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New report warns quick action needed for carbon cutbacks slowing climate chaos

by Lori Thompson, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter GENEVA—Climate change is widespread, rapid and intensifying according to the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report released August 9, which also identified humans as an “unequivocal” influence on the warming of the planet. The IPCC’s Sixth Assessment Report is the most up-to-date assessment on how global warming will change the world in coming decades. United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called it “a code red for humanity.”

“We have known for decades that the world is warming,” said Panmao Zhai, co-chair with IPCC’s Working Group I (WG1) at the release of the IPCC WG1’s contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report, ‘Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis.’ “Recent changes in the climate are widespread, rapid and intensifying. Some of the changes we see today are unprecedented in thousands of years or never seen before.”

We have already seen 1.1° Cel...continued on page 10

Traditional parade a highlight of 138th Providence Bay Fair on upcoming weekend

by Alicia McCutcheon PROVIDENCE BAY—‘Bushels, Bales and Tales’ is the name of the game as the 138th edition of the Providence Bay Fair gets underway this weekend. This iteration of the fair is being touted as a ‘hybrid fair,’ with a mix of in-person and virtual events in store.

The fair will once again kick off this Friday night, August 20, by tuning in to the Providence Bay Fair’s Facebook or YouTube page at 7 pm. Expect to see some special guests to help mark the occasion. As part of the opening ceremonies, virtual bingo is back and bingo cards are available by emailing Angela Johnston at almjohnston@gmail.com but do it quickly, as supplies are limited! The bingo prize

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BIG FISH WINNER—Manitoulin Expositor Salmon Classic organizer Dave Patterson, left, congratulates this year’s derby winner, Kevin Huot of Sudbury and South Baymouth, who took the top prize for heaviest salmon, earning him over \$8,000. Mr. Huot’s winning fish weighed in at 25.52 lbs. See story on Page 7.

photo by Sylvie Poirier

Canada going to polls September 20

Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing posts four candidates

by Michael Erskine OTTAWA—It’s official, after weeks of speculation, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau visited Governor General Mary Simon at 10 am on Sunday, emerging an hour later to launch Canada’s 44th election campaign—signalling the key Liberal platform by asserting that Canadians need the opportunity to weigh in to decide “how we’ll finish the fight against COVID-19.”

“I think it’s important that Canadians make their voice heard as to how they want to end this pandemic, and how we’re going to build back better now,” Mr. Trudeau said during a press conference outside Rideau Hall. “This is about giving Canadians an opportunity to weigh in at a really pivotal time.”

This election will take place on September 20, following a 37-day campaign, the shortest allowed by law.

“The decisions your government makes right now will define the future your kids and grandkids grow up in. So in this pivotal, consequential moment, who wouldn’t want a say?” Prime Minister Trudeau

queried, adding “Who wouldn’t want their chance to help decide where our country goes from here?”

Opposition parties lined up to assert their opposition to the election call, with Conservative leader Erin O’Toole accusing the Liberals of risking Canadians’ progress during the pandemic to play political games.

New Democrat Leader Jagmeet Singh called the election call “selfish” on the Liberal leader’s part. He said Justin Trudeau made the call because he is tired of having the NDP push him into providing more support to Canadians.

There are four nominated candidates for the Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing seat. Incumbent NDP MP Carol Hughes, Conservative nominee John Saggan, Liberal nominee Duke Peltier and Green nominee Stephen Zimmermann. See page 3 for profiles.

The Expositor will be sending each candidate a question every week sounding out their positions on issues of interest to Islanders. Look for those questions and answers on Page 3 of each week’s edition.

Rainbow Board families opt for in school educating

Whopping 95 percent answer ‘yes’ on questionnaire

by Tom Sasvari SUDBURY—A large majority of parents/guardians of children who attend elementary and secondary schools within the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) are in of in-person learning.

“The survey deadline closed at noon today, and we have received just a little over 10,000 responses,” said Norm Blaseg, director of education for RDSB, on Monday. “It is looking like about 4.6 percent of respondents, about 470 students, will be attending school remotely.” That figure, “is quite small com-

pared to last year when we had 20 percent of respondents in favour of students attending school remotely.”

Mr. Blaseg explained the number of respondents to the survey, “means about 3,000 haven’t responded. Typically, if someone hasn’t responded then they would be defaulted to attending school in person.”

Parents/guardians had been requested to fill in a 2021-2022 back to school survey for parents/guardians with the deadline having been

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MHC asks Island community to adhere to COVID protocols

Medical community expecting a surge on Manitoulin

LITTLE CURRENT—With the recent increase in confirmed cases of COVID-19 on Manitoulin, and one person having been admitted to the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC), the staff, management and board of directors of MHC would like to remind the community to continue its diligence in terms of protocols, and being mindful of COVID-19 within the region. MHC is also preparing for a surge of cases with seven active cases on Manitoulin as of press time Monday.

“Unfortunately, we recently have had more COVID-19 cases at one time on Manitoulin Island than we had throughout the first three waves of the pandemic,” said Tim Vine, co-chief executive officer (CEO) of the MHC. “These active cases are in various locations on Manitoulin, and we expect more positives in the coming days.”

Based on the public’s health warning of the ‘fourth wave’ and on the current status of COVID-19 on Manitoulin, MHC has moved into a time of surge preparedness. This includes moving patients from one facility to the

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Pride Manitoulin encourages citizens to decorate in support

by Michael Erskine MANITOULIN—Many events across the nation have been impacted by the pandemic and Pride Manitoulin has not been immune. This year’s Pride Parade has been cancelled, although plans to reinstate that event for next year are in the works—“COVID willing.”

Among the events that are going ahead this year are digital Pride flag raisings at the Northeast Town and Central Manitoulin and the painting of a rainbow across one of Little Current’s crosswalks (with paint left over from last year).

In order to put a foundation down for a resumption of events next year, the Manitoulin Pride Committee will be selling merchandise (T-shirts and sweaters) at supportive retailers across

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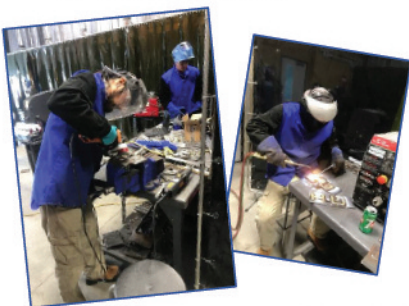
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CREDENTIAL: Ontario College Certificate

PROGRAM LENGTH: 1 year (2 semesters)

START DATE: Fall 2021 (Full-time status) with blended delivery schedule (may include evenings, and/or weekends)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The construction industry is booming, and now is the time to get the skills you need to work in this diverse field. From foundation to framing, each student will develop practical construction skills through hands-on activities while practicing safe working procedures.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

What you will learn:

- Carpentry skills
- Portable and stationary power tools
- Building materials
- Site layout
- Foundation systems
- Wood framing
- Ontario Building Code
- Intro to Welding

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

OSSD or equivalent, with ENG4C or ENG4U



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PROGRAM OF STUDY

Semester 1

- BTT025 Tools & Equipment
- CAR010 Site Layout
- CAR022 Foundation Systems
- MTH108 Trades Calculations
- CMM125 College Communications

Semester 2

- CAR032 Wood Framing
- CAR095 Finishes 1
- HUM100 Interpersonal Relations
- WLD008 Welding for Carpenters (5 weeks)

TUITION FEES

Semester 1 *\$2,010.00

Semester 2 *\$2,010.00

(approximate values only – final fees determined by college partner prior to semester start)

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CREDENTIAL: Certificate of Completion

PROGRAM LENGTH: 28 weeks (2 semesters)

START DATE: Fall 2021 (Full-time status) with blended delivery schedule (may include a combination of remote/online instruction and hands-on practical techniques)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The trades industry is booming, and now is the time to get the skills you need to work in this diverse field. This program will expose you to a variety of skills to guide you in your pathway to furthering your education or a rewarding career in the trades.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

What you will learn:

- Carpentry skills
- Portable and stationary power tools
- Building materials
- Intro to welding
- Jobsite Safety
- Essential skills for personal success in a workplace setting.

TUITION FEES

FREE



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PROGRAM OF STUDY

- BTT025 Tools & Equipment
- MTH108 Trades Calculations
- CMM115 Communication Fundamentals*
- GED135 Personal Success
- WFP020 Welding Theory
- WFP025 Practical Operations (Shop)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Participants can enroll in the courses if they are 19 years of age (or older) or if they have earned an Ontario Secondary School Diploma/Ontario Secondary School Graduation Diploma (or equivalent) or if they enroll in CMM115, concurrently*.

Students may opt to continue with their studies at any post-secondary institution as long as they meet the admissions requirement of their chosen program. If they chose to continue their studies at Canadore College, they can register as long as they have the attained the admission requirement and/or have successfully attained the CMM115 course. If the students chose to continue with Kenjgewin Teg or Canadore College, they can apply through the internal application process with all application fees waived. Transfer credits will apply, if the courses align with the curriculum in the student's chosen program.

SUPPLIES REQUIRED BY STUDENTS

- Work Boots (CSA Approved, Steel Toed)
- Appropriate work/jobsite clothing

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PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER

CREDENTIAL: Ontario College Certificate

PROGRAM LENGTH: 1 year (2 semesters)

START DATE: Fall 2021 (Full-time status)

Fall /Winter Semester – Online Delivery

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This program trains students to offer personal care and home management services to clients in community or institutional settings. Personal support workers provide services to clients with physical, cognitive, emotional, and behavioral challenges. Learn hands-on in the classroom, on community placements and in the home environment simulation lab equipped with high-end fidelity audio/visual equipment and interactive mannequins. PSWs are highly sought after as health care providers, working collaboratively as part of the health care team or in a supported independent living environment.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

What you will learn:

- Nutritional menu planning
- Clinical and community care (hospital and long-term)
- Simulation and lab work
- Diseases and pharmacology
- Patient client home care

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

OSSD or equivalent, ENG4C or ENG4U

TUITION FEES - \$3954.33 1-year certificate program

* Students enrolled in the PSW program will be required to purchase their own textbooks, from the Campus bookstore online at Canadore College or Amazon. This is the student's responsibility to order and purchase all textbooks required for the PSW program.

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CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

Fall Term

- CMM 125 Communication Fundamentals
- PSW 185 Professional Issues
- PSW 152 Client, Family and Community
- PSY 200 Lifespan Development
- PSW 235 Numeracy and Healthy Living
- CLT 100 Canada's First People
- PSW 180 Biology

Winter Term

- PSW 205 Mental Health
- PSW 162 Lab I
- PSW 210 Lab II
- PSW 230 Clinical
- PSW 300 Consolidation

ADDITIONAL TRAINING PROVIDED

- First Aid and CPR
- Mask fit testing
- Gentle Persuasive Approaches (GPA)

OTHER CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

(enrolled students must provide to Program Coordinator or Registrar prior to first day of class):

- ✓ CPIC /VSS –required before admissions and before clinical (fee will be reimbursed with receipt provided)
- ✓ TB Testing – before clinical in second semester
- ✓ Scrubs (2 sets)
- ✓ Hep B Immunization (if required for clinical)



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Manitoulin Votes ~~2021~~

Meet the candidates for the riding of Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing

Carol Hughes
NDP incumbent

First elected to Parliament in 2008, Ms. Hughes has served as NDP critic for First Nations health and as deputy speaker of the House of Commons. Before serving as an MP, Ms. Hughes was a long-time community volunteer. Her bio notes that she “has worked with communities and businesses on all manner of federal applications that have brought jobs and infrastructure funds into the riding, which also saw having Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing in the top three spots for receiving per capita annual FedNor funding in the past four years.”

“It’s extremely unfortunate that the prime minister is only looking after the interests of his and his government looking for a majority,” said NDP incumbent Carol Hughes. “The NDP has always been willing to work with this government in getting key

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Duke Peltier
Liberal candidate

Duke Peltier is serving his fourth consecutive term as the chief of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories where he lives with his wife Nicole and their three children. Mr. Peltier serves on several boards, including the Anishinabek Nation Leadership Council, Assembly of First Nations Chiefs Committee on Languages, Chiefs of Ontario Wealth Creation Committee, Robinson Huron Treaty Trust, University of Sudbury Board of Regents, Right To Play Advisory Board, Northern Policy Institute Advisory Board, Indian Resource Council Board and the Indian Oil and Gas Co-Management Board. His strong business development professional approach remains grounded in Anishinaabe history, culture, philosophy and language.

“I think the riding needs someone who is with the sitting government,” said Mr. Peltier.

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John Sagman
Conservative candidate

John Sagman is a professional engineer who has worked in the mining and forestry resource sectors in northern British Columbia, the Yukon Territory and northern areas at Manitoba, Quebec and Ontario. Much of this experience included working with First Nations to attain excellence with respect to environmental requirements and completion of projects in cold weather environments. He has also participated in significant volunteer work associated with primary, secondary and post-secondary education programs. Mr. Sagman is described as an avid kayaker, hiker and cyclist.

“Northern Ontario is one of the big economic engines for the Canadian economy,” said Mr. Sagman. “The Liberal/NDP coalition has no concerns with shutting down our resource industries. In addition, they

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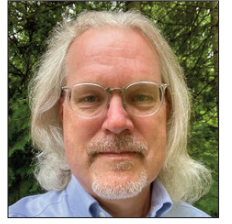
Stephen Zimmermann
Green candidate

Stephen Zimmermann is a high school teacher from Laird Township, husband and a father of three grown children, and he has lived in Algoma for 20 years, after moving to the area from the Yukon.

“We should have this election, but not now,” he said, adding that the prime minister should have waited until after the pandemic, not during the fourth wave to call an election. “His decision was simple opportunism, based on polling, not what’s best for Canada.”

“The world is changing and change brings challenges,” said Mr. Zimmermann. “The current wildfire situation underlines the need to act on climate change. The Green Party has a clear, comprehensive, well-considered plan to move Canada to a better future and address the challenges facing Canadian society. It’s not short-term

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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder

Bird repellent showing promise in West End tests

by Michael Erskine
GORE BAY—To a farmer it is an all too common sight, a vision straight out of a Alfred Hitchcock horror film—hundreds of Sandhill cranes forming up in regimented lines to march across the cornfields, stripping the rows clean with an efficiency that would make any general proud. But there may soon be relief on the way thanks to an innovative experiment taking place on the Martin farms in Manitoulin’s West End.

Farmers Nicolas and Alex Martin were exhibiting their family’s fields during the 2021 AgroMart Manitoulin Farm Tour when they discussed progress on the Avipel biopesticide application trials currently in their second year.

“Mom (Birgit Martin) has been part of the Avipel program for two years,” said Nicolas Martin. He pointed out that the Martin family has three cornfields currently in the program, two with the Avipel application and one on the Seventh Line as a control. Mr. Martin explained that the Avipel application lasts for about three weeks (Arkion Life Sciences, the company that makes Avipel, notes the bird repellent biodegrades in about 28 days). “The cranes might settle in a field one day, but after they get a stomach ache from the stuff and they smell it, they move on.”

“Avipel is the first scientifically proven seed treatment to stop birds—from blackbirds, crows and grackles to pheasants, Sandhill cranes, starlings and more—from eating newly-planted corn seed,” reads the company website. “Made from an organic chemical found in plants, Avipel is a non-lethal, nontoxic and nonsystemic corn seed treatment that can lead to greater corn crop yields, raising growers’ bottom lines.”

Mr. Martin described seeing “three or four hundred cranes”

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AgroMart representative Craig Reid talks all things corn with Nicolas Martin during the annual AgroMart farm tour last week.

photo by Michael Erskine

Group of Gore Bay residents upset sidewalks to be replaced with asphalt

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—Despite concerns raised by several local residents on plans by the Town of Gore Bay to have some cement sidewalks replaced by asphalt sidewalks, council is going to proceed with its proposed plans, based on costs and future work that is going to take place on the streets.

“I would like to thank the mayor and council for giving us an opportunity to make this presentation,” said Kevin Reed, on

behalf of about 13 residents on Meredith Street (between Dawson and Borron Streets), at a council meeting August 9. He presented a letter signed by the residents to council which states, “As property taxpayers on Meredith Street (between Dawson and Borron Street), we are in favour of sidewalk repair and replacement with cement, however, we are not in favour of replacing the current cement sidewalk with asphalt.”

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Concerns have been raised by several Gore Bay residents that the previous cement sidewalks in an area of the town are being replaced with asphalt sidewalks.

Regional chief Glen Hare welcomes additional \$321 million to help Indigenous communities heal from impacts of residential schools

by Tom Sasvari
M’CHIGEENG—Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare welcomes an additional \$321 million in support for Indigenous communities to respond to and heal from the ongoing impacts of residential schools.

“Today, the Government of Canada announced \$321 million in additional support for Indigenous-led, survivor-centric and culturally informed initiatives to help Indigenous communities respond to and heal from the ongoing impacts of residential schools, including the creation of a special interlocutor and a national advisory council,” said Ontario Regional Chief Hare, on August 10.

“I welcome today’s announcement, and I would like to thank the honourable Carolyn Bennett,

minister of Crown-Indigenous relations, the honourable Marc Miller, minister of Indigenous services, the honourable Steven Guilbeault, minister of Canadian heritage, and the honourable David Lametti, minister of justice and attorney general of Canada, for your collective commitment in addressing the tragic history of residential schools and supporting survivors, families, and communities.”

“Again it is welcome news, but at this point we don’t exactly know what we are getting into until the process starts,” Regional Chief Hare told The Expositor. “Searchers so far haven’t found anyone (children’s burial sites at unmarked grave sites) at (former) Ontario Indigenous residential schools, but they will,” noting that

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Gordon/Barrie Island to continue use of transfer station while Gore Bay continues curbside explorations

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY-GORDON—While the Town of Gore Bay is exploring options for garbage pickup in the town, the municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island will continue to use the transfer station and continue with an agreement with Green for Life (GFL).

This comes after councils for both communities had the opportunity to review a recommendation that had been made by the transfer station committee on a proposal from GFL for the transfer of waste collection and transfer from the municipal transfer station site to Dodge Haulage in Espanola, at meetings last week.

“We are going to remain status quo, and our residents will be able to continue to use the transfer station site,” Lee Hayden, reeve for Gordon/Barrie Island told The Expositor last Thursday. As has been reported, “the Town of Gore Bay is exploring other options right now. In September the bag collection count (by the transfer station attendant) for users of the transfer station will be done. Then it is expected they (Gore Bay) will be making a final decision on the option they are going to take at that point.”

“Obviously it is their decision,” said Reeve Hayden. “We are going to continue the present system, and we’re waiting on the data from the garbage bag study that should provide an indication (of how much garbage is accumulated in both Gore Bay and Gordon/Barrie Island)

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Don't sleepwalk through this summer's election call

The horses have left the gates on the 2021 Canadian federal election and, at 35 days, it will be one of the shortest election campaigns on the books. Bookies have set odds on a minority government result when everyone crosses the finish lines, with Justin Trudeau's Liberals leading the pack as the best bet to come out on top of the ballot count—but it is very early days as of yet, and as not-so-distant polling fiascos demonstrate, elections do matter.

Whoever one may support going into this election, and especially if undecided, it is extremely important to not let any summer malaise set in. This election will determine the course our nation will steer to economic recovery and, hopefully, the pandemic endgame.

Despite what the federal opposition parties posit, Canadians have largely expressed satisfaction with the pandemic stickhandling of the governing Liberals, and that party, quite understandably, wants to make that the deciding question. The Conservatives allege the Liberal game has been slipshod, offside and spendthrift, with far too much largesse being laid upon the unworthy great unwashed. "Our grandchildren will pay for it," they allege repeatedly, and that fiscal responsibility message plays well to their strong suit—even as the historical record has failed to support the Tories' previous pronouncements of doom. But that is a narrative that will be for the voters to ultimately decide.

The NDP, on the left hand side, suggest the Liberals must not be granted their coveted majority. It is only the NDP's constant prodding and threats of dissolution of the government mandate that has forced the stingy Liberals to toss enough into the public's net sufficiently to stave off economic and social disaster. With the largest deficits in Canadian history already sitting on the scorecard it is difficult to imagine more generous social spending would be onside—but again,

that is a decision for the electorate to decide. The NDP answer is to eat the uber rich, which is always a popular refrain, but even moreso given the steady litany of media reports of outrageous pandemic profiteering appearing on television (or computer/phone/tablet) screens and newspaper pages.

The Greens are currently imploding on the national scene, and complain bitterly that the Liberals have taken advantage of their party's current disarray. This despite the environment and impending global doom of humanity (and most other of God's creatures) becoming clearer with every published scientific analysis (that's peer-reviewed, thank you kindly Facebook pundits). The Greens are embroiled in controversy over their foreign policy stances rather than their core issue. Hopefully for their supporters, the election will prove a rallying point for their offensive play—again, that will be for the voters to decide.

It would seem that the Liberals, despite their much heralded recent rush down the left side of the ice, remain the party of the centre (albeit far more left of centre than the days of Mackenzie King)—although that has more to do with the posturing of their electoral opponents than where they want to skate.

There is much to consider in this election for the Canadian electorate, whether it is to stay the course with their electoral choices of two years ago, to provide the Liberals with a majority that will free them from the shackles of depending on support from the NDP, the Conservatives (it could happen) or the Bloc Quebecois to lay out a successful game plan for the nation.

And that, at the end of the game, is for the voters to decide—let's not all sleepwalk into that decision.

letters

Water delivery problems plaguing Wiikwemkoong elder

'I'm a senior, am I not important enough to listen to?'

To the Expositor:

I believe Wiikwemkoong leadership just keeps messing up and it's not getting any better either. Our water delivery service is not being done the way it should be. I'm having problems with my water delivery that they never deliver my water anymore. Then I have to phone the Wiky garage to have somebody deliver water to my house, but I pay my water bill every three months. I have proof of that too, I have my receipts for that. I'm not getting what I'm paying for but I do see my two neighbours getting their water delivered every week even sometimes twice a week, but nobody is delivering water to my house. I have been having this problem for the last eight months. I have been trying to

resolve it too, but nobody is listening. I even sent a letter to the councillor who holds the portfolio for the Wiky garage, but I guess nothing was done. I even sent a letter to the chief too when I first started having this problem. I can tell he never did anything about it either. I'm a senior, am I not important enough to listen to? I just might ask the police to do something about this because this is elder abuse to what they are doing that is causing me stress. I never know if my water will be delivered or not and usually not, I even heard somebody went without water for two weeks because water was never delivered.

**Ronald Osawabine
Wiikwemkoong**

Former Sheguiandah chief calls on current chief to resign

Cites lack of in-person meetings and opportunity to question audit findings

To the Expositor:

Re: An open letter to Sheguiandah Chief Andrew Aguonie

Out of frustration, I am writing this letter on behalf of the majority of Sheguiandah First Nation band members. I am forced to write this letter due to the fact that the last in-person community council meeting was held in the fall of 2020. There has been no public forum for band members to their voice concerns or question the actions of elected officials. Your refusal to hold in person public meetings has only compounded the issue. Community concerns and requests have fallen on deaf ears. Even with the province re-opening, you continue to keep the band office and health centre closed to band members.

Your lack of transparency and accountability is frustrating to say the least. It has been four years since the community was presented with a public financial audit where members could question expenditures. Further, there have been no written updates or copies of meeting minutes given to the membership. Everyone is kept in the dark and remains

under a continued veil of secrecy. Even simple requests by members are being ignored by your office. You seem to have forgotten that you are a public servant and are supposed to be looking out for the best interests of your band members. How is operating in secrecy with no accountability and transparency in the best interests of Sheguiandah band members? With that being stated, I am calling on you to resign as chief. You have lost the confidence and trust of the majority of band members.

I remain,

**Orville Aguonie
Sheguiandah First Nation band member**

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Sheguiandah band council has held virtual meetings since the fall of 2020 as well as a number of online workshops. The band does conduct yearly audits as mandated by Indian Affairs.

Democracy or lunacy?

Look at the facts and decide for yourself

To the Expositor:

After the last Billings township council election a small group of disgruntled citizens, unhappy with the results, launched a campaign that questioned almost every decision made by our elected officials and magnified any faux-pas, real or imagined and no matter how small, on social media and in print.

Almost nine months ago this blanket harassment of council was augmented by a personal attack on the integrity of two councillors.

After an in-depth investigation by the integrity commissioner both councillors were found innocent of all charges.

This fiasco, however, will be paid for by the township with yours and my tax dollars to the tune of approximately \$20,000.

The accusations arose after Sharon Alkenbrack participated in two events, making \$134 in one and approximately \$140 in the other, while Sharon Jackson's haul was approximately \$100.

The accuser stated that the amount of money made was not the issue but rather the "principled" accuser is still hiding behind a curtain of anonymity.

Both councillors, when interviewed by the integrity commissioner,

were found to be credible.

The accuser, on the other hand, was found to be somewhat credible.

I am waiting for Barb Erskine, who in the past has asked for transparency in council matters, to demand complete disclosure on this issue.

I am also waiting for Ruth Farquhar, who in the past has been quick to pounce on anything newsworthy at council, to write a scathing editorial on this ridiculous waste of taxpayers' money.

Both of the above were seen at one of the events, with Ruth Farquhar taking pictures of the vendors. Coincidence? Of course it was, half of Kagawong was there shopping and I expect the pictures were merely for posterity and are in one of Ruth's scrap books.

A complete account of the investigation can be found on the township website.

For those interest in knowing the identity of all those responsible for wasting this large amount of public funds please send an email to billingsadmin@billingsstp.ca or write a letter to the Township of Billings, Box 34, Kagawong POP IJO, as I am going to do.

**John Buie
Kagawong**

Rainbow District School Board outlines 2021 reopening plans

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—On September 7 the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) will welcome students back to school for the 2021-2022 school year, with enhanced health and safety protocols in place to ensure the well-being of students and staff. “The health, safety and well-being of students and staff remains the top priority,” said Director of Education Norm Blaseg.

“Though the classroom experience will look and feel differently again this year, parents, guardians and students can be assured that our caring educators and committed coaches will deliver quality education and extracurricular activities with safety first and foremost,” said Mr. Blaseg. “We miss our students and look forward to safely reconnecting with them.”

The board transitioned to online learning in March 2021 when the number of local COVID-19 cases increased. As directed by the Ministry of Education, this fall elementary and secondary schools will reopen for in-person learning with expanded opportunities for students including clubs, bands and sports activities, Mr. Blaseg told RDSB trustees.

The board has released a 27-page reopening guide that includes information on what parents and guardians can expect when classes resume in addition to an overview of the health and safety protocols being implemented to limit the spread of COVID-19. The guide was created in accordance with the provincial document, ‘COVID-19: Health, safety and operational guidance for schools 2021-2022.’ According to the guide, “Structure, schedule and stability will be balanced with safety. Rainbow schools will use multiple protective strategies and a layering of controls to support healthier and safer environments for students and staff.” The board will also provide enhanced mental health this year to help students transition back to the

classroom,” Mr. Blaseg said.

All schools will receive an inventory of disposable medical-grade masks, face shields and disposable gloves and staff are required to wear both a medical mask and face shield and/or safety goggles while in the school. In-person students in Grades 1 through 12 must wear masks and Kindergarten students will be allowed to wear either masks or face shields.

Plexiglass will remain in Grades 1, 2 and 3 classrooms. Air quality in classrooms and learning environments will be optimized through improved ventilation and/or filtration. Congregating at entrances and exits will be discouraged and signage, floor decals and ground markings will direct traffic flow. Pavement markings will promote physical distancing in bus zones.

As per the guide, Mr. Blaseg said each school will designate a COVID-19 isolation room to be used for the temporary placement of any student or staff member that becomes ill during the day. All schools will be cleaned and disinfected each evening and schools will ensure that washrooms are cleaned frequently. Posters will be placed in strategic areas to reinforce the key messages of handwashing and use of drinking fountains to fill water bottles only, he said.

While vaccination is an important tool to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and allow students, families and staff to safely resume normal activities, Mr. Blaseg agreed, Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) will not be providing information on whether students have been vaccinated.

“To manage illness and outbreaks, there are strict protocols that include detailed record keeping and daily screening for symptoms and contact tracing,” he said. Students, teachers and staff must self-screen for symptoms of COVID-19 before

leaving home, and those who are unwell must stay home from school. They should also seek testing and appropriate medical attention and remain at home while awaiting test results. Schools must immediately report any suspected or confirmed cases within the school to PHSD.

Protocols will be updated as the province releases new guidance on the management of COVID-19 in schools.

All students will attend school for a full day (five instructional hours). While remote learning is an option, in-person learning remains very important, Mr. Blaseg said. An Ontario Science Advisory Table (OSAT) brief stated, “The physical, emotional and developmental health of children and youth has been deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions placed on schools. School disruptions, including school closures and implementation of education models that have reduced direct interaction between children, their peers, and their teachers (e.g., online learning), have led to significant learning disruption, exacerbated educational inequities and deprived children of other supports and activities available through schools including food programs, physical activity and sports and clubs and teams.” The OSAT also suggested that school closures and distance learning strategies should be part of a pandemic control strategy in only the most catastrophic of circumstances.

RDSB elementary school students will be cohorted by homeroom while secondary schools will reopen with smaller cohorts in a modified semester five days a week. Students will be expected to follow their timetables and each class will be 150 minutes long.

Students attending class remotely are expected to attend full-time and will have access to learning materials online as well as synchronous (live) learning opportuni-

ties throughout the school day. Remote secondary students may have alternate teachers or require timetable changes. Technology will be provided for remote learning if required. For those who have chosen to start the school year with remote learning (parents had until August 16 to indicate whether learning would be online or in-person), the only opportunity to transition to in-person learning will be in February 2022.

Provincial guidelines for school do allow for the community use of schools. Community use of RDSB schools will be reviewed and phased in when deemed appropriate, said Mr. Blaseg. “Student activities will be the first priority.” Further guidance on allowed extra-curricular activities, music classes, clubs, sports teams, health and physical education will be shared with schools.

Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) assessments will be done in person but the literacy graduation requirement is waived for students graduating this upcoming year, said Mr. Blaseg. “They will be restored for students graduating in the 2022-2023 school year. The community involvement graduation requirement has been reduced from 40 hours to a minimum of 20 hours of community involvement activities for students graduating in the 2021-2022 school year as well.”

“The ongoing pandemic has taught us that we need to be flexible in order to limit the spread of COVID-19,” said Mr. Blaseg. “We will strive to expand opportunities for students in accordance with provincial directives and guidance from public health. When the pandemic ends, Rainbow schools will be well positioned to return to business as usual, with a continued focus on mental health and well-being.”

op-ed

Manitoulin Streams waterkeeper shares the important roles that water plays in life

The Sacred Gift of Water
by Aiyana Louis

Manitoulin Streams Waterkeeper

Water is and always has been a creator of life. It is the flow of water from the mother that brings a child into this realm. It is the fall of the rain that replenishes the soil and creates a healthy foundation for grasses, trees, flowers, herbs, all plant and all animal life to flourish. It is water that sustains life and balance in this eco-system we reside in through ancient glaciers, and ancient waters below the earth’s surface that also sustains all life within rivers, lakes and streams. Water makes up most of our bodies, and it is water that makes up most of the planet we reside on, no living being on this planet can live without it. This is why water is sacred.



Aiyana Louis

In many societies today, water is not honoured in the same way it used to be. Because water is so easily accessible for a lot of us, as easy as a switch on the faucet, we forget the impeccable journey that the water has gone through to

meet us here, at our request. Before settlers came to this land, the waters of Turtle Island, what we now call North and South America, were much cleaner and much more plentiful. Indigenous perspectives do not see water as a commodity, but rather as a sacred gift, the blood of Mother Earth that cleanses all that it touches. This is not only a belief for North and South American Indigenous people, but there is a collective understanding in the teachings of Indigenous people worldwide. In Indigenous groups around the world, we have a sacred relationship with water. As humans we all benefit from this sacred knowledge and knowing of water being life giver.

As the bearer of all generations and future ancestors, Indigenous women have a particularly sacred

connection with water. It is the women who hold the responsibility of nurturing, protecting and speaking on behalf of the water ensuring that all understand the interconnectedness that comes with understanding the phrase “Water is Life.” Water begins and sustains life, we give back to it through respect, kindness, care and honour when we sing it to and humbly provide offerings. That is why when an injustice or mistreatment of the water happens in our communities, in Canada, or on a global scale, it creates dissonance in the natural harmony of our spirit. It is important for not only Indigenous people, but people from all walks of life to remember the sacredness of water when we drink, bathe, wash the dishes, play at the beach, remembering that water is a gift

from Creator. We give thanks for all that we are blessed with, and honour the gift of life past, present and future in a way that will be passed down to all generations to follow. When we do what we are called to do through understandings passed on through the lived experiences of our ancestors in a way they have shared throughout time, we honour the ancestors and all life.

Aiyana Louis hails from M’Chigeeng First Nation and is excited to be Manitoulin Streams’ inaugural waterkeeper. She is eager to learn about and share traditional Indigenous water keeping knowledge. Ms. Louis is enrolled at Carleton University in the Environmental Studies program with a minor in biology.

more letters

Climate skeptic counterpoint to The Expositor’s August 4 editorial

Fingering capitalism for the world’s evils seems a bit perverse

To the Expositor:

The August 4, 2021 edition of this paper included an editorial which focused initially on the space escapades of Bezos and Co and then went on to again sound the alarm regarding the dangers of climate change (‘Billionaire space race highlights madness of consumer society,’ Page 4). I would like to point out some chinks in the arguments made in the editorial. First of all, I hadn’t really followed any of the details of the flights as they occurred but when I read the editorial it seemed strange that emissions would be a problem. Most space flights employ rocket engines and these devices normally burn liquid hydrogen supported by liquid oxygen. Water is the result of the burn, nothing else! A quick check of the Bezos flight confirmed that the craft was indeed propelled by a rocket engine.

Moving on to the “oh my goodness we are all going to die” section of the editorial, one reads that droughts and wild weather patterns threaten crops on a biblical scale and the Bezos space caper and other extravagances will be the end of us all. It would be interesting to know where the science is to support such claims. I have stated several times in this paper that the evidence does not align with

such hyperbole. Even the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (if one ignores the summaries for journalists and politicians) has stated that there are no discernible trends for droughts, hurricanes etc. Regarding wildfires, The Royal Society recently published an update of a study by Dr. Cristina Santin and Professor Stefan Doerr of Swansea University entitled ‘Global Trends in Wildfire and its Impacts.’ Here is a quote summarizing the findings: “When considering the total area burned at the global level, we are still not seeing an overall increase, but rather a decline over the past decades.” Fires are a regional issue and need to be investigated as to why they burn the way they do and what can be done now to limit the resultant damage. In addition, trends for crops world-wide have been positive for decades and I have not seen any credible evidence that would suggest otherwise.

The 21st century robber barons comment merits a response as well. If J.K. Rowling writes a series of books that many people want to buy, read and enjoy, is she one of these? How about Michael Jordan? If a basketball team is willing to pay him millions and fans are willing to pay the ticket price, is he included? A great music composer or

entertainer—are they tainted with the same label? How is Jeff Bezos any different? He has a service to offer. Many people think it is great and willingly pay the price. These people have earned their money by being very good at what they do and many people benefit as a result.

Finally, it would be interesting to see an editorial detailing the differences between “unfettered capitalism” vs “fettered capitalism.” I have always thought that the basis for a free market is the opportunity for individuals to offer a service or product for sale at a certain price and customers are free to accept or reject the offer. Fingering capitalism for the world evils seems a bit perverse as the opposite would seem to be the case when one looks at the benefits accrued to any society lucky enough to have the means to employ such a system. Just ask anyone in Venezuela, Cuba, North Korea—the list is a long one. More telling, ask anyone who has been lucky enough to escape these places and ended up here in Canada.

Shane Desjardins
Mindemoya

2017 death of Wiikwemkoong man determined to be accidental

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

LITTLE CURRENT—Following two days of hearings on August 9 and 10, a coroner's jury has determined the death of a Wiikwemkoong man in August 2017 to be accidental, occurring as a result of injuries caused by collapsed roofing trusses at a residential construction site he was working on.

Carl Peltier was working for ProSteel North, based in Wiikwemkoong, at a private residential construction site in Chelmsford when the incident occurred. Mr. Peltier was fatally injured and another worker was wounded when the roof trusses they were installing collapsed on August 21, 2017.

The inquest was held at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre in Little Current, with Dr. Steven Bodley presiding as inquest officer. Inquest counsel included Mathieu Ansell of Sudbury and Caroline Johnson from the Aboriginal Justice Division of the Ministry of the Solicitor General. Investigating officers included Detective Constable (DC) Jason Castle and DC Brad Purvis and inquest officers were DC Marc Fortier and DC Heather Sutherland. Parties with standing included the Peltier family, the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development (MOLTSD) and ProSteel Roofing.

Philomena Savoia, a consultant with more than three decades experience in occupational health and safety, mostly in construction, told the jury that constructors of projects with a value greater than \$50,000 must file a Notice of Project which essentially initiates MOLTSD oversight of a project. Ms. Savoia also explained the requirements for an owner, constructor, employer, supervisor and worker under the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA), including risk assessment and training. Neither a joint health and safety committee nor an employee safety representative were required for this project.

The scope of the project consisted of a garage, approximately 32 x 56 feet, to be used for equipment storage with the upper part of the building to be a loft. On August 21, 2017 the foundation of the structure was complete. According to witnesses, the walls had been erected and had plywood on the exterior. Studs were visible in the interior and the roof was in process of being built with a number of trusses already up and braced.

Mr. Peltier had been on a ladder in the northeast corner of the structure making adjustments to one of the trusses on the roof. Other employees were on the ground inside the structure. Around 3:45 pm a loud cracking sound was heard. At this time, trusses began to topple from the east side to the west side. Mr. Peltier was between two trusses at the time and became pinned between them. Other workers tried to assist but were unable to lift the trusses. A boom truck was used to lift them. First aid and CPR were provided and 911 was called.

Emergency responders did arrive and transported Mr.

Peltier to Health Sciences North on Long Lake Road in Sudbury, where he was pronounced deceased at 4:38 pm. Greater Sudbury Police Service arrived on scene and spoke with workers and Mr. Fournier. The MOLTSD was also contacted. As there was no indication of suspicious or foul play, the ministry carried on with a workplace investigation.

A coroner's inquest is mandatory for a construction death. The purpose of this inquest was not to determine findings of guilt but to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding the death. A number of witnesses, including workers and the owner of ProSteel North, the Ministry of Labour and engineers were questioned about the sequence of events in the truss installation on the project. The goal was to identify questions around the collapse of girders being installed to support a steel roof, and explore the training and engagement of small work crews in an effort to understand what happened, Dr. Bodley told the jury. "By doing so, we may uncover some facts that might help prevent future deaths from steel roof construction."

The standard of proof in a coroner's inquest is different than in a criminal trial, Dr. Bodley said. "It is based on the balance of probabilities; that is, it does not need to be beyond a reasonable doubt and only needs majority decision, not consensus."

Recommendations are not required but may be submitted by the jury. Following one-and-a-half days of witness testimony, the jury was sequestered for deliberations, returning with a verdict of accidental death. The jury also made four recommendations.

Problem with brakes results in grader knocking down hydro line

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Fortunately, the operator of a grader carrying out work in the Town of Gore Bay was not seriously injured in an accident that occurred last week involving a downed hydro pole.

"What happened is that the contractor (Beamish Construction) doing the road work up on East Street, on the hill near the former Gordon's Lodge, was travelling up there in the grader when apparently the brakes didn't work and the (grader) engine stalled," said Gore Bay fire



chief Mike Addison, explaining the accident that took place on August 10.

The grader ended up going back down the hill, going across the road and hitting a hydro pole (knocking it down) where the boardwalk ends, Mr. Addison explained.

Fortunately, "the opera-

LEFT—The operator of a grader carrying out work in the Town of Gore Bay last week was fortunately not seriously injured when a problem with the brakes on the grader led to an accident last week involving a downed hydro pole.

tor of the grader was not seriously hurt," said Mr. Addison. "It could have been much worse."

Town public works manager Roger Chenard was called out by the company and requested assistance from the fire department. The Gore Bay volunteer fire department was called out to the scene at around 4 pm and firefighters assisted in blocking traffic so no one could get near the downed hydro power lines, said Mr. Addison. He added that Hydro One crews had to cut the power lines off of the grader.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Summer holidays are wonderful. We especially like the freedom to just take things as they come and not have to have a definite plan for our days. For example, tomorrow, Team Fergmeijer is heading into Sudbury where there are so many fun things to do. First, we're going to pick up our new glasses from the optometrist. After that, we'll see!

Join local businesses as they celebrate the first (hopefully annual!) Younge Street Festival, September 3-5! This festival will have it all - artisans, musicians, fun contests for the young and old, and live chainsaw performances by the Carver Kings! All are welcome! Pop in to the Sugar Bush Canadian Coffee House or Bare Naked Beauty for more information or to purchase tickets for the evening concerts. More information can also be found at <https://www.facebook.com/youngestfestival/>.

If you've walked the River Trail in Kagawong recently, you may have noticed a group of young thespians creating new stories and rehearsing new works for the Kagawong River Stories / Gaagigewang Ziibing Dibaajimowinan project in conjunction with 4elements living arts. Keep an eye on the 4elements Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/4elementslivingarts/>) for details on upcoming performances!

The bad news is that there are only two more Wednesdays before August is over. The good news is that there are still two more Wednesdays in August to get out to the Kagawong Market! Check out over 40 vendors each Wednesday from 10 am to 3 pm sprawling out in all directions from the pavilion in the lower village. Please remember to wear your masks, use the provided hand sanitizer, and social distance where possible. Take the stress out of finding a parking spot - park at the Park Centre or along Henry Drive. Happy birthday to Bonnie F who turns 29 this week, as well as a trio of Theijsmeijers who celebrate their birthdays next week! Let there be cake! Lots and lots and lots of cake.

We had some younger nieces and nephews up to visit and got talking about possible future careers they might like to pursue. We discussed how opportunities in waste management are on the rise; apparently, the jobs are really picking up. One of the uncles mentioned how he had his own tree surgery business and was so busy that he was thinking of branching out. We wondered if working as a barista was fun or mostly just a grind. We decided not much would be worse than working for Revenue Canada (really taxing). It was speculated that while being a programmer probably bytes, being a mechanic and changing tires would be wheelie fun, even if it is a bit of a balancing act. One of the aunties mentioned that her mother-in-law works in apparel and it had made her very clothes minded. She also said that when she had met her husband, he'd been working at the zoo; she knew right away that he was a keeper. Working at the liquor store was ruled out entirely. No one ever cheers for you, only booze.

Billings Library and the Old Mill Heritage Centre are pleased to announce the long-awaited publication of "How It All Began!" This third edition of the beloved local history book has been a year-long joint effort between the two organizations, with the full support of the township to see it through. Copies will be available for purchase at the library, the Heritage Centre and at the Friends of Billings Library table at the Kagawong market.

All meetings of Council and Committees of Council have returned to in-person status only. For more information on upcoming meetings, contact the Township office (705-282-2611).

Don't forget that all committee meetings are open to the public. If you would like to attend an Economic Development Committee, Parks, Wellness and Recreation Committee, or Climate Action Committee meetings, just contact the town office to confirm dates for upcoming meetings. Meeting dates can also be found on the township website (www.billingstwp.ca).

Be careful out there, dear readers - it's a dangerous world. Why, we were at the pharmacy the other day when a display of bottles of omega-3 pills fell on us. Luckily, our injuries were only super fish oil. Have a great week!

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Kal Merriam of Gore Bay who passed away on August 12th.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Bruce Duncanson's first cousins got together, all masked and socially distanced, for lunch last weekend.

Bill and Janet Lloyd with son Grant and wife Trish were joined by Ken and Doreen Duncanson, Iris Clarke and Myra Duncanson, before travelling to the hospital in Mindemoya for a nice visit with Bruce and Irene.

Anne Boyd had her niece Anne and husband David for a few days visit last week.

Robbie (Baldwin) Ates and daughter Amy are at their cottage for a few weeks.

Happy 80th birthday to Susan Arbour on August 19.

Tom Moore has arrived at the cottage with daughter Mindy and her husband Brian Kerr.

It was wonderful to see a large number of summer residents out at the market on Saturday.

The fundraising at the markets for the Net Shed Museum in Meldrum Bay has been completed.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the museum. Anyone wishing to further support them may mail a cheque payable to Meldrum Bay Historical Society which will issue a charitable donation receipt.

Reminder to all township residents that a maximum of two bags of garbage per week is the limit for pickup.

Ice Chips and Canoe Quips



Aurel Fox-Recollet took the top of the podium during the Conquer the Crater 5K run held on Sunday.

Aurel conquers the crater!

Aurel Fox-Recollet, now of Sudbury, finished in first place at the XTERRA Conquer the Crater 5K trail run held at the Kivi park in Sudbury on August 15. His record time was at 21:04!

The race consisted of 16 runners! The most important and distinguishing feature is that 100 percent of all proceeds raised by the event support the Northern Cancer Foundations Miles Against Cancer Fund, dedicated to improving the survival rate and quality of life of children and their families impacted by paediatric cancer in Northeastern Ontario. To date, over \$95,000 has been raised to date to support children and their families live with and beyond children's cancer!

The Attempt!

Natalie Hastings and Kristin Bickell have knocked off another couple of lakes on their quest to circumnavigate all of Manitoulin's inland lakes. One of the ones they completed, some will argue, is not technically inland. Lake Wolsey is only separated from the North Channel by a causeway and a bridge that freely exchanges water both ways depending on the wind of the day. However, their effort certainly deserved it the ranking of a lake. It has everything from heavy winds, high escarpments and hot sand beaches and most importantly, easy public access!

Included as part of their latest in the mission was South Pine Lake and Dace Lake. The latter really questioned what their definition of a lake was. A lake by any other name could definitely be a swamp, pond, marsh etc. Dace "Lake" is one that the pair was glad they tried and appreciated that these type of wet areas are great for the ecosystem but as far as a lake for swimming and paddling, not so much!

Even with our surprisingly high lake levels for this time of the year, Dace only boasted 6 inches (15 cm) of water and more than a paddle-length, depth of 'muck' below. The lake required only a 2 km circuit that, unfortunately, did not reflect the 'official' perimeter of the lake. The shallow draft of a canoe even would not allow these adventurers to even get close to the edge. What about a hovercraft "Attempt?" At this point, the Attempters cannot pick their favourite lake, but will definitely be putting Dace Lake in their top least favourites. I guess you don't know how good you have it until you know how bad you can have it!

Natalie and Kristin, during their paddling and nature observance odyssey, have now amassed 250.4 kilometres after Wolsey, South Pine and Dace Lake. If you want to paddle along vicariously, you can search "The Attempt" on Facebook and you will surely find the pair through mutual friends. They always post interesting videos and pictures such as their most recent video of a group of otters frolicking in the rain on Lake Wolsey.

Assiginack at it again

Assiginack ran swimming lessons, for kids and adults, recently. "Our adults did absolutely amazing!" enthused events coordinator Jackie White. "They are finishing off their lessons with a timed 100 individual medley, which is 25 metre of fly, back, breast and free strokes, just like the Olympics. They are soooooo good and showed so much improvement!"

Jackie gave a special shout out to Greta, Ruby, Elizabeth and Ethan, "but this year we had so many new swimmers and everyone showed incredible improvement, and it was in Lake Huron, so they totally braved the elements (i.e. freezing cold water.)"

Jackie also gave big props to Connor Phillips, swim instructor extraordinaire, and Brooke Gibeault, assistant swim instructor.

Pickleball is in the works for Assiginack, too, thanks to an amazing advocate in the community who is helping train staff and others while another racket sport, badminton, is being held Wednesday nights.



Introducing two-thirds of Assiginack's swim coaching team, Connor Phillips and Brooke Gibeault. Missing third is Jackie White.

A good sport is good for sports.
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Kevin Huot wins Salmon Classic with 25.52 lb fish

MANITOULIN—The fifth edition of The Manitoulin Expositor Salmon Classic wrapped up on Sunday and despite some wicked winds over the two-week duration, anglers still managed to bring in some top quality fish for the win.

Kevin Huot, a seasonal resident of South Baymouth, snagged Salmon Classic honours this year with his 25.52 lb beauty, caught in South Bay. Mr. Huot's fish was caught early in the derby, on August 4, so he's been holding his breath ever since, he admits.

Mr. Huot says he took that day, a Wednesday, off from work to go fish the derby. He was short his usual fishing partner, his son.

"It was the only fish I caught that day," he tells The Expositor. As the salmon was brought in during the first week of the derby, "every day was like a countdown to the end," Mr. Huot admits, with all eyes on the live leaderboard.

As per typical summertime salmon fishing rules, Mr. Huot says he normally fishes down deep, but this time he switched things up to the shallows. His network of fishing friends had also been discussing their luck with glow-in-the-dark spoons, and he caught this fish on a green glow-in-the-dark Moonshine spoon. While purple spoons are normally his go-to, green did the trick.

Mr. Huot says he has no plans just yet for his over \$8,000 windfall, but admits it will likely include more fishing gear, he laughs. "It's still just sinking in

that I actually won."

"It was a great tournament," Mr. Huot continues. "Just catching one of these fish, and landing it, by myself, it was almost magical."

"I played the fish for over 45 minutes and managed to have just everything come together," he adds.

Mr. Huot doesn't have a big, fancy salmon boat. His vessel is a 17' pike boat rigged for salmon that he's been using since 1987. He has a lot of fond memories in this boat.

"I fish the derby every year," Mr. Huot continues. "I've come to love the camaraderie of the South Baymouth crowd. It's like our own little BC in Ontario."

Mr. Huot thanked Salmon Classic organizer Dave Patterson and The Expositor for hosting the annual derby. "I really enjoy it."

Rounding out the podium is Adam Speck with his 22.94 lb salmon caught on August 7 in Providence Bay, and Alvin Pangowish with his 22.44 lb catch brought in on August 2 from North Channel waters.

Mr. Patterson gave high praise to Mr. Huot for his top-notch fish, noting he was pleased to see an angler who has been supporting the derby since its inception take home a prize for his efforts. Mr. Huot is no stranger to the podium, having won the trout category during the derby's second year.

Mr. Patterson says this year's two-week format seemed to go

over really well with the anglers, but lamented the less-than-favourable fishing conditions experienced over much of that time. "Anglers did quite well considering the lack of fishable time."

Over 330 tickets were sold to this Salmon Classic this year, meaning first place will take home over \$8,000, second prize over \$4,000 and third prize over \$2,000. (Exact figures were not available as of press time Monday as, well, The Expositor crew also had a newspaper to get out!)

Mr. Patterson says he was pleased to see a number of family groups fishing together, like past derby Winner Chris Wodiak and his brother, who came up from southern Ontario for the event, and Neil Debassige and daughter Aspen.

He also thanked Darrell James, who ran the Providence Bay weigh station, and Grant Moggy, "who came out of retirement" to run the South Baymouth weigh station, for their hard work with the event. He also sang the praises of South Baymouth Marina attendants Dan and Chance for their accommodating ways.

Thirty-one fish were weighed in during the two-week event, which Mr. Patterson was happy to see, noting that the spirit of the live leaderboard was in full display with people mostly only weighing fish that would have been contenders, allowing those other fish to swim another day.

Corbiere team breaks record in Rainbow Ridge mixed open golf tournament

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—Records were broken at the annual mixed open golf tournament, held at the Rainbow Ridge Golf Course in Manitowaning earlier this month.

The team of Kathryn Corbiere and Justice Corbiere posted a record score in the tournament, held the first weekend in August. In the 36-hole two-day tournament, the Corbiere team posted a total score of 131 (68-63), 13 under par to win the tournament.

"Kathryn and Justice Corbiere broke the scoring record in this tournament," said John Dube, manager of Rainbow Ridge at the awards ceremony.

Mr. Dube pointed out with the pandemic and the prevalence of confirmed cases of COVID-19 on Manitoulin Island recently, "we have many COVID-19 protocols and precautions in place. We would like to thank everyone for participating and being safe, following the protocols and being so understanding. It has been interesting over the past year-and-a-half and difficult at times, but hopefully we will be able to get back to normal at some point."

The tournament drew a total of 42 two member teams, although some of the teams dropped out on Saturday and Sunday during the weekend due to concerns about the COVID-19 breakout in the neighbouring community of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

"Thank you as well to the grounds crew, we had some very wet conditions on the course due to rain, but they kept the greens and the grounds in good shape," continued Mr. Dube. "And our frontline staff



The team of Kathryn Corbiere and Justice Corbiere not only won the annual mixed open golf tournament at the Rainbow Ridge Golf Course, they posted a record score in the tournament.

deserves a big shout out and thank you, as do all our tournament sponsors."

In the two day scramble format tournament, along with the Corbiere team winning the championship flite, in the first flite with a 146 two-day 36 hole score was Stef and Andy Recollet. In the second flite, Nicole and Todd Fox took first place with an overall score of 156. In the third flite, the first place team of Tammy Assinewai and Andy Aguonie posted a score of 166.

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...Meet the candidates for the riding

...Carol Hughes, NDP incumbent

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legislation through.”

She asserted that the Liberal government only wanted to put forward the very minimum when it came to supporting people through the pandemic and was only forced to step up their game thanks to the NDP. “They only wanted to work through EI (Employment Insurance) at the start,” she said. “They were not willing to get \$2,000 to those willing to work who couldn’t. At first they only wanted to provide \$800 to workers.”

Ms. Hughes also questioned the Liberal commitment to employers and the wage subsidy program.

She went on to note that this election will only run for five weeks yet will end up as the most expensive in Canadian history—with the most likely result ending up in roughly the same place.

...Duke Peltier, Liberal candidate

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er. “We need a voice that understands the day-to-day realities of the region.”

In addition to the up-close and personal relationship with the members of his community that comes from being a First Nations leader, Mr. Peltier points to his strong presence at regional and national boards, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, as a strong asset. “I have been on the Northern Policy Institute’s advisory board since its inception (around 2014),” he said.

“I am looking forward to the coming campaign and meeting with people from across the riding,” said Mr. Peltier. “I have been encouraged by many of my community members and I am hoping that translates into support in other communities as well.”

...John Sagman, Conservative candidate

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will not support our region in the Ring of Fire discussions.”

Mr. Sagman goes on to assert “there has been minimal financial support by the federal government in this region. It’s time for change. Our team will utilize an engineering approach; deliverables, schedules, forecasts and follow up audits to track our commitments to our constituents.”

Mr. Sagman suggests AMK voters “support our team so we can get to work on creating additional jobs, stop wasteful spending and get inflation under control. We need to ‘Secure our Future’ now.”

...Stephen Zimmermann, Green candidate

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and it’s not based on opinion polls. For me, the issues of ‘greening’ the economy and enhancing democracy are most important. A ‘green’ economy is the future, a model embraced around the world. It’s better for the environment and we need it to be competitive economically. Our democratic system is strong, but it can be improved to allow a more diverse range of voices, to work better for all of us.”

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descend on a field. “They strip it off in a hurry. Cranes are really intelligent birds,” he continued. “Where Canada geese can’t seem to find a row and just wander about, the cranes zero in on the rows and follow them across the field. They just line up along the rows.” The result can be a complete devastation of that year’s crops.

“(The Sandhill cranes) have also learned to pull the shoot out of the ground, step on the shoot with their foot and eat the soft seed,” he said, preventing any chance of a new shoot popping up after the cranes have moved on.

The issue regarding Sandhill cranes is largely a Northern Ontario one, noted Mr. Martin, pointing out that in the south there

are literally hundreds of thousands of acres of corn being planted each season. “They can maybe absorb the loss a bit better,” he suggested. While there are likely not more than 2,000 acres of corn planted in the entire North. It is a factor that probably explains why Avipel had not yet been approved for general use.

The results of the trials have so far been positive, in Mr. Martin’s estimation, with the two fields with treated seeds having little impact from Sandhill crane depredations. Even the untreated field has been less impacted this year, but still enough to show results.

“It’s important to have the untreated fields for comparison,” said Mr. Martin.

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...Chief Glen Hare welcomes additional \$321 million

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there are about 18 sites in the province that had residential schools.

"The funding news is welcome, but we don't know exactly what we are going to find yet," said Regional Chief Hare. He explained First Nation chiefs were recently presented with the type of equipment that can be used on these kinds of searches. "I said what I want is a 'find machine,' and for everyone to do a good job in locating burial sites the first time they search, so a search doesn't have to be done again."

"This program will be First Nation driven, we did agree with the premier that it is time for consultation, but as Indigenous people we don't want to be told what is going to take place. We will be signing the cheques for the search work to be done. But we are really appreciative the government is providing this support for the work that needs to be carried out," said Regional Chief Hare.

The funding announcement includes allocations of \$83 million committed by Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), in addition to the

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...Gordon/Barrie Island to continue use of transfer station

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As has been reported previously, one of the concerns of Gore Bay is that currently the town pays a larger share of the costs of the transfer station operation than Gordon/Barrie Island. However, the town feels that more garbage is collected from residents (both permanent and seasonal) in Gordon/Barrie Island than Gore Bay during the entire year.

"If it is found that we (Gordon/Barrie Island) are not paying our fair share of the costs then we would have to look at altering the amount we are paying," said Reeve Hayden.

At a Gore Bay council meeting last week, council considered and passed two recommendations made by its general government committee. The motion reads, "that the transfer station committee approves

the proposal as received from GFL for the transfer of waste collection and transfer from the municipal transfer station site to Dodge Haulage with the addition of a termination clause for 30 days or as negotiated with GFL and for a 12-month term."

The second motion reads, "that due to extenuating circumstances the transfer station approve hiring Brian Martin to fill the temporary vacant position at the transfer station to be terminated by September 15, 2021. Further, he begins employment immediately under the supervision of Roger Chenard, transfer station superintendent."

Mayor Dan Osborne said, "we sent out an RFP (request for proposal) for our waste contract and GFL was selected."

The waste collection and transfer station RFP results were circulated and

reviewed by the committee. Only one proposal was received correctly as stated in the RFP. GFL proposals are as follows: general waste \$685 per trip; co-mingle \$300 per trip; cardboard \$550 per trip; and a 10 percent fuel surcharge. Council was told all the rates are the same as previously except for general waste which was \$700 per trip. Co-mingle would also include full acceptance of plastics No.1-No.7 as part of the agreement.

The same issues were discussed at a Gordon/Barrie Island council meeting the next evening. Councillor John Turner, a member of the transfer station committee said, "there was an RFP put out for removal of waste from the transfer station and shipping this to Dodge Haulage in Espanola. GFL was the only company that bid and the pricing wasn't out of line,

basically it is the same as we are paying now."

The committee accepted the RFP, said Councillor Turner. However, "Gore Bay is proceeding to look at the option of having their own garbage pickup. They are going back to GFL to request that they approve the termination clause. I'm not sure how this will be received (by GFL), but they (GFL) will also be in the running for the town curbside garbage pickup. Gore Bay is hoping to have a decision made very soon on what they are going to do."

"For us (Gordon/Barrie Island) things will be status quo," said Councillor Turner. "Maybe we should contact GFL to discuss the process for us, if Gore Bay goes on their own." Councillor Marian Hester asked if Gordon/Barrie Island would be on the hook for the costs of GFL continuing to provide services to the municipality if the Town of Gore Bay opts out of continuing to use the transfer station.

Councillor Turner said, "there are a lot of people that own property in both Gore Bay and Gordon/Barrie Island. We were to notify them (GFL) and have them get back to our administration about discussing this."

Council accepted the minutes and recommendations from the transfer station committee.

"At the end of the day, regardless of the decisions that are made there will be no interruption of services for residents of Gordon/Barrie Island," continued Reeve Hayden. He said if the town opts out of continuing to use the transfer station, "At this point we're not certain if our costs would change or increase (if the town opts out)."

...upset sidewalks to be replaced with asphalt

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"We have been coming up to Manitoulin Island for some 40 years, and own two properties in Gore Bay," said Mr. Reed. He acknowledged the project is now in an advanced stage of having been started, but said none of the details as to what materials were going to be used have been brought up at town public works or council meetings.

"In the notice to tender and also in two public works activity reports, the only reference in the meeting minutes is that the sidewalks would be replaced and the tenders on it," said Mr. Reed.

At the June 14, 2021 council meeting, a motion was passed that read, "whereas a tender for the paving of a portion of Water Street, Kinney Street and a portion of sidewalks for Meredith Street was advertised; and whereas the following proposals were received: Pioneer Construction, \$221,299.34 including tax; Beamish, \$217,832.86 including tax. Therefore, be it resolved that Beamish be awarded the Gore Bay paving tender for 2021."

"Our position is that we agree that the current sidewalks are decades old and need to be repaired," said Mr. Reed. "We are in favour of the sidewalk repairs and replacement using cement, instead of the proposed asphalt."

"We understand the costs involved were a major part of the decision that was made by council," said Mr. Reed. "But we also feel there will not be a difference in cost in the long term." He also noted in council making the decision it did not consult or get input from the residents affected if they would be in favour of the sidewalks being of asphalt.

Mr. Reed said, "this is a great town to live in, but many residents are not going to be satisfied with the sidewalks being replaced with asphalt," and along with not being as good a material as cement being used, asphalt will not be as pleasing aesthetically

to local people and visitors to the town.

"We are asking council to maintain and continue to have the sidewalks on this 1.2 kilometre area (from Dawson Street up Meredith Street) made of cement. We look forward to response from council and once again thank you for allowing us to make this presentation."

Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne said the work to be done also includes paving in front of the home of Bruce Third and Marilyn Clarke to keep water from washing in and crossing their front lawn to their garage, as well as sidewalk work on Kinney and Water Street, as well as Armstrong Road which will include new culverts being installed.

"There is no question our (council) decision was based on the money and difference in costs (between cement and asphalt)," stated Councillor Ken Blodgett. "Replacement of the sidewalks using cement would have cost a lot more."

Councillor Kevin Woestenenk also said, "the decision (to pave with asphalt) was also based on the fact that two water mains will need (extensive) repairs in the future." And since the area would need to be dug up for this work, the costs of repairs after on a portion of the sidewalks would be higher. He also noted the town had been unsuccessful in getting bids for cement instead of asphalt.

Councillor Blodgett put forward a motion, seconded by Councillor Woestenenk, that the town continue with its previous decision to use asphalt on the sidewalks as agreed to, which council approved.

Town Clerk Stasia Carr told council that the difference in price to go with cement instead of the proposed asphalt would have been a minimum of \$17,000. She also told council the additional work projects outlined by Mayor Osborne is an extra \$4,846 to the total cost.

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light-stable, biodegrades with a 28-day half-life in soil, features very low soil mobility and is insoluble in water—all important considerations for a land stewardship conscious farmer.

The corn crop this year looks to be very good, notes Mr. Martin as he stands beside stalks that tower above his head. In part thanks to Avipel, and the timely intervention of rainfall, the corn had a chance to get well established.

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...New report warns quick action needed for carbon cutbacks slowing climate chaos

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 sius warming since the preindustrial era, from the 1850s to 1900. Each of the last four decades has successively been the warmest since the late 1800s, said Mr. Zhai. Some of the effects of this—extreme droughts, heat waves and rainfalls and catastrophic flooding—will continue to worsen for the next 30 years while melting ice sheets and rising sea levels will continue for at least 2,000 years. Carbon dioxide (CO₂) concentrations in the atmosphere are higher than at any time during the past two million years and the rate of sea level rise has roughly doubled since 2006.

Further warming in the coming decades is expected. Under all the five potential climate futures presented in the report, the world will reach 1.5° Celsius warming and sooner than previously expected. “What is clear from this report,” said co-chair Valerie Masson-Delmotte, “is that unless there are immediate, rapid and large-scale reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, limiting warming to 1.5° Celsius will be beyond reach.”

However, if we rapidly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and if we can reach global net zero CO₂ emissions by around 2050, it is extremely likely that we can keep global warming below 2° Celsius, she said. “If we do this, it is more likely than not that temperatures will gradually decline to below or around 1.5° Celsius by the end of this century, with a temporary overshoot of no more than 0.1° Celsius.”

We will reach 2° Celsius of global warming by the middle of this century if global greenhouse gas emissions remain around current levels in the coming decades, which means greater changes in the climate. “Every additional half degree of warming will cause increases in the frequency and the intensity of heat extremes, heavy precipitation and drought,” said Ms. Masson-Delmotte.

At 2°C of global warming, heat extremes would more often reach critical thresholds. Extreme rainfall events will intensify by about seven percent for each additional degree of global warming. “Future further changes depend on future human influence,” she said.

“It is indisputable that human activities are causing climate change, making extreme climate events, including heat waves, heavy rainfall and droughts, more frequent and severe,” said Mr. Zhai.

Previous IPCC climate reports have not specifically identified human influence on climate change. What’s different is that scientists now have a more advanced understanding of the connections between greenhouse gas emissions and the rise in global average temperature, the change to weather and to climate we are seeing around the world.

A total of 234 authors and review editors from 65 countries assessed more than 14,000 scientific publications from the previous decade for the Climate

Change 2021 report. The review process considered more than 78,000 reviews. The report was approved by 195 countries.

Mr. Zhai explained, “In this report, we looked at all the atmospheric gases that affect the climate. We confirmed that human caused emissions of greenhouse gases are the main driver of global warming. We can see clearly how much warming comes from CO₂, methane and other greenhouse gases. We can also assess the influence of pollution particles, called aerosols, which have an overall cooling effect. This cooling effect partly masks the warming from the greenhouse gases. We also looked at all the natural factors that can affect the climate. We took into account how natural climate variability moderates human caused change on regional scales with little effect on global warming at a central scale.”

Many of the changes set in motion by human caused climate change are slow processes, said Ms. Masson-Delmotte. “These long-lasting changes for the most part affect the planet’s frozen regions (the cryosphere) and the oceans. Changes in ice sheets, deep ocean temperature, and acidification will continue for centuries to thousands of years, meaning that they are irreversible in our lifetime and will continue for generations to come. There’s no going back from some changes in the climate system.”

The good news is that these irreversible changes could be slowed down with rapid, strong and sustained reductions in emissions and other changes can be stopped in greenhouse gas emissions are deeply reduced, Ms. Masson-Delmotte said.

“This report reaffirms that there is a near linear relationship between the cumulative amount of emissions of CO₂ in the atmosphere from human activity and the extent of observed and future warming,” said Ms. Masson-Delmotte. This means that the only way to limit global warming is to reach net zero CO₂ emissions at the global scale.

“The wide-ranging IPCC report has unquestionable international implications,” said Canada’s Minister of Environment and Climate Change Jonathan Wilkinson in a statement. “But it also matters here at home. Canada is warming at nearly twice the global rate. Parts of western and northern Canada are warming at three times the global average. Scientists have made a clear link between climate change and more frequent and powerful weather events, including heat waves, wildfires, flooding and sea ice loss.”

“The report makes clear that we find ourselves at a critical time for international climate action. The science shows it is vital that countries do more to address climate change, maintaining their pursuit of the Paris Agreement goal of limiting global warming to 1.5° Celsius, and doing so on a faster timeline,” he stated. “Canada has joined more than 120 countries—including all G7 countries—

to commit to achieving net-zero emissions by 2050. The recently passed Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act turns Canada’s net-zero goal into law. Reaching net-zero emissions is what the IPCC report reiterates the world must achieve if we are to keep 1.5°C within reach.”

Minister Wilkinson pointed to Canada’s revised target under the Paris Agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40 to 45 percent below 2005 levels by 2030, on the path to net zero, announced in April 2021. He also noted the federal government’s commitment of climate finance investments to help developing nations, having doubling its previous contribution to \$5.3 billion over the next five years.

Climate Action Tracker (CAT), an independent science analyst produced by two research organizations (Climate Analytics and New Climate Institute), has been tracking climate action since 2009. CAT tracks progress towards the globally agreed aim of holding warming well below 2°C and pursuing efforts to limit warming to 1.5°C by quantifying and evaluating climate change mitigation commitments and assesses whether countries are on track to meeting those. The latest rating for Canada, dated September 2020, showed Canada to be on track for a likely temperature increase between two and three degrees Celsius during this century. The rating is ‘insufficient.’

Canada submitted its updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) in July 2021, which remained unchanged from its domestic reduction target announced in April 2021. Canada refers to the target as a reduction of ‘at least’ 40 to 45 percent below 2005 levels, suggesting that it could go beyond this level. “While the ‘at least’ 40 to 45 percent is an improvement, Canada would need to reduce its own emissions by at least 54 percent below 2005 levels by 2030 for its national emissions to be 1.5°C compatible,” according to CAT. “Canada does not have sufficient policies in place to meet its updated domestic target and will need to adopt further measures.”

Inger Anderson, executive director of United Nations Environment Programme, thanked report scientists and added, “You’ve been telling us for over three decades about the dangers of allowing the world to warm. The world listened, but it didn’t hear. The world listened, but it did not act strongly enough and as a result, climate change is a problem that is here now. Nobody is safe and it’s getting worse faster. We must treat climate change as an immediate threat just as we must treat the connected crisis of nature and biodiversity loss and pollution and waste as immediate threats.”

Climate change exacerbates already grave risks to biodiversity and natural managed habitats, she said, and ecosystem degra-

ation damages nature’s ability to reduce the force of climate change.

Governments need to make their net zero plan an integral part of their Paris Agreement commitments, said Ms. Anderson, and every country, business and

citizen needs to do their part.

“We can’t undo the mistakes of the past but this generation of political and business leaders, this generation of conscious citizens, can make the systemic changes that will stop the

planet warming, help everyone adapt to the new conditions and create a world of peace, prosperity and equity,” she said. “Climate change is here now but we are also here now. And if we don’t act, who will?”



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All tenders and required documentation must be submitted in a sealed envelope, clearly marked “Museum Park Washroom Construction” and must be received at the NEMI Municipal Office, located at 14 Water Street East in Little Current by September 1st, 2021 at 12:00pm (NOON). Late tender submissions will not be accepted.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

For questions regarding the tender, please contact:

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...Traditional parade a highlight of 138th Providence Bay Fair on upcoming weekend

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This year the exhibit hall is not open to the public, but rest assured crafters, bakers, sewers and all-around talented Islanders have placed their wares up for judging, and those big winners will be announced this week too. Miss perusing the beautiful veggies and striking quilts? Take a 360° virtual tour of the exhibit hall online at ProvidenceBayFair.ca. This year's top winners in the categories of chocolate chip cookies and posters (children) and butter tarts and quilts (adults) will move on to the regional championships.

On Saturday, August 21 stake your physically distanced place along Providence Bay's main drag for the parade! That's right, it's back! The parade will get underway at 11:30 am. To register your float, contact Bev McDermid at 705-377-4668 or mcdermid@amtelecom.net. Prizes for top floats are proudly sponsored by Manitoulin Chrysler.

After the parade, head over to soapbox derby for noon. Children wishing to take part in the soapbox derby must pre-register for the event at provfair.corsizio.com. Fair organizers also ask that soapbox derby drivers please come with their own helmet and, of course, a mask.

Also at noon, the Public Health Sudbury and Districts mobile vaccine bus will be on-site for anyone who needs a COVID-19 vaccine, first or second dose! Don't forget your health card!

At noon on Saturday, the classic tractor and car show gets underway at the fairgrounds. Admire some beauties from days gone by.

Tokyo's got nothing on these athletes! The Farm Olympics get stared at noon on Saturday, also at the fairgrounds. Some events include tug-of-war, the classic hay bale throw, wheelbarrow race, egg and spoon race and three-legged race. This is also a crucial event for those families signed up for the Family Fun Trophy to gain some points.

The fairgrounds will also be home to live music on Saturday afternoon, from 1 to 4 pm, beginning with Hunt the Hare, a Celtic four-man band from southern Ontario. Providence Bay Agricultural Society secretary/treasurer Dawn Dawson calls Hunt the Hare "a fun act with lots of audience interaction." An act not to be missed. Next on stage is River Valley, no strangers to the fair. The multi-genre band will play whatever the audience wants of them from classic country to classic rock. All are inducted members of the Northern Opry.

After a busy afternoon, have a hearty supper before heading back to the fairgrounds for the fair's famed Manitoulin's Got Talent, getting underway at 8 pm. Video submissions from talented Islanders will be shown on the big, outside screen (and also shared on the fair's Facebook and YouTube pages) and emceed live by Karlene Scott. Following Manitoulin's Got Talent, get snuggled in for movie night sponsored by Spring Bay Pentecostal Church. A yet-to-be-determined children's movie will be aired first, followed by the 1996 action movie 'Twister.' Please bring your lawn chair and bug spray.

Sunday's signature event, the Owen MacKelvie Memorial Amazing Race, begins at 10 am with a staggered start. What is fast becoming a signature Providence Bay Fair event is now named in honour of one of the fair's past Junior Fair Ambassadors who passed away last year. "(Owen) thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Amazing Race with his family," Ms. Dawson shared. "And somewhere along the race is one of his favourite games from last year."

There are 10 challenges scattered throughout Central Manitoulin in the Owen MacKelvie Memorial Amazing Race that groups must complete. The route, and almost all of the games, are different from last year, so those past participants who think they might have a leg up, think again! All of the games are based on the theme of 'bushels, bales and tales.'

"Bring a whole tank of gas, a pair of work gloves and a positive attitude," Ms. Dawson encouraged. Families or groups have until Friday to register at provfair.corsizio.com or by calling Ms. Dawson at 705-377-5003 or 705-348-1251. Groups can be as big as can be safely housed in your vehicle.

Following the Owen MacKelvie Memorial Amazing Race, the Family Fun Trophy will be awarded.

All weekend long, families are encouraged to take in the virtual crop, hay bale structure and front yard display tour. Check out the tour map by visiting providencebayfair.ca/virtual-manitoulin-crop-tour/.

Tickets are also available all weekend long to win a beautiful handstitched quilt.

All the events are free this year, and Ms. Dawson gave special recognition to the Ontario Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Rural Affairs for the generous grant that allowed the fair board to put this storied event on.

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...MHC asks Island community to adhere to COVID protocols

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other to co-ordinate COVID/non-COVID sites. If there is a surge of COVID positive patients, further activation of the surge plan includes designating the Little Current site as the COVID-19 site. Under the surge plan, most non-COVID patients will be transferred to the Mindemoya site.

Mr. Vine explained this past Monday, "we have one patient with COVID-19 in the hospital, and we are expecting another patient to be transferred from Health Sciences North (HSN) here. Originally, this person (who is from Manitoulin) was a patient of ours and had been transferred to HSN, but no longer needs the services provided there. So, basically we are now taking one of our patients back."

Paula Fields, co-CEO of MHC said in an August 10 release, "we have also been made aware that the Delta variant has been identified on Manitoulin. The Center for Disease Control has stated that the Delta variant is more infectious and is leading to increased transmissibility when compared to other variants, even in vaccinated individuals."

Mr. Vine told The Expositor, "With a lot of people having been tested in the past few days we anticipate more positive confirmations. It is spreading into communities, the confirmed cases are not isolated to one community or First Nations, this is an Island-wide issue."

"We want to stress that everyone needs to be vigilant in following the guidelines, like hand washing, dis-

tancing and wearing masks," said Mr. Vine.

"We would like to remind you to continue to be diligent about wearing your mask, maintaining social distancing where possible, frequent hand washing and taking extra precautions. We know it's been a long haul but now is not the time to let our guard down," the MHC release said.

"If you are not yet vaccinated, we strongly urge you to get vaccinated. Should you choose not to, we remind you to take extra precautions, particularly when social distancing cannot be accommodated. Should you be experiencing any of the following symptoms we recommend you isolate immediately and contact a COVID-19 Assessment Centre to have a COVID-19 test performed immediately," continued the MHC release. These symptoms include fever, dry cough, tiredness, aches and pains, sore throat, diarrhea, conjunctivitis (pink eye), headache, loss of taste or smell, a rash on skin, or discoloration of fingers or toes, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath.

To book your COVID-19 vaccination go online at covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine or call 1-800-708-2505 between 8 am and 8 pm seven days a week.

The public is reminded that emergency departments at both sites remain open for emergencies. If you require medical attention, please contact 911.

If you are concerned you have been exposed or are at risk of exposure to COVID-19 and are looking to receive a COVID-19 rapid test, please contact the COVID Assessment Centre at 705-368-2300 or 705-377-5311 to book an appointment. All testing is done at the Little Current COVID-19 Assessment Centre (located in the white house beside the Little Current Emergency Department). The hours of the assessment centre have been increased as follows: Monday, 8:30 am to 1 pm; Tuesday, 8:30 am to 7:30 pm; and Thursday, 8:30 am to 7:30 pm.

Please remember, there are no walk-ins at the assessment centre. You must book an appointment.

...Pride encourages citizens to decorate

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the Island.

"We ask that everyone decorate your businesses and home to celebrate Pride on Manitoulin 2021," reads a post on the Pride Manitoulin Facebook page.

"We also intend to host an art competition, with details to be announced this week or next," said committee member Rev. Whitney Bruno. That contest will run through the year with the winning entry being unveiled, hung and displayed at some location next year. Posters are currently being created for the competition and should be up soon.

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Three Manitoulin Island entrepreneurs reach semi-finals in Pow Wow Pitch

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Three Manitoulin Island First Nation entrepreneurs who operate businesses are all semi-finalists in the Pow Wow Pitch, North America's premier pitch competition for emerging Indigenous entrepreneurs.

The three entrepreneurs include Jennifer Wabegijig of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory who owns Wild and Glorious, which makes handmade home and fashion products; Jennifer Menard-Shand, also of Wiikwemkoong, the chief executive officer of Staff Shop Inc., a business focused on essential staffing and resources in support of the COVID-19 pandemic; and Aric Aguonie of Sheguiandah First Nation with Earth

reach the semi-finals, among the 1,600 plus selected from Ontario, US, Canada, the Territories etc." She explained, "it is a promotion competition of your own business, where viewers can view each business' site and choose which they feel should go on to the competition finals."

"The Pow Wow Pitch started small in Ottawa, at a powwow held there," Ms. Wabegijig told The Expositor. "Sunshine Tenasco is the woman who started the competition. She felt this type of competition should be held for Indigenous entrepreneurs."

Pow Wow Pitch, North America's premier pitch competition for emerging Indigenous entrepreneurs, allows Indigenous entrepreneurs to pitch for the conti-



Aric Aguonie of Sheguiandah First Nation, who helps run the family owned and operated Earth Haven Farm in Tweed, Ontario, is one of three Manitoulin Island First Nation entrepreneurs who have been selected as semi-finalists in the Pow Wow Pitch.

path to self-sufficiency," said Ms. Tenasco. "Being on Dragon's Den changed my life. When Dragons Brett Wilson and Arlene Dickenson invested and believed in me, it gave me the courage to continue my entrepreneurship journey. I hope Pow Wow Pitch helps to give that gift to someone else."

Last year, Pow Wow Pitch moved online due to pandemic cancellations of pow wows, which enabled Indigenous entrepreneurs from across Canada to participate for the first time. With the success of the move to digital, this year's Pow Wow Pitch is open to any Indigenous entrepre-

neur across Canada, the United States and Mexico.

Between June 21 and July 31, Indigenous entrepreneurs submitted a one-minute video business pitch as their entry into the Pow Wow Pitch Competition. Indigenous (Inuit, Metis or First Nations) people living anywhere on Turtle Island of any age or gender with an idea or business at any stage and in any industry were able to apply. Pow Wow Pitch selected the top 150 entrepreneurs as regional semi-finalists to receive mentorship, pitch training and a chance to take the continental stage to pitch their business.

The top 25 entrepreneurs

from each region—Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, the Prairies, British Columbia and the Territories, and the United States and Mexico—pitch to a panel of judges for the change to win their regional title and cash prizes and advance onward to the Turtle Island Grand Finale Live broadcast to win \$50,000 in cash prizes ranging from \$500-\$25,000.

All entrepreneurs who enter the pitch competition will join the Pow Wow Pitch community, get access to a free Indigenous startup program, access more than \$1,000 worth of free technology, tools and support, and have the chance to have their products and services

featured in the Pow Wow Pitch annual mailer box to 500 customers, and on the Pow Wow Pitch Directory for socially-conscious customers looking to 'Buy Indigenous.'

"Entrepreneurship is an important tool supporting reconciliation, and it takes all hands on deck to support Indigenous entrepreneurs," said Ms. Tenasco. "We are proud to continue our relationship with RBC and Shopify, and kick-start our relationship with Facebook, as we build an ecosystem for Indigenous-owned startups and entrepreneurs." To learn more about the 2021 Pow Wow pitch competition and the entrepreneurs, visit powwowpitch.org/pitch/

"Meet the 2021 Pow Wow Pitch regional semi-finalists and join us by cheering them on at the 2021 Pow Wow Pitch Semi-Finals and voting for your favourite semi-finalist to win the People's Choice Award," a release states. Watch the entrepreneurs pitch to the judges and find out who is moving on to the grand finale. For Ontario, this will take place at 6 pm on September 22.

The deadline to vote for the People's Choice Award winner, who will receive \$500 and a guaranteed spot in the finals, is midnight September 26.

The grand finale champion will be named in October.



Jennifer Menard-Shand (of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory), chief executive officer of Staff Shop Inc, is one of 146 Ontario entrepreneurs has been selected as a semi-finalist in the Pow Wow Pitch.



Jennifer Wabegijig of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, who owns Wild and Glorious, has been named as a semi-finalist in the Pow Wow Pitch.

Haven Farm in Tweed, Ontario. Earth Haven Farm is a family owned and operated subsistence farm dedicated to a sustainable lifestyle. The three were chosen as one of 146 entrepreneurs selected to reach the semi-finals of the competition from among 1,642 applicants.

Ms. Wabegijig, who lives in southern Georgian Bay where she operates her business, told The Expositor, "this is the first time I've taken part in this competition. I've been able to

mental spotlight and \$50,000 in cash prizes. The competition is presented in partnership with RBC, Shopify and Facebook.

Pow Wow Pitch founder Sunshine Tenasco, Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg entrepreneur, started Pow Wow Pitch seven years ago to build a supportive community of Indigenous entrepreneurs as part of the Ottawa Summer Solstice Pow Wow.

"I started Pow Wow Pitch because I believe entrepreneurship is the

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Water levels in Great Lakes below recent years' record high levels

DETROIT—Despite wetter conditions in the past few months, the United States Army Corps of Engineers anticipate Great Lakes water levels to remain below levels recorded over the past two years. In 2019 and 2020 many record highs were set across the Great Lakes.

The USACE reports that this year, seasonal water level increases (which normally take place in late spring and summer) leading up to peak levels were less than average on all the lakes. The release notes this is particularly true in the case for Lakes Michigan-Huron, which experienced

its peak monthly mean level for the year in January. Keith Kompoltowicz, Detroit district Great Lakes Watershed hydrology chief said in a USACE release, "very heavy rainfall occurred across a large portion of the Great Lakes basin in late June and July. This significant precipitation led to a rise in Lakes Michigan-Huron water levels in July after several months of stable water level conditions."

Phragmites working group efforts proving successful on Island

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Phragmites Project group is pleased that they achieved a major success in its work across the Island, last week.

"The Manitoulin Phragmites Project (MPP) was in the water last week, working with the Truxor cutting machines and the staff from the Invasive Phragmites Control Centre. This is the project's fifth summer working with the IPCC," said Judith Jones, coordinator of MPP, last week.

"We've been in the water with the Truxor machines cutting big time phragmites," said Ms. Jones. "The

work in South Bay on the shore of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT) on Monday and Tuesday went extremely well, and all the major cutting there is done."

"There is still at least another summer of manual labour needed at the north end (on the WUT shore), but there are now no major patches of phragmites anywhere in South Bay from McGraw Point (WUT across from the ferry) all the way around to South Baymouth. There are still a few places with phragmites patches, but all the sites that we know of are under control. This is a major success after

five years of work!" stated Ms. Jones.

Not all has gone well this year in the annual campaign to rid the area of phragmites, however. "We did not have good luck getting the (Truxor) machines into Lake Wolsey this year," continued Ms. Jones. She explained, "it takes a lot of logistical planning to set up working with these machines. They come in on big trailers, which must be able to turn around. The machines themselves must be able to launch. There has to be a place to put a huge pile of cut material (as in dump truck loads). And on top of it all, we have to have

halfway decent weather."

"Unfortunately, we didn't get everything to align, mainly because the road we intended to use for access was under water from all the rain, and because it was a windy, wavy week which made accessing from the bridge too long of a run. So, we're going to try it again for next year," added Ms. Jones.

...Rainbow Board families opt for in school educating

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this past Monday.

The survey read, "Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) looks forward to welcoming students back to school for the 2021-2022 school year with expanded opportunities for students, such as clubs, sports and bands. We invite you to read the Rainbow Schools Reopening Guide for information on health and safety protocols being implemented in accordance with the province of Ontario's operational guidance for schools."

All families from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 in Rainbow Schools were requested to complete one survey per child.

The fact that the large majority of

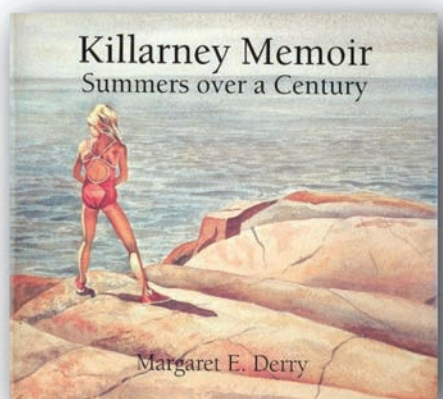
respondents surveyed were in favour of in-person attendance for their child "is really good for us as a board, because it is fairly manageable," said Mr. Blaseg. "The reality is that remote learning is very hard on the students, and very taxing on teachers having to go back and forth from in person to remote instruction."

The only time parents/guardians will have the opportunity to change their mind, and transition their child between remote and in-person learning, will take place in February, said Mr. Blaseg.

Rainbow schools will reopen for in-person learning on Tuesday, September 7.

For students who are unable to attend in person, remote learning will be offered.

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Friends of the Mindemoya Old School committee member Lynda Peever models one of the custom tote bags produced as a fundraiser by the committee. In addition to the tote bags, ceramic mugs are also available for purchase by contacting Judy MacAuley in Providence Bay at 705-282-6799 or Lynda Peever at 705-282-7218.

photo by Michael Erskine

Young Evansville cyclist will be ambassador for family fun/children's portion of Bay-to-Bay Ride

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—A young Evansville cyclist will be the ambassador of the community family fun/children's portion ride of the Gore Bay Rotary Club (Century) Bay to Bay Ride this coming Saturday, August 21.

"I am inviting all kids of all ages to join me in the community family fun/children's ride," stated eight-year-old Ejay Gilmore.

Peter Carter, a member of the Rotary Club, told The Expositor last Friday that all riders will meet at the Fish Point location in Gore Bay on Saturday morning. "The community family ride, which is free, is open to all families, kids, parents, everyone who wants to take part. The riders will ride from Fish Point down the Lighthouse Road and back, a ride of about five kilometres. And we will have t-shirts for the kids as well."

As of last Friday, 34 riders have registered for the 100 mile (Century) ride, and 16 have signed up for the 100 kilometre ride, said Mr. Carter.

Proceeds raised from the ride will be split between the Gwekwaadziwin Miikan Men-



Ejay Gilmore of Evansville will be the ambassador of the community family fun/children's portion ride of the Gore Bay Rotary Club (Century) Bay to Bay Ride this coming Saturday.

tal Health and Addiction Program and the Gore Bay Medical Centre.

There will be a wind-up party Jheld after the ride.

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Edwards Studios and Art Gallery celebrating 25th anniversary

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Even before they opened their art gallery, Richard and Barbara Edwards knew that Kagawong was the place for them to live and work. This year, the couple is celebrating the 25th anniversary of Edwards Studios and Art Gallery and are looking forward to the next 25 years.

“In 1976 Barb and I had been invited by Manitoulin Secondary School art teacher Jacquie Gordon,” said Mr. Edwards. He had met Ms. Gordon at an art show in southern Ontario and she had invited him to lead a silk-screening demonstration workshop at the school. “While we were there we met a lot of people. We stayed in Mindemoya and we really liked the Island and the people.” This was the first taste of Manitoulin for the couple. He said they were later invited here on a camping trip and this was one of several the couple took over the next couple of years.

After their initial visit, “A couple of years later we found this place in Kagawong to live, and we felt we couldn’t keep imposing on friends to have a place to stay when we visited the Island,” said Mr. Edwards. “So we found this place just outside Kagawong and I mentioned that it would be a good place to get work done.”

Both Richard and Barbara are from the Warton



Richard and Barb Edwards are celebrating 25 years of Edwards Studios and Art Gallery in Kagawong this year.

photos by Kendra Edwards

area, and Mr. Edwards had owned an art gallery in Tobermory as well.

“In 1983 we built our home studio in Kagawong,” said Mr. Edwards, noting that they became permanent residents 10 years later. “I would plan on coming up for summers to work, and Barbara really liked it here in Kagawong and the Island. She was very enthusiastic about moving here.”

“In 1996 we were approached by the (Billings) township economic development committee about opening a gallery in the Old Mill building,” said Ms. Edwards. The historical society had installed new windows and the transformation it created showed its potential.

“They had asked if we wanted to move into the

upstairs area of the Old Mill building,” said Mr. Edwards. “And eventually, in 1996, we decided the upstairs area would be a good place to have a nice art gallery. We knew it would be a lot of work, but we decided to go ahead and do this. And it seemed everyone in the township was excited about our opening this new enterprise, and almost everyone in the township helped us. The support was incredible,” said Ms. Edwards.

Prior to the Edwards taking over the space for an art gallery, the upstairs area of the Old Mill had been abandoned for 30 years. “Originally, we designed everything around the walls in the upstairs gallery area, as this is an historic building and walls are to be kept original. Three years ago

we did some renovations on the studio using the old walls and works there and redesigned the area so there was more light and the actual studio space would be larger; now visitors can see the walls and all the work that has been done.”

“We’re really happy with the gallery, everything has been going well,” said Mr. Edwards. He pointed out last year when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, “we were open for appointments only, to make things safer for our clients and actually it

people who are visiting the gallery are really happy the gallery has been opened. This building is part of the history of Billings, this building used to be the power plant, so we feel this is a nice mix of an old industrial type building with this gallery, especially with all the renovations that have been carried out.”

Mr. Edwards is known for his beautiful watercolour paintings, acrylic on canvas works and serigraphs.

Ms. Edwards is a glass artist. She creates everything from small jewellery, stained glass works and fused glass. The latter technique uses pieces of coloured glass and transforms them using a layering method which is then kiln fired to create plates, wall hangings, ornaments and other beautiful pieces of art.

“Barb also does weaving on a loom making items like shawls and scarves. A lot of the material for this comes from local people, our neighbours have alpacas, and she also gets material from other alpaca farmers on the Island.”

The couple’s son, Morgan, also has his beautiful acrylic paintings at the gallery. “We also have a variety of works on display in the gallery from many artists in this area,” said Mr. Edwards. This includes pottery, wood workers and textiles. He acknowledged, “when we first opened the gallery the biggest fear we

had was how would be fill such a large art gallery space. We have a huge variety of artists works on hand as well as our own in the gallery.”

Daughter Kendra Edwards also inherited the artistic gene and has a successful graphic design business, Kendra Edwards Design.

Mr. Edwards noted, “the theme of the art gallery is providing hand-made one-of-a-kind items and pretty much everyone who has work on display here is making their lives on their art. We really enjoy supporting them.”

“We have been fortunate to have made a lot of friends locally over the years,” continued Mr. Edwards. “And clients on their visits to Manitoulin Island will always stop by and say hello. Over the last few weeks it has been amazing the number of people that have come in that we haven’t seen in awhile.”

“We’re very happy with the way things have turned out over the past 25 years,” said Mr. Edwards. “We had our doubts at the beginning, at that time this was a quiet little town. But Kagawong and Billings township is definitely becoming an Ontario hotspot. And absolutely, we are looking forward to another 25 years here.”

For more information you can find the business online at www.edwardsartstudios.com



A sample of Barb Edwards' weaving, one of many of the talented couple's offerings in a wide variety of media offered at the Kagawong studio.

turned out really well. Then this spring it was iffy if we were going to be able to be open at all (they are open Thursday-Sunday, 11 am-5 pm, and Wednesday by appointment 11 am-5 pm)."

"Each day is a new day," stated Mr. Edwards. "And

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

by Heather Marshall

Michael Geroux's experience since moving to Manitoulin has run the gamut from life threatening to life affirming. Although there's a happy ending to the near tragic tale, his story is worthy of an opera or one of the many symphonic works he composes.

Michael pursued a variety of professions over his career, from personal assistant to teacher for hearing impaired children. His true passion, though, has always been music. Despite growing up in a large family, in an isolated area with no access to libraries let alone musical training, Michael had innately learned music, which he attributes to his strength in math.

At the age of 14, that raw talent began to be nurtured when he was taken under the wing of Charles Woodrow, a nationally renowned musician known for his work as artistic and musical director of the Mariposa Arts Theatre and as an organist and piano solo performer with the Royal Conservatory of Music. Woodrow introduced him to other Canadian musical stars, such as Marjorie Danes, and purchased Michael's first wind

instruments. He soon showed an exceptional ability and affinity for the trumpet in particular. "They taught me everything I needed to know about expression in music while I was 15 or 16 and still in high school," explains Michael. He went on to study classical music at university but was told by his professors that he was "too creative."

Michael has written an eclectic mix of more than 1,300 musical pieces in the intervening years and has mastered the technology necessary to compensate for missing symphony musicians and choirs to perform them. His music has been inspired, in part, by the positive memories of Manitoulin he carries with him. Making the Island his home was Michael's long-held dream, from his initial trip to the area over 35 years ago after buying his first clunker car. He fell in love with the Island immediately and came back repeatedly over the years. "I told myself on my first trip here, 'I swear I'm going to move here some day,'" he says. But there were a lot of miles and milestones between his first visit decades ago and today.

Michael was no stranger to living near water, having grown up at Port Severn, the western terminus of the Trent-Severn canal. After many years living in southern Ontario, Michael recognized life is short and that it was time to move beyond dreaming about Island life to living the dream, finding a special, quiet corner where he could better concentrate on composing music.

Michael was accompa-



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Rex Leonard and Michael Geroux have found happiness in their new Manitowaning home.

nied on that journey by his partner and best friend, Rex Leonard, a retiree who last worked for an international vaccine manufacturer in Toronto. The pair took a vacation trip to Manitoulin and started scouting for places to live. "It feels somehow like coming home, more than anywhere I'd ever been," observes Michael. Rex adds, "Having heard such wonderful almost magical stories about the Island he had no difficulty convincing me in August 2013 to go with him on one of his annual Georgian Bay Circle tours, and my strong initial appreciation of the Island made moving here an easy and attractive choice."

In August 2019, they began their longed-for residency at a waterfront home overlooking Manitowaning Bay where Michael creates music in

an idyllic little studio set by a pond in his back yard. Rex shares the day-to-day activities inherent in maintaining a six-acre property. "Life was sweet and Michael was in a happy place during those early days, but we hadn't foreseen the difficult times that were soon to overtake him," notes Rex.

As the pandemic began making headlines in February 2020 Michael was focused on composing a new album when he received a potentially fatal diagnosis of squamous cell carcinoma. In early April, he underwent eight-hour radical head and neck surgery in Sudbury. Fortunately, Michael had an

exceptionally quick recovery from his surgery. Despite facing a long road ahead before returning to normal life, he was soon back to loving Island life.

Within short order, however, he unknowingly developed an even more dire condition, diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), which nearly claimed his life. While the cancer specialists had done a superb job in responding to the disease, the need for Michael's diabetic condition to be closely monitored following his surgery was somehow overlooked. Without the appropriate medications, his body started breaking down as glucose was unable to go into his cells, prompting the liver to turn fat into a fuel called ketones that cause the blood to become dangerously acidic.

In August 2020, Michael

went into a severe diabetic coma, eventually requiring an emergency air ambulance trip from hospital in Little Current back to Sudbury and a long stay in the intensive care unit. Among the devastating consequences of DKA was tremendous weight loss and, even more distressing, his loss of memory and inability to work on his music. "I almost gave up on music. I couldn't remember it and couldn't feel it any longer."

Now his designated care partner, Rex recognized signs of PTSD and did everything in his power to provide appropriate supports to help Michael get through it. Slowly, Michael recovered physically and spiritually, discovering that music really does heal both body and soul. Inspired by his deeply cherished life on the Island, he began writing a new album called The

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by Isobel Harry

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Take a quiet, 70km drive west from Gore Bay, through the suburban-style homes of Evansville, past Misery Bay Provincial Park, Elizabeth Bay and Cook's Dock, out into the open countryside of the old districts of Fernlee and Walkhouse and onward to Silver Water. Side trips anywhere along here reward with forested country roads and glimpses of glimmering bays; on Morden-Noakes Road in Elizabeth Bay, the old fieldstone United Church stills holds a Sunday service. In Silver Water, a detour down Burnt Island Road leads to the Purvis fish station, operating since 1882. Kemp Lake Road, just outside Silver



The new public beach in Meldrum Bay is a sandy spot in Breakwater Park across from the Meldrum Bay Inn. To the left are a boat launch ramp and RVs tucked in cedar-hedged privacy.

photo by Isobel Harry

Water, is an interesting peek at an old-style lakeside cottage community.

Just a few kilometres from here is Sheshegwaning First Nation—turn right for a 3km drive into the village. This was an Odawa settlement from about 1839 and became the

permanent dwelling place of the resident families after the Treaty of 1862 with the British Crown decreed that the Indigenous population move to small "reserves." As in other Island communities, the usual cultural activities, the annual powwow and the planned-for market have had to be postponed during the pandemic; the Nimkee Trail to Cape Robert and Nishin Lodge, the new pier and dock, the neat sand beach are quiet. The road to Zhiibaahaasing First Nation to the west is closed to all but local traffic.

But as soon as you enter the village, there's activity over to the right where the essentials of gas, convenience store and snack bar are located. Gamig Gas and Convenience store are the only such services between Gore Bay and Meldrum Bay. Ditto with Randi's Snak Shak across the road. Normally, you could also stop in at the popular GG's Diner in

Evansville or Stop 540 in Silver Water on the way west, but right now both are temporarily closed. So, for a "snak" on this route, Randi's multi-coloured "shak" with patio and picnic tables is your happy choice.

Randi Grant-Hose-Muto ("yes, that's right," she laughs) and Marcus White live in Meldrum Bay and had been looking in vain for a place to set up their own small restaurant. Randi kept coming back to Sheshegwaning to see if the snack bar had been occupied and, with the approval of the band council, finally leased the place, setting to work in May. The busy, friendly pair painted it a riot of yellow and red, picked up some tall bar stools at a garage sale, ran a couple of bars across the front and side patio railings to accommodate the stools and added an umbrella and a string of lights to the décor. Red doors with black-board panels list the menu items, from quesadillas to beef, chicken and veggie

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Randi and Marcus met in Collingwood and both have extensive backgrounds in various kitchens and food service from franchise restaurants to Codmother's in Gore Bay. "We're doing amazing," says Randi. "We feel very supported by the Sheshegwaning community. Seasonal campers and cottagers come for something to eat and one guy came from Little Current because, he told us, of our reputation!" The menu and hours are on their Facebook page; call ahead to order at 705-888-0622.

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wanted

In search of the book The Early Years of Gore Bay. My name is Jerry Shields, my great-grandfather worked for the OPP back then and his name was J.L. Shields, he is mentioned in this book. If you are wanting to part with a copy or can direct me in the right direction, please email me at redbird55@rogers.com. 14-15c

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yard sale

Trinity United Church Manitoulin in Mindemoya is having an inside yard sale on Saturday, August 28, 9 am to 1 pm. We have lots of books and other things. Thank you for your support. For more information call Mary-Alice at 705-377-4547. 13-15p

Little Current United Church is having a free rummage sale on Friday, August 27, 2 pm till 7 pm and Saturday, August 28, 9 am to noon. Please bring your own bags. All COVID-19 rules apply. 14-15p

Moving/Garage Sale, 15 Glen Street off of Dupont Street, Little Current, Saturday, August 21, 9 am. COVID rules apply. Rain or shine. Lamps, tables, indoor and outdoor cushions, matching glassware, dishes, fishing reels, ornamental plates, valances, etc. 14c

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Knox United Church Rummage Sale in Manitowaning is open Mondays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Social distancing and masks required. 5tfn

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by Debbie Robinson

'Tigers' by K. Ullas Karanth is a splendidly illustrated and very enlightening book about one of the most beautiful animals on the planet. Tigers are the largest of all in the cat family and are they are also dangerously close to extinction. They can still be saved if conservation action can gain ground. Karanth is a leading and prominent authority on tigers and his obvious care and concern for these truly magnificent creatures is clear and most definitely evident on every page.

Andre Picard is a health reporter columnist for the Globe and Mail. In his new book, 'Neglected No More: The Urgent Need to Improve the Lives of Canada's Elders in the Wake of a Pandemic,' the author gives a hard review of our senior care structure. It is fragmented, understaffed, underfunded, underinspected, neglected and not supported. Now is the time to correct this crisis because our elders deserve better.

'Where the Crawdads Sing' is a first novel by Delia Owens and it became a New York Times best-seller. It is a murder mystery, a tribute to the environment and a story of growing up. This novel is written through the observations of an abandoned child and it is set in the coastal marshlands of North Carolina's Outer Banks. A gripping story of learning to trust, finding truth and solving a murder.

'The Mystery of Mrs. Christie' by novelist Marie Benedict is a story based on one of the biggest true mysteries ever—the unsolved disappearance and then sudden reappearance of the famous mystery writer, Agatha Christie. Benedict's book is full of bewildering puzzles and quirky twists. It's

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Young Adult Read: 'War Stories' by Canadian author Gordon Korman. After listening to his grandfather's war stories, a young man is excited to join him on a journey to retrace his wartime journey, but there is more to the stories as hidden truths come to light.

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Please submit cover letter, resume and 3 references as your application marked "Right to Play Community Mentor" via mail or in person to:

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HOUSING MANAGER

Employment Status: Regular Full-Time
Classification Level: M'Chigeeng First Nation Salary Grid – Department Managers
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Reporting Relationship: The Housing Manager reports directly to the Enaagdenjed. Maintains cooperative communication with Band Council via the Enaagdenjed. Internal working relationships are maintained with all other departments through attendance and participation in bi-weekly meetings and other meetings as required for keeping abreast of evolving issues.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

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- Responsible for developing the housing plan and housing policy implementation. They also prepare short- and long-term housing maintenance plans as well as capital replacement plans.
- Oversee all new construction and renovations to ensure the community's housing is up to code. Health and safety are also ensured through annual housing inspections.
- Prepare applications for various housing programs. This includes developing proposals and tenders and using technical reports to make smarter decisions and recommendations.

Financial Management:

- Prepare annual housing program budget and financial forecasts for MFN housing needs.
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Administration:

- Coordinates, manages, and oversees all housing activities to ensure that houses are maintained, rents are collected, files are kept up to date, tenants are adhering to policy as set out in housing policy and tenant agreements.

Interpersonal communications:

- Work with tenants to ensure that housing inventory is kept in a good standard.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

Preferred

- First Nation Housing Certificate or equivalent combination of post-secondary education and experience.
- Three (3) years' First Nation Housing experience.
- Experience and certification in Project Management / Property Management are highly desirable.
- Excellent verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Possess a valid Ontario driver's licence.
- Good analytical, problem-solving, and conflict resolution skills.
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Minimum

- Knowledge of federal labour standards, the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Occupational Health and Safety section of the Canada Labour Code.
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Please be advised that only those selected for an interview will be contacted. For a detailed job description, please contact Andrea McGregor, Human Resources at 705-377-5362 ext. 203 or email andream@mchigeeng.ca.





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THE OFFICIAL PLAN
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THE MUNICIPAL ZONING BY-LAW NO.: 343
FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF GORDON/BARRIE ISLAND

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island will hold a public meeting at the
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2021 AT 7:30 P.M.
This Public Meeting may be an electronic meeting

THE PURPOSE of this Public Meeting will be to consider amendments to the District of Manitoulin Official Plan pursuant to the provisions of Section 17 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 and to the Zoning By-law No. 343 for the Township of Barrie Island for the Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island pursuant to the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13.

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT of this proposal, if approved, will be to redesignate and rezone a parcel of land described as being Lots 26 and 27, Conc. VII and Lots 24, 25 and 26, Conc. VIII, Township of Barrie Island, Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island, District of Manitoulin, as registered in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Manitoulin (31) and shown on the attached sketch. Specifically, the subject land will be redesignated from Rural Area to Shoreline Residential Zone and Conservation Zone in By-law No. 343. Approval of these two amendments will permit a thirty-five (35) lot Plan of Subdivision for seasonal residential uses in a Shoreline Area and a Shoreline Residential Zone.

ANY PERSON may attend this public meeting and/or make written or verbal representations either in support of or in opposition to the proposed two amendment applications.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan Amendment or the passing of the Zoning By-law, you must make a written request to the Manitoulin Planning Board Office, P.O. Box 240, Gore Bay, Ontario, P0P 1H0 or to the Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island, P.O. Box 120, Gore Bay, Ontario, P0P 1H0.

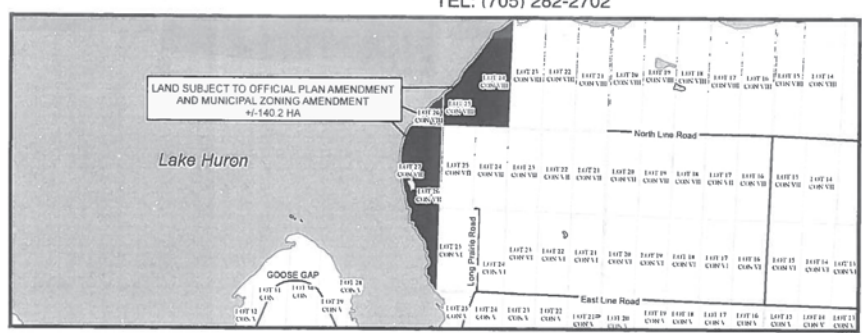
IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island and/or The Manitoulin Planning Board before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted or the Zoning By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT).

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed two amendment applications are available for inspection at the Municipal Office in Gordon Township, Ontario between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday and/or the Manitoulin Planning Board Office, in Gore Bay, Ontario between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.
[Ref. File No.: 343OPA-21-001 and File No.: 343ZBL-21-001]

DATED AT GORE BAY
THIS 13th DAY OF AUGUST, 2021

CARRIE LEWIS, CMO
CAO/CLERK-TREASURER
MUNICIPALITY OF GORDON/BARRIE ISLAND
P.O. BOX 680, GORE BAY ON P0P 1H0
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Manitoulin-Sudbury
District Services Board

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Community Living Manitoulin has immediate openings for permanent part-time and casual staff to work in our homes. Personal Support Workers and/or Developmental Service Worker diploma are the preferred minimum qualification for these positions.

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Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to the attention of Mrs. Megan Wickett; Operations Manager by regular mail to:

Community Living Manitoulin
PO Box 152
Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0
or by email to mwickett@clmanitoulin.com
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MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS COUNSELLOR: HOUSING, TEMPORARY CONTRACT, 1 YEAR

Manitoulin Family Resources is seeking an individual to fill our new Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor: Housing position in the Manitoulin LaCloche region. The MH&A Counsellor will provide services in the areas of prevention, assessment, counselling, referral and follow-up services to those engaged in our Housing Support Program. The individual will support clients in addressing issues of mental health and substance use, while working closely with the client's Housing Support Worker and other community-based resources, in an effort to provide best service delivery and support. Responsibilities will include: client assessments, treatment planning and care, counselling re: harm reduction and recovery, and team participation and leadership to the Housing Support Workers regarding assigned cases.

Requirements/Qualifications:

- BSW or other human services degree, and registration and authorization to perform psychosocial interventions from their applicable professional college;
- At least 3 years of experience working with the homeless or those with concurrent disorders;
- Demonstrated skills in performing assessments and on the spot risk assessments;
- Knowledge of the Residential Tenancies Act;
- Understanding of Homelessness and the Housing First Philosophy;
- Strong engagement, conflict resolution and advocacy skills;
- Ability to work as part of a multi-disciplinary organization;
- Knowledge of community resources and excellent communication skills;
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team and independently as well;
- Proficient in the use of computers and software including Microsoft Word;
- Current CPR and First Aid Certification; ASIST Training an asset;
- Valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle, clear VSS and insurable driver's abstract are all requirements of the position and ongoing conditions of hire.

This position is a temporary contract and outside the bargaining unit. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the program, with the position averaging 35 hours per week. The MH&A Counsellor will deliver services within the catchment of Manitoulin Island and the north-east shore of Lake Huron. The position is based out of the main administration office, however, there will be periods of remote work assignments due to the pandemic, with travel being a component of the position as required.

Please forward application with updated resume to:

Denise Leblanc
Executive Programs' Assistant
Manitoulin Family Resources
dleblanc@mfresources.net

Application deadline: Friday, August 27, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMUNICATIVE DISORDER ASSISTANT (CDA)

Job Summary

The CDA will report to SHSS Manager and work under the direction and clinical supervision of the contracted Speech Language Pathologist (SLP).

The CDA will provide direct one-on-one therapy sessions to individuals and small groups of children ranging from two to 21 years old in schools on Manitoulin Island, the Northshore and surrounding areas, under the supervision of the contracted Speech Language Pathologist. The qualifying CDA will need to drive between schools and home base office.

Responsibilities

1. Plan and carry out treatment sessions based on specific therapy goals established by the supervising SLP;
2. Collect and record client data;
3. Report on client progress and any related issues to the supervising SLP and SHSS Manager;
4. Provide Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) support for students; create low-tech communication aids; set up and program high tech voice output devices; assist with the training of students, teachers, Early Childhood Educators and Educational Assistants in the use of the devices;
5. Implement individual and group communication, speech and language programs for eligible students; prepare lesson plans, activities and materials; document student performance, comfortable with play-based individual and group therapy.

Qualifications

- Graduate from an accredited CDA Program; Member of the CDAAC or equivalent.
- Excellent and written communication skills.
- Good computer skills and knowledge of MS Office applications.
- Training and experience related to: child development and childhood exceptionality, specific articulation and language development, speech and language disorders, treatments and interventions used.
- Set up and use of augmentative communication systems and technology, i.e. Proloquo2go, PECS.
- Assistive listening equipment, i.e. FM systems.
- Evidence of effective customer service, organizational, interpersonal, communication, judgment and decision-making skills.
- Able to work independently in carrying out communication screens and given therapy programs.
- Flexible, self-directed and able to work effectively with minimal supervision.
- This position requires travel to schools with the contracted First Nations Reserves, and therefore, the successful candidate must have a reliable vehicle and a valid driver's licence.

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

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

Deadline: Until filled

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

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT 1 YEAR CONTRACT - MATERNITY LEAVE

NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre requires a motivated, energetic and career-minded Occupational Therapy Assistant in our Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojinihik Program serving the communities of Wikwemkoong, M'Chigeeng, Whitefish River First Nation and Sagamok Anishnawbek.

Summary

The Occupational Therapy Assistant will act as a team player operating in a collaborative and interdisciplinary environment, with a focus on enabling occupational performance in the areas of self-care and productivity within the school environment. As an effective communicator, the Occupational Therapy Assistant will have demonstrated skills in group settings and one-on-one situations, and work well both independently and in collaboration with others. He/she will provide occupational therapy treatment to students and complete associated documentation.

Responsibilities

- Utilize specialized occupational therapy knowledge and skills to encourage/facilitate activity of daily living skills and productivity;
- Provide individualized intervention, consultation and education as part of an interdisciplinary team either in-person or through virtual means (telephone, email, videoconferencing);
- Consult to define, monitor and adapt the appropriate plan of action of the specific individual's case;
- Provide on-going monitoring of individual's progress towards identified goals;
- Document pertinent information as it relates to the delivery of occupational therapy services;
- Understand and comply with the legal requirements of licensure, legislation, scope of practice, and policies and procedures of the program;
- Respect the individual's beliefs and values and protect their right to confidentiality, privacy and dignity.

Qualifications

- Diploma from a college-level Occupational Therapy Assistant and Physiotherapy Assistant program preferred. Other college-level diplomas and university degrees in combination with relevant experience will be considered;
- Employment or fieldwork placement experience in pediatric occupational therapy settings preferred, with school health experience considered an asset;
- Ability to function within an interdisciplinary team (including education and healthcare professionals);
- Demonstrated ability to work independently;
- Ability to adapt to and work effectively within a variety of situations, and with various individuals or groups;
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with pediatric clients and their families and with colleagues using a variety of formats;
- Ability to recognize individual learning styles and adapt communication and therapeutic approach accordingly;
- Demonstrated ability in problem-solving and critical thinking.

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

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

Deadline: Until Filled



Sheguiandah First Nation

Position: Family Promotion and Support Worker

Full-Time

JOB PURPOSE: The Family/Community Promotion and Support Worker will reduce the need for child protection services by providing support to families and communities, encouraging educational programming and building confidence to influence positive changes by utilizing best practices and services that are community-based and culturally appropriate.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Completed post-secondary education in the social sciences field
- 2 years experience in First Nation social service setting completing; counselling, reporting, program design and facilitation in holistic and Indigenous perspectives
- Service planning and conference involvement as it relates to child welfare, court and plans of care
- Can obtain a clean vulnerable sector check & CPIC
- Knowledgeable of Manitoulin Island's community resources
- Strong ethical practices; confidentiality and present as a positive role model
- Valid Ontario Class G licence

FOR FULL JOB DESCRIPTION, CONTACT SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION HEALTH CENTRE
(705)368-1150

Please submit cover letter, resume and 3 references as your application marked "Family Promotion and Support Worker" via mail or in person to:
Sarah Williams, Health Team Lead/CHR
Sheguiandah First Nation Health Centre
76 Ogema Miikan, Sheguiandah, Ontario POP 1W0
OR FAX (705)368-1151

DEADLINE TO APPLY: AUGUST 27, 2021 at NOON

We thank all interested applicants, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



DIRECTOR OF COUNSELLING SERVICES – PART-TIME

7 MONTHS WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSION

Department: Management, Non-Unionized
Reports To: Executive Director

The Director of Counselling Services is responsible for the successful leadership and management of Manitoulin Family Resources' Community-Based Counselling Programs in the areas of Violence Against Women Prevention and Mental Health and Addictions, in accordance with the agency's strategic plan and funder expectations. The incumbent will represent the agency at various community events and planning tables, and continue the implementation of an operational plan which incorporates goals and objectives that work towards the future direction of the organization. The successful candidate will oversee the staff and programming of the agency's counselling services, and provide support to the VAW Shelter Supervisor as needed. The incumbent will be responsible for staff management, recruitment and training, as well as assisting the Executive Director with program budgets and Ministry reporting.

Requirements/Qualifications:

- Post-secondary degree in a relevant field; Bachelor's degree required, Master's preferred;
- Current membership and in good standing with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers and/or College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario required;
- Ability to adhere to standards of practice under the OCSWSSW and/or COP;
- Experience delivering VAW programming, incorporating both harm reduction and feminist frameworks;
- Current knowledge of culturally competent service provision;
- 1-3 years' experience in a management position required, experience working in a unionized environment an asset;
- Financial management skills;
- Computer and software proficiency (Microsoft Office Suite) required;
- Expertise in relationship building, conflict management, and creative problem-solving skills;
- Excellent communication, presentation, and interpersonal skills;
- Valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle, clear VSS, insurable driver's abstract, current First Aid and CPR certification are all required and conditions of hire.

Please forward application with updated resume to:

Denise Leblanc
Executive Programs' Assistant
Manitoulin Family Resources
dleblanc@mfresources.net

Application deadline: Friday, August 27, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

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HOUSING SUPPORT WORKER – TEMPORARY CONTRACT, 1 YEAR

Manitoulin Family Resources is seeking individuals to fill our Housing Support Worker positions in the Manitoulin LaCloche region. The Housing Support Worker (HSW) will help clients locate and/or keep housing by supporting them to address their issues with mental illness, substance use, physical health, and life skills with a goal of securing permanent housing. This position will work closely with the Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor, and other agency staff. Responsibilities will include: outreach, intake, building rapport, and case management with those who engage in the program in an effort to find or maintain housing, and appropriate documentation per program requirements.

Requirements/Qualifications:

- Post-secondary college diploma or university degree in human services or a related field;
- At least 3 years of experience with the homeless in an Outreach or Shelter setting;
- Demonstrated skills in performing assessments and on the spot risk assessments;
- Knowledge of the Residential Tenancies Act;
- Understanding of Homelessness and the Housing First Philosophy;
- Demonstrated understanding and experience working with the people who are homeless and living with mental illness;
- Strong engagement, conflict resolution and advocacy skills;
- Ability to work as part of a multi-disciplinary organization;
- Knowledge of community resources and excellent communication skills;
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team and independently as well;
- Proficient in the use of computers and software including Microsoft Word;
- Current CPR and First Aid Certification; ASIST Training an asset;
- Valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle, clear VSS and insurable driver's abstract are all requirements of the position and ongoing conditions of hire.

This position is a temporary contract and outside the bargaining unit. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the program, with the position averaging 35 hours per week. The housing support worker delivers client services within the catchment of Manitoulin Island and the north-east shore of Lake Huron. The position is based out of the main administration office, however, there will be periods of remote work assignments due to the pandemic, with travel being a component of the position as required.

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dleblanc@mfresources.net

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DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

FULL TIME PERMANENT

Department: Management, Non-Unionized
Reports to: Executive Director

Acting as the agency's Chief Financial Officer, the Director of Corporate Services manages the agency's financing and investing, budget development, interim financial reporting and interface with external auditors. In addition, and working closely with the Executive Director, the incumbent will manage Human Relations activities, ranging from recommendations for policy, hiring protocols, management of employee benefits' plans and pension, and participation in the negotiation of collective agreements. The successful candidate will work closely with the agency's other Directors, providing timely financial information for the delivery of agency programs, that is sensitive to the socio-economic environment of the agency's catchment area, sectors, and service deliverables.

Requirements/Qualifications:

- University Degree in Business Administration or Accounting with a recognized professional accounting designation (CPA-CMA, CPA-CGA CPA-CA),
- Minimum 5 years of business and accounting experience with at least 2 years in a supervisory role (preferably in a unionized environment),
- Experience with computerized accounting systems including SAGE 300 and spreadsheet software,
- Working experience implementing Human Resource practices,
- Ability to communicate effectively with a variety of individuals in a group both within and outside the Agency,
- The successful candidate must have exceptional attention to detail and accuracy and experience meeting deadlines, streamlining work processes, conflict resolution and working cooperatively. Candidates with a combination of some of the desired qualifications and a willingness to participate in a self-directed program of training satisfactory to the Agency will also be considered,
- Valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle, clear VSS, insurable driver's abstract, current First Aid and CPR certification are all required and conditions of hire.

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...Exploring Manitoulin? Meldrum Bay beach

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Many are the stories of grit and resilience, of the terrible hardships on the land and calamitous disasters on the water, whether it was the sinking of another steamship in a raging storm or the drownings of men and oxen breaking through the ice-covered straits between Meldrum Bay and Blind River on the North Shore.

But by the 1880s, three sawmills operated at full-tilt in the bay and hotels and boarding houses held the hundreds of employees of the lumber mills; several commercial fishing operations also proliferated at the water's edge. By about 1897, there were so many wooden fish boxes stacked on the wharves awaiting shipment to the US and England that the village became known as Fish Box Bay.

As the road rounds a last bend into the village, the cedar-sided marina and Canada Customs building comes into view and the sculptural stone breakwall curving into the dazzling blue stillness of Macrae Cove. On the left below the hill, at the centre of the village, the Meldrum Bay Inn, built during the boom in 1876 and renamed the Grand Manitoulin Hotel in 1899, retains the same country charm of those days. Meticulously maintained by hosts Shirin and Bob Grover, the elegant guest rooms are decorated with period antiques and the spacious verandah is open on two sides for fine dining alfresco. www.meldrum-bayinn.com

The exquisite maritime setting that is Meldrum Bay

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Traveller that in part documents his euphoric but delusional state during the coma when he believed he was a time traveller as he hovered between life and death.

While Michael has yet to fully recover from his ordeal, he is busily producing music at a rapid pace, with a half dozen albums on the go that he sells online (mgmusic.name/home) as well as musical scores for film productions. Life has definitely shifted from near fatal to sublime, as Michael counts his blessings to be alive, in his little piece of "heaven on earth" on Manitoulin.

Heather Marshall and her husband worked as journalists and communications consultants in the National Capital Region for more decades than they care to admit before making their Sandfield summer cottage their permanent home. A lifelong learner, Heather loves discovering new things and people and relishes the opportunity to write about newcomers to the Manitoulin. If you would like to share your story or know of recent arrivals we should meet, send a message to hmarshall@videotron.ca.



The Meldrum Bay Inn is situated in the centre of the activity in the village, as it has been since it was built in 1876. photo by Isobel Harry

has not been immune to the impacts of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, either. Here, they are felt in the 'closed' signs at the wonderful Net Shed Museum and the popular campgrounds at the Mississagi Lighthouse's dramatic cliffside setting. The much-missed General Store is for sale.

But there are strollers, boaters and boats at the docks and at the launch, refueling or sitting in deck chairs or at picnic tables below the marina building, and Breakwater Park's several cedar-hedged RV spots are filled (inquire at the marina building for rates). The water side of the park, where it's joined by the pathway across the top of the imposing limestone breakwall, has been spruced up in recent years.

Behind a split rail fence, the public sand beach is right here, calm water nestled in the curve of the breakwall, tall trees for shade, tables for picnickers. Under the biggest of big blue skies and overlooking the immense 'inland sea' that is Lake Huron all the way over to the North Shore, children run around the beach and into the water, shrieking and splashing in gleeful age-old games.

These days, a visit to Meldrum Bay is to savour the beauty and serenity of fleeting summer hours spent on its welcoming shores.

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 email sumackenzie@bellnet.ca

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Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay at 3 Main Street is in need of staff for their Dietary Department as well as Laundry and Housekeeping. None of these positions are full time. Cooking experience is also an asset. Please call 705-282-2007 if interested.



BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

Community Living Manitoulin is seeking caring members of our community who would like to become part of our progressive organization. CLM needs people with a background of legal, fundraising or administration experience. Please come share your expertise.

OUR GOAL AND MISSION
Community Living Manitoulin advocates, promotes and facilitates the full participation, inclusion and citizenship of individuals who have developmental challenges.

If you are interested, we encourage you to consider a volunteer position on our Board.

Those seeking nominations are required to provide a brief resume detailing their previous experience, community involvement and interest in Community Living Manitoulin.

Mail resumes to:
 Megan Wickett
 Executive Director Designate
 Community Living Manitoulin
 Box 152
 Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0

Deadline for nominations is September 17, 2021.

To get involved or for more information, please contact:
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Email resumes to admin@kellersgarage.ca



**Nakiwin Azheyaaksin
Employment Opportunity
Finance Officer**

Summary

The Wiikwemkoong Co-ordinated Financial Services Unit is seeking applications from qualified individuals to apply for the position of Finance Officer. Working under the supervision of the Band Finance Manager, the Finance Officer will perform various general accounting duties for the WUIR and related companies.

Job Duties

- Generate monthly financial statements for distribution to program managers, finance committee, and Chief and Council
- Review financial statements and general ledger listings with program managers and prepare adjustments as required
- Review transactions then record and post transactions to the general ledger
- Perform reconciliations for various accounts
- Maintain capital asset records for additions, dispositions, amortization, insurance, etc.
- Assist program managers preparing financial reports for funders
- Assist program managers with budgets and record budget data to the financial accounting system
- Assist other finance personnel
- Other duties as required

Requirements

- Excellent knowledge of financial management systems
- Must be proficient in Microsoft Office Suite applications
- Familiar with quality management systems
- High standards of ethics and maintain confidentiality when handling sensitive information
- Strong organizational skills
- Ability to work in a multi-tasking environment
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to learn and implement new concepts
- Exercise good judgment, show initiative and be proactive
- Able to work overtime when evening work is required
- Knowledge of Anishnawbemowin and culture and committed to continual learning and development

Closing Date: Open until position is filled

Please submit a covering letter, resume, three work-related references and copies of your qualifications to:

Confidential: Finance Officer Position
Box 112, 19A Complex Drive
Wiikwemkoong Unceded Indian Reserve
Wiikwemkoong, ON POP 2J0
erc@wiikwemkoong.ca

We thank all interested applicants. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.
Please submit copies as there is no return of submissions. Late submissions will not be considered.



**Nakiwin Azheyaaksin
Employment Opportunity
Accounts Payable Clerk
Indeterminate Full-Time - Third Posting**

The Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory ("WUT") Financial Services Unit is accepting applications for the position of Accounts Payable Clerk.

Reporting to the Accounts Payable Manager, the Accounts Payable Clerk is responsible to ensure that assigned accounts payable activities are completed in accordance with specified objectives of the WUT Financial Unit. A substantial portion of these activities are data entry, filing and other related duties as assigned or required.

A complete job description is available from the Accounts Payable Department.

Qualifications

- Must have Grade 12 OSSD or equivalent
- Completion of a business administration program from a recognized post secondary institution and/or two years of employment experience in a computerized accounting environment
- Working knowledge of computerized accounting software programs (i.e. ACCPAC, Simply Accounting), provide copies of certificates for any training completed
- Proficiency working in MS Word and MS Excel software programs
- Must work well as a team member
- Must be bondable
- Knowledge of Anishnawbemowin and culture and committed to continual learning and development

Interested applicants **must** submit a **covering letter, resume**, names and contact phone numbers of **three (3) recent work references, copies of relevant diplomas and/or certificates** to:

Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory
Attn: Accounts Payable Clerk Posting
19A Complex Drive, P.O. Box 112
WIKWEMIKONG, ON POP 2J0
Email: gloriadewing@wiikwemkoong.ca

Closing date: Open – until position is filled

We thank all interested applicants. Only those selected for interview will be contacted.
Please submit copies as there is no return of submissions. Late submissions will not be considered.
The successful applicant will be required to submit a current criminal reference check.



**Nakiwin Azheyaaksin
Employment Opportunity
Junior Payroll Clerk**

Summary

Under the direct supervision of the Payroll Manager the incumbent assists the Senior Payroll Clerk by performing similar duties and by assuming authority and responsibilities of a Senior Payroll Clerk during her absence. This position is responsible for ensuring that implementation and prescribed payroll activities are carried out in accordance with specified objectives. The Junior Payroll Clerk is the liaison between payroll department unit and other related units.

Job Duties

- Collect all activity sheets on paydays, verify the hours, credits earned/credit used/credit balances.
- Process payroll bi-weekly.
- Calculate payroll, print check register and verify all deductions and balance the deductions.
- Complete all payroll steps and submit the file to Manager.
- File payroll records and keep records of materials filed and removed.
- Provide departmental costings reports to departments upon request.
- Process Record of Employment as required.
- Provide payroll history reports when requested by an employee.
- Enter payroll deductions in payroll profile for payroll processing biweekly.
- Assist in preparation of T4 statements.
- Assist with group benefits and pension changes as needed.
- Perform other duties as requested.

Requirements

- Excellent knowledge of financial management systems
- Must be proficient in Microsoft Office Suite applications
- Familiar with quality management systems
- High standards of ethics and maintain confidentiality when handling sensitive information
- Strong organizational skills and able to work in a multi-tasking environment
- Strong interpersonal skills with excellent written and oral communication skills
- Ability to work independently
- Exercise good judgment, show initiative and be proactive
- Able to work overtime when required
- Knowledge of Anishnawbemowin and culture and committed to continual learning and development

Closing Date: Until Position is Filled

Please submit a covering letter, resume, three work-related references and copies of your qualifications to:

Confidential: Payroll Clerk Position
Box 112, 19A Complex Drive
Wiikwemkoong Unceded Indian Reserve
Wiikwemkoong, ON POP 2J0
erc@wiikwemkoong.ca

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Rainbow District School Board, with schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island, is accepting applications from qualified teachers for the following permanent assignments:

- Posting #171-01 Full Time Permanent Elementary Teacher in Espanola Ojibwe**
- Posting #127-02 Full Time Permanent Elementary Teacher in Sudbury Prep (Primary, Junior, Special Education)**
- Posting #140-01 Full Time Permanent Elementary Teacher in Sudbury Ojibwe (Shared with Walden PS and Lively Elementary)**
- Posting #302-09 Full Time Permanent Secondary Teacher in Chelmsford English, Math**
- Posting #311-15 Part Time Permanent Secondary Teacher in Sudbury Senior Business**

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, proof of qualifications, recent performance evaluations and/or practice teaching reports, the names of three professional references by 3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 19 2021 to:

**Human Resources
Rainbow District School Board
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury, ON P3E 1P2
email: HRT@rainbowschools.ca**

Rainbow District School Board thanks all applicants for their interest in the public school system. Only those applicants who are selected for an interview will be contacted. The candidate selected for the position will be required to provide a criminal record check.

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is being collected under the authority of the Education Act and will be used for employee recruitment purposes. Questions should be directed to the above.

Rainbow District School Board complies with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). If you require accommodation for a disability during any stage of the recruitment process, please contact the HR Manager at 705-674-3171.

The Rainbow District School Board is an equal opportunity employer.

Doreen Dewar
Board Chair

Norm Blaseg
Director of Education

rainbowschools.ca



**Sheguiandah First Nation
PART-TIME JOB POSTING
Position: Bus Driver**

JOB PURPOSE: We have an opening for a Part-Time School Bus Driver with a valid B licence to transport children/youth to and from school in the mornings and afternoons. The successful candidate will have experience driving a bus as well as working with children/youth. We're looking forward to talking with anyone who has transported elementary and secondary students to school in the past. Our Bus Drivers are an essential part in our educational system, and we value their contributions.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- High school diploma or GED preferred
- B licence required
- Experience driving a school bus
- Clean driving record (drivers abstract must be provided)
- Successful candidate must provide clear Vulnerable Sector Check/CRC
- Ability to carry out assigned route on time
- Excellent communication skills
- 3+ years' working with children preferred

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- Verify students on route ensure pick up and appropriate drop off
- Maintain a clean and mechanically-sound bus at all times
- Obey all traffic laws
- Perform inspections of the bus before and after each route
- Ensure safety of all students
- Maintain a safe and healthy environment
- Attend safety meetings
- Participate in Orientation and Health and Safety sessions

We thank all applicants for their interest but advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please submit applications Marked "CONFIDENTIAL" via mail, fax or in person to:
Attn: Kevin Mishibinijima, O&M Manager
Sheguiandah First Nation
142 Ogemah Miikan
Sheguiandah, Ontario
POP 1W0
Or by FAX to: 705-368-3697

DEADLINE TO APPLY: August 27, 2021 @ 12:00 P.M. For inquiries, please contact Kevin at (705) 368-0366.

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**UNITED CHIEFS and COUNCILS
OF MNIDOO MNISING**

ENJI-DBAKNIGET (COURT) CASE WORKER – 2nd Posting

Location: United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising Tribal Council – M'Chigeeng First Nation
Duration: Contract until March 31, 2022 with possible extension depending on funding

The United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising Justice Program is an Anishinaabe Community Justice Program. The Enji-Dbaakniget (Court) seeks alternatives to incarceration by using restorative justice principles while utilizing the Seven Grandfather teachings and works towards re-establishing balance for the individual, the victim, and the community. The purpose of the Enji-Dbaakniget is to reduce the rates of recidivism and reduce the rates of the imposition of jail sentences or the length of sentences. The Enji-Dbaakniget Case Worker facilitates restorative justice options for Indigenous people involved in the justice system and acts as the liaison between the Ontario Court of Justice, the Enji-Dbaakniget and the restorative justice alternatives.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Case management, maintain client files, maintain a database to track statistics.
- Attend First Appearance Courts, both Adult Criminal and Youth Justice. Meet with Indigenous people to explain to them the Enji-Dbaakniget process and its eligibility criteria, as well as assist them in completing the application to transfer their case to the Enji-Dbaakniget.
- Liaise with the Indigenous Court Worker, UCCMM Community Justice Program, UCCMM Bail Verification and Supervision Program, Defense/Duty Counsel, Crown Attorney, and members of the judiciary as well as community resources regarding potential participants.
- Attend Healing Circles and assist in their coordination.
- Help develop culturally appropriate Healing Plans that utilize restorative justice approaches and file them with the Court and provide the Court with client updates.
- Must have superior ability to produce written reports for submission to court.
- Assist clients in fulfilling the recommendations outlined in their Healing Plans by finding the appropriate support services; and assist in ceremonies for completion of Healing Plans.
- Available to work evenings and weekends as required or extended hours for scheduled conferences, workshops, training, and ability to travel.
- Work with people who could potentially become violent, hostile and work in stressful situations.
- Other duties as requested.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Post-secondary Diploma or Degree in law discipline or at least two years' experience working in Anishinaabe justice in Ontario.
- Knowledge of Canadian criminal court procedures, Criminal Code and the Youth Criminal Justice Act; Criminal Code of Canada, R. v. Gladue case and related court decisions regarding Indigenous people.
- Ability to manage a database; complete financial forms; produce written reports, correspondence, and work plans.
- Must have knowledge of services available in the Districts of Manitoulin/Sudbury/Algoma for Indigenous people.
- Must have knowledge of UCCMM Justice principles, local Anishinaabe teachings, culture, communities, history, elders, and local issues facing Indigenous people.
- Must support Anishinaabe red road teachings, promotion of positive role models and healthy lifestyles.
- Ability to speak Ojibwe an asset.
- Valid driver's licence (proof must be provided with application); have access to a vehicle; and be willing to travel.
- Up-to-date and clear Vulnerable Sector Screening Check and Criminal Record Check.

Remuneration: Annualized salary \$50,000.00 and benefits
Closing Date: August 27, 2021 at 12 noon

To Apply:

Mail or deliver a complete package which must include the following:

1. cover letter
2. resume
3. copy of valid Ontario driver's licence
4. Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Screening Check
5. three work-related letters of reference including at least one from a supervisor/manager.

*Incomplete, emailed or late packages will not be considered.
Thank you for applying but only those candidates who are selected for an interview will be contacted.
Mark "Confidential-EDCW" to:*

Hazel Recollet, Chief Executive Officer
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
Box 275
M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER (PSW)
CASUAL**

Summary

The PSW will be required to work in a homecare setting and see assigned clients on a regular basis. You will work collaboratively with other healthcare providers in providing holistic care that focuses on achieving and maintaining optimal health for clients.

Responsibilities

1. To assist persons with the activities of daily living and/or personal care and to contribute to their quality of life by promoting their independence, dignity, social/emotional/physical well-being, mobility, personal appearance, comfort and safety.
2. To provide light household management services to clients.
3. To observe and report any changes in client service or environment to the supervisor.
4. Able to react to change productively and handle any other essential tasks as assigned.
5. Bilingual/fluent to communicate with clients in their language of preference/comfort.

Qualifications

- Be able to understand and speak the language
- Valid First Aid, CPR
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation Communities and their culture
- Personal Support Worker Certificate/Health Care Aide
- Secondary School Graduation Diploma

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and 2 work-related reference contacts marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Personal Support Worker

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

Deadline: Until Filled

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

We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted.
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY NOOKOMISNAANG SHELTER CASUAL COUNSELLORS

Summary

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

Responsibilities

- Plan and facilitate safe therapeutic counselling to individuals and/or families by providing:
 - Accurate and complete intake packages
 - Orientation to the environment and counselling process
 - Complete comprehensive assessments, circle of life self-assessment and healing journey plan of care
- In accordance to the minimal standards, ensure case management responsibilities are current and accurate by:
 - Submitting documentation for feedback, revision and approval
 - Updating client contact sheets and case management tracking sheets
 - Identifying and developing safety plans for high risk situations
- Prepare, conduct and maintain administrative duties by:
 - Adhering to and abiding by the contents of the Shelter Service Operations Manual
 - Completing and submitting weekly time sheets and appropriate leave forms
 - Completing and submitting monthly reports
- Promote a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment by:
 - Working cooperatively and in coordination with all staff members
 - Communicating concerns with all staff members in a sensitive and direct manner to promote understanding and resolution
 - Providing compassion/nurturance to those involved with the Shelter who are experiencing death/tragedy e.g. cooking

Qualifications

- Post-Secondary graduate in Social Work or relevant discipline or a minimum of three years' equivalent combination of work and volunteer experience in the provision of services regarding violence and other relevant disciplines
- Understanding of the impact of family violence on the individual family, clan, nation and community

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

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

Posted: June 20, 2021

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

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Employment Opportunity YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINEE

Summary

The Youth Leadership Trainee will be responsible to NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG and under the general direction of the Brighter Futures Manager of Waasa Naabin Community Youth Services Centre. The Youth Leadership Trainee will be responsible for the duties outlined:

Responsibilities

- Assist with the development and supervision of recreation activities; health and wellness activities; cultural activities.
- Provide education awareness as a means of addressing healthier lifestyles for the membership of Wikwemikong.
- Assist with the daily activities including supervision of the Youth Centre and Drop In programming.
- Participate in any training required to enhance employability skills.
- Liaison with other community organizations to promote healthier lifestyles to the youth.
- Office duties will include preparing posters, taking attendance of program participation.
- Chaperone out-of-town events.
- Assist in the preparation and tidying up before and after an event/activity.
- Assist in the preparation and supervision of the Active Living Studio programming.
- Liaise with youth and Youth Centre staff on various issues regarding the youth.
- Shift work will include evening and weekend work.
- Participate in Outdoor Adventure Leadership Experience (OALE) fall and winter programming.
- Assist in program delivery of Hockey 4 Development.
- Other duties as assigned by the Program Manager.

Qualifications

- In accordance with the funding arrangement, First Nations and Inuit and Youth Work Experience targets youth who are out-of-school, unemployed between the ages 15 - 30 to enhance their employability.
- Minimum Grade 10 education.
- Experience in program planning and implementation.
- Excellent personal reputation in the community specifically with the youth.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and 2 work related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

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

Closing date: August 12, 2021 @ 4:00 pm

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT - NADMADWIN

Summary

The Administrative Support - Nadmadwin performs administrative tasks and office support duties in the Nadmadwin Mental Health Program.

Responsibilities

- Assist with administrative support to clients, families, staff and health care professionals.
- Schedule and maintain appointment calendars and book meeting rooms in collaboration with staff, service providers.
- Support staff in analyzing data and relevant information to: compose reports, compile statistics, and prepare letters, memos and agendas.
- Independently respond to both verbal and written inquiries.
- Initiate and maintain confidential medical records.
- Prepare information requests, follow ups, reminders, and other general correspondence as appropriate or as directed by Manager and health care professionals.
- Complete data entry.
- Present a positive and professional image of the program to all visitors, suppliers, inquiries, and other interactions.

Qualifications

- College diploma (Administrative - Medical Support program or business college equivalent); OSSD diploma.
- Two years' experience in an administrative role.
- Experience with Electronic Medical Records Software.
- MHFA and A.S.I.S.T Training is an asset.
- Ability to communicate and work effectively on a multidisciplinary team.
- Excellent computer skills: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Calendar.
- Strong knowledge of general office procedures.
- Strong working knowledge of software packages.

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

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

Deadline: Until filled

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CUSTODIANS CASUAL

Summary

The Custodian will be required to work under the direct supervision of the Maintenance Coordinator. The individual will work 7.5 hours per day, providing cleaning and disinfected appropriately of the NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre, Amikook, Youth Services Centre, Home Care, Children's Services and Nookomisnaang.

Responsibilities

- Wash all floors daily.
- Wash and disinfect washrooms daily.
- Collect all garbage and store in the garbage shed daily and disinfect garbage cans.
- Make sure that all entrances are swept, clean and safe on a daily basis.
- Wash and disinfect medical examination rooms daily.
- Fill all dispensers when needed.
- Wash, wax and strip the floors as required.
- Wash windows inside & outside as required.
- Polish floors as required.
- Make sure all windows and doors are locked on a daily basis.
- Maintain all equipment.
- Report concerns with building to Maintenance Coordinator.

Qualifications

- Grade 12 Diploma or equivalent.
- Driver's Licence.
- Previous experience working as a Custodian would be considered an asset.
- Good communication skills.
- Be in good physical condition.
- Must be trustworthy, reliable and able to perform a variety of tasks.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and 2 work-related reference contacts. Marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

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

Deadline: Until Filled

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AASNA NAAD MAAD DAA WORKER

Contract Position: August 2022

Summary

Under the direction of the Nadmadwin Mental Health Clinic Manager, the Aasnaa Naad Maad Daa Worker will be responsible for coordinating the support, advocacy, and holistic wellness to individuals who have experienced violence and historical trauma as a result of involvement with educational institutions and/or organized groups/churches.

Responsibilities

- Coordinate advocacy and support services to community members who have experienced any form of violence
- Coordinate advocacy and support services to community members who are involved in the various lawsuits
- Have an intimate understanding of the lived experience of First Nation People
- Ensure confidentiality in the provision of all services
- Coordinate the implementation of healing opportunities, sharing circles as well as knowledge exchange opportunities so that they meet the community needs utilizing a traditional/western approach
- Knowledge on access to historical records/documents
- Knowledge on concepts related to class action claims
- Knowledge and understanding of intergenerational impacts of all forms of trauma and abuse
- Adhere to policies, procedures and guidelines of Wikwemikong Unceded Territory (WUT) and any other policies, procedures and guidelines related to NAHNDAHWEH TCHIGEGAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre

Qualifications

- Demonstrated life-long learning and knowledge of Anishinabek People and Traditional Wellness approaches
- Successful completions of post secondary degree or diploma in social services or related discipline
- Minimum of three years of experience in the helping field
- Knowledge of Anishinaabe culture, value and beliefs
- Fluency in Anishabemowin would be an asset
- Strong communication, interpersonal, advocacy and leadership skills
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence and access to reliable vehicle required

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

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

Deadline: Until filled

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

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY NIGHT SECURITY 2 PART-TIME AND CASUALS

Summary

Night Attendant is responsible for a safe environment; ensuring care duties are completed according to minimal standards; preparing and maintaining administrative duties, promoting a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment.

Responsibilities

- Ensure that all rules and regulations are respected.
- Complete client "in" and "out" sheets.
- Prepare and complete daily shift reports.
- Respond to crisis situations.
- Answer telephones and record messages.
- Participate in staff training.
- Maintain CONFIDENTIALITY.
- Be prepared to make responsibility decisions on shift and follow through accordingly.
- Security monitoring i.e. ensure all doors and windows are secure, cameras working, etc.
- Follow the policy and procedures of NOOKOMISNAANG and Wikwemikong Unceded Territory Personnel.
- Follow the Mission and Vision Statement of NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre.
- Be able to work flexible night shifts.

Qualifications

- Minimum High School Diploma.
- Work experience in Social Work.
- Must demonstrate team work and leadership skills.
- Knowledge of Aboriginal Language and culture is an asset.
- Driver's Licence an asset.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and 2 work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

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

Deadline: Until Filled

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

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COUNSELLOR

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

Summary

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

Responsibilities

1. Plan and facilitate safe therapeutic counselling to individuals and/or families by providing:
 - Accurate and complete intake packages
 - Orientation to the environment and counselling process
2. In accordance to the minimal standards, ensure case management responsibilities are current and accurate by:
 - Submit documentation for feedback, revision and approval
 - Update client contact sheets and case management tracking sheets
3. Prepare, conduct and maintain administrative duties by:
 - Adhere to and abide by the contents of the Shelter Service Operations Manual
 - Complete and submit weekly time sheets and appropriate leave forms
4. Promote a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment by:
 - Work co-operatively and in co-ordination with all staff members
 - Communicate concerns will all staff members in a sensitive and direct manner to promote understanding and resolution

Qualifications

- Post-Secondary graduate in Social Work or relevant discipline.
- Minimum of two years of work and/or volunteer experience in the provision of services regarding family violence
- Understanding of the impact of family violence on the individual family, clan, nation and community

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

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

Deadline: Until filled

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

Summary

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

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

Responsibilities

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

Qualifications

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


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

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

Deadline: Until Filled

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

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CASE MANAGEMENT WORKER 1 YEAR CONTRACT - MATERNITY LEAVE

Summary
The Case Management Worker will take an innovative approach towards providing a Culturally Appropriate Community-Based Case Management System in addressing addictions and mental health in collaboration with a team of professionals. The Case Management Worker will provide support and ensure consistent services are provided via a team approach. The team will include but is not limited to Traditional Resources, Mental Health Workers, Addiction Workers, Child and Family Service Workers and Justice Program (i.e. Probation and Parole) in addressing complex needs of those affected by addictions.

Responsibilities

1. Culturally appropriate case management;
2. Ensure that culturally appropriate and effective harm reduction support services are provided to the community of Wiikwemkoong;
3. Ensure the provision of culturally appropriate clinical assessment and counselling services of a supportive, educational and skills building nature is delivered to individuals, groups and families;
4. Facilitate culturally appropriate and efficient addictions and mental health services to the community of Wiikwemkoong;
5. Ensure culturally appropriate quality of service by working under close supervision of the Mental Health Manager;
6. Keep abreast of current trends, developments and issues in appropriate fields of interest and communicates information to the Addictions and Mental Health staff;
7. Assist with the facilitation of professional development of other staff;
8. Maintain culturally appropriate professional competency on an ongoing basis;
9. Promote culturally appropriate addictions and mental health services in the community of Wiikwemkoong.


Qualifications

- Degree / Diploma in one of the helping disciplines from a recognized institution.
- Experience in case management.
- Experience in First Nation's health services/mental health and addictions services.
- Experience in delivering culturally safe practices with a strong knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal Culture, Traditions and Language.
- Knowledge and experience in working with First Nation, provincial and federal government systems of health.
- Fluent in Anishinaabemowin is considered an asset.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal and leadership skills.
- An intimate understanding of the lived experience of Anishinaabe people.
- Good time management and the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines.
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence
- Current and clear criminal reference check

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

Deadline: Until Filled



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIOUR INTERVENTION WORKER

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

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

Responsibilities

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

Qualifications

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

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

Deadline: Until filled

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION DRIVER FULL-TIME

Summary
The Medical Transportation Driver will be required to provide effective and efficient medical transportation services for all on-reserve registered band members on a rotating schedule.

Responsibilities

- To provide transportation services for band members in accordance with Medical Transportation Agreement and Medical Transportation Policy and Procedures.
- To maintain daily internal administration records (daily logbook, monthly report, etc.) for medical transportation services for band members in accordance with Health Centre Medical Transportation Policy and Procedures.
- To maintain medical transportation vehicle and all equipment for transportation services.
- To ensure that all transportation slips are received from clients daily and to have ready for transportation clerks to send required information to Health Canada.

Qualifications

- Be able to understand and/or speak the language
- Valid Standard First Aid, CPR
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation Communities and their culture
- High School Diploma

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, and 2 work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

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

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ALL INTERESTED AND QUALIFIED CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.




EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Gore Bay

Temporary Full-Time Public Works Position

Qualifications:
Be in possession of a valid "DZ" licence

For a copy of the job description go to www.gorebay.ca or contact the undersigned.

Please submit your resume to the undersigned no later than **Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

Stasia Carr, CAO/Clerk
Town of Gore Bay
P.O. Box 590, Gore Bay, Ont. P0P 1H0
scarr@gorebay.ca 705-282-2420

All applicants are thanked for their interest. Only the candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Information collected will be used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purpose of candidate selection.

The Town of Gore Bay is committed to an inclusive, barrier-free environment. Accommodation will be provided in all steps of the hiring process. Please advise the Town of Gore Bay if you require any accommodations to ensure that you can participate fully and equally during the recruitment and selection process.

Canadians have choices to cast their ballots in a pandemic election

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—The Canadian election is off and running with the finish line set for Monday, September 20. Although the election will be taking place while the pandemic is still running its course, Elections Canada maintains that it is able to conduct a safe election. Two provincial elections held during the pandemic provide a template as to how the election is expected to unfold and electors will have a number of ways in which to safely cast their ballots.

First and most obvious is the traditional vote at an elector's assigned polling station on election day, Monday, September 20.



Polls will be open for 12 hours, with hours varying by time zone.

There will be advance polling days at the assigned polling stations from 9 am to 9 pm on Friday, September 10; Saturday, September 11; Sunday, September 12; and Monday, September 13.

Electors can also vote by

mail at any Elections Canada office across Canada. But this option comes with a caveat, as deadlines apply. An elector must apply before 6 pm on Tuesday, September 14, and will vote using a special ballot process. Once an elector has applied to vote by special ballot, they cannot change their mind to vote at advance polls or on election day.

To vote at any of the 500 Elections Canada offices open across Canada, voters must cast their ballot before 6 pm on Tuesday, September 14. Offices are expected to open shortly.

The first Algoma-Manitowlin-Kapuskasing Elections Canada office

opened Monday in Little Current's Holy Trinity Anglican Church on Robinson Street.

When Elections Canada offices open, they will be staffed seven days a week, Monday to Friday from 9 am to 9 pm and Saturday from 9 am to 6 pm.

...Chief Glen Hare welcomes additional \$321 million

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\$27.1 million from the last budget, to fund searches of burial sites and commemorate the children who died at residential schools. Over one hundred million dollars in additional funding is being provided toward essential mental health, culture and emotional services to support healing from intergenerational trauma. One hundred million dollars over two years is being provided to help Indigenous communities manage residential school buildings, whether those plans include demolition, rehabilitation or the construction of new facilities.

As well, \$20 million in funding is to be used for a national monument in Ottawa that honours the survivors and all the children who were lost.

The government announcement, "is the first step toward justice and healing for survivors and all the children taken from their families and communities," said Ontario Regional Chief Hare. "With the creation of a special interlocutor and a National Advisory Council, it is essential that residential school investigations remain First Nations-led processes and that families and communities are treated with dignity and respect. Furthermore, funding allocations must be guided by First Nations leadership and government funded programming must abide by First Nation jurisdiction and processes."

"This is the beginning of a precarious journey which will require part-

nership, transparency and respect," continued Regional Chief Hare. "I look forward to continuing this important work alongside the federal government to honour survivors and all the children taken from their families and communities."

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100th Birthday Bash!!!

Centennial Celebration For The Mindemoya Old School

The Mindemoya Old School is 100 years old and the Friends of the Mindemoya Old School (FOMOS) is inviting you to share in the celebration with us.

On Saturday, August 28, 2021 we are having a celebration from 12 - 3 pm in the park by the school.

Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy while you are entertained by a variety of live bands. We will be serving birthday cake and having some exciting prize draws.

Please note:
This event is by RSVP only. We need to have an accurate count. Please bring a mask and be prepared to maintain proper distancing. Some of our most vulnerable seniors will be attending and we want to keep everyone safe.

Please send all RSVPs to the FOMOS email at mindemoyaschool@gmail.com or call 705-377-4336 and leave a message. Please be sure to include your name and contact details.

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Food Cupboard--The Gore Bay United Church is continuing this service during the COVID-19 outbreak with some changes. They will be open noon to 3 pm on Thursdays. Come to the side door (facing McQuarrie Motors) and knock. Food will be packed and passed outside to you. If you have questions, call 705-282-2011. Messages are checked daily.

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in memoriam

NIGHSWANDER--In loving memory of our dear father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather, Thomas Marshall, who left us August 14, 1989 and our dear mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great grandmother, Lottie Evalena, who left us August 29, 2020.

The moment that you left us Our hearts were split in two, One side filled with memories, The other side died with you. We often lay awake at night when the world is fast asleep, And take a walk down memory lane with tears upon our cheeks. We hold you tightly in our hearts and there you will remain, As life goes on without you, But will never be the same. Love you and miss you both. Mary, Stewart and family, Brenda, Grenville and family

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real estate wanted

Looking for a four-season waterfront cottage on Manitowlin Island with a budget around \$500,000. Text or call Dwayne, 519-788-2528.

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in memoriam

BOWERMAN--In loving memory of our dear mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Doris Bowerman, who passed away August 23, 2004.

We miss you in so many ways, We miss the things you used to say, And when old times we do recall, It's then we miss you most of all.

Always loved and remembered by daughter Marilyn, son-in-law Jim, grandchildren Marilee, Mallory and Mitchell, and great-grandchildren Landen and Hailee

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LANKTREE--In memory of Morley Kenneth Lanktree, April 24, 1946 to August 21, 2019.

I'll see you in the stars watching and waiting until we meet again. Mine to hold in memories, gone but not forgotten. Missing you, Elaine, Sam and Sheila

14p



WILSON--In loving memory of Catharine Wilson (nee McDermid) who passed on August 22, 2020.

Kate's illness took her from us so quickly. We are broken-hearted and missing her terribly. She loved life and inspired all of us in different ways. Flowers, gardens, birds (especially owls), animals and cloud formations are some of Kate's favourite things and remind us of her. Kate's passing left a huge void as a dearly loved wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend. She is forever loved by John, Jessica, Dianna, Finlay, Mom, Ed and Sheila, Linda and Barry, Fran, Ernie (pre-deceased 2018), Karen and families

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MONUMENT CLEANING

Eco-friendly monument and headstone cleaning services
Serving Northeastern Manitowlin
Norris Valiquette
Phone: 705-368-1717 for details

Before After

thank you

It has been over a month since the passing of my loving, beautiful, bright and talented son Brayden-baa, as he has now joined his beloved brother, grandmother, godfather/uncle, best friend, and other family members. I would like to take this time to express my sincerest and upmost thanks to my parents, my brothers Luke and Roger, all aunts and uncles, cousins, friends, as well as the many thoughtful community members of Wiikwemkoong, who stepped forward to offer their support, condolences, precious time, creativity, sacred medicines, flowers, food and monetary donations. Your love and support were truly felt, and at times, very overwhelming. Without it, I wouldn't have been able to stand as strong as I did, and continue to do so, at such a devastating time in my life. I appreciate and thank you all.

Special thanks to my son's closest friends, as you helped me to find the strength to come home (you don't know how much this meant to me), and thank you for being a real true friend to him. You were his bro and you didn't judge him and he didn't judge you.

I would also like to thank those who took initiative to contact the local authorities on July 10... my heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

Also, chi miigwetch to my friends, who helped me to stand when I couldn't, as you helped to bring me home. You are all in my heart, I appreciate you and our friendship, I love you all. A special thank you to my son's adoptive sister Cheyenne and adoptive brothers Dylan and Mitchell and parents Kristen and Fred. Many memories were created, and I know that you will cherish them, as you carry my son in your hearts going forward. I too, will carry you in my heart, and love and appreciate you all for having been there for us during our 13 years in Scarborough.

Miigwetch to the W.U.T Tribal Police, Dr. Poenn, Father Paul Robson and Holy Cross Mission, W.U.T Public Works, W.U.T Lands Department, W.U.T Nookomisnaang Shelter for Victims of Family Violence, Andy's Shell, Debajehmujig, W.U.T Rainbow Ridge Golf Course, Buzwah Variety Shop, W.U.T Ontario Works, W.U.T Band Administration, Island Funeral Home, Aboriginal Legal Services Toronto, Delia Opekokew, Amikook, Hillside Variety, Way to Go Pizza, Danielle McDonald, Roland Jacko and Wiky Drum Committee, Jesse Kaboni, Andrew Case, James Jacko, Cherie Osawamick, Matthew Bell, Patsy Pitawanakwat and all those who helped prepare the food.

Many thanks to Sonny and Christine Osawabine, special mom Ruby Mandamin, Rolland Pangowish, Christian Hurst, Amanda and Lenny, Lenore Manitowabi, Cheryl Fox, Brooke Jacko-Toulouse, Kyle Osawamick, Janice Fox, Wayne Kaboni, Jesse Kaboni, Andy Manitowabi, Cedar Bathers Marilyn Jacko, Muriel Wakegijig, Eva Jackson, Violet Rivers, Barbara Recollet, all Fire Keepers, Roberta Recollet, Juanita Cooper, Theresa Cooper, Rachel Cooper, Katie Manitowabi, Shelly Kaboni, Trissy Rivers, Zach Laite, Ben, Steven and Adam Jacko, Rudy and Jessie Corbiere, Karen Recollet and Johnny Debassige, Kristy and Mavric Obey-Whitecap, Tim Omnika and Hiawatha Osawamick, Colleen W.Migwans, and Monyon Corbiere.

Thank you to my son's classmates, friends, colleagues and instructors from Wikwemikong Junior School, Danforth Gardens P.S., Wexford Collegiate, Mizive Biik, George Brown College, and Debajehmujig Theatre Group. Also, a special shout out to Ms. Valentine of Danforth Gardens P.S. My son loved to go back and check in on his previous teachers whenever he began studies at a new school, so please know that he always carried you in his thoughts and memories. This thoughtfulness made him so very unique.

This is a new era for me, especially as Brayden-baa was my only biological child. I accepted his brother Wiingash-baa from the time he was being created in his mom's belly, and I loved him as my own.

I know that I'm not alone in this grief, and neither are you. Please allow yourself time to heal, and to also seek help from a grief counsellor, should it become too much to carry.

There were countless others who also helped us in one way or another, in our time of sorrow, the support that we received from community was truly overwhelming. May Creator continue to be with you, guide you, and bless every single one of you. Miigwetch Miigwetch Miigwetch!

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We wish to thank Dr. Reade and the whole team at Manitowlin Health Centre in Mindemoya for the care and compassion they gave our mother, Doris Middaugh in her final days and the support they gave us, her family.

Thank you also to Dr. McRae for the many trips to Mom's apartment and to Central Pharmacy for all the deliveries they made. Thanks to the ambulance attendants and also to the people at Millsite who checked in on her and helped her every day. You have no idea how that helped us. We won't forget the PSWs who came every morning either.

This was a particularly hard time as we also have Paul, Mom's son, our brother, Brianna and Kimmie's father and grandfather to Brianna's children to bury at the same time.

Thank you to Simpson Funeral Home, Janice Frame, the minister, Christie for the beautiful song, the pallbearers, Joyce for providing lunch and giving us a place out of the rain, and to all who made donations, gave gifts of money, food, cards, phone calls and condolences. God bless you all.

Cathie and Morley, Linda and Charlie, Cindy, Betty, Brianna and Kimmie, and all our families

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Live street music at Providence Bay helps break up monotony of COVID-19

PROVIDENCE BAY—Live music offers summer fun for all ages and on Thursday evening, August 5, there were a lot of relaxed, smiling faces at the Harbour Centre, off McNevin Street in Providence Bay for live performances by Elijah and the Backburners, Cameron James and the DJ sounds of John Roy. It was an event for all Islanders, to help break up the monotony of COVID-19, said John Bisailon, president of the Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club that hosted the event.

"The pandemic and the lockdown have been hard for everybody," Mr. Bisailon said. "The Lions Club has had its hands tied with respect to hosting of activities since March 2020, so with the relaxing of COVID rules, we were able to organize this free outdoor event." The club has had a successful fundraising year despite the loss of revenue

from not being able to hold events like they usually do at Halloween and New Year's. Their spring yard sale and ongoing bottle drive collection allowed the club to host the musical evening.

DJ John Roy of The Island Music Showcase started out the show and played in between live sets. This was his first time out since the beginning of the pandemic. "I've been aching to get out," he said. He's operated the service for about 12 years and it's been tough staying home and keeping that distance from everyone. "We all do our part though," he said. "Things are starting to come together."

Guitarist Cameron James is new to Manitoulin. He came here with friends and hopes to stay. Mr. James has been playing guitar for about 17 years. He also plays banjo and bass. "I learned to play guitar to



Musician Cameron James plays classical guitar at Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club live music event on August 5.

impress people," he joked. "When I began to play classical guitar, I found I was not focused on impressing people. It was actually fun." This was his first live show since the March 2020 lockdown began. "It's good to be

back out in front of any audience," he said. He grew up on the east coast and moved to Toronto, where he managed a jazz bar for a time and played "here and there with different bands: country, rock, bluegrass."

Headliner Elijah and the Backburners really got the crowd of about 100 people moving. A family danced on McNevin Street and another hula hooped by the boardwalk. The hula hoops were in place to mark out

COVID-appropriate physical distancing on the grass. Lead singer, Wiikwemkoong's Elijah Manitowabi, was happy to be playing again. The band had played the previous weekend at a private party but the McNevin Street event was their first formal show "since the last one," he said. "It's been a long time. I'm not afraid of the pandemic. We just need to be respectful of each other. The best thing is to be outdoors." He's very happy to get back to live music. Playing and singing live is the best therapy for his stuttering problem, he said. "The more I sing the more it helps. It's just great to be out here and see everybody smiling."

The event was approximately four weeks in development. "This event falls within the rules of what a Lions Club can do," Mr. Bisailon said. "This is giving back to the community."

Buzwah Variety's TikTok cultural dance competition a winner in every sense

by Michael Erskine

BUZWAH—The judges' verdicts are in and the results of the Buzwah Variety and Video TikTok Cultural Dance Competition 2021 have been tabulated.

"I would like to thank everyone who participated," said organizer Rick Leedham. "A big chi-miigwetch to our partners and sponsors. We are glad you have enjoyed yourself and happy to read what joy this event brought you and your family. This was spur of the moment for us and wish we had more time to organize. We would love to bring more online events in the future."

The prize winners in the adult pair category were Tracy and Wesley Cleland in first place, Dewayne and Janey Porte in second place and Hayden Recollet and Chelsea in third place.

In the adult single category it was Waasnoode Recollet in first place, Becky Beaudry in second place and Liz Eshkibok in third place.

In the youth pair division, first place went to Niomi and Pahquis Trudeau, second place to Peyton Kaboni and Charmine Webkamgad, and third place to Domonique and Bentley Shawana.

In the youth single division, Hope Eshkibok took first place, Pahquis Trudeau took second place and Emilee-Ann Pitawanakwat took third place.

In the elders' division, first place went to Stephen Peltier, while second place was captured by Cotnee Kaboni.

The tiny tots were not to be outdone, with Wiigash taking first, Freya Lecuyer taking second and Ziigwaan taking first.

The competition may have started out as an impromptu concept, but it quickly caught on with the community. The list of partners include: Buzwah Variety, Zaagidwin Counselling and Consulting, Wiikwemkoong Tourism, Wiikwemkoong chief and council, Jenn Recollet Catering, EstelleScapes, Manitoulin Island Technologies, Ralphie's Raffles, The Manitoulin Expositor, Marilyn Jacko, Mary Pheasant, Roland Jacko, Ice King D'Arcy Maiangowi, Hiawatha's and Rainbow Ridge Golf Course and Indoor Golf Academy.

Mr. Leedham offered special thanks to Dustin Peltier at Wiky Tourism, Warren Schlote (CBC), Michael Erskine (Expositor), Marilyn Jacko (WUIR) and the talk show hosts at Arts and Music Talk Show (Debajehmujig).

Death Notices

MARVIN BEVERLY GUY

October 8, 1932 - August 15, 2021

Marvin was born on October 8, 1932 and passed away peacefully at Manitoulin Lodge on August 15, 2021 in his 89th year. Marvin is predeceased by his wife Mary (nee Palmer), and mourned by his partner Norine Beange of 30 years. He will be greatly missed by his sons and daughters-in-law: B. Keith (Ruth) of Ice Lake, Randy (Gayle) of North Bay, and Greg (Anusha) of Stittsville. He will also be missed by his remaining sibling Daisy Goodvin (Chuck) of Brampton. He thoroughly enjoyed her letters which she sent weekly while he was in the Nursing Home for close to three years! He is predeceased by siblings Doris Strajna, Earnest, George (surviving spouse Alice), Roselyn Palmer (surviving spouse Austin), Bill, Doug and Joan Poirier (surviving spouse Patrick). He has 18 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. He will also be missed by his nieces and nephews. Included in those who mourn are Norine's children: Debbie (Dave) Kidd, Gordon Beange (Simon) and Allan (Paulette) Beange who have been a huge part of his life for the past 30 years. Marv was born to Rose and George Guy on the family farm in Ice Lake, and he remained on the Island his whole life. He was a carpenter, roofer, farmer and lumberjack – a hard worker from the get-go. He enjoyed friendships with many neighbours and people in the Gore Bay area. He really disliked going off-island, but in the '90s and early 2000s he enjoyed his winters in Florida, where he managed to beat everyone at shuffleboard and happy hour! His favourite season was "hunting season" - which, depending on the year, had a September start date! His eyes lit up when all the 'boys' showed up at the farm for the "hunt." Lots of times, he would say it was the laughs, and having the gang together that meant more than getting a deer. A public graveside service at Gordon Cemetery will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 11 am, followed by a light luncheon TBA. In lieu of flowers, donations to the MS Society or Strawberry Point Bible Camp would be appreciated.

ANDREW PATERSON



Andrew Paterson, of Spring Bay, passed away suddenly on Thursday, August 12, 2021, in his 65th year. Beloved husband of Claudia and dear father of Daniel (Jenness), Keegan (Denise) and step-father of Jeffrey Bokan and Cassandra Bokan (George). He will be sadly missed by his brother Douglas, father and mother-in-law Luciano and Patricia Buttazzoni, sister-in-law Silvana (Sharon), brother-in-law Dino (Tracy), as well as many nieces, nephews and friends. Predeceased by his parents Ronald and June Paterson. Andrew had a huge heart and is remembered for his kindness and willingness to help others. He definitely had the gift of gab, always with a story to tell with his awesome Scottish accent. Andrew had a passion for the game of golf, especially with his two sons, Dan and Keegan, who aspired to be as good as their father. Jeffrey will miss the countless discussions about sports and Cassandra will definitely miss their playful banter. His wife "Claudier" will miss absolutely everything. Andrew is now back with his parents, able to enjoy a round of golf with his dad, Ron, and a glass of white wine with his mum, June. Andrew loved his family and friends which were many. The move to Manitoulin Island brought him so much joy and happiness. He continually worked on projects to make his and Claudia's paradise that much more perfect for everyone who had the pleasure to visit them. For Andrew, there was never a golf course that he was afraid to challenge, a loaf of bread unturned or a croissant that wasn't critiqued. He will truly be missed! Cremation has taken place. A come and go Celebration of Andrew's Life will be held at the Manitoulin Golf Club on Thursday, August 19, 2021 from 1 to 4 pm. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society and may be made through SimpsonFuneralHome.ca.

KATHLEEN (KAL) MERRYLEES



Kathleen (Kal) Merrylees, a resident of Millsite Apartments and formerly of Barrie Island, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at the age of 94. She was born in Gore Bay, daughter of Charlie and Katie (McDougall) Wright (predeceased). Beloved mother of Kaye (Danny) Nadeau, Jean (Mike) Gibbs, Joe (Sue) Merrylees, Bob (Connie) Merrylees, Barb Middaugh (Jean Brassard) and Jamie (Debby) Merrylees. Kal will be sadly missed by her 17 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren, her sister Haroldine Seli, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Predeceased by her husband Jim, special son-in-law Steve Middaugh, brothers Mac, Harold, Ken, Bob and sisters Mina and Anna. Kal worked hard all her life, taking care of her family. She was known for her homemade baking and her treat jar, always full and ready to share with anyone, especially her grandchildren. After Jim passed away, she took up playing euchre, making many new friends, who made sure she had a ride to and from. She was an active member of the Women's Institute and Lyons Memorial United Church. A graveside service was held on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 1 pm at Gordon Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Gore Bay Rotary Club (Gore Bay Medical Centre, cheque mailed to funeral home) or the Lyons Memorial United Church as expressions of sympathy and may be made through SimpsonFuneralHome.ca.

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

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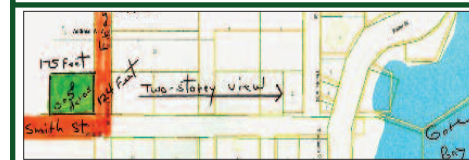
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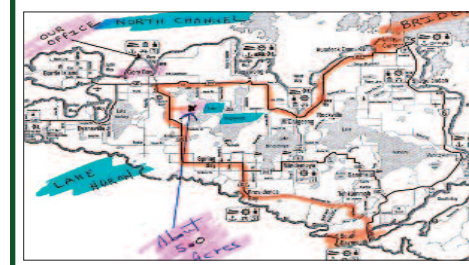
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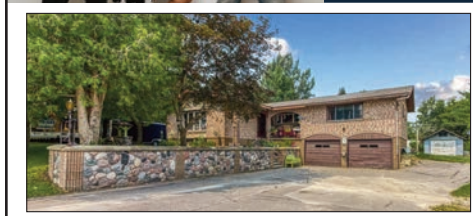
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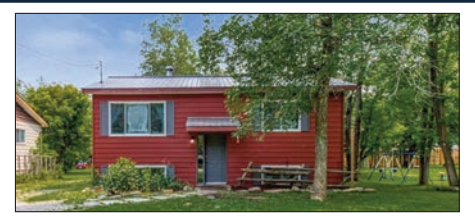
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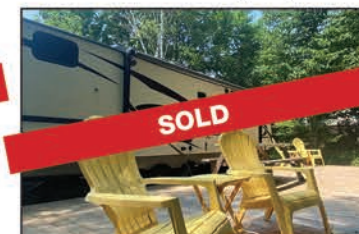


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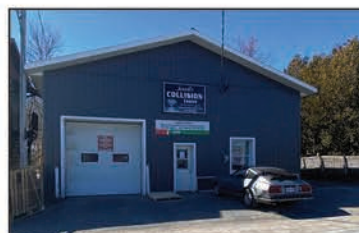


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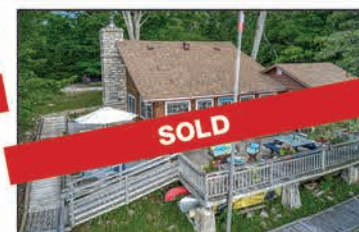
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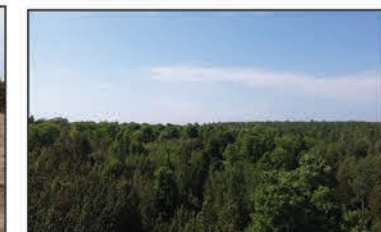


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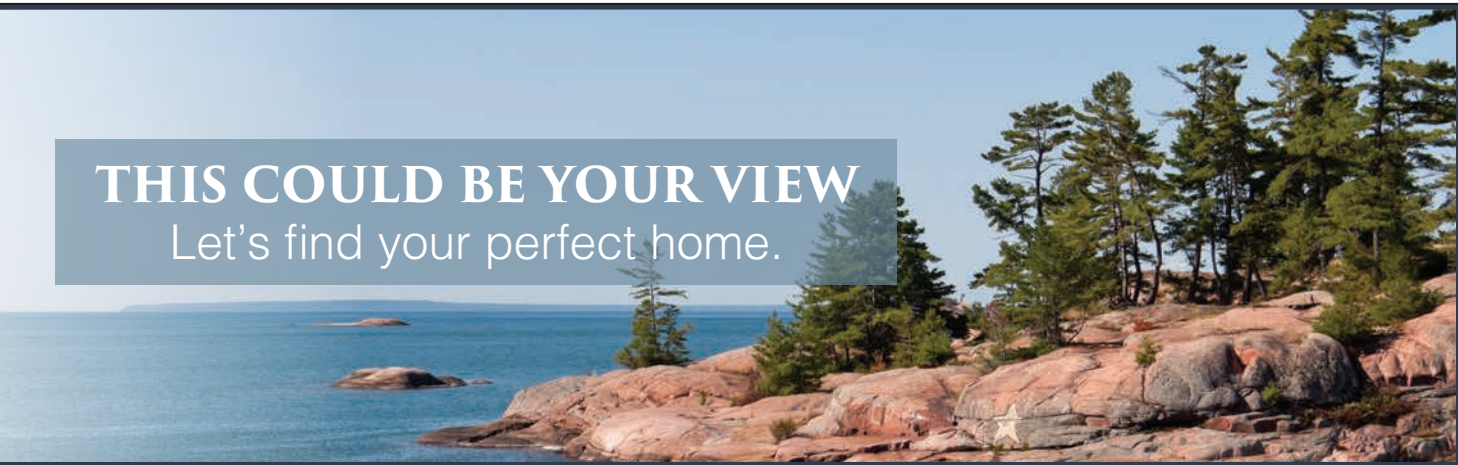


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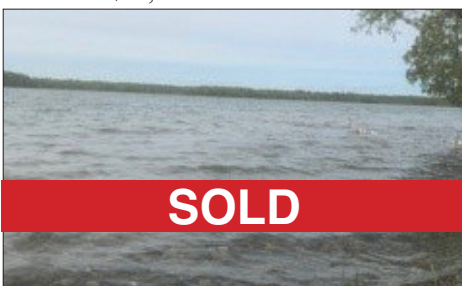
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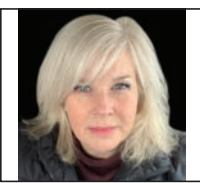


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