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Local student recommends job as Legislative Page

By Angie Saunders
The News

Deanna Cosgrove recently returned from Toronto where she was a legislative page for 5 weeks.

Fourteen year old Deanna, who attends Grade 8 at Holy Angels School in Schreiber, applied for the program when she was in Grade 7. She was accepted in February, 1990 and was in Toronto from April 17 to May 19th.

Deanna described her job as a "Legislative Page" as being a runner to get water and messages for Members of Parliament (MP's) at Queen's Park in Toronto.

Regular citizens aren't allowed in the chambers at Queen's Park so students can apply for the job.

To be a page, a student must have a minimum 80% scholastic average, a place to stay in Toronto during the term of duty and be recommended by the school principal.

Deanna said that she was in one of five groups of 24 students. There were over 800 applicants of students trying for the position

when she applied. Deanna mentioned, "It's hard to get in because our riding isn't as popular as the Toronto riding."

Deanna, who represented Gilles Pouliot's riding, along with the other 23 students in her group were in the chambers from Monday to Thursday 1:30 - 3:30 on school days and 1:30 - 6:00 on the rest of the days. They attended school on Mondays and Wednesdays in the morning and from 3:30 - 6:00 in the afternoon.

Each student had a separate job to do in the morning before school. Besides inserting pages into binders in the legislature, the students had routes where they distributed papers throughout the whole building. While doing this, they worked as a team.

A uniform had to be worn while each page worked in the House.

School included classes in Math, History, French, English, Art, and Legislative Process.

The week wasn't all school and work. Each week something fun would be planned on Friday.

After 11:00, on Friday, the students were treated to things such as bowling, a pizza day, and once cake was provided for them.

Deanna found Toronto to be very expensive. She mentioned was the most expensive place to live in North America.

Of all the things she liked best of her trip, Deanna said she liked the new people she met. "We were all in the same boat in a new city. Only three out of the 24 our group were from Toronto."

Being away from her family and friends was the only thing Deanna didn't like at first. "Most of my paycheques went to the phone bill." But after it was over, she hated leaving all the friends she made.

Deanna was lucky enough to meet the Lieutenant Governor Lincoln Alexander while in Toronto. She explained he is the one who entertains royalty when it comes to Canada.


One of the highlights of her trip was the chance to be on Video Hits. Deanna and a few other girls were lost and happened to run into Brian Elliot who then asked them if they wanted to be on the show.

Deanna said she was going to Toronto to be a Legislative Page would be a good learning experience. She didn't believe it until after she got there.

"You learn everything about the government. We even had a debate on Meech Lake as part of our Legislative Process class. It was fun."

Deanna received a scroll from the Hon. David Peterson, Premier of Ontario and two portraits of her group as mementos of the trip.

When I asked her what she would say to any students interested in applying to become a Legislative Page, Deanna replied "I would definitely recommend it to other students."



THE TOWNSHIP OF TERRACE BAY

The Township has issued **Final Tax Billings** for the 1990 calendar year. These bills are due and payable in two installments, June 29, 1990 and August 31, 1990.

W.L. Mitchell, A.M.C.T. (A)
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

**THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND RECREATION
THE ROSSPORT AREA CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT GROUP
THE PAYS PLAT FIRST NATION**

request your participation in an evaluation of

THE ROSSPORT ISLAND GROUP IN LAKE SUPERIOR
(which extends from and includes Simpson Island to the easterly most tip of Copper Island)

1. What potential uses do you think should take place within the study area?
2. What are your feelings on commercial outpost camps or lodge opportunities?
3. Can both public recreation and commercial recreation work hand in hand within the study area?
4. Is there a need for traditional public use recreation opportunities to be protected?
5. How do we continue to protect sensitive plant, animal and historical sites that have been documented in the study area?

We need your input no later than July 15, 1990. Written or verbal comments should be directed to any of the following:

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**IN MEMORIAM
MADIGAN - Muriel**

Madeleine peacefully at the Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, June 11, 1990. Muriel English, formerly of Pointe au Baril and Chapleau, beloved and cherished wife for 59 years of William A. Madigan of Hopkins Bay, Rama Twp. Loving mother of: Gladys (Mrs. D.Q. Hamilton) of Renfrew, Mrs. Madeleine DuPlessis of Toronto, Ruth (Mrs. Laurence Pullen) of Markham, Shirley Dawn (Mrs. Charles Richards) and William K. both of Orillia. Grandmother of 15 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren and predeceased by one grandson. Dear sister of Mrs. Gladys Hasselfeldt of Toronto, Claude and Cecile both predeceased. The late Mrs. Muriel Madigan will rest at the Mundell Funeral Home, 79 West St., N., Orillia from 4 and 7 - 9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. Then to St. Paul's United Church, Orillia for service on Friday afternoon, June 8 at 2 p.m. Interment: Atherley Cemetery. The casket will rest in the Church on Friday afternoon from 1 p.m. until time of service.