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Ice Fishing Derby 2009 ranks as one of the most successful



1st place winner Brian Alton being presented with a cheque for \$10,000.00 by Bill Groves. Mr. Alton's prize winner weighed in at 5.01 lbs.



2nd place winner Chris Flood being presented with a cheque for \$5,000.00 by Bill Groves. Mr. Flood's prize winner weighed in at 4.83 lbs.



3rd place winner Krista Jones being presented with a cheque for \$2,000.00 by Bill Groves. Ms. Jones's prize winner weighed in at 4.67 lbs.

Chapleau's 13th Annual Northern Pike Ice Fishing Derby was a huge success! Even more than the past few years. Each one has its special memories for

the participants as well as the committee that works so diligently. The entry numbers were ahead of last year

and the weather was spectacular! Friday, February 13th was busy selling the final entry tickets.

Saturday, February 14th ended up to be a True Friendly Chapleau Event. If you didn't

make it you missed a good one.

Hundreds of fishermen, women and children headed out

onto the ice at 7am to get their holes drilled and set up the lines. The contest was on! **Cont'd on P.3**

Brown announces \$14.3 million in municipal infrastructure investments Joint provincial, municipal and federal funding

Mike Brown, M.P.P., Algoma-Manitoulin is pleased to announce that the communities of Algoma-Manitoulin will benefit from joint provincial, municipal and federal funding for infrastructure projects.

These projects will enhance local facilities, roads and bridges, and create local jobs.

"I am pleased that the McGuinty Government will be contributing \$4.8 million, leveraging a total investment of

\$14.3 million in 20 communities across the riding," said Brown. "These much-needed improvements will have a significant impact on families in Algoma-Manitoulin," he added.

These projects are examples of how

all levels of government are committed to stimulating the Ontario economy by reducing red tape, creating jobs, and getting shovels in the ground sooner.

The municipality of Chapleau will receive a

\$607,777 provincial contribution to their Monk Street project.

This is in addition to the millions of dollars invested in municipal infrastructure in Algoma-Manitoulin over the last two years by the Province of Ontario.

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Saturday
High -9
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Sunday
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have volunteered to be an ice derby committee member as well as those who volunteered their time to assist during the Friday and Saturday of the derby.

Committee members for the 2009 derby were: Michael Levesque (Fatima School Principal), Roger Perreault (Aux Trois Moulins Motel & Restaurant), and Elizabeth Michaud (Pit's Bait & Tackle).

Volunteers for

the Friday & Saturday were April Perrin (student) helping Michael Levesque at the check-in-station, Lee & Sue Burk, (Como Lake Resort), Rick Ruffo (retired CPR), Barbara Groves (wife) & Jacqueline Groves (granddaughter) working the tables at the Arena for the Friday registration, the final inspection & weighing fish, keeping the winner's board up to date, organizing prizes etc. on the Saturday.

The two volunteers from the Snowmobile Club, Eric Boucher and Mario Houle worked throughout the week prior to the derby in case anyone going to be in the derby was fishing or drilling holes etc. were documented for

potential disqualification as well as derby day watching for infractions and ensuring the fishing area was cleared of fishermen at the end of the derby and assisting fishermen where necessary.

All in all it was a great derby. One that the committee and volunteers, even Chapleau can be proud of. Maybe it was the nice weather but I like to think everyone was in such a good mood because this derby like many we have put on before was well organized and went over without any problems.

I would like to thank the Township of Chapleau Council for having the faith in the ice derby committee to run an efficient event and once again

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supported the derby with financial backing should it be necessary. We are pleased to say that once again this assistance was not required.

For 2010 we are looking for a new committee coordinator as my health is telling me I should cut back on some of the committees I sit on. I

have been a volunteer in Chapleau for 30 years and now it is time to watch someone else take on the rewarding position.

Please call me if you are interested in having a go at it. I will help as much as I can.

Bill Groves,
Coordinator
Chapleau Northern Pike Ice Fishing Derby

OBITUARY BRYSON, William



Mr. William Francis Bryson, age 83 years, passed away peacefully at St. Joseph Hospital with his family by his side on Friday, February 13, 2009. Bill was born in McAdam, New Brunswick on September 15, 1925 and at the age of 12 his family moved to Chapleau, Ontario.

Bill began working for Canadian Pacific Railway at the age of 16. He was a dedicated member of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees and was proud of his 40 plus years of service with the company. He enjoyed being a "railroader" and loved to share stories of the steam engine days.

In 1949, Bill met the love of his life, Audrey O'Brien, and after a six week courtship they were engaged. They were married on September 24, 1949 and together they created a warm and loving home. Bill was a devoted husband and a caring father. He celebrated his children's successes and always encouraged them to reach their goals. Bill enjoyed family celebrations and was happiest surrounded by his wife and family. Bill had a wonderful singing voice and loved to share his special rendition of Danny Boy. He was a proud man and a great storyteller. He had a positive outlook and he saw the best in everyone he met. Bill touched many hearts and always had something nice to say. Bill was active in his community and was a long time legion member and contributed through his long term involvement in minor sports. Bill enjoyed fishing and hunting and was a Toronto Maple Leafs fan his entire life. After Bill retired, he and Audrey moved from Chapeau to Thunder Bay to be closer to family.

Bill is survived by Audrey, his wife of 59 years; his children Bob (Claudette), Terry (Diane), Kathy (Ian) MacDonald, Dan, Tim (Tammy), Mary (Alan) Wilkinson, Colleen (David) Valiquette; grandchildren: Stacey, Ryan, Tracey (Mike) Connell, Michael, James, Laura, Brendan, Patrick, Benjamin, Megan, Lisa, Alisha, Adam, Leann and Matthew; great grandchildren: Jonathon, Tyler, Ethan, Ava, Jayden, and Olivia. Sisters Patricia Heatherington and Joan (John) Longchamps as well as numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Bill was predeceased by his parents Kathleen and Michael, sister Eileen and brother Michael.

The family would like to thank Dr. Habjan, Shelly and the staff at St. Joseph's Hospital for the warm and sincere care they extended to Bill and family.

A private family funeral service for the late Mr. William Bryson will be held at the WESTFORT CHAPEL, 420 West Gore Street at James. If friends so desire memorial donations to the St. Joseph's Foundation would be greatly appreciated.

Please sign the online condolences at everestofthunderbay.com

REPORT from OTTAWA by Carol Hughes

Federal member of Parliament
Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing



Soldiers and Veterans Paying the Price

The government is using the economic crisis as cover to freeze the wages of public servants as a cost-cutting measure they claim will reign in out-of-control spending in a time of economic strife. To some this might seem like a reasonable thing to do. As our federal spending reaches far into the red side of the ledger there is an appetite on the government benches to include a little political retribution among the doses of economic stimulus being ladled out in the recent federal budget.

Attacks on the pay equity process, complicating the process for student loans, meddling in Employment Insurance, and freezing the wages of

public servants are all on the buffet as the economy is stimulated. Even existing deals with government employees, brokered long before the economic crisis was upon us, are being ripped up, and pay-raises dating as far back as June of 2008, are being clawed back. For some, this might seem like the right thing to do, but consider the people who are really being frozen and clawed back.

The pay-hike from June that is being clawed back was granted to RCMP officers who received the wage increase after bargaining in good faith. There aren't likely many Canadians who will rub their hands with

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THANK YOU

A heart felt thank you for all the help at our time of loss. All the donations to the Cancer Society and Mass cards were greatly appreciated as well as all the food preparations by the Sacred Heart ladies and family and friends. A special thanks to Ted and Margaret Castilloux for the wonderful mass and the Knights of Columbus for their contribution to the service. Also thanks to Sister Irene for the music. We thank all our friends and family for all their support. Your kind gestures at our time of loss will never be forgotten.

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Early Bird Draw winner for \$2,500.00 was Pat O'Hearn. On behalf of her father, Pam Morin was presented with the cheque by Bill Groves.

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The action started early in the am and entries continued throughout the day.

Michael Levesque and his helper April Perrin were busy measuring and tagging the entries at the check-in station all day.

Each fisherman then took their fish to the arena where Rick Ruffo and Lee Burk (owner of Como Lake Resort) did the final inspection and weighing. Bill Groves, the Coordinator of the event along with his wife Barbara, Granddaughter Jacqueline and Sue Burk looked after the entries and the ongoing business

throughout the exciting event.

Roger Perreault, once again took on more than his share of the duties by putting up the fishing boundaries, supervising the two volunteer patrollers, Eric Boucher and Mario Houle as well as overseeing the bar and bartenders.

The top ten prizes this year once again were cash starting at \$10,000.

By 4:30 PM the top 10 money winner's names were as follows: Brian Alton, 5.01lbs, \$10,000. Chris Flood, 4.83lbs, \$5,000. Krista

Jones, 4.67lbs, \$2,000, Henry St Jules, 4.35lbs, \$1,000, Lorrie Synnett, 4.20lbs, \$900, Steven Proulx, 4.08lbs, \$800, Chuck Orton, 3.86lbs, \$700, Norm Johnson, 3.43lbs, \$600, Todd Woods, 3.38lbs, \$500, Rene Fortin, 3.38lbs, \$400.

Northern Pike Ice Fishing Derby has remained a popular event for 13 years.

With the support of the local fishing families and many from towns all through the north it should be around for a good many years to come.

The Chapleau

Hughes introduces bills to improve employment insurance

Carol Hughes tabled two bills today that would make important changes to Employment Insurance. The changes would see a longer benefit period for workers over 45 years of age who permanently lose their jobs after ten years in the workforce. Other changes would allow claims to be filed based on 360 hours of insurable work, increase the amount of benefit to 55% of the workers highest-paid 12 weeks that the claim is based upon, reduces the qualifying period before receiving benefits and

removes the distinction made in qualifying period on the basis of regional unemployment rate.

"Northern Ontario communities were looking for these changes and had great hopes for the budget to bring them about," said Hughes. "Since the government has not seen fit to take the bull by the horns on this, we will take action ourselves."

The impact of these bills would be especially appreciated in the smaller communities of Northern Ontario who feel the effects of job losses more acutely

than larger centres.

"For workers in many of the communities in Northern Ontario there isn't a large pool of jobs to pick from when they find themselves out of work," she said. "They are the ones who pay the freight on this program, it only makes sense that the program is able to suit their needs."

The bills will be debated during the time allotted to Private Member's business and should come up shortly as Mrs. Hughes has been selected fifteenth in the order of precedence for those debates.

Taste of the North Winter Carnival is February

Roger Carriere of Monuments Carriere
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is inviting all Chapleau residents in need of Monuments, Accessories, Engravings or Repairs to contact him.

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- Les Français aux Pays-d'en-Haut, 1610 — 1760
- Les Canadiens, 1763 — 1867
- Les Canadiens français, 1867 — 1910
- Les Canadiens français de l'Ontario, 1910 — 1960
- Mouvements franco-ontariens, 1960 — 1985
- Loi sur les services en français, 1986
- Notre place, 1986 — 1989
- Les Ontariens et Ontariennes, 1990 — 1999
- Les francophones de l'Ontario, 2000 — 2006

Le projet est une initiative de l'Office des affaires francophones et a été développé en collaboration avec le Muséoparc Vanier. L'Office des affaires francophones et le Regroupement des organismes du patrimoine franco-ontarien assurent la circulation de l'exposition à travers la province

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**REPORT
FROM
Queen's Park
BY**

Mike Brown,
Provincial Member of Parliament
for Algoma-Manitoulin



Snowmobiling is an immensely popular winter activity in Ontario. Whether you are a beginner or you have participated in this recreational activity for a number of years, knowledge of how to operate your vehicle safely is imperative to ensure an enjoyable ride both on and off the trail. The following highlights what you need to know to own and drive a snowmobile safely.

- Obey speed limits and road/trail signs and always drive within your ability.
- Check the weather forecast before heading out. Contact the local snowmobile club to find out current trail and ice conditions.
- Reduce your speed when driving at night and watch out for fences, guide wires and other objects that

are more difficult to spot at night. Wear clothing that has reflective markings so that you are more visible at night.

- Avoid driving on frozen lakes and rivers. If it can't be avoided, check ice conditions beforehand. Wear a buoyant snowmobile suit. Carry ice picks and make sure they are accessible.
- Always tell someone of your outing; including where you are going, the route, description of your snowmobile and your expected time of return.
- Never travel alone - always with a friend. Always be prepared for the unexpected.
- Exercise caution at road and rail crossings.
- Never drive impaired. Alcohol, illegal drugs, even prescription and some over-the-counter

Snowmobiling in Ontario: Make It a Safe Ride

drugs can slow your reaction time and affect your ability to make good decisions. If convicted of impaired driving on a snowmobile, you will lose your driving privileges for all types of vehicles, including motor vehicles, commercial vehicles and motorcycles.

- Use appropriate hand signals when driving with others before stopping, slowing down or turning. Exercise caution on corners and hills, and always remain on the right-hand side of the trail.

- Prepare for the conditions by wear layers of clothing and always carry extra dry clothing with you. This enables you to add or remove clothing in order to adapt to changing conditions. A windproof outer layer (snowmobile suit), warm mitts/gloves, warm boots and insulated helmet are recommended.

Thermal layers will allow your body to retain heat while releasing moisture.

Remember, exposure to extreme cold can lead to frostbite and hypothermia. Remember, too, that alcohol can also lower your body temperature, which in turn increases the risk of hypothermia.

- Everyone who drives or rides on a snowmobile requires a helmet that meets the standards approved for motorcycle helmets. Everyone who rides on a cutter, sled or similar device towed by a snowmobile must also wear a helmet.

- Carry a survival kit that includes: first aid kit; trail map and compass; matches or lighter in waterproof container; knife, saw or axe; flashlight and whistle; high energy food such as nuts or granola bars; and a mechanical kit that includes: spare spark plug and drive belt; tow rope; extra ignition key; screwdriver, wrenches and hammer; plus the owner's manual.

- Anyone 16 and over who has a valid Ontario driver's license, motorized snow vehicle operator's license (MSVOL) or a license from another jurisdiction is allowed to drive a snowmobile across a road, on roadways where legally permitted and on trails. The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs issues the MSVOL. If you do not have a driver's license and you are 12 years of age or older, a valid MSVOL, or a license from another jurisdiction authorizing you to drive a snowmobile will allow you to drive on trails. Drivers must carry with them at all times their driver's license or MSVOL. Failing to produce either of these documents to a police officer or conservation officer when requested

could result in a fine of up to \$1,000.

- Snowmobiles must be registered with the Ministry of Transportation. If you are operating the snowmobile off your own property, the registration must be valid and you must have liability insurance. Carry both the registration permit and the insurance card with you when riding. Failing to produce either of these documents to a police officer or conservation officer when requested could result in a fine of up to \$1,000.
- Speed Limits: 50 km/h - on snowmobile trails, 20 km/h - on roads where the speed limit is 50 km/h or less, 50 km/h - on roads where the speed limit is over 50 km/h
- A rigid tow-bar must be used when towing a sled or similar device behind a snowmobile.

Where to Ride

- Ontario's snowmobile trail system is maintained by many snowmobile clubs. Trails are patrolled by the Ontario Provincial Police, municipal police, conservation officers and Snowmobile Trail Officer Patrol (STOP) officers. Some trails may require a trail permit. Check with the local snowmobile club to find out if you need one. For trails operated by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, you must have and display a valid trail permit. This includes trails on private property, municipal property and land

owned by the government. For information about trails and trail permits, contact the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs. Drivers convicted of driving without a trail permit on an OFSC designated trail, failing to provide evidence of their trail permit, or not properly affixing the permit to their snowmobile face fines of up to \$1,000.

- your own property
- private trails belonging to organizations of which you are a member
- private property with the owner's permission
- between the shoulder and fence line (not on the shoulder) along public roads, except where prohibited (check with a municipality on by-laws for roads within its boundaries)

Where NOT to Ride

- certain high-speed roads, including 400 series highways, the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW), Ottawa Queensway and Kitchener-Waterloo Expressway
- the travelled portion (from shoulder to shoulder) of a public road, except when crossing at a 90-degree angle

The Motorized Snow Vehicles Act is the primary piece of legislation that governs snowmobiling in Ontario.

For further information, please contact the Constituency Office of Mike Brown, MPP, Algoma-Manitoulin, at 1-800-831-1899 or mike.brown.mpp.co@liberal.lola.org



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Soldiers and Veterans Paying the Price

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These people are the people who serve and protect us. They are hardly the image most conjure up when thinking about public servants.

The same goes for the men and women of our armed forces. Their wages have been frozen at the same time as they are being asked to put their lives on the line for us in dangerous missions, like the one in Afghanistan. That hardly seems like 'supporting' our troops. It seems more like punishment.

These people

put themselves in harm's way for us time and again and the least we could do for them is to let their salaries keep pace with the cost of living. The same can be said for those who have faced danger on our behalf earlier in their lives, the veterans of Canada. They too are being frozen-out by the government, but in a different way.

Campaign promises, some dating back as far as the Conservatives days in opposition, that they made to Veterans and their widows are not being acted on. Among these

promised items are: Extending the Veteran's Independence Program to the widows of veterans from the Second World War and the Korean Conflict regardless of the when the veteran passed away. Calling a Public Inquiry to the victims of Agent Orange testing performed at the Gagetown base in New Brunswick and fully compensating those victims. Allowing veterans of Allied and Commonwealth Forces to receive Canadian Veteran's Allowance- most of these veterans are now

in their mid-eighties, since this promise was made 20 years ago, three just last week. Also, promises to reform the Veteran's Review and Appeal Board, compensation for veterans facing serious health problems as a result of nuclear testing or those who help with decon-tamination and clean-up following reactor accidents at Chalk River in the 1950s, and bringing those disabled veterans who do not qualify for the Service Income Security Insurance Plan into that programs

catchment.

This is the underbelly of economic prudence. Throwing

people under the bus is no way stimulate the economy.

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Full payment of course fees must be made at the time of registration. Course Cancellation: Every course/seminar must have a minimum enrolment. If any activity is cancelled due to insufficient enrolment, students will be notified by phone.

Hospital Auxiliary: Moments from the past 25th Anniversary of the Hospital: 1939



Standing (l to r) Miss Audrey Morrison (now Bertrand), Dr. Sheahan, Miss Hilda Birch. Sitting (l to r) Mrs. Mary Good, Miss Eunice Paul(now McKight), Mrs. Beulah Park, Miss Winona McAdam, Miss Sadie Cullen.

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Special to the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs: Although they are not always perfect, groomed trails are a valued part of my snowmobiling experience. Whether I use a groomed trail to ride from destination to destination or from staging point to play area, I appreciate the unique alternative to cross-country riding it provides.

Too often, groomed trails are underappreciated. They are too easily taken for granted. Like paved roads, groomed trails are just there when needed, no questions asked unless of course, there's a pothole — or a mogul. However, unlike roads that are paid for indirectly through taxes, groomed trails are paid for directly by snowmobilers...just as drivers do with toll roads.

But too many riders use them without paying. In part, that's because groomed trails seem to appear

magically with no effort from trail users. It's also because groomed trails are easier to ride than going cross-country, so we tend to be less conscious of their true value as we slide effortlessly along. Then too, groomed trails are not always perfect...a perfect excuse not to pay. And sometimes, people don't pay just because they like getting away with taking something for nothing.

Some snowmobilers don't understand the value of groomed trails. Some complain when the trail isn't table top for every ride. Some show groomed trails little respect, riding too soon after grooming, before a freshly smoothed surface has set. Others treat groomed trails as their own private raceways, with rapid acceleration and hard cornering that quickly destroy resurfacing and dig up the packed base.

Some snowmobilers would rather explore randomly

wherever they want or break their own trail. Others wonder why they should pay for a smoothed surface on a traditional pathway they once rode for free. Whatever the case, groomed trails are here to stay. Here are a few reasons they are increasingly valuable to snowmobilers...

A groomed trail always leads somewhere. If that's where you want to go, incident statistics show that odds are, a trail will get you there most safely. Likely, you will also get there more directly, more comfortably and with less fatigue. And at day's end, a groomed trail back can be a very welcome respite.

You are less likely to get lost on a groomed trail. Again, that packed surface leads somewhere. And grooming also tends to come with marking, maps and a likelihood of meeting other riders for camaraderie, reassurance, directions or emergency assistance. It's also easier to get found by staying on a groomed trail.

Groomed trails improve access to services and amenities. So whether you are looking for fuel, food, repairs, or lodging, a

groomed trail is your best friend.

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So however we use them, groomed trails are valuable. The question is: are they valued? We need to support their upkeep by paying our share of their cost through our use pay system. After all, we have only each other to keep snowmobiling alive and well...and

groomed trails are an essential part of our future.

Until next time, the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs invites you to Go Snowmobiling this winter. Get started at bfsc.on.ca

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NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS

The first instalment of the 2009 Interim Tax Billing is due February 27th, 2009.

A 1.25% penalty is imposed for late payment in addition to 1.25% per month per instalment on overdue accounts.

AVIS AUX PAYEURS DE TAXE

Le premier versement de la facturation intérim des impôts fonciers de 2009 est dû le 27 février 2009.

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International Women's Day Phenomenal Women 2009

In many countries around the world, March 8th is set aside as International Women's Day. The intent of this day is to recognize and honour the contributions women have made towards the advancement of women everywhere.

International Women's Day has its origins in the days when women were considered a cheap, expendable labour source. Women were not yet organized into unions, and were totally at the mercy of an employer. They were often forced to work long hours in unbelievably harsh conditions because there was no-one to stand up for them, and always someone waiting in line to fill the job if they quit. Ultimately, they unionized and conditions began to improve. One of the earlier rallying themes was "Bread and Roses" – women demanded a decent wage with which to provide the necessities of life for their families- the Bread – and enough besides to enjoy some of the

luxuries of life – the Roses. Women have continued this struggle until the present time. Even now there is a significant gap between wages a man and a woman receive.

There have been other arenas in which brave pioneer women have advanced the cause of women as well. Politics, sports, education – gains in these areas have come about because of the efforts of a brave, tireless woman or group of women from each faction.

Since its beginnings, International Women's Day has evolved into a celebration of these accomplishments – a day to remember where we've come from, and a day to celebrate where we are. The day encompasses every woman everywhere, because each of us contributes enormously to our family, to our community, to our country, even to our world.

Locally, the community of Chapleau recognizes the day by honouring its Phenomenal

Women; women chosen by their peers or their children or co-workers as deserving of special recognition for their efforts. An evening is set aside – this year it will be March 10th – for the community to gather and honour those whose names have been submitted as Phenomenal Women.

The theme for this year's International Women's Day is Bridging the Generation Gap. In today's fast paced world, it seems there is never time to talk – to share stories of the way things were, to hear stories of the way things are – and yet there is something vitally important about older women and younger women working together to make a difference in family, community and the workplace setting. We must learn to somehow respect the experiences and struggles of older women and hear and understand the realities of the younger women in our lives. We need to find a way to create a partnership between those of "experienced years"

and the "new energy". Any woman in the community who would like to share their experiences, who would enjoy describing their struggles in years past, is invited to submit a

written story of 250 words or less. A selection of submissions will be read at the Phenomenal Women event on March 10th. If you would like further information,

please contact Pat Tangie at APANO 864-0556. In the meantime, watch for acknowledgement forms and boxes coming to local businesses near you next week.

Gagnantes de concours



Les Chevaliers de Colomb félicitent les gagnantes du concours de dessin sur la Toxicomanie qui a eu lieu à l'école Sacré-Cœur le 12 février 2009. Ranger avant, nos gagnantes de gauche à droite : Céline Tessier et Mariah Gauthier. Ranger arrière : Nos juges Adélar Fortin et Guy Riopel ainsi que Jeannette Bossé et Louis Dubé qui ne sont pas sur la photo.

McGuinty Government Makes Wood Available For Job Creation And Innovation

Ontario is looking for innovative ways to turn available wood from Ontario's Crown forests into new investment and jobs.

A significant amount of wood is under-utilized each year across Ontario. Known as biofibre, this wood is part of Ontario's sustainable wood supply that is available for harvest

annually.

A request for expressions of interest is now open. Responses will be accepted until March 3, 2009. Ontario is asking companies to outline their ideas to support new investment and create new green jobs in Ontario's bioeconomy and value-added manufacturing sectors. The results of

the expression of interest will also help the ministry determine the volume of wood that could be included in the process.

Following a review of the submissions, the ministry will determine appropriate next steps, which could include a wood supply competitive process.



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Pour obtenir plus de renseignements sur ces postes et pour une description complète des fonctions et des exigences, les personnes intéressées sont priées de consulter le site Web du collège sous la rubrique Info Boréal : Ressources humaines ou de téléphoner au (705) 560-6673 ou 1 800-361-6673, poste 2580. Veuillez faire parvenir votre lettre de candidature et votre curriculum vitae en français au Collège Boréal par courriel à emploi@boreal.ca ou par télécopie au (705) 560-0545.

La date de clôture des concours est le 25 février 2009, à 17 h.

Tout en vous remerciant de votre intérêt, nous tenons à préciser que nous ne communiquerons qu'avec les candidats et candidates retenus aux fins d'entrevues.