Been kinda good this year but can you Please get me a Nintendo swich and slime in a container and a Phone with a blue and Pink case that's all I want thankyou from Riley Corbiere

Grade 4

Lakeview School **M'Chigeeng**

Dear Santa,

My name is Cohen for Christmas I would like air pods and a iPad. Four weler lots of snow on Chirstmas so I can ride my skidoo and for covid to go away and some Ps4

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...Mental health, crisis supports available to Islanders during holidays, pandemic

...continued from page 3 and non-Indigenous people ages 12 years and older and can be accessed by calling 705-368-2182, extension 222.

Interim mental health and addictions manager Delaney Campbell told The Expositor that Noojmowin Teg has seen a steady and increasing need for such services on the Island.

"Once we hit the fall and the second wave, we saw similar (increasing) trends in the mental health field.

for people who had already struggled before the pandemic experience, it's exacerbated their mental health struggles as well," Ms. Campbell said.

Ultimately, she said, the most important thing is to reach out to someone, regardless of whom.

"It can seem intimidating because some organizations may seem to have separate criteria and different catchments, but on Manitoulin.

People are struggling and reach out (to an organization) and even if you're not necessarily in their mandate, they will help guide you toward the most appropriate service," Ms. Campbell said.

> Many of Noojmowin Teg's support services have transitioned to a virtual model this year, though it is still offering some in-person help when appropriate. She said the digital model has created some flexibility, though there are con

straints for the many people in the Manitoulin area without reliable, fast internet connections. However, regional groups may be able to help users with connectivity challenges.

Canada improving crisis response

The federal government is moving toward improving access to crisis services for those at risk of dying by suicide. On December 11, the House of Commons

Conservative motion to consolidate all suicide crisis hotlines at a single, easyaccess phone number: 9-8-8.

CBC News reported that the United States is also in the process of setting up its own national 9-8-8 crisis line, a process that it projected to take four years.

Where to get help Any Islanders seeking mental health or crisis support should consult Connex-

unanimously supported a Ontario.ca, the ConnexGO mobile app or call 1-866-531-2600, available 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

A Sudbury counsellor support line is available from 6 pm to midnight at 1-866-856-9276 and a 24-hour local crisis line is available at 1-877-841-1101.

For children and younger adults, contact Kids Help Phone at 1-800-668-6868 or visit KidsHelpPhone.ca.

Anyone in an immediate crisis should dial 9-1-1.

...Ontario to shut down Dec. 26

...continued from page 3 ondary schools will move to teacher-led remote learning when students return from winter break on January 4,

Rainbow schools located within the Public Health Sudbury and Districts area can resume in-person instruction on January 11, 2021 for both elementary and secondary students.

From January 4-8, 2021, when elementary students move to remote learning. before and after school programs will be closed and emergency child care for health care and front-line workers will be provided. As part of the government's efforts to protect the most vulnerable, boards must make provisions for continued in-person support for students with special education needs who cannot be accommodated through remote learning or for whom remote learning is challenging.

The government also announced the Ontario Small Business Support Grant, which will provide a minimum of \$10,000 and up to \$20,000 to eligible small business owners to help

navigate this challenging period.

Small businesses required to close or restrict under services province-wide shutdown will be able to apply for this one-time grant. Each small business will be able to use the support in whatever way makes the most sense for their individual business. For example, some businesses will need support paying employee wages or rent, while others will need support maintaining their inventory.

Eligible small businesses include those that: Are required to close or significantly restrict services subject to the province-wide shutdown; have less than 100 employees at the enterprise level; and have experienced a minimum of 20 percent revenue decline in April 2020 compared to April 2019.

Essential businesses that are allowed to remain open will not be eligible for this grant.

Businesses that are impacted by the provincewide shutdown will also be eligible for property tax and energy cost rebates.



Today is Monday, December 21, one of my favourite days of the year. Tonight, I will celebrate the longest day of the year and then start watching the ever so slow lengthening days moving forward to spring. By the end of this month we will have gained a whole nine minutes of extra daylight! Next is ordering seeds for my garden, then starting seeds under the grow lights and then spring will be here in

I just finished making cabbage soup for our private solstice fire. Of course, I can never find a pot too big to make soup in. Old habits die hard but I will have enough for some light meals after the turkey feast and sugar overload!

Cabbage Soup

This recipe is perfect for a light quick meal. Make extra to freeze for the night you don't feel like cooking. This soup recipe can be ready in about 45 minutes. You can also use the crockpot which will take about 4 hours of cooking time or the Instant Pot which can be done in 10 minutes of cooking and 15-20 minutes of sitting in cool down mode.

ADD ONS: More veggies like bok choy, spinach, cauliflower, grated sweet potato.

Chicken or beef for more protein

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3 Tbsp olive oil

1 medium onion chopped

3 cloves garlic minced

8 cups chicken, beef or vegetable broth

1 tsp salt

1/2 tsp dried thyme

1/2 tsp black pepper

Hot sauce to taste 1/2 head cabbage chopped

4 carrots peeled and chopped

2 stalks celery sliced thinly

14.5 oz can stewed tomatoes or your own homemade

Add the rest of the ingredients and let simmer for 30 to

40 minutes. Adjust the seasonings.

sauce In a large pot add the oil, onions and garlic. Cook the onions until they become clear, about five minutes.

Serve with homemade bread or biscuits.

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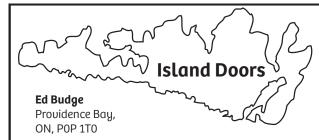
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UCCM Police welcomes an inspector to the team

M'CHIGEENG-On December 7, United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin (UCCM) Anishnaabe Police Service welcomed Corinne (Cori) Slaughter to the team. She joins the ranks as inspector and director of operations.

Inspector Slaughter comes to the police service with a wealth of experience on both the front-line and senior management levels, as well as policy development. She retired as staff sergeant with the Ottawa Police Service and has



Inspector Corrine Slaughter

spent the last three years with the RCMP air services branch, primarily in policy and procedural development. Prior to becoming a police officer, she spent seven years in the Canadian

Faron Whiteye, UCCM chief of police, explained in the release that Inspector Slaughter is excited to be joining the UCCM Police and is ready to hit the ground running. She is spending her first week getting familiar with operations and will be out meeting the residents of the six First Nations communities. If you see Inspector Slaughter out in the community, please help us welcome her to beautiful Mnidoo Mnis-

military, a release notes.







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- A person who is affiliated with the organization a current or past student; and
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Requirements/Qualifications

- Post-secondary degree in a relevant field; Bachelor's degree required, Master's preferred;
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COUNSELLOR

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre - Nookomisnaang Shelter Program is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of counsellor.

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- Complete and submit weekly time sheets and appropriate leave forms
- Promote a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment by:
- Work co-operatively and in co-ordination with all staff members
- Communicate concerns will all staff members in a sensitive and direct manner to promote understanding
- and resolution

Qualifications

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- Understanding of the impact of family violence on the individual family, clan, nation and community

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Nookomisnaang Shelter Attention: Melissa Roy

NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre

P.O. Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0

Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: January 8, 2021 @ 4:00pm

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Position: Wind Site Operations Engineering Assistant

Department: Operations Job Type: Full-Time

Employment Type: Permanent Work Environment: Site Location: McLean's Mountain Wind Farm

About Northland

Northland Power is a global power producer dedicated to helping the clean energy transition by producing electricity from clean renewable resources. Founded in 1987, Northland has a long history of developing, building, owning and operating clean and green power infrastructure assets and is a global leader in offshore wind. In addition, Northland owns and manages a diversified generation mix including onshore renewables, solar and efficient natural gas energy, as well as supplying energy through a regulated utility. Headquartered in Toronto, Canada, with global offices in eight countries, Northland owns or has an economic interest in 2.7 GW (net 2.3 GW) of operating generating capacity and a significant inventory of early stage development opportunities encompassing nearly 4.0 GW of potential capacity.

Publicly traded since 1997, Northland's common shares, Series 1, Series 2 and Series 3 preferred shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbols NPI, NPI.PR.A, NPI.PR.B and NPI.PR.C, respectively.

About the Role

The Wind Site Operations Assistant position supports wind operations at the McLean's Mountain Wind Farm. From time-to-time, the position may also support initiatives at other Northland wind facilities in North America. The role will report to the wind site manager and, together with the other members of the site team, be responsible for the safe and efficient operation of the wind farm. They must be able and willing to work overtime and be on-call as needed to meet the sites operational and business objectives, pass a background investigation and hold a valid driver's licence. Familiarity with NERC, IESO, MOE&CC, and Environment Canada and Climate Change standards would be an asset.

The work will involve all aspects of ensuring safe and efficient operational of the site including: planning site maintenance activities, coordinating site contractors, lock-out-tag-out activities, risk mitigation planning, troubleshooting site issues including root cause analysis and incident report creation (working with Northland's engineering personnel), compliance with environmental regulations and permits (working with Northland's environmental personnel), working with Northland's renewable monitoring centre to ensure coordination and compliance with grid operator and utilities, and proactively ensuring the site performs reliably and efficiently (working with Northland's engineering personnel)

The position will have the opportunity, through various interfaces, to participate in other company-wide initiatives, providing growth

What Is Your Role?

Day-to-Day

- Ensuring safe site operations working with other site personnel and Northland's health and safety personnel
- Ensuring environmental permits and regulations are followed and working with Northland's environmental group
- Ensuring compliance with grid operating rules and utility requirements and working with Northland's renew centre and Northland's engineering personnel
- Maintenance planning
- Coordination of contractors
- Ensuring positive community relations
- Monitoring and reporting on site efficiency and performance
- Troubleshooting site issues to restore reliability including event summary reports and root cause analysis
- General site maintenance activities as prescribed by the Site Manager.

Other Projects

- Working on projects to optimize site performance and improve maintenance practices
- Input into the development and construction support of new sites
- Contributing to the use/development of tools for improved site monitoring and optimization
- Other activities that benefit both individual and company growth.

Key Accountabilities

Education, experience and training is required in the following areas of expertise:

- Ensuring site equipment is properly maintained as required. This includes inspection rounds, planning of maintenance outage scopes of work, review of inspections and test reports, and follow up to resolve findings that require action
- NERC: support the Organization in NERC compliance with site compliance audits, monitoring updates to NERC standards and regulations, and supporting the internal NERC Team
- Performance Engineering: support the Organization with performance monitoring tools including data extraction and analysis, technological support, and ROTORsoft implementation.
- Compliance Market, Environmental: support environmental and market compliance by coordinating with Compliance Specialists within the Organization.
- Maximo: support the Organization with site specific data entry, preventative maintenance scheduling, and procurement activities within Maximo software
- Technical Documentation: support the Organization in creation of documents and procedures in coordination with perspective Stakeholders. Ensure policies and procedures are current with proper sign-offs and maintained in accordance with established document policies. Ensure drawings are updated, current, and stored correctly. Ensure Management of Change process is adhered to and documented.
- OT/IT: Support OT-IT initiatives to apply IT infrastructure & Security guiding principles across the facilities, and to ensure the OT environments are brought up to a baseline level of operations.

Qualifications

- You have demonstrated a focus on personal safety and safety of others.
- You have an Engineering Technologist, Bachelor of Science (Engineering) Degree, or similar education with a focus on electrical/ power system equipment.
- Working knowledge gained from experience or training in NERC standards and regulations is required.
- You have experience with generation equipment. You are proficient with computer use and can quickly pick-up use of new applications as needed.
- Ability to audit NERC compliance is required.
- Ability to author technical documents and procedures.

 Ability to extract and analyze performance data on operating systems is required.
- Ability to obtain a passport.
- Currently holds a valid G driver's licence with clean abstract.
- Able and willing to work overtime and be on-call as needed to meet operational and business objectives.
- Ability to climb tower ladders up to 125 metres in height.
- Ability to pass a background investigation and a medical fitness test
- Resides or willing to relocate to within a 30-minute drive time to the Operations and Maintenance building located south of the community of Little Current, ON.

Strengths and abilities

- You can communicate clearly verbally, write well, and get along with others easily and are a team-player You are a highly-motivated self-starter and have demonstrated a commitment to continuous improvement
- You have and can demonstrate attention to detail and resolve issues to completion
- You are extremely organized and good at managing your time
- You can multi-task, prioritize, and work to deadlines
- You enjoy working with computers and technology
- You have practical knowledge of wind, solar, and/or thermal generation including processes, technologies, and equipment

Nice to haves

You have knowledge and experience working with SCADA/DCS and historian systems

Location & Travel

The position will be based at McLean's Mountain Wind Farm in Little Current. Ontario. However, the successful candidate may travel occasionally as necessary to support other facilities in special circumstances and for special projects. The successful candidate must reside or be willing to relocate to within a 30 minute drive time to the Operations and Maintenance building located south of the community of Little Current, Ontario. The successful candidate must have a valid passport and be unrestricted for travel throughout the world as required. All reasonable expenses associated with work-related travel, excluding flight costs, will be incurred by the individual and reimbursed by Northland.

Why Work at Northland?

- We are growing! A Northland career provides an opportunity to do more, learn more, and grow more as the Company continues
- We have an active Culture Committee that organizes events and fundraisers to get to know your fellow Northlanders, give back to our community, and have some fun.
- We offer great benefits, including a generous RRSP matching program.

Are we a Good Fit?

- These are the values shared by Northlanders. If you also share these values, we would like to hear from you.
- Honesty & Integrity Doing the right thing for all our collective stakeholders Respect — For ourselves, our partners, our host communities – and the environment
- Commitment Seeing a project or challenge through to its successful conclusion
- Having Fun Feeling passion and enthusiasm for our work drives our efforts Pursuit of Excellence — Striving to be the best in everything that we do
- Creativity — Finding innovative solutions that stimulate positive change and growth Safety — Ensuring the health and safety of our people, partners and stakeholders is our top priority

This document is a guide. The duties, responsibilities, and requirements of the jobs as described herein are not inclusive and are subject to change.



Employment Opportunity COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE FULL-TIME PERMANENT

With the functional support, guidance and supervision provided by the Community Health Service Manager, the Community Health Nurse carries out a community health service as outlined by the Community Health Program Policies and Procedures.

Responsibilities

- Planning and delivering a Community Health Program, considering the physical, social, spiritual, mental and environmental factors which influence each individual, family and community;
- Delivering an immunization program in accordance to Community Health Service (CHS) Immunization Policy and Procedures, FNIHB Immunization Policy and Procedures and Ministry Standards. Also, ensuring to maintain a communicable disease reporting program in collaboration with CD Nurse of FNIHB and CHS Manager;
- Community Health Program
- Preconception Health Services (for schools in community only);
- Maternal and Newborn Health Services; 2.
- 3. Infant and Pre-School Health Services:
- School Health Services (for schools in community only);
- Community Health Services. 5.

Qualifications

- A four-year BScN degree is required; or minimum three-year nursing diploma will be accepted;
- Must take Immunization Certification Online Course upon hiring and attend mandatory training sessions. Upon completion CHN will be required to write the immunization exam and will be subject to a series of practical exams
- Two years' experience in advanced nursing assessment skills with special emphasis on immunization, communicable disease, prenatal and community health care:
- Two years' experience working in a First Nation community or equivalent organization;
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation health concerns and issues, and the ability to apply knowledge and skill in the development and implementation of programs to address identified needs;
- Adaptability and ability to establish and sustain a multidisciplinary team approach to integrated service delivery;
- Ability to apply ethics of nursing practice in decision making;
- Willingness to adapt to the changing demands of the position;
- Ability to demonstrate initiative, optimism, discretion, tact, self-assurance, dependability and leadership.

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Community Health Nurse

Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre P.O. Box 101, 16A Complex Drive Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0 Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

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Employment Opportunity WELLNESS WORKER

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Summary

Wellness Worker is responsible for planning and facilitating safe therapeutic counselling, ensuring care management duties are completed according to minimal standards, preparing and maintaining administrative duties, promoting a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment.

Responsibilities

- Plan and facilitate safe therapeutic counselling to individuals and/or families.
- In accordance to the minimal standards, ensure case management responsibilities are current and
- Promote a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment.
- To assist clients to develop action plans to address identified concerns.
- To share information with health and social agencies.
- Organize and facilitate community events (i.e.: cultural awareness, education, illness prevention, crisis intervention workshops, promotion programming for school age and other youth, seniors and other identified populations).
- Facilitate outreach program (i.e. health and wellness fairs, grief recovery).
- Aboriginal cultural approaches will be reflected or used as part of the activities and services.
- Provide advocacy and support services to community members who have experienced any form of
- 10. Ensure confidentiality in the provision of all services.
- 11. Implement healing opportunities, facilitate circles as well as coordinate knowledge exchange opportunities so that they meet the community needs utilizing a traditional/western approach.
- Knowledge and understanding of intergenerational impacts of all forms of trauma and abuse.
- Promote programming and educational workshops to community members, groups and family.

Oualifications

- Post-Secondary graduate in Social Work or relevant field.
- Understanding of the impact of family violence on the individual family, clan, nation and community.

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Nookomisnaang Wellness Worker

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Tender

Domestic Water Piping & Heating Plant Upgrades Central Manitoulin Public School Project #2021-03

Sealed Tenders for Stipulated Sum Contracts will be received at the Rainbow District School Board, Front Desk in the Main Entrance of the Building, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury, ON P3E 1P2 on or before 12:00 noon, local time, Thursday, January 14th, 2021.

10% bid bond or certified cheque is required with tender submission. The successful bidder will be required to supply 50% labour and material and 50% performance bonds for projects tendered over \$100,000 or an irrevocable letter of credit for 50% of the total tendered price up to \$100,000 which may be called upon by the Board at any time.

Tender Opening

The name of all bidders and their total bid price shall be deemed public information following the Tender opening. There will be no public tender opening due to COVID-19 Restrictions and the Board's Policy.

The Rainbow District School Board is subject to the Municipal Freedom of Information Act.

Tender Award

The Board reserves the right to reject the lowest, any or all tenders or to accept any that may be beneficial to the Board.

Doreen Dewar **Board Chair**

Norm Blaseg Director of Education

rainbowschools.ca



WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE

Inspector/Director of Operations

Position: Location: Responsible to:

Inspector/Director of Operations Wikwemikong Unceded Territory Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Inspector/Director of Operations (Inspector) is a front-line supervisory position and reports to the Chief of Police. The Inspector is responsible for directing the operation and administrative functions of the WTPS in the First Nation of Wilkwemkoong. The position also ensures that responsibilities assigned by the Chief of Police are complied with, and that accountability is provided to not only the Chief of Police, but all staff members of the WTPS and the members of the Wilkwemkoong First Nation. The position works both in consultation with the leadership team and independently. The Inspector is responsible for dealing with member First Nations to ensure local policing needs are being met. The responsibilities of the Inspector are carried out in accordance with the mission, relevant legislation, and regulations, governmental, organizational and WTPS Board policies, to promote efficient, high quality operations for the WTPS.

Summary of duties:

- Knowledge of community policing methods, statutes, regulations, policies and procedures and service rules. Understanding of crime trends, demographics and geography of the member First Nations and their needs and
- Directing and overseeing operations and administrative functions.
- Develop, direct, and manage operational policy development for the police service.

 Maintain the integrity and accuracy of the WTPS Niche RMS database.

 Create and maintain an electronic filing system and create and modify policy for review as required.
- Respond to request for information externally through various judicial and legislated formats.
- Foster community engagement and develop community policing initiatives for the service. Responsible for investigating complaints (internal and external).
- Create and maintain a record of crime trends by demographics and geographic areas.
- Handle investigations that meet a certain threshold and/or assuming control of major incidents. Attend the scene and/or supervise major incidents.
- Provide support to the Chief of Police on all administrative and operational duties that arise.

Summary of qualifications:

- Personnel records must indicate exemplary status with no form of discipline in the past three (3) years.
- Knowledgeable and respectful of the Wiikwemkoong culture, language, and traditions.
- Excellent interpersonal skills to maintain professionalism and courteousness to members of the public and all justice partners. Understanding of how emergency response, assistance to victims of crime, crime prevention, etc., relates to
- criminal investigations. Ability to multi-task in a high stress and time driven environment.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, to resolve and mediate disputes that arise in the performance of duties.
- Ability to utilize analytical skills in a variety of environments to identify problems, analyse options, and determine the best possible solution.
- Ability to work within a team and independently, manage time efficiently and effectively.
- Excellent computer skills to learn a variety of software applications for the use of daily duties. Proficient in Microsoft Office software applications.

Other Important Information to Be Submitted with Your Application:

- Cover letter and resume, as well as three letters of reference must be provided.
- Copy of Ontario Police College Basic Training Certificate Level II or Equivalent. Results of OPC Staff Sergeant or Inspector Accreditation a definite asset.
- Valid First Aid and CPR Certification.
- Completed Application Form, Medical and Vision Form and Consent and Release of Liability Form (located at WTPS office or email request to richard.flamand@wtps.ca);
- McNeil Self-Disclosure Report; and any other documentation for consideration.

Salary: To commensurate as per the WTPS approved salary grid.

Apply for this position by January 4, 2021 at 4:00 PM, marked CONFIDENTIAL ATTN: Richard Flamand, Human Resources/Payroll Officer

By Mail or Hand Delivery:

Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service 2074 Wikwemikong Way – PO Box 27 Wikwemikong, Ontario By Email: richard.flamand@wtps.ca



Employment Opportunity BINOOJIINHAK: GWIIWZENHSAK, KWEZENHSAK AGES 7 – 12 FACILITATOR

Summary

Under the direction of the Waasa Naabin Community Youth Service (WNCYS) Manager, the Binoojiinhak: Gwiiwzenhsak, Kwezenhsak Ages 7 - 12 Facilitator is responsible for developing and coordinating community-based holistic health programs for children between the ages of 7 - 12. The focus of the program is on active living activities that are enhanced through the delivery of additional holistic health elements including mental wellness, smoking prevention, diabetes awareness/prevention, nutrition, life skills and traditional teachings.

Responsibilities

- Develop and coordinate community-based activities consistent with Cultural, Health & Wellness and Recreation & Leisure components which promote resilience and well-being amongst our youth through delivery of educational and prevention services.
- Promote program participation of both youth and their parents/guardians.
- Coordinate and participate in regular communication with administration, community service partners and families.
- Perform administrative duties in support of the program goals and objectives.
- Prepare and disseminate weekly, monthly and annual activity schedules.
- Engage in professional development to maintain current skills and knowledge regarding the scope of the position
- Assist in the development and implementation of the organization's quality improvement initiatives.
- Network with partner agencies to improve practices, enhance services and move forward shared initiatives relevant to the position.
- To participate in any public relations as a means of ensuring ongoing awareness to the community
 pertaining to the program of the Waasa Naabin Community Youth Services Centre.
- To be responsible for the Community Youth Services Centre which includes opening and closing the building; work evening and weekend shifts in accordance with the work schedule.
- To host, coordinate, participate and implement outside group activities which will at times include long and short trips, i.e. winter boot camp, soccer, T-Ball, baseball.
- To coordinate, implement, facilitate and participate, land-based activities.

Qualifications

- Minimum three-year post-secondary designation in Fitness and Health Promotion or related healthcare field.
- One to three years' previous experience working with the delivery of physical activity programming to target groups, preferably children's programming.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Binoojiinhak: Gwiiwzenhsak, Kwezenhsak Ages 7 - 12 Facilitator Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive, Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0 Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

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WIKWEMIKONG HEALTH CENTRE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COUNSELLOR

ONE YEAR CONTRACT - MATERNITY LEAVE

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Attention: Melissa Roy

Nookomisnaang Shelter Counsellor-Maternity Leave

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Employment Opportunity FOOT CARE REGISTERED PRACTICAL NURSE (RPN)

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is currently recruiting an experienced and skilled Foot Care RPN with advance foot care training in the Primary Care Program. This nurse will work to provide basic (non-diabetic) & advanced diabetic foot care assessments and treatment services to Wikwemikong community members in a clinic setting.

Responsibilitie

- Accountable for own foot care nursing practice and professional growth with reflection, evidence-based practice and available resources and guidelines;
- Builds a positive personal interpersonal, group, community and professional relationship to foster improved health for client experiencing issues of care in order to promote optimum health and reduction of lower limb complications;
- Practices Infection Control as defined within guidelines and regulations;
- Practices in keeping with his/her role and scope of practice, the standards for nursing Practice and Code of Ethics of CNO.

Qualifications

- Currently registered with College of Nurses of Ontario;
- RPNAO with general liability insurance;
- Advanced Foot Care Certification with Diabetes Foot Care;
 Valid CPR;
- Demonstrated analytical, evaluation and problem solving skills;
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills;
- Demonstrated excellence in organizational skills;
 Capable of working independently;
- Maintain client confidentiality, safety and comfort;Ability to manage own schedule;
- Compassionate;
- Responsibility.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copy of accreditations, and contact information of two work-related references, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Foot Care Position

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NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
P.O. Box 101, 16A Complex Drive
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIOUR INTERVENTION WORKER

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre — Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojinhik Wiin ni gshkiwewziwaat Program is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of School-Based Behaviour Intervention Worker. Staff are based in following communities: M'Chigeeng, Sagamok, Whitefish River and Wiikwemkoong, therefore, travel may be required or office base may be flexible.

Summary

The School-Based Behaviour Intervention Worker will work with students who are identified as having needs for behaviour intervention or school-based mental health intervention.

Responsibilities

- Provide services in different partner communities, travelling independently
- 2. Establish positive relationships with school staff in all partner communities
- Meet with care coordinators to review cases and develop understanding of referrals
 Meet with children at their school
- 5. Meet with parents and teachers as needed to ensure adequate assessment for each child
- Write comprehensive assessment and treatment plans that include clear recommendations for teachers, school staff and parents, and also recommendations for individual clinical interventions following best practice standards
- Assist families in understanding reports and in implementing the strategies at home
- Provide information and support to school staff to assist them in developing competencies in behaviour intervention and children's mental health
- 9. Be responsive to school staff when they identify training needs and report these to program manage
- 0. Participate in school staff training events

Qualifications

- Masters level degree in Social Work or equivalent preferred, but all interested applicants encouraged to apply
- Must be registered or be eligible to register with the College of Social Workers or as a Psychotherapist
 Social work experience; experience in children's mental health or child and family therapy preferred
- Social work experience; experience in children's mental health or child and family
 Two years' recent post-masters experience in an educational setting preferred
- Experience working with children/youth experiencing social/emotional difficulties
 Demonstrated ability to work with a multi-disciplinary team
- Committed to community-based services

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

School-Based Behaviour Intervention Worker Attention: Melissa Rov

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

their roots

erri Mousseau was almost a Haweater, so moving to the Manitoulin has been a homecoming of sorts. Terri's mother, Karen Pyette, originally from South Baymouth, was pregnant with her when she and her husband, Gor-Little, from Tehkummah, moved the family to the Niagara region where employment opportunities were greater.

help wanted

months, but spent her childhood and, later, adult summer vacations on Manitoulin revelling in being in 'God's country.'

"We would always come up for at least a few weeks each summer and were always sad to leave because we love this place so much," says Terri.

Terri and her husband. Danny, both nurses, were raising their three daughters in the small city of Grimsby and working nearby in a hospital in St. Catharines. Although they enjoyed their jobs in Niagara Health's nephrology department, they were increasingly disenchanted with Grimsby's rapid growth. Within two years of having Go train service to the community, it had doubled in size as new suburbs sprung up, losing its comfortable small-town feeling.

'So, when we saw there were Northern nursing initiatives that applied to the Island, we leapt at the chance to move our family



NEW-ish to Manitoulin

to NEMI where we could still have great jobs and also give our girls a great way of life," explains Terri. "Why not live where we love to vacation?!

"Down in the city, we wore ourselves out, as the pace was so fast," adds Danny, who had grown up in a small village of 400. "We decided to slow down and simplify our lives, moving here to take advantage of a more relaxing lifestyle.'

The couple took on new nursing positions—Terri at the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) and, initially, Danny at Noojmowin Teg Health Centre in Wiikwemkoong—in September 2018. Their careers moved in entirely different directions as a result. Instead of working on a single, specialized floor of a big hospital, they now find themselves revolving through

everything from the maternity and surgery to the emergency departmentswherever they are needed much to their delight.

Both rave about the high quality of care and the innovative approaches being taken at MHC, where both are now employed.

"The entire health team is extraordinary and so supportive, bending over backwards to welcome us, train

us and accommodate our scheduling needs," says Terri. "Doctors here, especially, are so inventive. They are incredible—offer-

ing novel programs, such as providing housing for nursing and medical students, and encouraging young minds to pursue new ways of thinking and working."

Patients are different too, observes Danny, demanding, certainly more patient and much more appreciative. It took a while to adjust to running into patients in the grocery store or on the streets,

something uncommon in the city. But, although he and Terri feared this might be awkward, they've concluded it's actually a benefit because "you get to know patients as real people with real families and understand the circumstances surrounding their lives so we can practice holistic nursing in a way we couldn't before. It has been a real eye-opener for us, translating book knowledge into real life practice."

Work isn't the only aspect of their lives that has undergone a metamorphosis. Being here has helped

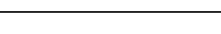
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ARE YOU INTERESTING IN PROVIDING SUPPORT TO STUDENTS AND BEING A PART OF AN ORGANIZATION WITH AMAZING TEAM MEMBERS?

THEN KENJGEWIN TEG IS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU!

Kenjgewin Teg is committed to making a difference and inspiring students on their educational journey. Our team members want students to be inspired and to find their gifts so that they can succeed in the world.

If the following positions may be of interest to you, please contact the Director of Operations at HumanResources@kenjgewinteg.ca and schedule a date and time to have a virtual coffee break!

Social Worker Full Time

Position Objective:

The Social Worker provides school-based mental health services and support to students of Kenjgewin Teg. This position works as part of the Student Services Team, and will liaise with external resources, in support of student needs.

Specialist SP2 Program/Service Delivery Specialist/Salary Grade Band G

UnderHire Level Salary Range \$45,306 - \$50,341 - \$55,375 **Qualified Level Salary Range** \$52,076 - \$57,862 - \$63,649 **Advanced Qualifications Salary Range** \$58,846 - \$65,384 - \$71,922

Marketing & Communications Specialist Full Time

Position Objective:

The Marketing and Communications Specialist is responsible for the marketing and recruitment communications function for the programs and services of Kenjgewin Teg and plays a critical role in meeting marketing, recruitment, and enrolment goals. The Marketing & Communications Specialist will create, manage, and implement a robust, yet flexible, communications, branding, and marketing plan

Classification:

Specialist SP2 Program/Service Delivery Specialist/Salary Grade Band G

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Anishinabek Curriculum Developer Full Time

Position Objective:

The Anishinabek Curriculum Developer is a foundational and integral team member supporting quality assurance implementation of the organization's lifelong learning philosophy in Anishinaabe Aadziwin for existing and new courses/programs. This position will work with the Director of Quality Assurance and several cross functional teams across the organization, including external stakeholders, to support delivery of integrated

Indigenous/Anishinabek curriculum within the organization's lifelong learning programs.

Program/Service Coordinator/PSC4 Team Leader/Salary Grade Band H

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{UnderHire Salary Range $48,138-\$53,486-\$58,835} \\ \textbf{Qualified Level Salary Range $55,331-\$61,479-\$67,626} \end{array}$ Advanced Qualifications Salary Range \$62,524 - \$69,471 - \$76,418

To enjoy that cup of coffee and discuss the qualifications and job descriptions, please contact the Director of Operations by email at HumanResources@kenigewinteg.ca.

Deadline: Friday, January 15, 2021 at 12 noon

Interested individuals can send a complete application package that consists of:

Cover letter, detailed resume, three (3) current (within one year) letters of reference, two of which must be professional on organizational letterhead and authored by direct supervisor, and written permission to contact references. Please note that the successful candidate will be required to provide a current Vulnerable Sector

Applications can be received marked confidential either through mail or by email to: humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca:

Kenjgewin Teg Please Mark "Title of Position" c/o Director of Operations

374A Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0

Please Note: Kenjgewin Teg has taken steps to ensure that the organization is inclusive and partnership with the school community. This includes the shared practice of First Nation tradition of smudging

Please Note: Kenjgewin Teg's Fitness for Duty Program is implemented which is designed to promote the development and maintenance of the highest possible levels of worker health and safety in an efficient and

Please Note: Late applications will not be considered. While we thank all applicants, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information contained in applications will be used for recruitment purposes and collected as per Freedom Of Information (F.O.I.) And Protection of Privacy Act, 1987.

Reconnecting with by Heather Marshall

Terri missed being born on the Island by only a few







EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CHILD AND YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS WORKER

Classification Level: Community Services (CS-3) **Employment Status: Regular Full-Time Department: Health Services, Mental Health**

M'Chigeeng First Nation is seeking a caring, energetic and enthusiastic individual. Someone who has a keen understanding of Child and Youth Mental Health & Addictions field along with knowledge of prevention and intervention activities, facilitation and implementation of culturally appropriate programs. If you are a team player and have excellent interpersonal and communication skills, then you may be a great fit for this position.

Reporting Relationship: The Child and Youth Mental Health & Addictions Worker will work under the general guidance of the Mental Health Clinic Manager and Health Services Department Manager.

Position Summary: The aim of the service is to provide supportive counselling to M'Chigeeng children and youth to support their wholistic well-being. The position will further contribute toward capacity building opportunities within the community's Health Centre program and services, as well as with the children/youth and families.

The incumbent will consult and work in collaboration with M'Chigeeng Mental Health Team, as well as other multi-disciplinary professionals. The services of the Child and Youth Mental Health & Addictions Worker are to strengthen a widening circle of care responsive to the needs of each young person. Services are both community and school-based, working with teachers, school counsellors, principals and parents.

Qualifications & Requirements

Preferred

- University Degree in Social Services/Addictions field of study and two (2) years' relevant work
- Extensive work/volunteer experience in the coordination of workshops and seminars within a Native organization/community is a strong asset

Minimum

- College Diploma in Child & Youth Work, Social Services or related field of study (i.e., Addictions & Mental Health Diploma) and/or lived experience and knowledge
- Three to five (3 5) years' work-related experience in the field of mental health and/or addictions Knowledge and skills in mental health, alcohol and/or drug addictions awareness and prevention
- **Excellent Public Speaking and Facilitation Skills**

Other

- Be a role model both during and after regular work hours
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills (written and verbal) Must obtain and keep current First Aid and CPR Certifications
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, history and customs of the Anishinaabe
- Understanding and fluency of Anishinaabe language is an asset Must have own transportation and valid Ontario Class "G" driver's licence

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

CRC/VSS Rationale: M'Chigeeng First Nation and its agents are in a position of trust in services to band member children and/or vulnerable adults, so a safe and secure working environment is mandatory. Applicants must provide a clear VSS Certificate and the CRC must have a record clear and/or dated of anv convictions relating to sexual interference, sexual assault or related charges. The VSS must be current (30 days) and must be an original.

Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (2 Work-Related references from a direct supervisor/manager and 1-character reference) and education certifications addressed to:

Child and Youth Mental Health & Addictions Worker

c/o Art Jacko, Enaagdenjged M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333 M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980)

LATE OR INCOMPLETE applications will not be considered. Preference will be given to Anishinabek people. Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

> For Job description, please contact Marlene Debassige at 705-377-5362 ext. 203 or email marlened@mchigeeng.ca www.mchigeeng.ca.

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Danny to reconnect with his Indigenous roots and take pride in his heritage in a way he had not previously. A member of the Huron First Nation, Danny had largely ignored his Native background growing up in Harrow in Southwestern Ontario. It was when he started exploring career options that he discovered

Indigenous nursing and began a journey of both professional- and self-discovery.

Danny attended Six Nations Polytechnic in Ohsweken to become a registered practical nurse through a program affiliated with Mohawk College. He now puts the invaluable experience and cultural sensitivity gained by training on the Six Nations Reserve, the largest in Canada, to his work on Manitoulin. Since moving here, he has begun to learn the Odawa language to better communicate with patients and with local people in the community. Danny is currently completing a degree remotely to become a regis-



Welcome to Manitoulin, Terri and Danny Mousseau!



NEW-ish to Manitoulin

tered nurse through McMaster University, again with a concentration on Indigenous health, which is now more meaningful to him.

"I had never focused on being Indigenous or felt a sense of Native pride before coming up here," explains Danny. "Now that I've begun digging into my family roots and embracing my heritage, it has become a bigger party of my

The couple says their family life has been enriched as well since making the move. In Grimsby, they often went their own ways and spent way too much time in shopping malls. On the Island, they spend time together as a family

taking in powwows, local fairs and farmer markets. They also love outdoor activities including hikes, cross-country skiing in the winter or canoeing offshore in front of their house in the summer.

In fact, it was getting stranded off Strawberry Island when unexpectedly wild winds picked up while out canoeing one day that reinforced how wonderful living

Finding themselves stranded on the Island, they sent out a plea for help on the Facebook page of their White's Point community association. Within minutes, a neighbour they'd never met had rounded up another neighbour they also didn't know who made the mad dash over choppy water in his boat to rescue them and get them back home safe and sound.

Another neighbourly experience in Wiikwemkoong underlined how Islanders look out for and care about each other. When the car would not start one day, Dan-

ny quickly found himself surrounded by 10 people and others passing by on the street who pushed the car and got it going in minutes.

No place is perfect, but Manitoulin comes very close in their books. Adjusting to early store closing hours and finding it impossible to get gas in the evening was a big change, as is the shortage of restaurants they were accus-

tomed to. And then there's the colder, snowier winter

"Although winters are a bit of challenge to adapt to, the Island community makes it warm here year-round! Everyone has been so very welcoming and kind. We are really proud to now call Manitoulin home."

Rainbow Board and its educational support staff reach tentative agreement

SUDBURY—Rainbow District School Board and the Federation representing the Educational Support Staff Unit in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island have reached a tentative agreement at the local level.

This employee group is represented by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) District 3. The Educational Support Staff Unit includes administrative assistance, clerical and library staff as well as information services personnel.

The new deal, if ratified, will be in effect from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2022, aligning with the provincial settlements at the central bargaining table.

"We commend the bargaining teams from the Board and the Federation for working together to achieve this tentative agreement," said Rainbow District School Board Chair Doreen Dewar. "Our support staff plays an important role through their individual and collective contributions in schools and at the central office. They perform a variety of functions that are integral to the smooth operation of schools and the overall delivery of education."















Employment Opportunity COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE

One Year Contract

With the functional support, guidance and supervision provided by the Community Health Service Manager, the Community Health Nurse carries out a community health service as outlined by the Community Health Program Policies and Procedures.

Responsibilities

- Planning and delivering a Community Health Program, considering the physical, social, spiritual, mental and environmental factors which influence each individual, family and community;
- Delivering an immunization program in accordance to Community Health Service (CHS) Immunization Policy and Procedures, FNIHB Immunization Policy and Procedures and Ministry Standards. Also, ensuring to maintain a communicable disease reporting program in collaboration with CD Nurse of FNIHB and CHS Manager;
- Community Health Program
 - Preconception Health Services (for schools in community only);
 - Maternal and Newborn Health Services;
 - Infant and Pre-School Health Services; 3.
 - 4. School Health Services (for schools in community only);
 - Community Health Services.

Qualifications

- A four-year BScN degree is required; or minimum three-year nursing diploma will be accepted;
- Must take Immunization Certification Online Course upon hiring and attend mandatory training sessions. Upon completion CHN will be required to write the immunization exam and will be subject to a series of practical exams for immunization;
- Two years' experience in advanced nursing assessment skills with special emphasis on immunization, communicable disease, prenatal and community health care;
- Two years' experience working in a First Nation community or equivalent organization;
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation health concerns and issues, and the ability to apply knowledge and skill in the development and implementation of programs to address identified
- Adaptability and ability to establish and sustain a multidisciplinary team approach to integrated service delivery:
- Ability to apply ethics of nursing practice in decision making:
- Willingness to adapt to the changing demands of the position;
- Ability to demonstrate initiative, optimism, discretion, tact, self-assurance, dependability, and leadership.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related references with contact information. Marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Community Health Nurse

Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre P.O. Box 101, 16A Complex Drive Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0 Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: January 8, 2021 @ 4:00pm

Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Licence and Abstract. DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE.

> We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. No return of submissions.



Employment Opportunity CRISIS TEAM – EMERGENCY SHELTER WORKER 6 PART-TIME; 10 CASUALS

Mnidoo Mnising Mental Wellness Crisis Response Team exists to provide rapid and effective crisis support and intervention to all seven (7) First Nations on and around Manitoulin Island.

It is the intent of the Mnidoo Mnising Mental Wellness Crisis Response Team's Emergency Low Barrier Shelter Project to provide safe and warm lodging overnight for individuals who, for a variety of reasons, find themselves to be homeless. This project takes aim at a real need for safe beds for individuals who do not meet the intake standards laid out by other shelter programs. The Mnidoo Mnising Mental Wellness Crisis Response Team believes that all people deserve the safety and dignity of a place to sleep and looks to provide this service to individuals from all seven (7) First Nations communities

Responsibilities

- As part of a team, be responsible for the day to day operation of the low-barriers program;
- Supervise individuals accessing the program;
- Provide a safe and trustworthy environment;
- Complete intakes/discharges:
- Establish empathetic rapport with individuals accessing the program;
- Implement the program's policies and procedures and residency agreements in a spirit of fairness and respect;
- Support individuals' efforts to attain their goals through advocacy, research, and appropriate referrals; Work as a resource for individuals, particularly around housing issues, support and advocacy;
- Participate in on-going team building, ensuring peer accountability, strong communications and support;
- Use intervention and mediation skills to defuse potential conflicts; 10.
- Perform light housekeeping and maintenance tasks to ensure a clean work environment;
- Administrative duties:
- Participation in team activities and decision-making;
- Providing programming support as identified;
- Shift work that includes nights, evenings, and weekends.

Qualifications

- Post-secondary education in related field or equivalent in education and experience
- Previous experience working with people who are homeless and/or under-housed
- Knowledge of service delivery systems, specialized services, First Nation community dynamics as well as all An intimate understanding of the lived experience of Anishinaabe people and Traditional wellness approaches
- Strong communication skills, both written and verbal Knowledge of our tenant population, diversity issues, anti-discrimination practices, and systemic reasons for
- Excellent interpersonal, conflict resolution, and organization skills
- Mental Health First Aid, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
- Certificates in First Aid, CPR, Crisis Prevention, and Intervention an asset Ability to maintain confidentiality and professionalism in all aspects of work
- Ability to work in a team approach and with minimal supervision
- Knowledge of First Nations communities and health and social service issues
- Knowledge of Anishnaabemowin an asset Some travel is required - applicants must possess a valid driver's licence and have access to a reliable vehicle

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work related reference contacts. Marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

> Crisis Team – Emergency Shelter Worker Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive, Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0 Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: Until Filled

Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Abstract, Accreditations and Driver's Licence. DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE.

We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. No return of submissions.

...LTC fundraising push

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Wiikwemkoong musician Crystal Shawanda, who has been a vocal supporter of the nursing home, performed a Christmas concert following the Monday announcement. Following news earlier this month that Wikwemikong Nursing Home (as well as Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay) did not qualify for provincial rebuild financing, she has been working to lobby Ontario and raise awareness of the need for funding.

"It's going to take the effort of all our community members to get involved and make this happen and to keep the momentum going," said Ms. Shawanda.

According to a press release, a new nursing home build would cost approximately \$28 million. The home is eligible for Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care financing worth \$10.3 million, as well as a grant of \$2.7 million. This means the community has to secure \$15 million in financial support to cover the balance of the project.

Ogimaa Duke Peltier said the LTC facility is an integral part of the community and has long received plenty of support.

"Our (LTC home) has been here for 48 years and most of us have a direct connection to it as we've all had loved ones residing there at some point in life. If we don't raise the funds needed, the facility will be gone, our elders will have to live outside of the community in other long-term care homes and jobs will be lost. We will not let that happen," said Ogimaa Peltier.

The 2020-2021 capital fundraising campaign will work to secure contributions from the community, from the government, corporations and other groups and individual donors, as well as hosting fundraising drives.

In the new year, WUT will further expand its communications and outreach activities. It has already established several plans but said it will continue brainstorming for additional outreach opportunities.

"Nothing is going to stop us from doing our very best in making sure we keep our elders (at home in our community)," stated campaign co-chair Walter Manitowabi in a press release.

Anyone seeking further information on the project should contact witchcampaigninfo@gmail.com.

+ in memoriam

Eadie—In loving memory of our son and brother, Barry Lynn, who was taken from us December 28, 1971.

As you were you will always

Treasured forever in our

memory. Lovingly remembered by Ted and Lorraine, brothers and

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I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of myself and my family, to thank all those who reached out to us in our time of need and helped us through the loss of a husband, father and grandfather, Bill Johnstone, who was suddenly taken from us September 23, 2020. Your acts of kindness through cards, condolences, providing food or through words of comfort were greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Tammy at Island Funeral Home who was our Guardian Angel and helped us through this difficult time in a kind, caring way over and above our expectations. We would also like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

"He may be gone, but he won't be forgotten."

Janet Johnstone and family

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Owen's family would like to express their deep gratitude for the blessing of a kind and loving community, friends and family. From gifts of thoughtfulness like running errands and providing food, sending cards, messages and flowers and making donations. We can feel your support from near and far. To the emergency services (paramedics, firefighters, police); to the staff at the Mindemoya hospital; to Island Funeral Home, thank you for doing a difficult job with compassion and personal care. To the Legge family, thank you for moving mountains to make it possible to hold a celebration for Owen; and to everyone who had a part in making it special, thank you. To CMPS staff, for supporting all of the children, your hearts are incredible. To those who helped us through the logistics of the first weeks and those who continue to help in the little things, your kindness is appreciated more than you know. There are no words appropriate for a time like this and there are also no words to properly express our thanks, so we thank you all from our hearts.

Jeff and Tammy and the boys, and the MacKelvie and Noland families

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There were so many people who helped me on my long journey to recovery. Thank you for the prayers, cards, calls, and the powerful prayer flags that friends made and delivered. Thanks Sylvia for driving me home after the accident. I am grateful for the doctors, nursing staff, ambulance attendants, Steve and the physio Mindemoya Hospital. Special thanks to Dr. Al Haidi, Dr. Maryena Harelnikava and Father Doug Prebble. The care at Health Sciences North was truly lifesaving and once again thank you to the doctors and nurses in the ICU and later on the 6th floor. Special thanks to Dr. Brule and the lab technicians who showed up every morning. Dr. DeMarchi, a neurological surgeon, and his team did an amazing job of repairing my neck under less than perfect conditions. I am truly grateful for his skill. Of course, I need to thank my family, David who was always there, Michael and Peter who came when we needed them most. My sisters, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, good friends and neighbours who kept in touch. All of this took place during the COVID-19 pandemic which complicated everything. I feel very fortunate to live in a country where we have access to a high standard of government-funded based on need not means. Lynda Noe

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Thank you to Dr. Heller, Dr. Alex and assistants, nurses and staff of St. Joseph's Hamilton Hospital, much appreciated for Dr. Woods visits. Thank you to and Carlson Moshalyk of Sudbury and the radiation team. Thank you to all the nurses, volunteers and staff. Also thank you to our very Mindemoya Family Health Team, all staff and volunteers. Our doctors and nurses are super. I want to thank my drivers: Ed, Frank, Dennis, Bob, Ted, Curtis, Jim and Lois for getting me for treatments. Also those who offered to drive. Thanks to VON, Sherry, Tammy and Jennifer, you do a wonderful job. Thank you to the Bayshore nurses, to the road and air ambulances (a super team). Thanks Evelyn for driving Eunice and Sandra to Hamilton to visit me. Thanks for the treats and yard visits, sure helped to pass the time. Those who came to the house to help in any way. Thanks Tim and Frank for the care of the lawn. Ivy, I have not forgotten, thanks a lot. And to my very own "nurse Jackie," Eunice would not have done it without you.

PS: Eunice and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy 2021.

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Death Notices

LOIS MCRAE



Lois McCrae passed away peace-fully with her family by her side on Monday, December 14, 2020, at the age of 68. Beloved wife of Stuart for over 48 years. Cherished mother of Russell and Brandon. Lois will be sadly missed by her sister Lila Harper, mother-in-law Naomi McRae, sisters-in-law Donna (Harold) Armstrong,

Cindy McRae, Shelly Lloy, brother-in-law Harvey (Kate) McRae, as well as many friends. Lois was a very special wife and mother. She liked art, hunting and fishing. She was a registered nurse for nearly 40 years and was a kind, loving and selfless person. Lois will be remembered by all who knew her. Predeceased by her parents Russell and Velma (McKinley) Harper and her father-in law Lyle McRae. A public visitation was held at the Simpson Funeral Home on Saturday, December 19, 2020 from 12 noon to 2 pm. COVID-19 restrictions were adhered to. A private family funeral by invite was held at 2 pm. Spring interment Burpee Mills Cemetery.

JOSEPHE SR. WEMIGWANS



Josephe Sr. Wemigwans of Toronto, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 13, 2020, at the age of 51. Beloved father of Josephe Jr. and Jessica. He will be sadly missed by his mother Dorothy Antoine and father Henry Wemigwans, sisters Nancy Gardner, Diane Davis, Julianne Wemigwans, brothers Dave Flanagan

and Robert (Nanette) Wemigwans, aunts Irene Kells, Chris (Guy) Bigras, Eleanor (Harold) Rogers, uncles Ken Antoine, Bill (Lynda) Antoine, his wife Betty, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Predeceased by his grandparents Dominic and Josephine Antoine, brothers Billie Joe, George, uncles Wilfred, Richard and his aunt Theresa. Visitation was held at the Zhiibaahaasing Community Complex on Thursday, December 17, 2020 from 3 pm until time of the funeral service on Friday, December 18, 2020 at 11 am. Interment Zhiibaahaasing Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to Casey House, CaseyHouse.com.

NORMAN GORDON LUFF



Remembered with love and joy, Norman Luff died peacefully at Brantford General Hospital on Sunday, December 13, 2020 in his 87th year. He enjoyed a life well lived with his wife Janice Chafer, married 64 years. Together they raised four daughters, enjoyed 13 grandchildren and six

great-grandchildren. Norm will be missed by daughters Lori Rayner (George) and their children Abigail, Joshua (Joanne), Zachary (Stefania) and Jessica (Michael); Jody Elliott (Lee) and their children Becky, Nick (Marley) and Hannah; Trudy Bell (George) and their children Lyndsay Billington (John) and Josh (Shannon); Amy Thorp (Joel) and their children Emily, Sarah, Libby and Chloe. Greatgrandchildren Moriah, Jachin, Samuel, Joseph, Benjamin and Raquella Billington. Dear brother of Fred Luff (the late Gloria), David Luff (Edith) and Donald Luff (Miriam). His brother-in-law Dennis Chafer (Diane) and sister-in-law Cathy Magee (Franklin). He will be missed by his many nieces and nephews as well. A former technical high school teacher primarily at North Park Collegiate, Norm was passionate about sharing his expertise with students. He was always willing to help others and assist in any way he could. This desire came from his deep faith and belief that serving others was a way of life. He was a devoted member of the Christadelphian community and served faithfully in many capacities throughout the years. Norm will be greatly missed by family, friends and his church community as he awaits the resurrection. A private family visitation was held at the McCleister Funeral Home, 495 Park Road North, Brantford on Saturday, December 19, 2020. Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations made to the Canadian Cancer Society, Alzheimer Society or charity of your choice is gratefully appreciated. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at MccleisterFuneralHome.ca, McCleister 519-758-1553.

PAUL ANTHONY MIDDAUGH May 14, 1968 - December 14, 2020



Paul Anthony Middaugh passed away peacefully at the Sault Area Hospital on December 14, 2020 at the age of 52. Loving father of Brianna Boivin (Damian) and Kimberley Middaugh. Cherished Papa of Tyson Boivin, Lily Luck and Jase MacPherson. Son of Doris and Raymond (pre-

deceased) Middaugh. Brother of Betty Russon, Cindy Bjomaa (Allan, predeceased), Cathy Runnalls (Morley), Linda Noble (Charlie) and Robert Jeffkins (Stephanie). He will be missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and especially furbaby Penny Pester. In keeping with Paul's wishes, there will be no visitation or services. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. The family would like to thank the staff in ICU and 3C at the Sault Area Hospital for their care and compassion. Arrangements entrusted to O'Sullivan Funeral Home and Cremation Centre, 215 St. James St, 705-759-8456.

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

January 12 and 14: Virtual Kindergarten Information Nights in Rainbow Schools

MANITOULIN—Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin will host virtual Kindergarten Information Nights for students starting school next fall. All parents/guardians and their children are invited to join schools online.

Presentations will be available on school websites at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 for the English program and Thursday, January 14, 2021 for the French immersion program. Schools offering English and French immersion will post their presentations on Thursday, January 14, 2021. Staff will be available by phone, email or Google Meet to answer questions.

If your child is starting school for the very first time, complete the online registration form: https://www.rainbowschools.ca/register-now/reg-

For enrolment in Kindergarten, your child must be four years of age by the end of the calendar year. After completing the online registration form, the school will contact you for your child's identification documents including birth certificate or birth registry/baptismal certificate, proof of residency, Ontario Health card and an immunization record.

Parents/guardians can enroll their children in the English program or the French immersion program. The English program is exclusively in English and includes a core French component, which begins in Grade 4. Students learn French through songs, games, drama and interactive activities for a specified period of time daily.

French immersion immerses children in the French language, including cultural experiences, when they begin school. English language instruction is introduced in Grade 3 and gradually builds to a balance of French and English instruction by Grade 5. This ensures that students gain effective bilingual skills. This program is designed for English speaking parents/guardians so they may support their children to become bilingual.

Visit rainbowschools.ca for a list of schools and programs offered or contact your area Rainbow School.

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... Auxiliary celebrates 75 years of putting patients first

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There was always fundraising to be had, even if it meant driving through blinding snowstorms to pick up vats of soup from members for that day's luncheon, Ms. Heise, who is also a lifetime member, laughs. "It just seems like the blink of an eye."

'Our numbers are diminished now," she continues. "New members are always welcome, but it's so hard to get people to volunteer. The few that we do have, though, I must say are eager beavers."

The cookie walk, held each November in the leadup to Christmas, was the brainchild of Ms. Heise. But after it became hard to find volunteer bakers, and attitudes toward food changed, the annual fundraiser was cancelled a few years ago in favour of the 'bakeless bake sale,' on now.

efforts "Our patients at the hospital have free cable television and headsets," Ms. Heise continues. "In Sudbury, it's something like \$6 a day. We also provide gifts for patients and Christmas and the New Year's baby."

Nurses and doctors give the auxiliary an equipment 'wish list' every year and the members do their best to meet as many of those wishes as they can

"If you can give of your time, or open your pocketbooks, we sure would appreciate it," the treasurer adds. "We're hanging in there—there's not many auxiliaries left—I just hope that everyone remembers us and appreciates us."

Carole Labelle joined the auxiliary upon her retirement from a teaching career, about a decade ago, and with the encouragement of neighbour and lifetime auxiliary member Marilee Hore.

Ms. Hore first joined in September of 1965 when she started work at the hospital. "I was always raised to join these things, to volunteer, like my mom did—it was engrained in me.

New to the community, Ms. Hore said volunteering with the auxiliary was a great way to get to meet new people.

She recalled fondly the grand old days of teas, which were classy affairs with the ladies all dressed in hats and gloves.

Ms. Hore has many wonderful auxiliary memories, especially with her time as HAAO chair. "That was a great honour for me."

"I like working directly

for patient services," she added. "It's a great organization."

"I always wanted to follow in my mom's footsteps, so I joined," Ms. Labelle said, noting the many childhood memories of her mom, Rachel Charette, being involved in auxiliary "She was fundraisers. always busy with that."

Ms. Labelle said she loves everything about being an auxiliary member. "Having people say 'we so appreciate what you do' is really rewarding. It's just a really nice time, a good group and I like that we're helping Island-wide and everybody, not just a certain group.

Ms. Labelle encouraged others to think about becoming an auxiliary member. "Our members are getting older. A lot of people might think it's a big commitment, but it's once a month and it's not that bad, and there are no meetings in the summer. New people would mean new ideas."

Current president Dawn Orr said she was proud of the current group of members who are "committed and devoted to helping out patients at the hospital. It's a real joy to work with these people.

"We're following a long legacy of people who have helped with the hospital male members and female members, which makes the group really interest-

Ms. Orr said that even though we're in the midst of a pandemic, the auxiliary is still there and doing their best to help.

"We thank everyone for their support; if it wasn't for the community support, none of this could be happening," Ms. Orr said,

also encouraging new members to join.

MHC CEO and president Lynn Foster joined Mindemoya Auxiliary president Judy Mackenzie in offering her congratulations to the auxiliary on this milestone occasion (the Mindemoya Auxiliary celebrated 50 years in 2019). "On behalf of the MHC team, I am pleased to wish the MHC Auxiliary a happy 75th anniversary," Ms. Foster said. This is a wonderful opportunity to extend a sincere thank you for the many countless hours our auxiliary volunteers have given in the pursuit of their mission to support MHC. Prior to COVID, I attended a casserole dinner. The music, the meal and the fellowship was delightful and made for a perfect start to the evening. Happy 75th from your

MHC partners!" The current active auxiliary members are: Dawn Orr, president; Sandra Pope, vice president; Debbie Heise, secretary; Marilee Hore, treasurer; Laila Kiviaho, June McConnell, Dave and Lenora Sylvester, Carole Labelle, Tim and Crystal Vine, Sue Lafreniere, Shirley McGregor, Diane Musgrove, Carmelita Genereux, Madeleine Charleton, Barb Lawrence, Brenda Hallett, Lin Diebel; and Evelyn Towns and Heather Hutchinson, tuck cart volunteers





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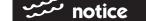
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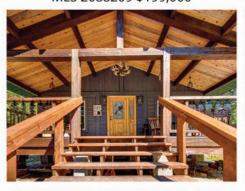


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