

CLM POST

Field Trip Files—Science North!

It was one of my favorite outings since being with Community Living Manitoulin. On February 1, 2014, we took a field trip to Science North. Originally, I was only going to invite individuals who had identified a visit to Science North as part of their Personal Development Plan, but then I decided to open it up to all programs. It was a chance to get more individuals out and enjoy the day, especially for those some who do not get out of the Mindemoya

area often. Along with all the individuals, Brittany Barbaci joined us. We enjoyed seeing their excitement over the different animals in their habitats, and in particular, seeing the butterflies. One even landed on Cathy Leclair. They all loved seeing how weight, gravity, and friction control worked. They learned about the food and chemicals that harm our bodies. We watched two 3D movies on the planets and stars, which was a huge hit.

The other movie was on racing. I do believe this was a huge learning experience for all involved. After a fun filled day at Science North we headed over to the Kings Buffet for a nice dinner and to celebrate Clarrissa Moggy's birthday. Bob and Monica Leclair joined us for dinner.

- Story submitted by Wanda Clayton



Shirley, Norm, Wanda, Cathy, Clarissa, Roger, and Dave posing at Science North.

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John Phillip's Joke of the Month:

What do you call a
peeping tom?



Tom Took-a-look!



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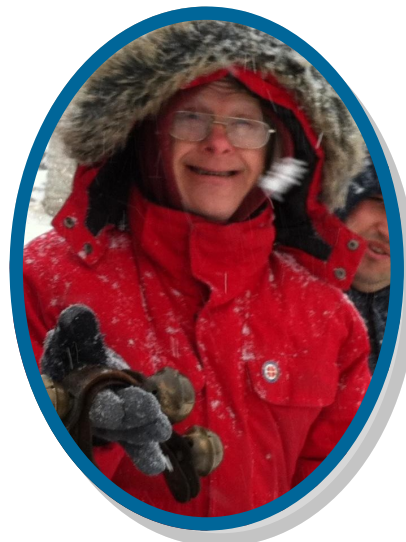
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It's Lovely Weather For a Sleigh Ride Together!

Unfortunately, mother nature intended winter to be our longest season this year. By April, we were still seeing February weather, needless to say, we all had the winter blues. So what can we do when the cold, snowy weather insists on staying? Well, embrace it of course! The group decided to break cabin fever by embarking on a sleigh

ride at the Dewar farm. Everyone had a chance to interact with the horses, and had a chance to ride the platform which was towed behind them. The day also included live music from a local band, steaming hot chocolates, and some yummy hot dogs and chips! All who attended had a fabulous time.

We would like to extend a big thank you to Lyle and Sharon Dewar, and the band for creating such a memorable day for us!



Keith is all smiles as he's about to ride the sleigh.



Norm, Arthur, and Brock ready for some fun!



One of the beautiful horses at the Dewar Farm.



The gang enjoying some fun, live entertainment!

The Gambler

Written by John Phillip Roy

I once knew a gambler
who was so blind

He wasn't gambling for
money, he was gam-
bling for time.

He laid his cards down,
thought he had to win

Then Satan played a
cheating hand, and the
gambler lost again.

He walked away from
the table, had his soul
bound

Looking for a good life,
rambling around.

But the gambler was a
loser, he could not win,

Then he met King Jesus,
he became the
gambler's friend.

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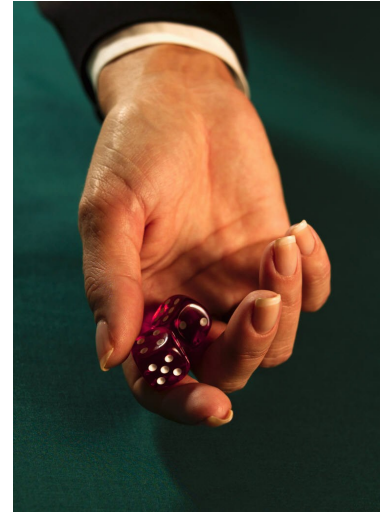
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Oh, I was a gambler,
was a loser's man.

But now I'm a winner,
Jesus place my hand.



Puppy Dog Love!

A new member has been added into the CLM family! Meet Animikee Animosh (Thunder Dog). How do we know that Mary Claire is very excited to be a dog owner? When she walks her new addition, she has the biggest smile on her face! Congratulations Mary Claire!



Come one, Come all!

Get a head start for next years cold snap! Everything Under the Sun is now having their Winter Sale. All winter items are now 50% off!

If winter items aren't on the top of your shopping list, then you will be glad to hear that we officially have our summer stock in!

Wedding season is also slowly approaching us. If you are a bride to be, be sure to stop by the store to check out the beautiful (not to mention also beautifully priced) wedding dresses that we have in stock.

Community Living Manitoulin would like to extend a huge thank you to Manitoulin Secondary Student, Jayden Windle! He has donated his time to help us set up a new software program for our agency. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, Jayden!

Thank You!

Welcoming A New Resident!

Community Living Manitoulin would like to officially welcome a new resident into our family. Randy is from Manitoulin Island and will be staying at Maple Terrace. Randy loves to put so much excitement and energy into his daily routine. He loves sports; hockey and basketball are his favourite. He also enjoys dressing himself (and others!) up in different costumes! He is an avid music listener, and loves to dance!

Please join us in welcoming Randy into his new home!



Brittany M, Randy, and Brittany B playing dress-up during Randy's first over night stay.

Lights, Camera, Action!

While we were in Toronto, Amy wanted to see the 2nd Degrassi school. Based on her research, we drove to the assumed school only to discover that it is not the school. So I turned to Google and found a Youtube video that explained that Degrassi is taped on a set. We then went to this address but there was a gate. In order to find a way in, I drove around one way, and then the other, but we had no luck. I suggested to Amy that she take a picture under the sign on the school. As we drove close to the gate, it opened. I was very leery about going in as it said 'NO TRESPASSING', but Amy said, "Who cares?" As I was driving in, Amy began to get very excited and she started to cry. We then turned a small corner and we could see the set and the buildings.

Before I could stop, Amy was trying to get out of the van. As Amy was walking up the stairs, a gentleman came out and told us to leave because the public were not allowed in. I explained that this was a dream of hers, and we were from Manitoulin Island, and we had come a long way. He said take one picture and then you have to leave. He told us that our van was the same as the contractor he was waiting for, so this is why he let us in! Amy was so excited about this experience that she cried and called her family and friends, and posted it on Facebook. I was so proud to be a part of her dream as we had already went to the original Degrassi school last summer.

-Story submitted by Michelle Dickinson



Amy poses in front of the set of Degrassi.

Volunteer Appreciation Night

The Community Living Manitoulin Board of Directors held a Volunteer Appreciation Night to show their gratitude towards all those who dedicated their time, and care to CLM.

About 65 people, a mix of volunteers, board members, staff, and individuals, turned out for the evening on April 14th at the Mindemoya Missionary Church.

Volunteers within the community were invited to come along for some refreshments and a

social gathering. Karlene Scott, a board member who organized the event, acknowledged volunteers who make an unbelievable contribution to the agency, and thanked those who donate their time.

The evening included refreshments, cake, and ice cream for all to enjoy.

Community Living Manitoulin's Executive Director, John Caruso, also took time to say a few words of thanks to

the volunteers.

The individuals were also excited to show their appreciation. Near the end of the night, they all lined up against the back wall, each with letters in their hand which spelled out "THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING".

Even though this was a one night event, we would like our volunteers to know that they are always valued.



The beautifully decorated cake



Tyler reciting the Athlete's Oath.



Board member, Karlene Scott, delivering her thank you speech



Individuals, athletes, and coaches pose together for a group photo

The Power of One

By: Ashish Ram



One song can spark a moment
One flower can wake the dream.
One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald spring.
One smile begins a friendship
One handclasp lifts a soul.
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame the goal.
One vote can change a nation,
One sunbeam lights a room.
One candle wipes out darkness,
One laugh will conquer gloom.
One step must start each prayer.
One hope will raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care.
One voice can speak with wisdom,
One heart can know what's true.
One life can make the difference,
You see, it's up to you!



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Community Living Manitoulin is an incorporated non-profit agency offering residential, vocational, and community services to adults with developmental disabilities.

Community Living Manitoulin currently operates 4 group homes, a Supported Independent Living program, a Life Skills program, a Transitional program for young adults, a Respite program, a Supported Employment program, and a Consignment store.

Community Living Manitoulin serves over 60 individuals with developmental disabilities across Manitoulin Island and employs close to 60 staff. We are led by a volunteer Board of Directors that works with the Executive Director and the Management Team to ensure the individuals we serve attain their goals of independence and inclusion within their communities.

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