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Benefit Performance!

By Bonnie Ivey

At the January meeting of the Maison Boreal Home Inc. committee, members began their 2013 duties by reviewing past work. A number of resource people will be available to the group, as new levels of expertise are needed. It's an exciting time, with steps taken toward bringing the dream of a Transitional Living residence into reality.

At the meeting it was announced that a special event is to be held to benefit Maison Boreal Home.

The new community theatre group, "Chapleau Onstage" will offer a Benefit Performance on Thursday January 31st. It will be a night of musical theatre, and at 7 PM, the curtain goes up at the Cafetorium of the Chapleau High School/Public School. Instead of ticket sales, a collection will be taken at the door, and all proceeds that night will go to Maison Boreal

Home Inc.

This musical evening takes us into the working world as ordinary people tell us about the frustrations, joys and hopes they carry around every day. The songs are in different styles: ballads, rhythm and blues, broadway style...they are exciting, or moving, others silly and just plain fun. You WILL be impressed with the quality of the performance by the students in particular.

The "mostlyseniors" on the MBH committee are very pleased that Chapleau Onstage would choose to make this offer. Part of MBH's mission is to help seniors remain in their own community where they can interact with people of all ages, remaining part of the action in Chapleau. It is remarkable that this theatre group is made up of people from grade five up to those of sixty-

something. Older citizens who have enjoyed doing amateur theatre in the past are glad to see new opportunities arise. Younger people find that, yes, doit-yourself fun is alive

and well in this community.

Thanks go to Anthony Aceti, Megan Quinn, and Kris Kerr for taking on the work of making this musical happen, and for planning the benefit performance.

Please come out and support Maison Boreal Home Inc. by attending this performance, Thursday night, January 31st at 7.

Two more performances will be given, on Friday February 1st and Saturday February 2nd. Winter is long. Come out of hibernation and see the show!

By Anthony Aceti

Chapleau OnStage is a local theatre company that is proud to present its first production: an Evening of Musical Theatre at the Chapleau Elementary and Secondary School Cafetorium on February 1st and 2nd.

Since October, eighteen cast members and local volunteer Meghan Quinn have been rehearsing and preparing for these performances. Music and direction are by Anthony Aceti, an English and drama teacher at Chapleau Secondary School.

Admission will be by donation. The audience can expect a light-hearted, intimate and enjoyable evening of songs, monologues and short scenes. With music ranging from gospel to blues to ragtime, ballads and folk songs, each scene joins together to create a picture of working for a living: an evening about family and the reasons why we do what we do, everyday.

K e i k o Larocque, a local grade nine student, plays several characters over the course of the O'Hearn, Cole evening: a cleaning woman, a cashier, a mother. She has said of the experience, "It was great to start my acting life as a high school student in a school play [last year, with Mrs. Dell], but it's even greater now: working as a community. I love

teenagers from both the local French and English schools make up the majority of the cast, though some adults do fill in the ranks. The cast includes Ceilidh-Ann

Children and

Crockford, Jerret Paquette, Noah Mitchell-Hourie, Kassie and Tyler Friend, Keiko and Cejay Larocque, Kerry-Anne Cook, Lauryn Pellow, Maisie Fortin, Melanie Dillon, Sommer Holmes and Wolf Burkholder.

Father Sebastien Groleau makes a special one-act appearance in the evening, contributing his fine singing voice and hidden but incredible acting ability in a song about retirement. Hilary Arsenault and Cont'd on P.2

Chapleau Soccer in need of volunteers



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t has come time for Chapleau Youth soccer soccer organizers sign up scheduled in Krista and Straun early to mid February at the library or other Frederiksen to step down and to pass the venue. It needs to be this early in order to torch. If there are any persons interested in get the required number of uniforms helping, organizing, leading, etc. the available for mid Chapleau Soccer April. The spring League, then please soccer season has run present your interest to in the past few years the Chapleau recrefrom the end of April ation committee. until mid June. It has There should be a had the 4-6 year olds indoors at the Trillium gym, and the 7-9 year olds outside at Trillium field during the same time periods. The 4-6 year olds play for around 30-45 minutes, and the older groups play for about an hour.

The summer soccer session has run for the last couple of years with age groups from 10-13 and 14 and up to adult. Depending

on the numbers that sign up, all age groups from 4 to adult have practices and games during the week from Monday to Thursday from 5:30 ish to 8:30 ish. The younger players typically are scheduled for earlier sessions. There have been numerous coaches who have stepped forward and said that they would

coach again in 2013. There have been some new soccer stars come to town who have also expressed an interest in helping out. Tim Barnes is on the Recreation committee, and has taken on the administrative duties of the President of the organization. He is a member of the recreation committee.



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business has found itself missing some of our required tools.

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Thanks Pit's Place

OBITUARY

Rita Beatrice Mitchell (nee Roussel)



Passed away with her family by her side at the Chapleau General Hospital on Tuesday January 22, 2013 at the age of 85 years. Beloved wife of the late Jack K. "Fleegle" Mitchell. Lovina daughter of the late Napoleon and Lea Roussel. Dear sister of Sister Réjeanne

Roussel, SSMN and the late Gaetan Roussel (Colette). Dear sister-in-law George Mitchell (Nellie) and the late Patsie Houston (late Raymond). Rita will be dearly missed by her nieces and nephews Sylvie Roussel, Marie-Claude Roussel, Bill Mitchell (Cherie), Doris Mitchell (Richard), Derinda Hammerstedt (Eric) and Judy Saunders. Family and friends are invited to visit at the P.M. Gilmartin Visitation Centre (10 Young Street, 1-800-439-4937) on Monday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. and again on Tuesday January 29, 2013 at the Sacred Heart Church from 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. with Reverend Sebastien Groleau officiating. Rita's ashes will be interred with her husband in the Summer of 2013. Memorial donations made to the Sacred Heart Church or to the Northeastern Cancer Research Foundation would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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CHAPLEAU ONSTAGE THEATRE COMPANY

Chapleau OnStage

Cont'd from P.1

from Bonnie Ivey appear as two women at opposite ends of life: one working hard all day at school, one working hard all night at a restaurant, with both wondering why they work as hard as they do.

Bonnie Ivey, a theatre veteran, has this to say about the show you're invited to watch: "In an age where too many people are shy about performing, preferring to watch others succeed or fail on TV talent shows, I have found it refreshing to work with the actors in Chapleau OnStage.

"It is impressive to see young people sing out so fearlessly. It is even more impressive to watch them work as a

group, encouraging and praising one another's efforts. This is really fun, and I hope to see others join in to experience the way so much can be accomplished when a group works together."

Come and enjoy the excitement: the product of hard work from months of rehearsals. Continue to join us in the great tradition of high-level, entertaining drama productions performed in Chapleau. Support our local talent: many

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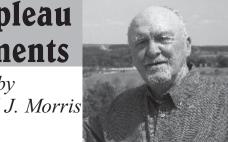




Partial backdown by Ontario government to keep three northern provincial parks open in pilot project not satisfactory to retired senior Ministry of Natural Resources parks supervisor

Chapleau **Moments**

Michael J. Morris



Although a partial backdown by the Ontario government on provincial parks closure in Northeastern Ontario was greeted with optimism by several mayors, a retired senior parks supervisor with the Ministry of Natural Resources is not satisfied with the deal, and says so in a letter to Michael Gravelle, the minister.

After the provincial government announced the closure of several parks, there was an incredible backlash to the decision from politicians and citizens across Northeastern Ontario, with a display of unity that resulted in the government making a deal in a two-year pilot project.

The project includes Ivanhoe Lake Provincial Park near Chapleau, Rene Brunelle Provincial Park near Moonbeam and Fushimi Provincial Park near Hearst.

A ministry news release states that under the twoyear pilot project, it will work with the Town of Hearst, the Township of Moonbeam and the City of Timmins with the goal of increasing the parks' revenues and visitation rates.

It is interesting to note that the respective municipalities involved in the agreement will be responsible for covering any financial losses incurred during the pilot period.

In his letter to Mr. Gravelle, Malcolm MacDonald, who at one time was a parks supervisor at Chapleau, urges him "to show us you have a little credibility and respect -- drop downloading on municipalities" along with other requests.

However, in a ministry news release, Alan Spacek, mayor of Kapuskasing and president of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities says he is "optimistic" the project will succeed and is "grateful" for the new relationship, thanking Mr. Gravelle for having a "conversation" on the future of the parks.

Gilles Audet, mayor of the Township of Moonbeam and Roger Sigouin, mayor of Hearst, pretty well echo Mr. Spacek's comments in the ministry news release.

In his letter. Mr. MacDonald, writes: "You (Mr. Gravelle) and your parks staff have yet to admit you made a mistake announcing the closure of Ivanhoe Lake Provincial Park.



Provincial Park on Facebook)

There are approximately 38 parks in the province with lower visitation and revenue than Ivanhoe and with capital expenditure requirements. Yet you and your staff fingered Ivanhoe for closure ahead of these other parks and for no apparent reason,"

Mr. MacDonald provided me with a copy of his letter to Mr. Gravelle.

He further asserts that a review of the Ivanhoe Lake situation (and likely the other parks) came only after the minister was faced with "an unanticipated. highly organized and emotional very effective backlash from the campers in northeastern Ontario against what you wanted, p.m. daily. Fushimi Kristy for their your decision" adding including very tight Lake operates on a that it was "an attempt timelines in which to first come-first served

to cover up the lack of consultation by your ministry with user groups and neighbouring communities impacted by your decision."

Mr. MacDonald reminds the minister. that "In response to your consent for a 'review' we put forth a group of camper citizens to work with your staff. Instead of a review, we were presented a document by your staff telling us what you wanted and how the parks would be operated, if we wanted them to remain open,

"This quickly became the Terms for Parks Pilot Project 1-888-ONT-PARK setting out exactly between 7 a.m. and 9

'negotiate'. We came to the table to negotiate in good faith. Your staff came to the table and set out the one and only way the parks were going to stay open."

"You and your ministry get everything they want at no risk and all the campers and community partners get are the risks for two years of camping," Mr. Mac-Donald wrote.

However. here is how you can reserve campsites for 2013.

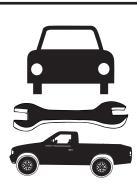
Beginning on Jan. 28, 2013, campsites can be reserved online 24 hours a day or by calling the park reservation line at basis; reservations are not accepted.

There are more than 330 provincial parks in Ontario, over 100 of which will continue as operating parks that provide various visitor services.

As part of the pilot, more seasonal campsites will be offered at the three parks. Applications for seasonal sites at these parks will be accepted between Jan. 18 and Feb. 1, 2013.

For complete updates on this continuing story, you can join the Friends of Ivanhoe Lake Provincial Park on Facebook. Thanks to Malcolm MacDonald, and his daughter assistance. My email is mi.morris @live.ca





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Federal member of Parliament Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing



An access to information request filed by Greenpeace turned up a letter sent by the oil and gas industry to the Ministers of the Environment and Natural Resources in December of 2011 that helps explain much of the contentious content in the budget bills C-38, and C-45. The letter laid out specific legislation that industry wanted amended to smooth the way for the

development and export of bitumen from the oil sands. In terms of success, we should all be so lucky in having our every wish granted by the government.

The letter originated from a group called the Energy Framework Initiative, which is made up of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association,

Backlash against budget bills has roots in industry wish list

the Canadian Petroleum Products Institute (which has become the Canadian Fuels Association) and the Canadian Gas Association. These are the same players that have received the most face-time in the Prime Minister's Office as lobbyists and while it is shocking that one group can so thoroughly drive the government's agenda, it is not terribly surprising.

The letter asks for changes to specific legislation: the National Energy Board Act; Canadian Environmental Assessment Act; Fisheries Act; Navigable Waters Protection to development of Act; Species at Risk Act; and, the Migratory Birds Convention Act.

you keeping score at home, they got pretty much everything they wanted in the last two budget implementation acts, all within a year of the letter hitting the Ministers' desks. What is discouraging is the way this group characterized the laws they wanted changed. Acts designed to protect the public interest are seen as standing in the way of "responsible outcomes". The industry wants what they call "collaborative conservation to achieve agreed common goals."

The letter also calls for 'progress' on the government's responsibility to consult with First Nations when it comes

resource projects in Canada. When considering specific budget items being prescribed (without appropriate consultation) for First Nations coupled with a number of significant pieces of legislation before the House of Commons and Senate that affect those communities, we can get some insight into the issues that are seizing the country this

Shockingly, we can see that the oil and gas industry got their wishes and got them fast. The items that have set our First Nations population on edge should also be considered with an eye to the welldocumented issues that have plagued too many of those communities generation after generation. Letters on those issues could amount to a forest of paper, but have not shared the same success as the single note from big oil and

It is clear the government is in lockstep with one industry predominantly. The economic value of the bitumen being removed from the oil sands is not even being maximized since most is earmarked for export in its raw form. With that in mind it is fair to say much of the economic benefit from our weakened environmental regulatory process will be enjoyed outside the country. As usual, most of the freight will be paid by Canadians. The Conservatives have set the country on edge intentionally early in their term with the fervent hope that the electorate will have time to forget it all before going to the polls in 2015.

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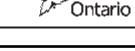
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Council Meeting: August 13th, 2012

Present: Mayor: A. Byham. Councillors: L. Crichton-Bernier; L. Lacroix; D. Greig; R. Bertrand. CAO: A. Pellow.

Declaration Of Pecuniary Interest(s): Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M. 50, Section 5, Councillor L. Lacroix disclosed a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof as follows: Disbursement Sheet August 10, 2012 cheque #020512 -Reason – Co-owner of ACE Contracting, cheque #020829 -Reason - Owner Lacroix Bus Lines and cheque #020900 -Reason Owner Lacroix Bus Lines. Councillor R. Bertrand disclosed a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof as follows: R-13 -Bunker Gear – Reason -Spouse, Disbursement Sheet August 10, 2012 cheque #020861 - Reason - Sister, Payroll #15 – ID 61 – Reason – Spouse, ID 4 - Reason - Sister, Payroll #16 - ID 61 -Reason - Spouse, ID 170 - Reason -

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GUESTS/DELEGATI ONS: Chapleau Fishing Advisory Committee – Janet Broomhead.

Broomhead. **Resolution** 22-307: L. Lacroix – R. Bertrand. That Council hold a Special Meeting of Council on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at 10:00 am to consider the 2012-2013 Chapleau Curling Club rent proposal. Carried. Resolution 22-308:R. Bertrand – L. Lacroix. That the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council held Monday, July 9th, 2012 be approved as prepared. Carried. **Resolution** 22-309: L. Crichton-Bernier – R. Bertrand. That Council authorize the Chapleau Fishing Advisory Committee to continue to investigate Mr. Bill Groves' "Chapleau Highway Welcome Sign" monument proposal and to report back to Council as to the feasibility of this proposal. Carried. **Resolution** 22-310: L. Lacroix – L. Crichton-Bernier. That the minutes of the Chapleau Fishing

approved by Council and which granted Mr. Groves the opportunity to further develop his proposal, be upheld; and That the Chapleau Fishing Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the Committee presents Mr. Groves's proposal to Council at the meeting on August 13, 2012, and that Mr. Groves be invited to participate; and That the Chapleau Fishing Advisory Committee recommends to Council that CFAC Resolution 4-19, which concerns the preparation of proposals, be revoked to allow the Committee the opportunity to originate and/or assist in the development of proposals for Council's consideration. Be it noted that M. Levesque declared

conflict of interest and did not vote on this **Resolution**. Defeated. **Resolution CFAC 10-**52: D. Godbout – T. Bemister. That we adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Carried. Resolution 22-311: R. Bertrand – L. Lacroix. That the minutes of the special meeting of the Council held Tuesday, July 31st , 2012 be approved as prepared. Carried. **Resolution** 22-312: D. Greig - L. Crichton-Bernier. That the following cheque register sheets be approved as prepared by the Treasurer. Cheque Register August 10, 2012 020810-020917 \$815,928.32 . Payroll No. 15 FT July 19, 2012 \$ 25,803.89 Pavroll No. 15 PT July 19, 2012 \$6,173.58. Payroll No. 15 Lib July 19, 2012 \$3,359.91. Payroll No.

16 FT August 2, 2012 \$24,906.73. Payroll No. 16 PT August 2, 2012 \$5,652.72. Payroll No. 16 Lib August 2, 2012 \$3,078.97. Total \$884,904.12. Carried Resolution 22-313:L. Lacroix - L. Crichton-Bernier. That Council accept the recommendation of AECOM with respect to the installation of an overhead door at the Water Treatment Plant dated July 6th, 2012 wherein it is recommended that Algoma Entry Systems be awarded the contract to install the overhead door in the amount of \$11,332.79 including HST. Carried. Resolution 22-314: R. Bertrand – L. Lacroix. That Mayor Byham be and is hereby authorized to issue a letter of support to NetCentral Cont'd on P.12

Advisory Committee held Tuesday July 17th , 2012 be approved as prepared and the following **Resolution**s are hereby ratified by the Council: Resolution CFAC 10-49: N. Tessier – D. Godbout. The Chapleau Fishing Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the Agenda be approved. Carried. Resolution CFAC 10-50: D. Godbout – N. Tessier. The Chapleau Fishing Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the Minutes of the meeting held on June 12, 2012 be approved. Carried. Resolution CFAC 10-51: T. Bemister – P. Cloutier That the Chapleau Fishing Advisory Committee recommends to Council the Minutes of May 9, 2012, which were





WINTER CARNIVAL PHOTO CONTEST

This year the Chapleau Leisure and Cultural Services Committee adds another activity to the Winter Carnival schedule - a photo contest.

The contest is open to all Chapleau residents, past and present. Each participant may submit up to three photos. The contest theme is local winter scenery or local winter activities. All photos must be taken by participants. Photos must be 8x10 in size.

Final submission date is Friday, February 7th,2013. Prizes are supplied by The Chapleau Express. First prize is \$100.00. Second prize is \$50.00.

Submissions must be placed in a sealed, lettersized,manilla envelope. The participant's full name, address and phone number must be written on the envelope.

Submission envelopes are placed in a sealed box marked "PHOTO CONTEST" found at the George Evans Public Library.

All submissions will be displayed during Winter Carnival weekend.

Donation matched for a worthy cause



The Rebekah's were pleased to match the Legion's donation and the two organizations presented Chapleau's three elementary Schools with a donation of \$800.00 each for the children's breakfast program. From left to right in the back: David Hamilton Royal Canadian Legion, Rosanne Connelly with the Rebekahs, Maria Salazar from our Lady of Fatima and Brandi Granger from Chapleau Public School. In front left to right: Rita Poulin with the Rebekahs and Claire Henderson

Batchawana Bay Provincial Park Resumes Regular **Operating Season**

McGuinty Government Encourages Families To Enjoy Park's Natural Beauty

Ontarians will be able to spend more time next season enjoying the great outdoors at Batchawana Bay Provincial Park.

After an annual review of opening and closing dates for provincial parks, Ontario has decided to return Batchawana Bay Provincial Park to its previous operating season for 2013. The park will open May 10 and close Oct. 15.

Last season, the park's operating dates were adjusted due to low visitation rates at the beginning and end of the operating season and because similar services were available at nearby Pancake Bay Provincial Park.

"I'm happy to announce that we will be returning Batchawana Bay previous operating season for 2013. Opening and closing dates for all provincial parks are reviewed annually. This change

will allow visitors to enjoy this incredible park well into the fall." said Michael Gravelle, Minister of Natural Resources

"Batchawana Bay is one of the most beautiful provincial parks in Ontario, and keeping it open into the fall season allows local residents to enjoy it to its fullest. The park also serves as an important tourist destination, which strengthens the region's economy and supports jobs."adds David Orazietti, MPP for Sault Ste. Marie.

Batchawana Bay Provincial Park is located on the north shore of Lake Superior, approximately 70 kilometres north of Sault Ste. Marie.

Batchawana Bay has one of the finest beaches in North America with 3.2 km Provincial Park to its of fine sand. It is sheltered from Lake Superior by two protective, prominent masses of land that form the bay.

Liberal Leadership candidates to reconsider northern Ontario policies

Liberal Leadership candidates have issues, like the Prov- northern Ontario as the committed to reconsidering the Government's policy on issues affecting northern Ontario as they seek to broaden their support prior to the leadership convention.

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) met with Liberal Leadership candidates Wednesday to assess their commit-

Some Ontario ment to addressing Ontario Northland Transportation Commission, and the planned closure of 7 Provincial Parks to overnight camping.

> FONOM is also seeking a commitment for more consultation and input from Northerners on legislation and policy decisions that directly effect northern Ontario.

pressing northern difficult year for ince's divestment in the Provincial Government took several swings at their economy by canceling, or threatening to sell off, vital transportation services, telecommunications networks, and freight rail used by northern Ontario companies to affordably transport natural resources and minerals.

President of FONOM and Mayor of

2012 was a Kapuskasing Al hopes that the others them. Candidate Spacek, who met with the candidates, feels positive about the meetings and hopes that the remaining leadership hopefuls will meet with FONOM in the time before the leadership convention.

"It is encouraging that some leadership candidates have met with us and committed to standing up for Ontario Northland, and FONOM

will take this opportunity to pledge their expressed support and support for northern concern for northern issues before the election."

Leadership candidate Gerard Kennedy, and former candidate Glen Murray, who recently threw his support behind Kathleen Wynne, emphasized the need to listen to residents of northern Ontario before making policy decision that impact Harinder Takhar also

The meetings come less than two weeks away from the Liberal Leadership election, a time when the stakes are high and candidates need all the support they can get.

FONOM will be reaching out to remaining candidates over the next several days to set up meetings.

10 ways to reduce your tax bill

NC)—The days are starting to get longer, and you can feel that spring is right around the corner. With spring, of course, comes tax-filing season, so as "filing taxes" joins "spring cleaning" on your todo list, here are 10 ways to save you money—and even land you that refund you've been hoping

account: Using a TFSA is a smart way to save on tax. Generally, the interest, dividends, and capital gains earned on investments in a TFSA are not taxed—not when they are held in the account or when they are withdrawn.

• Registered retirement savings plan: Pay less tax and save for your retirement at the same time. Any income that • Tax-free savings you earn in your RRSP

is usually free from tax as long as the funds stay in the plan.

• Charitable donations: Donations of cash, goods, land, or listed securities made to a registered charity or other qualified donee may be eligible for a tax credit.

• Parents: All those mornings spent at the hockey rink and afternoons spent at the ballet studio can mean savings—with the

children's fitness and arts tax credits. Child care is also deductible, so gather up your receipts.

• Family caregivers: If you have a dependant with a physical or mental impairment, you could be eligible for an additional \$2,000 this year with the new family caregiver amount.

• Student: Were you a student in 2012? You may be able to claim tuition, textbook, and education amounts, as well as moving expenses if applicable. And if you've recently graduated, you can claim the interest you paid on your student

 Public transit amount: If you are a public transit rider, you may be able to save by claiming the cost of your transit passes. You can get up to 15% of the amount claimed.

· Seniors: If you

receive income from a pension, you can split up to 50% of eligible pension income with your spouse or common-law partner to reduce the taxes that you pay. You may also be eligible to claim the

• Home buyers: You may be able to claim up to \$5,000 if you bought your first home in 2012.

age amount, medical

expenses, and the

disability amount.

• Hiring an apprentice: Did your business employ an apprentice? An employer who paid

a salary to an employee registered in a prescribed trade in the first two years of his or her apprenticeship contract qualifies for a non-refundable tax credit.

Make filing your taxes this spring even easier by doing it online. It's fast, secure and you may be able to use cost-free filing software. The Canada Revenue Agency offers step-by-step instructions at www.cra.gc.ca/getrea dy.





This photo of a Great Grey Owl was taken by Carole Vallières of Chapleau. Cette photo démontre une Chouette Lapone. Photo prise par Carole Vallières de Chapleau.



On Friday January 18, 2013 shortly before midnight the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Superior East Chapleau Detachment were advised of a single snowmobile rollover at the intersection of King Street and Maple Street. Investigation led to the arrest of 19year-old Steve PARRON of Chapleau. The accused stands charged with the

Police Report

following offences; 1) Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 2) Exceed 80 mgs Blood Alcohol Content

3) Drive No Licence

The accused is scheduled to appear in Chapleau Court in February. The 1997 Ski-Doo Formula 3 was damaged in the rollover and the accused suffered minor injuries that were treated at the Chapleau Hospital.

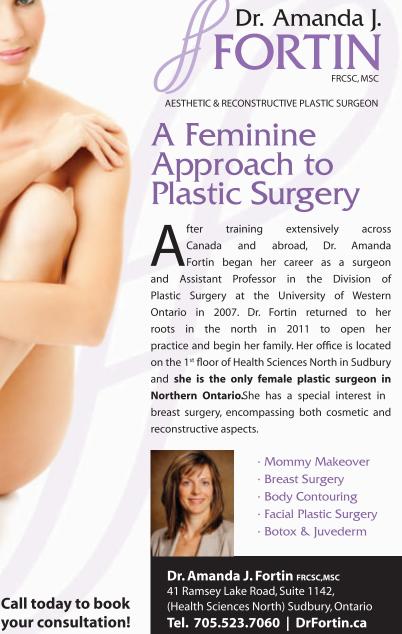
On Sunday January 20, 2013 at 7:55 am the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Superior East Chapleau Detachment were on patrol on

Brunswick House First Nation to assist a NAPS officer. A vehicle stop was conducted on Rosie St and a strong odour of alcohol was detected emanating from the driver. As a result of further investigation 33-year-old Eleanor REDBREAST of Brunswick House First Nation was arrested and charged with the following offences;

1) Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle 2) Exceed 80 mgs Blood Alcohol

Content The accused is scheduled to appear in Chapleau Court in February.





Consolidation of Local Hydro Utilities 'Problematic' for Northeastern Communities

lectricity could get a whole lot more expensive in the near future for the majority of Northerners. "A new Northeastern Ontario regional electricity distribution utility as proposed by a provincial panel that consolidates municipal utilities with Hydro One could mean significantly higher costs and decreased levels of service" according to Alan Spacek, Mayor of Kapuskasing and President of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipali-

A provincial panel recommended the creation of eight to twelve centralized regional electric distribution utilities

Lucia Reece

Director of Education

across Ontario, with to the new regional one serving the entire Northeast. Spacek notes "The municipal utilities serving the northeast are profitable and have low rates. Hydro One has much higher rates, much higher debt levels and higher costs. This would drive up average rates for all customers. Under the panel's proposal, all municipally owned utilities would be forced to give their assets to the new regional entity."

According to the Provincial Panel's initial recommendations, Hydro One which is owned directly by the Province of Ontario and servicing the rural and remote parts of northeastern Ontario would also give up its assets

utility. "Across the entire north municipal utilities serve 434,000 customers out of a population of 531,000. With this model 434,000 people could see their rates increase. This could translate into over \$300 per year in higher costs for a residential customer in a northeastern Ontario urban area", according to Todd Wilcox, Chief Operating Officer of North Bay Hydro.

Spacek continued "Hydro One carries nearly 3 billion dollars of debt which would be transferred from the province to the new regional distribution utilities and to electricity customers in the northeast whether they benefit from the assets carrying this debt or

Jennifer Sarlo

Chairperson

not. This 'shell game' does not benefit us here in the North" he claimed.

The panel also did not consider the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario

completed by the Ministry of Northern Development . Mines Cont'd on P.9



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Special Council Meeting: August 15th, 2012

Minutes of the special meeting of council held Wednesday, August 15th, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Civic Centre Council Chambers. Present: Mayor: A. Byham, Councillors: L. Crichton-Bernier, L. Lacroix, D. Greig, R. Bertrand. CAO: A. Pellow. Treasurer: L. Jones.

Declaration of pecuni-

disclosed. Resolution 23-333: L. Crichton-Bernier - R. Bertrand. That Council establish the following facility rental rates for the Chapleau Curling Club: (Nov. 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013) \$10,537.50. (Nov. 1, 2013 - March 31, 2014) \$10,537.50. (The 2013-2014 rate will be reviewed by

ary interest(s): None- Council prior to ship's 1999 1 Ton November 1, 2013 and may be subject to change). Carried

Resolution 23-334: L. Lacroix – L. Crichton-Bernier.That Council authorize the CAO to purchase one rebuilt Ford transmission and clutch assembly from Timberland Ford in the amount of \$5,410.15 plus tax and core deposit for the TownFord. Carried. Resolution 23-335: L. Lacroix – R. Bertrand. That Council approve and adopt the short listing spread sheet for the vacant position of Director of Leisure and Culture Services, agenda date stamped R-3, August 15, 2012. Carried. **Resolution** 23-336: R. Bertrand – D. Greig. That Mayor

Byham be directed to write to the Chairpersons of each of Council's Standing Committees to advise them that all media releases must be approved by Council. Carried. Note: Councillors Crichton-Bernier and Lacroix excused themselves from the meeting at this point. **Resolution** 23-337. R. Bertrand – D. Greig.

That Mayor Byham be directed to write to Chairperson Mr. Michael Levesque to direct him to return all items removed from the Museum, to the Township Municipal Office by appointment only. Carried. Resolution 23-338: R. Bertrand – D. Greig. That Council adjourn at 10:45 am. Carried.

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you putting off the annual task of filing your tax return? With a little guidance it doesn't have to be difficult and timeconsuming. This year for example, why not save yourself the headache and file online? Just think: no more broken pencils, no mountain of pencil shavings, and no waste bin full of crumpled papers. Even if you've always filed on paper, you'll find that breaking your routine will save you time.

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you've filled out your forms using your software program, it creates a ".tax" file that you then send to the CRA through their NETFILE system. Once CRA receives the file, you'll get a confirmation number and you're done.

 You may be able to make a payment online: If you have a balance owing, you may be able to use online banking to pay your tax bill, the same as you would your cable bill. Talk to your financial institution about online payments.

If you need help, check out www.cra.gc. ca/getready for stepby-step instructions. Also, grab a copy of last year's return—it will serve as a reminder of where to focus as you fill out your return for 2012.



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Consolidation of Local Hydro Utilities 'Problematic' for Northeastern Communities

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and Forestry in 2011 which identifies the cities of Greater Sudbury, North Bay, Sault St Marie, Timmins and Thunder Bay as economic hubs that anchor the North's existing and emerging priority economic sectors.

Mr. Spacek

request that "We call on the current Premier and on the new Premier to enter into meaningful dialogue that results in lower electricity costs and improved levels of service for all residents of the North." province directly controls 80-95% of electricity costs for

generation, transmission, debt retirement and taxes while local distributors are responsible for the much smaller difference. "The province must look with equal vigor to control their costs of their 80-95% of the bill if electricity costs are truly to be reduced."

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Survivre au mois de février—ou plutôt revivre en plein hiver!

(EN)—Le mois de état de santé et notre la luminothérapie, qui février a beau être court, il semble parfois interminable quand l'hiver s'éternise. À cette époque de l'année, bien des Canadiens se sentent épuisés et rêvent de s'évader au soleil, quoique malheureusement, cette solution ne soit pas à la portée de tous. Heureusement, on peut intégrer à notre quotidien des gestes sains pour déjouer ce bon vieux bonhomme hiver.

« Le mauvais temps et le manque de lumière peuvent finir par nous affecter, tant mentalement que physiquement», explique Helen Sherrard, présidente de l'Association canadienne des aliments de santé. «Il nous faut retenir toutes options susceptibles de nous aider à stimuler notre

bien-être en cette période de l'année. »

Voici trois idées formidables proposées par l'Association canadienne des aliments de santé pour vous sentir revivreen février:

Brillez de tous vos feux – Les rages de sucre, l'épuisement, l'excès de sommeil, l'irritabilité, l'anxiété... sont tous des symptômes du blues de l'hiver, un épisode important de dépression qui correspond généralement aux changements saisonniers. Des chercheurs ont découvert que trois pour cent des Canadiens souffrent de troubles affectifs saisonniers qui nuisent à leur capacité de faire face au quotidien. Il existe des thérapies pour chaque trouble. L'une d'entre elles est

consiste à s'asseoir pendant 30 minutes, chaque matin, devant un dispositif d'éclairage ultralumineux approuvé de 10 000 lux. Un lux est une unité de mesure de l'intensité lumineuse. Par exemple, une journée ensoleillée équivaut à environ 50 000 lux, tandis que l'éclairage intérieur ordinaire est de 100 lux. L'efficacité de la luminothérapie vient de son aptitude à réguler l'horloge biologique interne qui, à son tour, normalise le cycle du sommeil et améliore le bien-être psychique.

Vitamine D, vitamine soleil – Selon Statistique Canada, les deux tiers de la population affichent un taux de vitamine D inférieur à la limite que les chercheurs associent à une réduction du risque de maladies

cancer. De plus, chez une personne sur 10, la carence est suffisamment importante pour nuire au système osseux. Minéral essentiel, la vitamine D procure de nombreux bienfaits pour la santé et améliore l'humeur. Bien qu'il existe très peu de sources naturelles de vitamine D, la supplémentation est une solution simple, sûre et efficace, accessible sous forme de gouttes ou de comprimés dans tout magasin d'aliments de santé naturels. Pour plus d'information, le site de l'Association canadienne des aliments de santé (chfa.ca) vous offre un outil qui vous aidera à trouver facilement un magasin d'aliments naturels près de chez

Un peu de légèreté – Le corps et l'esprit sont étroitement liés. Sans

chroniques, dont le s'en rendre compte, bien des gens deviennent de moins en moins actifs et prennent souvent un peu de poids pendant les longs mois d'hiver. Lorsqu'il fait soleil et qu'il fait chaud, il est facile de se rendre à pied au magasin ou d'aller au gym au moins 3 ou 4 fois par semaine. À ce temps-ci de l'année, il est bien plus facile de se trouver des excuses pour hiberner. La motivation manque parfois, mais l'exercice, quel qu'il soit, est toujours bénéfique. En effet, l'activité physique aide à normaliser la tension

artérielle et à maintenir un poids santé. Elle allège également les symptômes d'anxiété et de dépression, apportant une sensation de bien-être qui vous fait sentir plus « léger » dans votre corps, mais aussi dans votre tête.

« Tandis que certains comptent les jours tout au long de février, songez que c'est aussi une excellente occasion de faire le point sur votre état physique et mental et de prendre les mesures nécessaires pour vous permettre d'être en pleine possession de vos moyens », a conclu Mme Sherrard.

Dr. L. R. Simpson **VETERINARIAN**

Will be at the Trinity United Church

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Ivanhoe Lake

Location saisonnière d'emplacements de camping

Paros Ontario a le plaisir de proposer la location saisonnière d'emplacements de camping dans le paid provincial Ivanhoe Lake.

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- a commodité d'êue sûn d'avoir un emplacement de carriorig peridant les périodes de pointe (p. ex. lies longs week-ends).

des emplacements de camping seront attribués par triage au soit (la preni ère personne désignée par le sort aurai le premier choix parinir es enrolacements de camping disponibles). Avant qu'un eino acement de camping buisse être occupé. Il laco a signer une entente et payer tout le montant de la location.

Pour en savoir plus sur la location sa somitère d'emplacements de cambing et lélécharger le formulaire de demande d'inscription au tirage, voir le sile http://www.OntarioParks.com/bienvenue. Les demandes sero it addectées du

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Cournell: heidi.elzel@chtanb.ca

Emplacements de camping : 54 emplacements électrifiés et 9 emplacements

non électrifiés Date du tirage : mercredi 6 février 2013

leidi Etzel, chectrice de para Complexe du gouvernement de l'Ontario Buresa de district da ministère des Richesses rictarelles (si e « Fi»). 5520 autoroute 101 Est South Porcuoine CN, P0N 1H0. Tél.: 705 235-1324 Télés: : 705 238-1377

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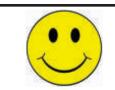
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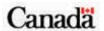
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supporting an application to NOHFC to expand cellular and mobile high speed internet services along Highway 101 east from Foleyet to Chapleau. Carried. Resolution 22-315: R. Bertrand – L. Crichton-Bernier.

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has proposed building up to 29 new casinos throughout the province, AND WHEREAS new casino development brings with it a broad-spectrum of opinions including both positive and negative

considerations; AND WHEREAS any new casino development may significantly impact the community and surrounding areas; AND WHEREAS, the municipality recognizes the importance of a referendum on the issue and prior to the development of any new casino; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mayor Byham be authorized to request the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to immediately pass Bill 76, Ensuring Local Voices in New Casino Gambling Development Act to help ensure

that local voices are Carried. Resolution 22- Carried. Resolution 22respected prior to the development of any new casino, AND THAT this Resolution be circulated to Premier Dalton McGuinty; the Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance; Monte McNaughton, MPP; and the MPP for the region in which the municipality resides.

Carried. Resolution 22-316: L. Lacroix - L. Crichton-Bernier

That the CAO be authorized to give public notice of an application for minor variance as submitted by Mr. Daniel Guitard dated August 2nd, 2012.

317:L. Lacroix - R. Bertrand. That Council approve and adopt the job description for the Economic Development Officer and the document entitled Chapleau Economic Development Corporation as prepared by WCM Consulting Inc. on July 25th, 2012.

318:L. Lacroix - R. Bertrand. That the CAO be and is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order to Gilbertson Enterprises for the supply, delivery and mixing of 1300 m³ of winter sand for an amount of \$23,101.00 plus applicable tax. Carried.



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