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**EXPOSITOR SALMON CLASSIC WINNING FISH KEEP GETTING BIGGER**—Dave Adamczak of Espanola, left, and Sean Leduc of Sudbury, right, pose with Salmon Classic organizer Dave Patterson and their \$12,000 cheque at the derby awards Sunday. The pair hauled in their massive 31.18-pound salmon, inset photo, right, just hours before the derby's end. **SEE STORY ON PAGE 3.**  
photo by Alicia McCutcheon



## Sheshegwaning woman shot dead; her partner faces murder charge

**SHESHEGWANING**—The community of Sheshegwaning is reeling this week after the news that a resident and young mother was fatally shot by her partner, a Sheshegwaning band member, Sunday morning.

On Sunday, August 25 at approximately 4:40 am, members of the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service and the Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were called to a disturbance at a residence on Shigniconing Road in Sheshegwaning First Nation.

Police located a 30-year-old female who had been fatally shot. The woman's partner, and father of her children, 37-year-old Frank Tomaselli was arrested without incident.

Mr. Tomaselli has been charged with second degree murder, contrary to section 235(1) of the Criminal Code of Canada (CC). He was

scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on Monday, August 26.

The investigation is ongoing with members of UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service, Manitoulin OPP, under the direction of Detective Inspector MaryLouise Kearns of the Criminal Investigation Branch.

On Monday evening, members of the Mnidoo Mnising First Nations Mental Wellness Crisis Response Team were on-hand at the Sheshegwaning community complex to provide grief counselling and mental health first aid to any community members who may have needed help. The band office also closed its doors starting Monday as the community comes together to heal from the tragedy.

One community member, who

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## Central Manitoulin arena debate:

*New chiller needed but council will put it in Providence Bay arena in case Mindemoya gets new sports complex*

by Betty Bardswich

**CENTRAL MANITOULIN**—Highlighted at the Central Manitoulin council meeting on August 22 was the desire to move down to only one arena and just where that edifice should be. Right now, the

municipality has two arenas, one in Providence Bay and the other in Mindemoya.

Two recommendations concerning this issue were put to council by the Property Committee. The first was to accept the

structural inspection report from Tulloch Engineering for the J.H. Burt Memorial Arena in Mindemoya and to proceed with the tendering process for the planned repairs at an estimated cost of \$30,000.

The second recommendation was to install the newly purchased chiller at this same arena.

Council is also looking at going with a multi-purpose sports facility and Councillor Derek Stephens would like to see the old arena and Old School in Mindemoya torn down, and perhaps the community hall, to facilitate this which left the people who want to repurpose the Old School with a drop-in centre for seniors, an art gallery, classes and perhaps a consignment store and indoor track, wondering why the sports complex has to go in that area. As one com-

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## Former Indian Day School students will be compensated by \$10,000 to \$20,000, each

by Michael Erskine

**OTTAWA**—On Monday, August 19 one of the final hurdles for the settlement of the Indian Day School class action suit seeking compensation for harms suffered while attending Federal Indian Day Schools and Federal Day Schools prior to 1988 was passed as the settlement was approved by the courts.

"I think this is good news," said Wiikwemkoong Ojima Duke Peltier, who noted that the final settlement will likely come following the 90-day opt out period. Ojima Peltier said that estimates he has seen suggest that as many as 2,000 members of his community would be eligible for the payouts. "Just about everyone who attended school before 1988 would qualify."

"Today, we are proud to announce that justice has been served for the students of Federal Indian Day Schools and Federal Day Schools," reads a released statement from lead plaintiffs

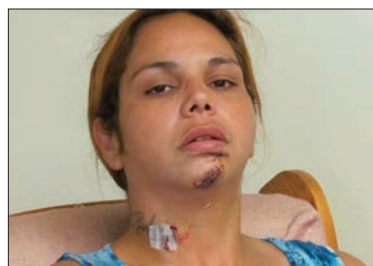
Roger Augustine, Claudette Commanda, Angela Sampson and Mariette Buckshot. "This settlement is a turning point for all who have suffered and continue to suffer from their experiences, and from their family members' experiences. It is a milestone on our

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## Mindemoya stabbing at Meadowview Apartments raises safety concerns

**MINDEMOYA**—On August 22 at approximately 3:44 pm, members of the Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a disturbance call at the Meadowview Apartments complex on Nixon Street in Mindemoya.

A complainant had made a report of two women screaming and yelling from an apartment. One of the females was seen running down the street



Vanessa Atawish of Mindemoya was the subject of a vicious knife attack on August 15 in her home at Meadowview Apartments.

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### Early Deadline

The Expositor Office will be closed next Monday for Labour Day Weekend. The deadline for classified ads, social correspondence, letters to the editor and display advertising will be 4 pm this Thursday, August 29.

The staff at the Expositor would like to wish our readers and their families a safe and enjoyable long weekend!



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## Expositor Salmon Classic Derby ends with record weights reeled in

by Alicia McCutcheon

**SOUTH BAYMOUTH**—In what can only be described as the most exciting finish in the Manitoulin Expositor Salmon Classic's four-year history, Sean Leduc of Sudbury and Dave Adamczak of Espanola pulled through with the top fish at the 11th hour, just before the end of the annual derby last Sunday morning.

The pair told The Expositor they launched the boat at around 5 am Sunday morning at Providence Bay. The night before they had made the decision to try their luck a little deeper than they had normally been fishing—that gut feeling paid off to the tune of \$12,000.

It was just after 7 am when the rod went off.

"When I set the hook I said 'this is it'," Mr. Leduc said.

"We just kept saying 'this is it! This is it!'," a grinning Mr. Adam-

czak added.

"I knew for sure it was either going to be first or second place," Mr. Leduc said, noting the 45-minute fight it took to land the 31.18-pound salmon.

The fishermen said they made a deal before their first Salmon Classic a few years ago that they would share the take if they found themselves in the winners' circle. Mr. Leduc said he wasn't sure what he was going to do with his share, but knew that it would help contribute toward his taxidermy costs. He also might use the funds to make a special trip to New York to try to fish there with one of their angling idols.

When asked what they used to lure in the big fish the pair just laughed. "Something green and white and silver," was all they'd say.

Leonard Mooney of Sudbury

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The top winners in each category of the Manitoulin Expositor Salmon Classic gather with organizer Dave Patterson, centre back (with no cap), at the John Budd Memorial Park in South Baymouth during the awards ceremony.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

## Over 3,000 people attend Homeland Mission's back to school giveaway in Little Current

by Alicia McCutcheon

**LITTLE CURRENT**—A whopping 560,000 pounds of food and supplies was on offer, all for free, during Homeland Mission's annual food giveaway held last Saturday at the Flat Rock Entertainment Centre (FREC) on Harbour View Road Little Current.

Rodney (Barney) Deforge was ecstatic about the turnout of what he's termed "the biggest giveaway yet."

"We had 560 skids, roughly 1,000 pounds per skid, at the grounds," he told The Expositor in a Monday interview. The average worth of those skids of food, supplies and toys? "It comes out to about \$2.1 million," Mr. Deforge said.

While the 60 volunteers, including Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes and Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha, managed to help the thousands on hand to load up their takeaways, still some remained. This has since been trucked off to other communities and shared with others who need



Folks lined up to take home an incredible 560,000 pounds of free food and supplies during the Homeland Mission annual food giveaway held last Saturday. Tristan Eadie, 7, right, volunteers at the kids' zone.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

it.

Saturday saw 575 cars and 3,000 from 53 communities, including every single one of Manitoulin's towns and First Nations. Over 1,900 families were helped with back to school just around the corner.

Some people began to line up

outside the Country Fest grounds at 6:30 am that morning while others slept overnight in the nearby arena parking lot.

Of those 60 volunteers, 17 of them were under the age of 15, including Little Current's Tristan Eadie, age 7, who was in charge of letting the kids know that they

were allowed two items per person when picking out games for their video game consoles. One large group of 14-year-olds was dropped off by their parents and asked to volunteer their time.

"To me that just speaks volumes—a group of 14-year-olds dropped off into our care and helping to load cars all day—it was incredible to watch," Mr. Deforge noted.

Mr. Deforge said he spoke to many of the families and was touched by one family in particular. A mother of seven from Elliot Lake heard about the giveaway and made the trek with her 11-year-old son to load up on supplies, especially hygiene items like soaps and shampoos for her five girls. When Mr. Deforge told the boy to head over to the kids' zone to pick out some games and toys, the mother responded that she needed her son to help her and he couldn't go. Because of her mobility issues, she told Mr. Deforge that with 20 minutes to spend inside the grounds, her

son's help was crucial to get everything she needed. Mr. Deforge then waived the 20-minute limit to make sure the son got to the kids' zone.

"To me the kids' zone was phenomenal," he continued. "I think it went over amazingly well."

The FREC grounds have already been booked for the same weekend next year for another back to school giveaway.

"The Country Fest grounds are the absolute best place to hold this," Mr. Deforge said, noting that Little Current businesses still get the economic spinoff from the event without the back-up of traffic in the town.

Mr. Deforge went on to the thanks Craig and Kelly Timmermans for their loan of the property, Mr. Mantha and Ms. Hughes and his army of volunteers for their hard work.

"It really was a community event, the community pulling together the way it should," he added. "It was an excellent event and we need to continue it."

## Federal government announces more than \$4 million in funding for municipal projects

by Michael Erskine

**SPANISH**—The Honourable Patty Hajdu, minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour and member of Parliament for Thunder Bay-Superior North dropped into Spanish on Friday, August 23 to announce more than \$4 million in federal funding for a number of projects across Manitoulin and the North Shore.

Minister Hajdu was acting on behalf of the Honourable Bernadette Jordan, minister of Rural Economic Development. Marc Serré, parliamentary secretary to the minister of Rural Economic Development and Paul Lefebvre, parliamentary secretary to the minister of Natural Resources accompanied the minister to the announcements.

Minister Hajdu noted that the Government of Canada is investing more than \$4 million in six projects through the Rural and Northern Communities Infrastructure Stream. The province and municipalities are responsible for picking up the remaining project costs.

"Connecting people and places is key to providing opportunities for all Canadians. Improving local roads and



At the funding announcement in Spanish were, from left, Marc Serré, parliamentary secretary to the minister of Rural Economic Development, Spanish Mayor Jocelyne Bishop, Honourable Minister Patty Hadju, Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin, Spanish Deputy Mayor Karen Von Pickartz, Spanish Councillor Sandra Trudel, Spanish CAO Pam Lortie and Cockburn Island Clerk Brent St. Denis.

bridges for Northern Ontarians will support the long-term success and prosperity of these communities" said Minister Hajdu in making the announcements.

"We are pleased with this announcement and thank both the federal and provincial governments for their contribution towards the rehabilitation of Algoma Street and Colonization Road," said announcement host Jocelyne Bishop, mayor of the Municipality of Spanish. "This road system provides our local and travelling tourists access to several of our waterfront businesses fronting on the beautiful Spanish River."

"We are very pleased," said Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens. "It is quite a relief to be getting the Union Road Bridge project done, that's one bridge down and a number more to go yet." Mayor Stephens noted that this was the fourth swing at the bat for his municipality on this project. "Municipalities couldn't afford to do these projects on their own."

Among the announcements for Central Manitoulin was

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## Second annual Women of Manitoulin Entrepreneur Conference will be held September 15

**LITTLE CURRENT**—The second annual WOMEN (Women of Manitoulin Entrepreneur Network) Conference is fast approaching and is set to take place at the Northeast Town recreation centre on Sunday, September 15.

For just \$30, women entrepreneurs (or women who wish to become entrepreneurs) will be treated to breakfast, lunch and a host of speakers on a wide array of topics.

Registration and breakfast is from 8 to 9 am and will be sponsored by RBC.

Barb Baker, founder of WOMEN, will offer an opening greeting from 9 to 9:15 am followed by a presentation from RBC's Karen Bird on 'taking time

to work on your business and not just in your business.' Ms. Bird will speak on retirement planning as a business owner, tax and estate planning for you and your business, succession planning and being prepared for the 'what ifs.'

Susan Milne of the PARO Centre for Women's Enterprise of Canada will speak from 9:45 to 10:15 am on PARO (Latin for 'I am ready') and what it can do for your business, including low loan rates and free grants, its mentoring program and some Manitoulin PARO success stories.

From 10:15 to 10:45 am Rebecca Danard from Rethink Green/Green Economy North will speak on gaining more ener-

gy efficiency from your business.

A break will be held from 10:45 to 11 am when Manitoulin artists Anong Beam and Marianna Lafrance will speak on the topic of opportunities for artists and artisans.

The pair will host a discussion on how Manitoulin artists can come together to form partnerships/co-operatives and provide

some ideas and suggestions on how this can be achieved.

A representative of the Business Development Bank (BDC) will speak to the group from 11:30 am to 12 pm on the work of the BDC and the services they can offer one's business.

After a lunch, with all the offerings provided by Manitoulin businesswomen, the program gets

underway with a short presentation by Tammy Albers on 'how many hats do you wear.'

Ms. Baker will next give a talk on ensuring your business is accessible be it larger print on a menu to arm rests on a chair.

Shelba Millette from the Manitoulin Tourism Association

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## Ontario property twice the size of Bermuda now protected

by Tom Sasvari

**TORONTO**—The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) has announced the purchase and protection of 10,730 hectares (26,514 acres) on Cockburn Island. The non-profit, private land conservation organization has conserved over 60 percent of the Great Lakes seventh largest island, and an incredible 48 kilometres of undeveloped shoreline.

"The area we are protecting on Cockburn Island is twice as much as the entire area of Bermuda, and Cockburn Island is four times the size of Bermuda, and we've protected half of it," stated Vince Deschamps, program director, Midwestern Ontario for the NCC. "And yes, depending on the time of year, the beach on Cockburn Island is as nice as you would

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## editorial

### Provincial downloading of services onto property taxes unconscionable

"There is only one taxpayer" is an oft quoted phrase, most often cited by both large and small-c conservatives, this is most definitely true—but not all tax collectors are created equal. That is why The Expositor greeted the recent provincial announcement that the costs of several important public services are being downloaded onto municipal taxpayers.

The downloading announcement was made during the recent Association of Municipalities of Ontario annual gathering in Ottawa. Ontario Premier Doug Ford spoke to the AMO delegates about "getting out of your way" and "partnering" with municipalities to "find efficiencies." It was quite evident that few in the room at AMO realized what the premier was actually saying to them—that discovery was left for later on the evening news. We will leave our opinion on that tactic aside.

The reality of taxation is that municipalities have the least clout when it comes to being able to gather revenue from their communities, particularly those small rural communities to be found on Manitoulin, Northern Ontario and across the rest of the province. Federal and provincial coffers may be stretched in these days where it is all the rage to race to the bottom of corporate and wealth taxes—but they have nothing on the drum tight budgets facing most rural communities.

Federal and provincial politicians hasten to make political hay out of returning funds to small communities for local infrastructure projects, but the truth of the matter is—it is our money that these political actors are doling out in the first place.

There is no question that small rural municipalities are run on a tight rein, much to the chagrin of those who called for amalgamations in hopes of discovering savings through "efficiencies." When the fiction came to face fact, those dreamed of efficiencies turned to ash and rural taxpayers in outlying communities roped into larger urban areas soon discovered their tax bills skyrocketing (see the former Region of Sudbury).

Both the federal and provincial governments have tax bases and opportunities far in excess of those available to a rural community. The rural municipality really only has one accessible source—property taxes.

So when Premier Doug Ford announced that municipalities would be partnering with him to find efficiencies, what a check of the political dictionary would actually reveal is that he is taking it off his beleaguered books and placing squarely on the tax bill of local taxpayers. This is smoke and mirrors of the most heinous type and a true travesty coming from someone who champions the cause of the little guy and someone who purports to wear the mantle of a conservative. There are none tinier of means than the pensioner trying to get by in a small, rural and Northern community.

Premier Ford and his colleagues at Queen's Park would do well to rethink their strategy of foisting a greater share of health and social service costs onto those least able to afford to pay for them. Buck up and do your job instead of throwing the responsibility onto the lower tier governments and, by extension, the struggling property owners of rural and Northern communities.

## letters

### Not hurting business in Little Current is important

*But a single navigational channel is a bad idea*

**To the Expositor:**

I understand that the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands has a certain criteria for a new bridge. Basically, the message is it should not impact businesses or citizens negatively. I concur wholeheartedly.

With that in mind, several options including the fixed bridge, tunnel and a moveable bridge entering Little Current near the old Kool it Ice building have been removed. Another option of 'do nothing' has also been removed.

That leaves us with two options. One is a bascule draw bridge and the other is a swing bridge. Both would be two-lane.

The town and council have thrown their support behind the bascule draw bridge.

Personally, when I compare the two my support is firmly behind the two-lane swing bridge.

These are the reasons:

1. The swing bridge option resembles the existing heritage swing bridge. The bascule draw bridge does not.
2. The swing bridge option will provide the same "charming and iconic" appeal. The bascule bridge does not.
3. The swing bridge will provide two navigational channels of

approximately 42 metres wide. The bascule bridge does not. (It provides only one navigational channel of approximately 35 metres.)

4. After contacting the Swing Bridge Study Group (905-381-3249). I was informed, and I quote, "Neither the bascule bridge or swing bridge will result in a direct impact to the Manitoulin Tourism Association building. However, alignment two in particular result in minor impacts to the entrance/access of the property where the building is located."

I have to point out that the bascule option may be a bit quicker than the swing bridge option at first glance. However, taking into consideration the amount of current we have in the channel it seems much safer to me to have two navigational channels than one.

In conclusion, I urge people to get informed, I urge people to contact the study group at 905-381-3249 and the Town at 705-368-3500 to voice your opinion whether you agree with mine or not. Now is the time to get involved. We need to know if the old bridge comes down or gets moved. We need to know that entering our beautiful Island will be the best it can be. The familiar in a two-lane version gets my vote. Sincerely,

Susan Allan  
Little Current

### Writer appalled over online hate directed at Pride Manitoulin

*But not surprised*

**To the Expositor:**

I'm writing as a parent of a LGBTQ2S+ young adult. I can't speak for the LGBTQ2S+ community and I won't speak over them. I'd like to say I'm appalled at the hate spewed about Pride Manitoulin and the grant they received, but I'm not surprised that it came out. I've been on the receiving end of this type of vitriol just for being a parent of a transgender child. I've seen my child affected by the hate that is directed at him just for existing.

As a cisgender, heterosexual, white woman I know I have privilege and I like to think I use it in a positive way. It truly boggles my mind that other people have a need to direct their hate and anger at a marginalized group of people. It's for this exact reason that Prides exist. It's not just for the current people who are out, but also for the children coming who shouldn't be afraid to be who they are and love who they love.

As for the online comments, one person said he didn't see any comments from children, implying, I guess, that his words won't affect them. However, that doesn't mean they haven't seen the comments directed towards them. While my son is an adult, he saw your words and he was affected as he was a student at MSS when you taught there. Words can, very often, affect people even more than actions. I now wonder how safe was he at school when someone who was a teacher can be

openly hateful towards our kids in a public forum such as Facebook. What does someone like that behave when alone with a child.

He wasn't alone in his hate speech, though. There was a comment all in caps. Why would you need to yell at our children? Why would another person question the existence of so many Pride celebrations that take place in many Canadian cities? They take place because hate exists there, too, and people here can't just up and travel somewhere else.

Going back to the grant in question, there was a grant proposal written and sent because that's what the money is for. Events such as Pride Manitoulin are important to our government, therefore the people, otherwise the grant wouldn't exist. In the grand scheme of things, \$18,000 isn't that much when you consider the costs of a weekend long event.

It's not just for "a parade." It's to put things in place so that the whole of Manitoulin can come and learn and celebrate with our LGBTQ2S+ community all weekend that, whether you accept it or not, exists here on Manitoulin Island.

So, love this wonderful community or not, it's your choice, but I chose to love my kid unconditionally and all LGBTQ2S+ humans. Because, in the end, that's what we are. Humans, with feelings. Love to all.

Sue Murphy  
Mindemoya

### You must give up your luxurious ways to fight climate change

*The change has to come from you*

**To the Expositor:**

Climate change, everybody is complaining about it, but there is nothing that can be done about it. If anybody can think clearly about what is going on around the world today with all the pollution that is happening. We have thousands of jets and planes flying around every minute of the day and then those rockets they are sending up into space. We have millions of cars on the roads every minute. We have all of this mining that is happening taking out millions of tons of minerals from our Mother Earth. I think that is causing our Mother Earth's magnetic field to go out of balance, it is also affecting our climate in a way too on top of this global warming. When you disturb Mother Earth's ecosys-

tem that will do it. With this technology that is coming out where do you think it is coming from? Well, it's coming from our Mother Earth. Mankind wants to make life easier for people and citizens are very happy with this technology and having fun with it. Well citizens will end up paying dearly for it. If they do not let go of their luxury ways our Mother Earth may come to an end and I know better. They will not let go of their luxury ways so why are you complaining about climate change? The change has to come from you, there is no doubt about it either. For me, I'm not too afraid of the world's coming to an end.

Ron Osawabine  
Wiikwemkoong

**Joanne and Jim Smith**

This popular, well-known Island couple lives on a spectacularly flowered, treed and watered sanctuary. Their home, built in 1876, is ensconced in this landscaping heaven. It features sturdy, original oak kitchen cupboards, hand-hewn beams, and a newer 1970 central fireplace that supports the main structure. Two of the cherished furnishings that abound were rescued from a 'burning' ancestral home: a quaint old tea wagon and an oak hall stand. Joanne and Jim, who are the lucky owners, have cherished this home for 50 years. Meanwhile, they taught at local schools and became admired instructors. Joanne and her sister Marion also ran Hawberry Habit handmade ladies fashions and husband Jim taught archery to many of his pupils. He and his students have won numerous local and provincial championships in this remarkable field.

"I remember the first time I saw our home, the 'King house,' as a buyer," Joanne explains. "My brother-in-law had found this place. We were up to our ankles in mud and cows, but we loved this house with its elegant history, its obvious charm and its impressive age. I saw the old hand-built antique cupboards in the kitchen, and despite the mud, mosquitoes and black flies, I knew this house was for us."

The home had a poured-concrete basement, which, when built, had been encased in forms made from 14-inch high boards, wired together which were moved upward as each layer hardened. The displayed part of the wall was subsequently parged and grooved to resemble cement blocks, which in earlier times, were a prestigious building material. A small milk house capped the spring that bubbled out by the front door.

Joanne's grandfather George Hodgson had been a farmer in Caledonia, near Hamilton. He and William King came to the Island in 1874 when he heard of land sales on Manitoulin, at 50 cents an acre. He, his wife Jean and two children landed in West Bay (now M'Chigeeng) and moved inland. Oxen carried their possessions, including dishes packed in flour, through the bush, to Lake Mindemoya.

Grandfather commissioned a dugout canoe on his first trip to help carry the supplies and belongings across the lake to the property George had previously selected on the south shore. That dugout canoe was later found partially submerged in the sand on the shore of the mainland. It was eventually dug up and now resides at Jack's Museum in Mindemoya.

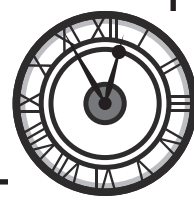
Joe Hodgson was three when he came to the Island. A generation later, Joanne, named after her dad, was born to Jean and Joe Hodgson on March 18, 1946. She was the youngest daughter of three, with sisters Marion and Lorene. "My first memory at age two or three was sitting at the piano, teaching myself to play."

"A sweet lady, Aunt Mary, staying at Treasure Island (the large island in Lake Mindemoya which the Hodgson family operated as an important resort) gave me a quarter every time I played piano for her, so when my mother asked me to play, I replied 'I usually get a quarter...'. Mom became very upset and put a halt to my savings plan and potential profitable career! Aunt Mary got in trouble too. In time, an alternative plot generated a nickel from each post card that was sold."

"I was afraid of the bus, so my first day of school at six was stressful. First, I had to cross the lake and get on a bus, the driver of which, Mike Smith did not allow talking. I couldn't ask where to get off. Thankfully, in time, I understood the system. After school I got a ride to Aunt Janet's log house near the dock



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A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin  
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin  
By Petra Wall



The married couple.

they had seen and paddled away excitedly. It was not clear if they ever found out it was not the real Tom. Later, when Joanne phoned the owner, Chuck, to ask if he had really sold the island to Tom Selleck, there was a silence, then the answer: 'Joannie, I would never sell Treasure Island...and who is Tom Selleck?'

Joanne met Jim at high school, and they became friends. "Initially, he was so smart, I thought him a bit of a nerd." Jim thought her pretty and admired her musical abilities. Best of all, she was a great ping-pong player. Jim would cross the lake to Treasure Island on his sea-flee speed boat just to play table tennis with her.

Jim was born on February 1, 1946 to Walter and Margaret (Adamson) Smith. He has a broth-



"Okay, Jim, you can take her off our hands."



Lorene, Marion with their younger sister Joanne in the early 1950s.

and I stayed there until the boat picked me up. For a little girl, it was still a lot to organize, so I used to hope for a storm or fog so I could just stay home. Home was a safe place, a magical place where harsh words were not heard," Joanne continues. "My teacher was stern, but she was a good teacher. One day I took her a huge bouquet of trilliums, which grew in huge abundance on Treasure Island. My bouquet was met with a serious lesson, that these flowers were Ontario's special ones, and no one was to pick them! That was difficult for a six-year-old to understand."

"My dad Joe was a visionary, a dreamer, an artist and storyteller. Dad met Lester Pearson at a pre-election convention in Toronto. Dad's short speech ended with, 'Vote for the Love of Mike.' That became a popular slogan for the campaign. Mr. Pearson told Joe, 'If I get in, I will build you a dock'. Sure enough, soon after the election, dad got a call asking where he wanted his dock. He thought it was a joke, laughed and hung up on the fellow. 'It was just some fool who wanted to know where to put the dock.' Apparently, it was not a joke and soon a new wharf was built, the only federally-funded version on an in-land lake."

Joe became a good friend of the Pearsons over the years. Mr. Pearson's riding was Algoma East and included Manitoulin Island and when he became the prime minister, he made frequent visits to his home riding. He could often be seen dining among the guests at Treasure Island. Before the popularity of Treasure Island as a resort, dad raised turkeys and silver foxes until the depression hit and furs did not sell. However, there was a silver lining. Guests to Treasure Island were asking to have cottages built for their summer stays. Joe built 17 cottages in all. Guests were treated to gar-



Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I'm 64?

den-fresh meals on the American plan of breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus accommodation.

Joanne's mother Jean had been a mother much of her life. Her own mother died of tuberculosis when Jean was 17. She had a three-month-old sibling, Allan, a three-year-old sister, Mary, and three older brothers. Jean had her heart set to attend school, but she was needed at home. Tears were shed, but she did as requested. Little Mary was later adopted by another family. As an adult, Jean was a mum who also liked working with elders. She organized a group of mainly seniors, to form The Old Time Orchestra, (candidly quipped as the Sympathy Orchestra). Members fiddled and strummed, Joanne adding piano and Jim played saxophone.

"Then there is the Tom Selleck story," added Joanne, "He was never actually at Treasure Island, as far as we know, but many were convinced he was. At one point, two girls rented a canoe and were determined to see Tom. When they arrived, one of the new owners of Treasure Island, seeing an opportunity, said 'Just wait a moment.' He went up the hill to the lodge, and in a moment, a good-looking man came out and stood on the deck to wave. The girls were convinced it was Tom

er, Frank, two years his junior, who, as a kid, loved to act in local drama. The two brothers both became teachers, Frank teaching drama and theatre arts in Lindsay, and Jim beginning his teaching career in Kingston. "Mum was an accomplished pianist," said Jim, "who had played in a professional swing band in Windsor. She immediately became organist in the Anglican Church on our arrival to Mindemoya and was the life of the party wherever we went."

Walter, Jim's dad, had won the Canadian Handgun Championship in 1957, and was a many-time provincial winner. As he received career promotions, he and Jim's family were moved to several locations in southern Ontario before coming to Mindemoya as the new bank manager of the local Bank of Montreal branch. He was known for his ability to see the best in people, often giving risky loans based more on trust and instinct than by-the-book credit ratings. "He was always right with his hunches," Jim adds, "though he sometimes worried about head office opinions of his judgment. Margaret and Walter were gracious hosts, giving wonderful musical parties where everyone was wel-

come."

Jim could read and sing before he was five. As did Joanne, Jim skipped Grade 3. "I never played hockey in those elementary school days, and when coming into high school in Mindemoya, I began to skate. I was a kamikaze to be sure! I did love to play hockey, though, and improved on the outdoor rinks during university days in Kingston. In the early 70s, Larry Burns and I established the first Sportsman hockey league on Manitoulin."

English and math were Jim's favourite high school subjects. Track became a passion for him. He ran every weekend with his buddy, Ted Jackson, who would drive over from Gore Bay to coach and work out with him. As a Junior, Jim broke the quarter mile NOSSA record in New Liskeard at the age of 15, in later years, running with the Queen's University track club.

Joanne and Jim found they had much in common. "We double dated a lot but not with each other at first. Eventually we 'heard the same music' and understood each other well." He and Joanne, still high school students, started a Glee Club and a 10-piece band in the school. Later, in their teaching days, Joanne and her sister Marion, directed many plays. 'Oklahoma', 'My Fair Lady', 'Li'l Abner' were just a few of these, providing lifetime memories for all their cast members. Later, in community drama, both were involved in such plays as 'Fiddler on the Roof', 'Brigadoon', 'Music Man' and others.

After high school, Joanne went to Western University in London to major in English. Jim went to Queens University in Kingston, where he joined the university handgum club. He competed in matches across the northern US and southern Ontario, eventually winning the Ontario Expert Class championship.

In 1966, Queens University had a track meet at Western and Jim would be competing there. He thought: "I know someone in Western" and tried to call his friend, Joanne. Reaching her roommate instead, she relayed the message to Joanne that some man with a sexy voice had called. Jim interjects the interview, "I think she didn't get out much!" Joanne was astonished, "Jim Smith, a sexy voice?" They didn't meet up for the track meet, but there was a football game two weeks later, also at Western, and Jim received a call from Joanne that he was to line up some dates for her and her roommates at Western. When the entourage arrived, Jo was dismayed that each had a date but her! "I knew him!" she exclaimed. "Who could know!"

Jim earned 'Type A' qualifications in math and English, and after graduation and teaching in Kingston for one year, he applied to teach at Manitoulin. The new high school was to open in 1969. Joanne, however, was planning a trip to Europe with her girlfriend in 1968 when her former principal phoned her and asked her to teach at the old high school in Mindemoya, then in its final year before Manitoulin Secondary School opened. "I will put an ad in the paper (it was a tiny ad in the Globe and Mail) and if nobody comes forward, the job is yours in the fall." The job was hers in the fall.

Joanne only had three days to prepare when she got back from Europe. She would teach English to the fourth year and fifth-year students. "I had no teaching experience and was only three years older than most of my students. Sister Marion was head of the department and a perfect mentor, but despite this I was up all night trying to get ready. The students were wonderful though and I had lots of support."

On June 28, 1969 Jim and Joanne solidified their harmo-

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## Tehkumamah Council Notes

### Financial statements

Tehkumamah council received its audited financial statements for 2018 from Angele Charbonneau, partner at accounting firm MNP LLP which has been contracted by the township. These statements were issued as unqualified, that is, there are no conditions on the report. 2017 figures had been adjusted because past accounting practices had included the balances of the Manitoulin Planning Board and Manitoulin Centennial Manor, which the township does not control, so these were removed.

The township's net financial assets at the end of 2018 totalled \$18,759, down from \$120,816 at the end of 2017. Collected taxes came in at \$1,141,013, roughly 5.4 percent above their expected amount. However, expenses also were much higher than expected, particularly the general government services category (\$626,431 versus the budgeted \$420,523) and environmental services (\$460,320 versus the budgeted \$220,477).

Tehkumamah ended 2018 at a \$346,290 deficit, as opposed to the budgeted \$67,559 surplus. Its accumulated surplus dropped from \$2,948,417 to \$2,602,127. The deficit includes an asset depreciation amount of \$309,192 (depreciation in 2017 was \$306,042).

The township spent \$9,371 on its landfill site closure and post-closure liability in 2017, but the cash flow sheet shows it was provided \$9,092 by the same activity in 2018. These figures are based on the estimate given by the township's contracted engineering firm.

The auditors provided recommendations, which will be assessed and presented in a follow-up report to council. The financial statements are available on the township's website, tehkumamah.ca.

### Water and Sewer

Council adopted its water and sewer bylaw which effects a previously-approved rate increase of 2.5 percent each year in 2019, 2010 and 2021, not including any additional or emergency funding that may be required.

Councillor Rick Gordon said the water and sewer rate of \$1,941 might as well have been a 'double tax' and said switching to a metered system would teach water conservation. Reeve David Jaggard said that ultimately, the township would need the same amount of money to maintain the system even if using meters, including the operation and monitoring of the water plant every day of the year. Acting Clerk-Administrator Roy Hardy said if the township really wanted to reduce these costs, it should look at fostering residential development in South Baymouth.

### Sale/disposition of municipal land

Council passed its bylaw providing for the things to consider when someone requests to purchase a piece of municipal land, such as a road allowance. Councillor Michael McKenzie was very concerned about the prospect of the township selling its road allowances and did not support the bylaw. Reeve Jaggard said these were only policies to follow and that any future councils would give very careful consideration of any possible sales. The motion to enact the bylaw carried.

### Fire chief's report

Jeff Wilson said the newly acquired truck from the Township of Tiny has been working well and was just waiting on an emissions test before the ownership could transfer. The old 1987 pumper has been stripped and sold.

The newly purchased 1999 Freightliner has faced a much higher repair bill than originally anticipated. Mr. Wilson said this was because the company bringing it up to full operating condition strongly encouraged a new

pump to extend the vehicle's future lifespan, which came at double the cost of a used pump. An oil leak was also discovered on the truck which could be in the range of \$3,000 to correct.

Mr. Hardy also noted that the east wall of the municipal garage requires "serious attention" and will need to be looked at in the 2020 capital budget.

### BMO Re-advanceable 'Masterline'

Council approved a Bank of Montreal Re-advanceable 'Masterline' line of credit worth \$250,000. This product pre-approves the township to borrow money within that range in the form of either fixed- or variable-rate loans for equipment purchases.

For instance, Tehkumamah will be using this to finance the new 2018 Dodge pickup patrol truck with a five-year fixed rate loan and, if it is within the bounds of the line of credit, possibly the new plow truck.

Re-advanceable means that as the balance on a loan is paid off, that money becomes available for other uses.

The line of credit carries no interest charges except for those associated with any loans within it. The township will have to approve any spending using the line of credit.

### Winter roads standards, marina rules

Council passed its winter roads standards and its draft rules and regulations for the South Baymouth Marina.

The winter roads standards include a provision for contractors to clear municipally owned walkways and parking lots. Councillor McKenzie asked why those were included, to which Mr. Hardy replied that in exceptional circumstances it may be better to contract these jobs rather than pay overtime because municipal workers are busy working on keeping roads open.

The marina rules and regulations are a set of "common sense, safety-oriented" rules for boaters and municipal staff to reference. Councillor Lorie Leeson expressed concern with a provision preventing fishing from marina docks during peak season because of the popular fall perch fishing in the marina. Mr. Hardy replied that these provisions are in place to be enforceable if required, such as people getting in the way of the safe operation of the facility. If marina guests do not follow the regulations, the police can be involved.

### South Baymouth overnight parking

Overnight parking has become an increasing problem since the Owen Sound Transportation Company has implemented parking charges at its facilities. Council was presented with a motion to install no overnight parking signs at the marina as had been done on Given Rd. and Water St. Councillor Leeson expressed concern about overnight boaters who would need the space and council discussed other possible challenges with putting up signs at this location. They directed staff to bring back a report on how they should deal with the parking issue.

### Library board, Triangle Club agreements

Council said they were satisfied with a new draft agreement with the Tehkumamah Library board and would be sending it to them for approval. The library is technically a separate entity from the township and so they would need to obtain a separate employer and HST number.

Mr. Hardy brought information to council about its agreement with the Tehkumamah Triangle Senior Citizens' Club and some provisions that the township would be working on, such as that Tehkumamah did not wish to be

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## Law & Order

Crime Stoppers and the Manitoulin OPP are requesting the public's assistance in identifying suspects involved in a break, enter and theft and mischief incident.

Sometime during the evening of July 30, unknown suspects attended the Froot dam situated near Lawson's Quarry on the east side of Highway 6 in Whitefish Falls. Using a grinder, culprits removed two stop logs which control the water level from the dam and tossed them over into the water. Suspects then broke into a storage shed and stole two overhead hoists. The hoists are described as CM "S" Cyclone hand chain hoists, red in colour, rated for 2 ton with 30 feet of hoist chain. The estimated value of the stolen property and mischief is approximately \$5,000 dollars.



Hoists like these were stolen from the Froot dam.

# Manitoulin Sporting Life

## Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



### Local player looks to move his new team higher up the NOJHL standings

Wiikwemkoong's **Gregory Trudeau-Paquet**, now a "seasoned" veteran of the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League, is understandably a highly touted prospect and has now been traded to the Powasson Voodoos. Greg, a two-time NOJHL All-Star, had 27 goals and 26 assists totaling 53 points in 41 games last season with his former team the Kirkland Lake Gold Miners.

On the NOJHL site, Trudeau-Paquet is quoted as being, "very pleased with his new team" and "we are going to have something special going on. Really looking forward to meeting the guys and to get things going. I'm definitely excited and can't wait to get things going in August and wouldn't want to spend my last junior season, anywhere else," said Trudeau-Paquet, who has 69 career NOJHL goals.

The Powasson side finished with the exact same wins but just two points behind his former team in the eastern division. The only difference that put the Voodoos behind his former squad were two overtime losses that awarded the Goldminers with an extra couple of single points! Have a great season, Greg!

### Two local players on winning fastball squad

Congratulations to Manitoulin softball aces **Lyle Baibomcowai** and **Mike Abotossaway** who are the 2019 All-Ontario Native Fastball Championships again as part of the all-star Nawash Sin! 2019 hosted by Chippewa First Nation and is their sixth straight win!

The format is a double knock-out tourney and lost last Friday to the North Shore's Sagamok team 6 - 5 so they needed to win every game in order to keep the streak alive. In their Saturday games the pair beat the very familiar Wiky Lumberjacks 8 - 1, then Saugeen 2 - 0, then a rematch win against Sagamok in a dominant 16 - 1 victory. In their Sunday games they topped Oshweken 1 - 0 and then in the first championship game they bested Rama 3 - 0 and then had to play them again since it was Rama's first loss but Nawash Sin beat them again in the final, 6 - 1. Surely the team will be reassembled for the 2020 tournament to be hosted by nearby, Garden River.

### RHP squad boasts local talents!

The annual Sudbury RHP 3 on 3 summer hockey tournament is always an exciting start to many local eager hockey players. This year's silver medal winners were mainly Manitoulin and Espanola skaters. Hats off to **Easton Assinewai**, **Max King**, **Koda Peltier**, **Ryan Carter**, **Spencer Cortes**, **Liam Stephens** from the Island and **Lincoln Rancourt**, **Cohen Rajotte** and **Bryden Romaniuk** from Espanola. Way to go team and best of luck on your upcoming seasons!

### Arthurs finishes successful double-bladed weekend!

**Steve Arthurs** just got back from Timmins for his annual pilgrimage to the Great Canadian Kayak Challenge and Festival. He finished second in 10km, third in 6.5 km short boat and then fifth in 6.5 km long boat elite. In his first two races, he used a recreational kayak, admittedly not good for racing but a good test for the Little Current paddler, but is now "needing" a competitive 14.4' light weight kayak! Who am I to deny someone another boat?

### Special Olympics' Softball!

Congratulations to all the talented athletes, organizers and innumerable volunteers that came together to host yet another Regional Special Olympics Softball Championships in Mindemoya. **Greg Lockeyer**, always involved in organizing and officiating local sports, kept this amazing event rolling as did Special Olympics' Coach **Janet Anning**. Greg was quoted as acknowledging: "incredible displays of sportsmanship" from the 12 teams made up of close to 200 players and coaches from Almaguin, North Bay, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, Timmins and Manitoulin who took to the Mindemoya Ball Fields for this annual event. Thanks to everyone involved.

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**Gore Babes take title**

The Manitoulin Softball League championships took place this past Saturday in Little Current and saw the reigning champs the Swing Bridge Cripplers retire their title in favour of the Gore Babes. This is the second time in the four years of the league that they have won the league trophy. Eastside Greasers came in second place at the playoffs. All players were treated to a barbecue lunch and pizza dinner by Orr's Valu-Mart and an on-site beer garden and refreshment station was staffed by Manitoulin Brewing Company. This event is run by a volunteer group made up of Corey Karn, Zack Rolston, Kristin Bickell, Natalie Hastings and Crystal Wright.



Boarderline's Mike Wilding hands off the trophy.

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# ...New chiller needed but council will put it in Providence Bay arena

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 mittee member said, "We are worried about kids running out of the arena and on to the road now. Surely there is other property available where the kids would be safe and there would be plenty of parking."

A recreation committee was set up to investigate the potential for this new complex. Silvio Berti, the municipal coordinator, noted at one of the committee's meetings that a new arena would cost \$6 million. When asked if there are grants for new arenas, he said, "No."

Councillor Dale Scott then said, "The cost of engineering and design can mitigate things down the road." Committee members are busy putting together a cohesive financial report and asking different organizations if they would use the multi-purpose complex. Councillor Scott asked if there was any use for Facebook to which committee chair Angela Johnston said, "Yes, but not for the public."

Councillor Johnston came prepared to the

August 24 council meeting with notes and began by saying that doing the recommendations was short-sighted. She said that the two arenas combined have a total usage of 42.5 hours per week. "We do not need two arenas based on our usage," she asserted. Councillor Johnston went on to say that monies saved could be used for projects that will benefit more members of the municipality. In speaking of the Providence Bay arena, she said that arena is in good shape, but has a smaller ice surface than the Mindemoya rink. "The location," she went on to say, "does not make it feasible. Mindemoya should be the main arena." Councillor Johnston then spoke of the cost to bring the arena up to date, including the \$30,000 request for repairs as well as the cost of the chiller. She also said that the west wall of this arena is bowing and it may have to be replaced at a cost of \$200,000. She concluded by saying that it would cost \$1.2 million to bring the arena up to code and that this

does not include changes to the washrooms. Councillor Johnston also told council that she doesn't think the councillors have had ample time to study the issue.

Councillor Derek Stephens noted that tenders are usually more, so would add more on to Councillor Johnston's figures. He mentioned that the opening for minor hockey is in October and also added that the west wall could be moved further by a bad frost or snow. "Look at the bigger picture," he said. "One arena could be used in the interim until we decide where we are going."

Councillor Linda Farquhar then said, "I am not supporting this motion. I think we need an arena in Mindemoya. She also spoke of the costs of snow removal and noted that the purchased chiller could go to the Providence Bay arena. She finished by saying that council should wait until the two absent councillors, Dale Scott and Steven Shaffer, would be in attendance for discussion around the two arenas

issue. Councillor Stephens was opposed to this saying, "We cannot stop municipal business because they are not here."

Ward three Councillor Al Tribinevicius told council that he was surprised at the increase in snow removal. "I am worried about snow loads," he said. "How little is needed to make that building unsafe?" He went on to point out that statistics show that one arena is sufficient for 10,000 people. "There are seven arenas on the Island for 13,000 people" he noted. "If we move to Prov, what happens to this building? More damage done to it? Empty buildings do all kinds of things. I don't have an answer."

"The arena is needed in Mindemoya," Mayor Richard Stephens asserted. "Most of the activities take place there. A hockey rep should be here," he added as he expressed his disappointment that none were at the meeting. At the municipality's budget meeting, Councillor Dale Scott had emphasized this point, saying, "We have to bring in stakeholders. Minor hockey, men's hockey. They need to be notified. At least we

have to have the courtesy of talking with them."

The mayor had two thoughts. "Are we a service industry or a finance industry? Needs first and wants second. It will not go over too well with the people who use it for six months. Thirty thousand dollars is well invested. I will continue to support this because I believe that this is what our people want."

At this point, Councillor Tribinevicius asked the mayor about the federal funding for infrastructure. "Do we have plans for an arena?" he asked. To this, Mayor Stephens said that it was still at sub-committee level.

"It cannot be deferred," CAO/Clerk Ruth Frawley said. "It will delay the opening."

"We have another perfectly fine arena," Councillor Stephens said, "that will not delay the start of hockey. Prov is structurally sound. There is lots of parking. Minor hockey said they can play out of Prov in the interim."

The arena question had also been discussed at the Central Manitoulin budget 2019 meeting. The Finance

and Economic Development (FED) committee had discussed the design of a new recreational complex. "This is the time to make the decision," Councillor Stephens said at the time.

Councillor Shaffer demurred, saying, "I don't think we have done our homework on what is best."

Mayor Stephens agreed with this, saying, "We have to do as Steve says. See what is doable."

Councillor Johnston then said, "Use Prov until the new complex is built. So it is not a real either/or issue. Prov will close when the new complex is built." Councillor Johnston has made it clear, though, that the Providence Bay arena will still be used for other events.

It was decided in the end that the newly purchased chiller would go to the Providence Bay arena by default. Councillor Farquhar did not support this motion.

By the meeting's end, no consensus had been reached on the fate of Central Manitoulin's two arenas.

# ...Sheshegwaning woman shot dead

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asked to remain anonymous, told The Expositor that the young woman and Mr. Tomaselli had several children together and were partners.

"The community is pretty shocked right now," they said.

The woman is originally from Moose Factory, "but did call Sheshegwaning her

home," they added.

"Talia was quiet, very family-oriented," they said of the victim. "Her kids were her life. She was kind, always smiling."

"She was a stay at home mom, like I said her kids were her life," they continued. "She always made sure the kids were at school on time, always there at end of day to take them home. She was a kind soul."

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find in the Bermuda; it is as beautiful and a whole lot less crowded.”

Containing one of the largest intact hardwood forest ecosystems in Ontario, Cockburn Island (17,139 hectares, 42,350 acres) is located between Manitoulin Island to the east and Drummond Island (Michigan) to the west.

“This project is a massive undertaking and wouldn’t be possible without the support of our partners and donors,” said Mike Hendren, NCC’s Ontario regional vice-president. “It’s an extraordinary opportunity to make substantive and tangible progress toward protecting an exceptionally large, pristine area of forest and Great Lakes shoreline in the Manitoulin Island Archipelago.”

“Most of the projects I’ve worked on around Lake Michigan are small,” said Dr. J.A. Woollam. “So I look at Cockburn Island and my gosh, the chance to save

huge areas of land close to humanity and close to water, that’s just unheard of. This (project) represents a marvelous opportunity in our time, to do something really big.”

A bi-national study led by NCC and US-based The Nature Conservancy ranked Cockburn Island eighth out of 32,000 islands in the Great Lakes for its conservation importance. The island contains vast forests, wetlands and inland lakes, providing habitat for many globally significant plants and animals.

“Having lived in proximity of the Great Lakes for many years, we have become increasingly aware of their uniqueness and splendor, as well as their fragility. We are thrilled to be working in partnership with the Nature Conservancy of Canada, the government of Canada and other donors towards the acquisition of the MapleCross Tract, 1,457 acres of environmentally sensitive land

on Cockburn Island in Lake Huron. Together, we are committed to restoring and preserving the integrity of our land for our community and for all Canadians,” said Dr. Jan Oudenes and Dr. Isobel Ralston of the MapleCross Fund.

Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada said, “nature is central to Canadian identity, but recent scientific reports have shown that our biodiversity is under threat. With the help of partners like the Nature Conservancy of Canada, our government is taking action to double the amount of protected nature in Canada. By taking the initiative now to protect special places like Cockburn Island, we’re ensuring our kids and grandkids can connect to nature and experience its wonder.”

As a vital breeding area and stopover site for migratory songbirds and waterfowl, the island is visited by the chestnut-sided warbler,

wood thrush and the Canada warbler, designated as a threatened species under Canada’s Species at Risk Act. Cockburn Island is home to wide-ranging mammals, including American black bear, white-tailed deer, gray wolf and coyote. The rivers and creeks support both resident and migratory fish, while economically important species, including lake trout and whitefish, spawn on shoals along the coast.

Mr. Deschamps told the Recorder, “Cockburn Island is the seventh largest Island on the Great Lakes and has been determined to be the eighth most important in conservation importance. The habitats are quite diverse and robust.”

“And Cockburn is generally uninhabited, with self-sustaining populations of bear, deer, bobcat and others species that are becoming rarer and less prevalent throughout Ontario,” continued Mr. Deschamps. “Very few people go there ...continued on page 10

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## ...Feds announce more than \$4 million in municipal funding

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the replacement of the Union Road Bridge, with federal funding of \$927,000, provincial funding of \$524,949 and a municipal contribution of \$266,302. Work will include crossing Barr’s Creek with a new concrete structure, which will include raising the bridge approach and widening the shoulders.

The Township of Cockburn Island is rebuilding the intersection of 12th and 15th concessions, which will include work on corner curves, ditches and new culverts: federal contribution of \$543,647, provincial funding of \$301,996 and municipal contribution of \$88,233.

Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin was also pleased to receive the funding on behalf of his community.

“I am so glad to see the federal and provincial governments stepping up to help fund these projects,” he said. “I am sure many of the residents of the Green Bush Road will be glad to see the hard surfacing of their road.”

Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands residents will see the rehabilitation of approximately 3.3 kilometers of Green Bush Road. Federal contribution of \$290,400, provincial funding of \$161,317 and a municipal contribution of \$32,283.

Modern and reliable roadways help to connect communities, while improving residents’ quality of life and positioning the regions for growth, a press release from the federal government states.

Bruce Mines and Plummer Additional will also receive funding to improve local road conditions.

According to a Government of Canada website more than \$180 billion will be invested through the program over 12 years, including projects in public transit projects, green infrastructure, social infrastructure, trade and transportation routes, and Canada’s rural and Northern communities.

The federal share of investments for communities with fewer than 5,000 residents covers up to 60 percent of the total eligible costs. On June 27 the Government of Canada launched two new strategies: Canada’s Connectivity Strategy, which commits to connect all Canadians to high-speed internet, and Canada’s first Rural Economic Development Strategy, which will spur economic growth and create good, middle class jobs for rural Canadians across the country.

## ...Second annual WOMEN Conference will be held September 15

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(MTA) will speak from 1:30 to 2 pm on the MTA’s new program and approach to Island tourism followed by a presentation from Contact North’s Leigh Kitlar on how it can meet the needs of your business.

Breakout sessions will be held from between 2:30 to 4 pm on topics such as the possibility of a new business centre, accessibility, how to find/utilize each other’s services and more.

As well as the plethora of speakers, RBC, the title sponsor of the event, will also be offering professional headshots for the attendees while PARO is bringing with them a ‘fun cube’ for great photos of the event.

“People can also bring their information and business cards and we will have a small area set up for that,” Ms. Baker told The Expositor.

Following the first WOMEN conference last year, Ms. Baker hosted a number of sessions throughout Manitoulin on such topics as social media, insurance, using WordPress and work/life balance.

Ms. Baker hopes to have five of sessions and one big

conference each year.

To register, contact Ms. Baker at barbara.baker@sumthing.ca. The registration cut off is September 9.

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## Anishinabek Nation and Canada celebrate self-government agreement milestone

*First Nations community approval process begins on Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement*

SAULT STE. MARIE—The Anishinabek Nation and Canada are working together to lay the foundation for Anishinabek Nation First Nations in Ontario to move beyond the Indian Act toward self-government and chart their own path to a brighter future for their communities.

Last week, the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, and Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare celebrated the initialing of a proposed Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement and the formal launch of the Anishinabek First Nations community approval process. To date, 20 Anishinabek Nation First Nations throughout Ontario have committed to holding a community vote on the proposed Agreement. If ratified, the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement would be the first Indigenous self-government governance agreement in Ontario.

Once the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement is ratified, the Government of Canada will recognize Anishinabek law-making powers and authority over how their First Nations are governed. Four parts of the Indian Act that deal with governance will no longer apply to the Anishinabek First Nations who ratify the proposed Agreement. The First Nations will make their own decisions about leadership selection, citizenship, government operations, as well as how best to protect and promote Anishinaabe language and culture.

This builds upon the education self-government agreement concluded with 23 Anishinabek Nation First Nations in 2018. The Anishinabek Nation Education Agreement already recog-



Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare and Carolyn Bennett, minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations initialize the proposed Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement.

nizes Anishinabek law-making powers and authority over education on reserve from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12, as well as administrative control over funding for post-secondary education.

Now that negotiations have concluded, the next step is further information sharing and outreach with First Nation citizens. Following the engagement process, Anishinabek First Nations will hold a ratification vote on the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement between February 1 and February 29, 2020.

“Congratulations to the Anishinabek Nation, the First Nations and the negotiating teams on reaching this historic milestone on the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement,” Minister Bennett said in a press release. “This is an important opportunity to restore Anishinabek control over governance, move beyond the Indian Act and implement the First Nations’ vision of greater self-determination and a better future for their communities.”

“Our Anishinaabe leaders have been consistently

pursuing moving beyond the Indian Act,” Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare (Gwiingos) added. “The Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement is a major milestone in our journey towards restoring our traditional governance in this modern world. We are ensuring our survival as Anishinaabe, and that is the greatest responsibility our leaders have.”

Self-government negotiations with the Anishinabek Nation on governance began in 1995, led to an Agreement-in-Principle in 2007 and concluded in 2019.

The Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement must be approved by Anishinabek First Nation citizens in a community vote before it can be finalized.

Voting will take place by electronic, mail-in and in-person ballots. Further details on how and when to vote will be shared with First Nation citizens in the coming weeks.

Following Anishinabek First Nations’ approval, the next step is federal approval and the signing

of the Agreement by the parties. Once it is signed, federal legislation must be passed before the Agreement can take effect.

This is not the first self-government agreement negotiated with the Anishinabek Nation. In 2018, the parties concluded a self-government agreement on education that is now in effect for 23 Anishinabek First Nations in Ontario.

## ...Ontario property twice the size of Bermuda now protected

...continued from page 9 and the only real development is in Tolmsville, with the timber clearing, so it provides a unique opportunity to protect globally significant plants.”

Mr. Deschamps said the NCC works closely with the community members, township council and the Cockburn Island Sports Conservation Club to “ensure community interests are taken care of, and don’t want to see a lot of change.” He said public access is allowed on the property, “we just ask visitors to be respectful of what is there and to keep an eye out for protected species and invasive species. We also look to manage the plantations and restore more for this, and we provide for a deer hunt in the fall.” On the latter, “we coordinate with the sports club how many hunt tags will be available for the hunt.”

“We don’t own any structures on the island,” said Mr. Deschamps. “And yes, we do pay property taxes on Cockburn Island, as we do on properties the NCC owns on Manitoulin Island, and will continue to do so. As majority landowner, the township

has a budget they put in place every year to maintain the island and we have to pay our fair share, as it should be.”

This conservation project was supported by funding from the Government of Canada, through the Natural Areas Conservation Program and the Cana-

da Nature Fund. The project also received funding from generous individuals, foundations and corporations, including the J.A. Woollam Foundation, MapleCross Fund, Rogers Foundation and TD Bank Group, through the TD Forests program.



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## ...Indian Day School students will be compensated

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path to healing. With this settlement, we will continue to work towards reclaiming our languages, cultures and traditions, for our children and our grandchildren. We would like to thank and honour Garry McLean who dedicated so much and for so many years to make this settlement happen. He would be so proud to see what has been accomplished today.”

Mr. McLean launched the class action lawsuit in 2009 against Canada over the abuse and harms inflicted upon Indigenous students who were forced to attend Indian Day Schools across Canada. Mr. McLean, himself an Indian Day School survivor, died earlier this year from cancer—just two months after he and federal government officials announced they had reached a tentative settlement agreement.

In a statement on the decision, Crown-Indigenous Relations Minister Carolyn Bennett said the court's decision marks recognition of the hard work undertaken by all sides toward finding a lasting and meaningful resolution for former students and their families.

“The mistreatment of Indigenous children is a tragic and shameful part of Canada’s history that has had devastating effects on generations of families,” said Minister Bennett following the announcement. “Canada is deeply committed to reconciliation and healing, and will continue the important work of making amends for past wrongs.”

The settlement compensation for eligible class members ranges from \$10,000 to \$200,000 based on the level of harm experienced. The threshold for the \$10,000 compensation will simply be proof of attendance at one of the Day Schools, while the larger amounts would be based on additional abuse suffered at the schools.

Residential school survivors who also attended Indian Day Schools are also eligible for the class action settlement.

Estates can make claims going back to November 2007. If the person on which the claim is based left on their spirit journey between November of 2007 and the present, their estate can still make a claim on that individual’s behalf.

There is also the creation of a Legacy Fund of \$200

million to support commemoration projects, health and wellness projects and language and culture initiatives included in the settlement.

To be eligible for compensation, survivors must have attended one of the identified Day Schools listed on Schedule K, which can be found at [www.IndianDaySchools.ca](http://www.IndianDaySchools.ca).

There is a 90-day opt out period that began on August 19. Members of the class action suit have 90 days to opt-out of the settlement by removing themselves from the Class. Opting out is a serious and permanent decision, as those choosing to do so will receive no compensation from the Indian Day School Class Action settlement, but they will retain the right to bring an individual claim against Canada at their own cost for harms suffered, if they wish to do so. Anyone choosing to opt out must complete and submit the Opt Out Form by November 18.

Claims for compensation will begin to be processed for compensation 120 days from August 19, subject to any appeals that are brought. More information will be available on the website in the coming weeks.

“My understanding is that there is a 90-day appeal period,” said Ogimaa Peltier.

Class Members will have two-and-a-half years to complete the Claims Form. To be eligible for compensation, survivor class members must have attended one of the identified Day Schools listed on Schedule K.

Manitoulin Day Schools listed on Schedule K include: Whitefish River Shawanosome, Buzwah’s Village Paswa, Rabbit Island Indian Day School No. 455, Sheshewaning, Sheguiandah (both Anglican and Roman Catholic), South Bay, Spanish Day School, West Bay (M’Chigeeng), Wikwemikong Junior, Wikwemikong Senior and Wikwemikong High School (Roman Catholic).

Mental health counselling and crisis support is available to Class Members 24 hours a day, seven days a week through Hope for Wellness Hotline. Contact Hope for Wellness at 1-855-242-3310 or through their online chat at [www.hopeforwellness.ca](http://www.hopeforwellness.ca). Counselling is available in English, French, Cree, Ojibway and Inuktitut, on request.

## ...stabbing at Meadowview Apartments raises safety concerns

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naked saying her throat had been cut. Police arrived on scene and spoke to the female outside. She told police that she got into an altercation with another female and was then stabbed in the neck and chin with a knife. Police located the female accused of the stabbing a short time afterwards. She was subsequently arrested and charged.

Eyewitnesses to the event say that the Meadowview fire alarm was triggered and, as the residents of the apartment building were filing outside, they saw two naked women fighting in the hallway.

A 24-year-old female of no fixed address has been charged with: assault with a weapon, contrary to section 267(a) of the Criminal Code (CC); two counts of uttering threats - cause death or bodily harm - spousal (two counts); aggravated assault; fail to comply with conditions of undertaking given by officer in charge; and two counts of mischief under \$5,000 (two counts).

“What is someone of this caliber doing in a place like this that houses people with challenges?” one Meadowview resident said to The Expositor, noting that the population of Meadowview Apartments is largely senior, developmentally challenged or women who have recently left abusive relationships. “This is the second time this month the police have been called here,” the resident added, citing safety concerns.

The victim, Vanessa Atawish, spoke candidly with The Expositor about her experience.

Vanessa Atawish has lived her entire life on Manitoulin. On August 15, she was absolutely sure she was going to die.

Ms. Atawish met her attacker during a recent stint in a treatment program and the two became good friends.

“We were hanging out at my apartment and we decided to get a bottle and drink,” Ms. Atawish said. “We got a bottle of Long Island iced tea. We each had two drinks. I was in the kitchen when she came in. I had done my dishes earlier and they were in the dish rack. I saw her pick up a Thomas knife and I asked her what she was doing when I saw her hide it behind her back. She didn’t respond and I went into the bedroom where my laptop was and sat with it in front of me. She came and stood in the doorway and said, ‘I am going to kill you.’ She started hitting me in the face with the knife. She cut my chin and my neck. She cut my arms and I have nicks on my hands. She bit me more than once. I managed to get the knife away

from her and I ran out and hid the knife in the laundry room. I was panicking. No one would answer their doors, so I pulled the fire alarm.”

Ms. Atawish was taken to the hospital by ambulance where the knife wound on her throat was taped and she was given 10 stitches under her lip.

“I couldn’t stay in my apartment,” Ms. Atawish explained. “Forensics come from Espanola and they taped my door. You can’t break that tape. I stayed overnight with a friend.”

Ms. Atawish said she was told that her assailant has six outstanding warrants.

“I don’t understand,” Ms. Atawish said. “There was no fight. I thought I was going to die that day. I honestly did. I thought I was going to die.”

The accused was scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice Bail Court in Little Current on August 23.

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## Central Manitoulin Council Notes

### Property Committee

Council will postpone a decision on the future maintenance of the Old School parkette pond until after a decision regarding that facility has been made.

Two motions that were recommended to council failed. The first was to accept the structural inspection report from Tulloch Engineering for the J.H. Burt Memorial Arena and to proceed with the tendering process for the planned repairs at an estimated cost of \$30,000. The second motion was to direct the CAO/clerk to proceed with the installation of the newly purchased chiller at the aforementioned arena.

Council accepted the recommendation to move further discussions regarding municipal green spaces, including the possible development of Waggs Woods to the property committee. In the discussion, Councillor Derek Stephens said that a definitive answer was needed regarding the EBC. Councillor Angela Johnston agreed, saying, "Council needs to

make a statement so we don't have a group at every meeting." To this, Mayor Stephens said that council likes it when people attend the meetings.

### Finance and Economic Development Committee

The committee recommendation that council accepts the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) report regarding the municipal debt repayment limit was accepted. Municipalities borrow money that is used for capital projects and that is paid back with interest. The Annual Repayment Limit (ARL) is summarized as the maximum amount the municipality can pay in principal and interest payments in the year for new long-term debt without first obtaining approval from the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB)

Council accepted the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) report regarding the Gas Tax five-year funding schedule. As outlined by

the AMO, the federal gas tax fund is a permanent source of funding for municipal infrastructure. It is predictable, long-term and stable and is helping Ontario's municipal governments address a massive, province-wide infrastructure deficit while improving environmental sustainability and creating jobs and economic growth. The 2019 federal budget increased funding to municipal priorities including a \$2.2 billion top-up for this fund to double funding to municipal governments this year for rural and northern broadband expansion with the goal of connecting every Canadian to high-speed services by 2030 and \$1 billion to help municipal governments to improve energy efficiency in municipal facilities, commercial and residential properties.

Council accepted the July minutes of the Manitoulin Planning Board, the Mindemoya Old School feasibility study meeting and Tulloch MODRC briefing report. It was also accepted

that council request the final report from Tulloch/Axiom Management Consulting regarding the Mindemoya Old School feasibility study for consideration at the next Finance/Economic Development (FED) meeting

### Safety, Security and Health Committee

Mayor Stephens will attend the Community Safety and Wellness Plan workshop to be held in Sudbury September 12.

Council will send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) requesting a correction of the position of the no parking signage at the corner in front of Island Outfitters

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## Happy 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday! Lottie Nighswander



Family gathered at Extendacare Falconbridge to celebrate with Lottie on June 15, 2019  
Loved and appreciated by Stewart, Mary and Family and Grenille, Brenda and Family.

## ...Tehkummah Council Notes

...continued from page 6 involved with any events that included serving alcohol.

### Landfill fees

Council approved its draft landfill fees to be forwarded to the Ministry of the Environment. A copy of the fees was not provided in the public information package. Some of the costs that have been added include a cost for brush, scrap metal, bulky household furniture and appliances. Construction material costs have not changed. The township will not be accepting any fridges or freezers with coolant inside.

### October office closure

The township office will be closed on Thursday, October 17 for staff to attend the Northern Treasurers Forum in Sudbury. The office will be open on Wednesday of that week instead.

### LED streetlights

A proposal was put forth in October 2017 through Local Authority Services (LAS), via the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), to estimate on the costs of switching the South Baymouth streetlights to LEDs. At the time, they had quoted the whole job as being around \$31,000. The township will be checking whether this quote is still valid.

This project will qualify for Main Streets Funding that Tehkummah has received in the amount of \$38,000, so if it can be accomplished within that budget, without taking away from any of the other hoped-for work under Main Streets funding, the township will proceed. If the

costs are too high, the township will enter into an agreement for the service to whatever extent possible, if not the whole network.

The application must be submitted as part of the Main Streets funding by the end of the year, with the spending deadline being March 31, 2020.

### Phragmites work

Judith Jones of the Manitoulin Phragmites Project informed the township that two municipal right of ways contain phragmites. Council approved the use of Roundup Weathermax at the South Baymouth Lagoon outflow ditch and on the municipal road allowance ditch in proximity to Lakeshore Road.

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# Three Fires Confederacy gathers once again on Manitoulin

by Michael Erskine  
**AUNDECK OMNI KANING**—The confederacy of the Three Fires joined together the First Nations of the Ojibwe and Odawa and Potawatomi into one of the most powerful political, military and trade alliances to be found on Turtle Island (North America). The Three Fires Confederacy also brought together most of the Anishinabemowin-speaking peoples that included a much broader group of First Nations and American Indian tribes.

Nearly all of the members of the First Nations of Manitoulin are descen-

dants of the Three Fires Confederacy and gatherings such as that held recently at Aundeck Omni Kaning help to reinforce the bonds that secured that historic alliance and educate today's Anishinabek on their heritage, as well as the continued importance and relevance of those historic bonds.

The gathering in Aundeck Omni Kaning was held on August 9, commemorating the historic signing of the 1836 Bond Head Treaty and is referred to in Anishinabemowin as "Mnaajtoon chi-waawiin-damagiwin" roughly trans-

lated to "honouring the promises."

The daylong gathering included games for the children, workshops on the treaty history and meanings of the various wampum belts and crafts and teachings for people of all ages, as well as a mini-powwow.

Ogimaa Patsy Corbiere welcomed everyone to her community, with the gathering taking place on the shores of the North Channel at the Aundeck Omni Kaning campgrounds.

Historian Josh Manitowabi took attendees through the history of the treaty relationships from the Anishinabek perspective while over at the sacred fire gazebo women were learning songs and hand drumming.

Meanwhile, over at a half dozen popup arbours children and their parents were learning a variety of traditional crafts such as leather and beadwork. Canada's national sport (no not hockey) was being practiced as lacrosse players took their young charges through the basic skills and rules of the

sport. Even the UCCM Tribal Police were in on the fun, with a set of small electric cars and a safety course on driving set in miniature.

The Three Fires Confederacy Gathering proved that history, traditions and culture can be a lot of fun if you approach it in the Anishinaabe way.



Lacrosse is not only a traditional Anishinabe pastime, it is also Canada's national sport. Children at the Three Fires gathering learned the basic skills of the intense sport during the gathering.



Darlene Bebonang, right, holds regular classes in traditional crafts at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation in M'Chigeeng. Ms. Bebonang was on hand at the Three Fires Gathering to pass on her skills.



Traditional medicines are part of a healthy lifestyle, usually integrated into everyday life and plant-based, rather than ingested in pill form.

photos by Michael Erskine

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### New Business

Councillor Steven Shaffer filed a notice of motion stating that council proceed with the hazardous materials study for the Mindemoya Old School building, to a maximum amount of \$5,200—approximate—and further, that the study be completed as soon as possible. Councillor Stephens was opposed to this, saying, "This building seems to be costing us a lot of money. We could have torn it down for \$30,000. To this, CAO/Clerk Ruth Frawley responded by saying that 90 percent of the monies requested for the study would be paid by FedNor and Councillor Johnston said, "We have to do this study no matter what."

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# First annual UCCM summer camps well-received by future young leaders

by Warren Schlote  
SUNSHINE ALLEY—Dozens of young people from the Manitoulin area took part in one of two UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service-led youth camps held in Whitefish River First Nation this summer, a first-of-its-kind program that aims to build relationships between young people and community safety

enjoyed typical summer camp activities such as hikes, painting, obstacle courses and canoe paddling instruction, but the camp went far beyond these.

All the youth learned basic first aid and CPR and received certificates from St. John's Ambulance branch commissioner Brian Patterson. They received training on how to use

and his performance left the group speechless. Even those in the girls' group who were at a separate event could hear the song from quite a distance away and could not believe that it was Ashton. He was invited to perform an honour song at the closing ceremony based on his new-found talent.

"I had a lot of fun. It was

peaceful; I made a lot of great relationships," Ashton told The Expositor after the closing ceremony. He heard about the opportunity through M'Chigeeng

Health Services' Sarah Seabrook, who was also present for the camp. His advice for anyone interested in taking part in the camp next year was to be

open-minded and take all the opportunities as they present themselves.

This camp came as a result of a successful appli-

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UCCM Police staff and volunteers gather with the participants of the first-ever youth camp on the final day of the leadership exercise along the shores of beautiful Sunshine Alley.

workers. "This camp was about building relationships between youth and police. I know I've built some good relationships here and made some memories that I'll never forget," said UCCM Constable Murray Still at the closing ceremony of the week-long camp, held at the Whitefish River First Nation powwow grounds in Sunshine Alley.

This was a full-time initiative put on by UCCM Police and numerous community partners including the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service, M'Chigeeng Health Centre, M'Chigeeng Youth Centre, Mnidoo Mnising Crisis Response Team, Ontario Provincial Police and Noojmowin Teg Health Centre. Youth participants stayed on site and

naloxone kits in case someone around them experiences an opioid overdose and got their own naloxone and first aid kits to keep. There were also workshops about healthy relationships and other pieces of life advice.

Being an Anishnaabeled activity, there was a considerable amount of traditional knowledge sharing and ceremony as well. Elder Josh Eshkawkogan was present for the camp to help lead ceremonies and provide guidance.

Mr. Eshkawkogan described one camper, Ashton Fogal, who had been rather reserved earlier in the camp. However, he coaxed Ashton to try his hand at drumming and singing at a boys' activity

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# First Manitoulin Island monarch butterfly count leads to tweaks

by Michael Erskine  
 MANITOULIN—The first trans-Manitoulin monarch butterfly count got a bit of a rainy day start, leading to fewer participants than originally hoped, but all is not lost as the day did result in some useful data and the experience has informed some planned changes to the count going forward.

The totals from this year's count included 21 searchers counting at 26 locations or routes for a total of 16.4 person-hours. Over the course of the count, 389 adults, 280 larvae, 66 eggs and 12 chrysalises were recorded and over 6,000 milkweed plants were checked.

The Manitoulin monarch count results came in from all over the Island, including Wiikwemkoong, Kaboni, Prairie Point, Big Lake, Providence Bay, Sheguiandah, Evansville, South Baymouth, Maple Point, Gordon and Assiginack Townships, as well as many other locations.

According to organizers,

everyone participating remarked how interesting it was to see the different life forms and to discover so many monarchs in our midst.

While organizers caution that the event does not come close to counting much of the total Manitoulin Island population of monarchs, they also point out that these same locations and routes can be counted again in future years for the same length of field time, providing statistics that can be compared from year to year.

"Next year, we'll make it for longer than 24 hours and will provide a rain date. We'll also do better on publicity," said Judith Jones, project biologist for the Wiikwemkoong Species at Risk Program as she acknowledged there was a bit of a learning curve with setting up the count. "Despite the glitches, Wiikwemkoong is pleased with the results of the event and the data gathered."

According to the count organizers, the best way to help the monarchs in their

area is to make sure their food source, common milkweed, does not get trampled or mowed down. If monarchs are present, it is best to make sure no one steps on the plants or drives over them.

Monarchs are now into their final generation of the season, note the organizers. The adults that are hatching now will be the ones to migrate to Mexico. Starting next week and through early September, flocks of monarchs will be staging along the Lake Huron shore before attempting the crossing of the big water.

Stay tuned for a stunning vista, as it will be possible to see dozens of adults hanging onto bushes and plants along the shore—a truly beautiful sight.

The Manitoulin Expositor joins with the Monarch Butterfly Count organizers and their volunteers in wishing bon voyage to our monarch visitors and we hope to see them returning in even more robust numbers next summer.

## ...First annual UCCM summer camps

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 cation to a proceeds of crime grant—money from the province that came from crime that has since been seized following criminal prosecutions which is re-directed to community initiatives such as this with the aim of improving relations between police and the public, especially youth and those of marginalized communities.

"It's the key to a successful future. In First Nations especially, we're faced with so many systemic issues such as addictions and mistrust of police, which stem from colonization and the role police have played in that," said UCCM Police Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow. "(The closing ceremony) was a very proud moment for me to celebrate these youth who achieved a lot."

There were a lot of sharing circles for youth to build trust and open up to their peers as well as community partners such as police officers. Police Chief Nahwegahbow said this was especially important in the social media era when people tend to be more insular.

At the closing ceremony, each participant received a certificate of completion and Constables Still and Carrie Spry shared a brief personal description of what traits they discovered in each person and how

they brought their talents to the group. They also offered the opportunity for students to share their thoughts on their experience.

This was the second and final week-long camp of the summer, and participant Aysia Francis Debassige had also attended the prior session. She shared her thoughts at the closing ceremony, thanking Constables Still and Spry for all their hard work and for their guidance when needed.

"I'm so happy I met all of you. I've made great friends. I hope you all come back next year because I want to be here and I want to see all of you next year," said Aysia.

The camp instilled the importance of trying new things and taking on challenges; with the point being that even if they did not turn out as expected it was still better to try than not.

All of the camp facilitators expressed their gratitude to the youth for taking part, learning more about themselves and getting the skills they needed to make a difference in their communities.

"We would like to see that trust built in authority figures, and they will maybe even pursue an interest in law enforcement so they can carry forward that message to young people in their

careers," said Police Chief Nahwegahbow.

The organizers said they hoped to run this very popular event once again next summer.

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# Island youths encouraged to Talk Science at STEM camp

by Michael Erskine  
LITTLE CURRENT—Former Expositor staffer Stacey Lavallie dropped in on The Expositor recently with her colleague Mayanr Kothari, who has been in Canada for four months studying project management. Ms. Lavallie and Mr. Kothari were delivering

ties to provide youth with hands-on experiences with STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). We work with youth in order to inspire an early passion in STEM.”

Mr. Kothari, who hails from Bangalore, India, is no stranger to the world of STEM, having spent the

“The Great Lakes!” he exclaims when asked about what part of Canada has most recently captured his attention. We often take having the world’s largest bodies of fresh water in our backyard as commonplace, but the scale and volume of our water resources is pretty impres-

“I think I have it okay,” he smiles.

“Let’s Talk Science has conducted 50 visits in July and each of those site visits involved interacting with between 10 and 40 kids,” explains Ms. Lavallie.

“Science, technology and innovation are increasingly important to Canada’s economic well-being and quality of life,” notes the Let’s Talk Science website. “Science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) help us understand and shape our day to day lives.”



builds skills, she said. “Doing science develops the ability to ask questions, collect information, organize and test ideas, problem-solve and apply what was learned.”

But perhaps the most important aspects of inspiring students with STEM is that it has been proven to offer a powerful platform for building confidence, developing communication skills and making sense of the world.

“So let’s talk science,” quips Ms. Lavallie. “It can change your life.”



Former Expositor staffer Stacey Lavallie now plies her communication skills inspiring youth to explore STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) with the not-for-profit Let’s Talk Science. She and her colleague Mayanr Kothari of Bangalore, India stopped by Little Current for lunch following presentations in Aundeck Omni Kaning recently.

photo by Michael Erskine

the Let’s Talk Science program in Aundeck Omni Kaning.

“This is the second of two visits to the Island this summer,” explained Ms. Lavallie. “Let’s Talk Science is a not-for-profit organization that works with colleges and universi-

last few years working with robotics, but his current focus is aimed at putting the skillset of project management into his CV toolbox, with a bonus of getting to see as much of Canada as he can cram into the downtime between studies.

sive to most of the globe.

“I am going to lunch and then we will head back to Sudbury,” he confided. “I have an exam at 3:30 pm.” Mr. Kothari isn’t concerned, however, he has long learned not to leave studying for tests and exams to the last minute.

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## Kagawong: Spellbinding stories of mystery,

by Isobel Harry

Many are the intriguing stories of mysterious disappearances on the Manitoulin.

In Kagawong, modern-day legends arose around larger than life charac-

ters—whether in social status or nonconformist behaviours—that still evoke mystery, and in one case, possibly murder.

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Celebrities are fascinating to the public imagination and so was the heir to the US Dodge automobile fortune, Daniel Dodge, as he sailed on his yacht from his home in Detroit to his summer estate called the Dodge Lodge on Maple Point in Kagawong. When he fell in love with a telephone operator from Gore Bay, Laurine McDonald, 19 years of age, speeding to

see her in sportscar or speedboat, and then married her, it sent shock waves through the Dodge family. Daniel's mother thought Laurine to be a golddigger, but the couple married at the Dodge home in 1938 in Rochester Hills, Michigan, despite her opposition, and returned to Maple Point for their honeymoon.

Only 13 days after they married, tragedy struck the newlyweds. Danny—a nickname he despised but which stuck—was in the garage with a caretaker,



An extensive display in the Kagawong Museum shows newspapers dated 1938 reacting with shock to the accidental death of U.S. Dodge automobile scion Danny Dodge, 13 days after his wedding to Laurine MacDonald of Gore Bay.

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“experimenting” with sticks of dynamite and caps left over from the construction of the lodge when he threw a lit stick out the door where it exploded. Laurine, with another caretaker and his wife, rushed to the scene from the house.

Meanwhile, Danny had lit a second stick but upon seeing his wife and the other two approaching, he threw the stick toward an open window away from them; the dynamite bounced off the window frame and detonated in the garage, injuring everyone present. Daniel Dodge was the worst hit.

In the ensuing mayhem, they managed to get into a speedboat and steer toward Little Current in strong winds and high waves; halfway there, the young Mr. Dodge apparently stood up precariously and suddenly pitched overboard into the four-

foot-high swells. Trying to save him quickly proved hopeless and the rest of the rescue party continued on to Little Current for help.

The story of the drowning of the scion of the prominent Dodge family made front-page headlines in the United States. Twenty-three days later, after a \$15,000 reward was offered by Daniel Dodge's stepfather and extensive searches carried out that cost upwards of \$50,000, two local fishermen found the body of the young millionaire whom some had called “somewhat reckless” in life and in death.

Only eight years later, another curious disappearance occurred at Maple Point, unsolved to this day.

In a cabin deep in the bush, not far from the Dodge Lodge, but in very different circumstances, lived a bachelor, trapper and guide named Stanley Richards.

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Billings Museum curator Rick Nelson joins the late Stan Gordon and OPP Detective Constables Patricia (Patty) Smith and Yvon-Pierre Perron in 2010 in the field containing the old collapsed building said to have been Stanley Richards' home, to discuss local legends and lore surrounding the 1946 disappearance of the trapper and guide.

In the fall of 1946, he disappeared. How, where and why remains a mystery.

What little was known about Stanley Richards back then was that he had been born in 1903, was married briefly and had a daughter in 1941; at the time of his disappearance, he was working for the township of Billings. Mr. Richards, it was said, "was known as a self-proclaimed conservation authority who was not kind to trespassers on his property."

The last person to see Stanley Richards alive was Richard Hammond, who had brought Stanley in to Kagawong to buy groceries on Saturday, November 1. On Monday, Stanley did not show up for work. People went to his cabin but found only the still-packed bags of groceries on the kitchen table.

A search party of 200

people combed the area surrounding the cabin; they uncovered nothing, no signs of foul play, no telling evidence of any kind. "At the end of 1946," says OPP constable Patty Smith in a 2014 Manitoulin West Recorder article, "the case went cold."

In 2010, the story took a remarkable twist, courtesy of a front-page interview in the Expositor with Lyman Corbiere of M'Chigeeng First Nation. When Mr. Corbiere was a boy of two in 1947, he lived with his family at Maple Point. "Burned into his memory," he said, was "a fatal skirmish that involved Stanley Richards, his grandfather Narcissus Corbiere and his uncle Dan Corbiere."

Lyman Corbiere explained that the elder Corbieres had gone out into the bush to jacklight

deer (use a night-hunting light) on that November night. Instead, they mistakenly shot a cow. All of a sudden, Stanley Richards was on the scene as they tried to bury the animal. In

the confrontation, says Lyman Corbiere, "my grandfather whacked [Richards] in the head with a shovel ... they buried him and the cow together," although they had had no intention of killing Richards with the blow.

The case was reopened by the police; they canvassed the community and spoke with Mr Richards' daughter but no new evidence surfaced. Should Mr. Richards' remains be found, family have agreed to provide samples for DNA tests. In 2014, there were hints that ground penetrating radar might be used in the search, but that has yet to happen.

In the end, the article says, "The OPP couldn't confirm Mr. Corbiere's statement."

And so the mystery of Stanley Richards' disappearance remains just

that. The cabin he inhabited that was barely standing when photographed for this paper in 2010 must have fallen down by now. As former constable Al Boyd was careful to note, although it remains "not active, but ongoing ... This case may never be solved."

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# ...Expositor Salmon Classic Derby ends with record weights reeled in

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 came in a close second with his 30.73-pound salmon caught in the North Channel's West Bay. His massive fish had hung in at the top spot since August 8. Most were sure he had the derby in the bag.

Mr. Mooney said he caught his lunker in the early evening. Alone in the boat, it took him 40 minutes to maneuver it in single-handedly.

"I knew it was a good one," he said. "Right away it let out over 400 feet of line."

Mr. Mooney is no stranger to catching big fish. Back in the heyday of salmon fishing, before the alewife collapse, Mr. Mooney had landed a salmon over 36 pounds and never forgot the feeling. "So I knew it was definitely over 20 pounds."

"It's been 20 years since



The Manitoulin Expositor Salmon Classic fishing derby hauled in an impressive crowd for the awards ceremony with plenty of prizes and merch to hand out and barbecue vittles to enjoy thanks to the Tehkummah Fire Department.

this caliber of fish has been caught," he added. "It was a great tournament." Mr.

Mooney took home \$4,000 for his efforts.

In third place for heaviest salmon was James Michlouski with his 27.56-pound salmon caught at Providence Bay (\$2,000); fourth was Moe Gauthier with his 26.14-pound offering brought in at South Baymouth (\$1,000); and fifth, Tehkummah's Jason Millette for his 25.94-pound fish caught at Providence Bay (\$500).

Mr. Patterson noted that for the first time since the derby's inception, the top 25 fish were all over 21 pounds—a testament to the salmon's rebound in Lake Huron's waters, something Mr. Patterson had publicly predicted at the windup of the first tournament.

In the heaviest trout divi-

sion, Dave Jordan came first for his 17.20-pound trout caught at Meldrum Bay (\$2,500); second was Dave Spencer and his 17.05-pound trout, also weighed in at Meldrum Bay; third was Bob Hore and his 16.9-pound trout weighed in at Gore Bay; and fourth and fifth prizes both went to Louise Spencer for her fish weighing in 16.04 and 16.10 pounds, respectively.

In the youth division, Logan Sullivan won the top spot with his 22.73-pound salmon caught at Providence Bay (\$500). Kiyana Drovin Pinkos came second with a 20.11-pound salmon; Hudson Byck in third with his 19.85-pound salmon; Noah Coyne in fourth with his 19.22-pound salmon; and fifth, Macey Kiviaho with

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her 16.88-pound salmon.

Winner of the heaviest fish for week one and \$1,000 was Jasen Millette for his 25.94-pound salmon.

Ron LeClair was the lucky winner of the Jake's Home Centres target weight contest for his 16.37-pound salmon. The target weight was 16.39 pounds. Mr. LeClair took home a Broil King smoker valued at \$1,000 thanks to Jake's Home Centres.

"It was a really good derby," Dave Patterson, Salmon Classic organizer and emcee for the wrap-up event began. "Next year the fish will be even bigger, I promise."

Mr. Patterson told the large crowd on hand at South Baymouth's John Budd Park that funds from

this year's Salmon Classic will be going to help Manitoulin salmon restocking efforts, beginning with the Manitou River. His news was met with a big round of applause.

Mr. Patterson thanked the many anglers that took part in the 2019 edition of the Salmon Classic as well the weigh-in station operators, ticket sellers and sponsors who helped to make the derby possible.

To start things off Mr. Patterson drew five names at random to win tickets to next year's derby, all of whom were women: Shelley Moreau, Tanya Cannell, Diane Sullivan, Lorraine Mooney and Jessica Sterrett.

Up Top Sports Shop donated many great prizes to the event including a sonar unit for cell phones, which was won by Sylvio Vaillancourt; a depth-finder won by Bob Moreau; an inflatable bag won by Adrienne Merrylees; a fishing line camera won by Terry Sagle; a bag of lures won by Jason Michlouski; and a mini Scotty downrigger won by Al Murdoch. Up Top goodie bags were won by Paul Heastont, Deanna McChristie, Jim Michlouski, Janet James and Darrell James.

"A big thank you to everyone who makes this derby possible," Mr. Patterson said. "Until next year."

To view the final results, visit FishManitoulin.com and click on 'past winners.'



Manitoulin Expositor Salmon Classic organizer Dave Patterson and Expositor staffer Marilyn Harasym pull winning prize tickets from the big box of entries during the awards ceremony.

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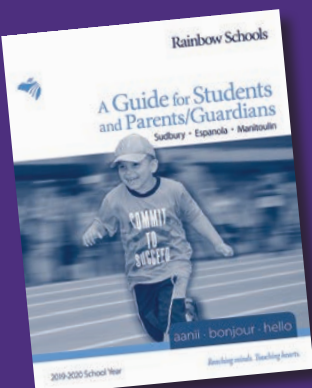


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## ...Now and Then: Jim and Joanne Smith

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 nious relationship with a wedding. "For the wedding, we paddled over to Treasure Island in a canoe on a stormy day and got quite wet in the process. The photographer's colour film camera got wet, consequently we have only black and white shots of our wedding. We had 100 guests on the Island, but 300 came to the reception on the mainland." The honeymoon: tent-camping in Algonquin Park, and only much later in our first summer after teaching, to Canada's east coast. They began teaching in the brand new school. It was an exciting time being a part of this new education system.



A proud dad with his son and daughter.

In 1972 when they adopted their son, Kevin, Joanne took leave of absence from high school teaching and volunteered a music program for three years at Tehkummah Public School. "That was the perfect job", said Joanne, "but not exactly profitable!" Principal John Hodder wanted a music teacher for Manitowaning, Little Current and Tehkummah, and offered Joanne the position. With about 500 students to reach every week, the job was challenging, but oh, so much fun!

The couple adopted their second baby, Tara, two years later. "We enjoyed watching our kids grow up, cope with diversity and become successful." Today Kevin works with NORAD as a military policeman. He has three children. Tara is a server at Red Lobster in

Sudbury. She has one daughter. "We can hardly believe that we are grandparents of four!" say Jim and Jo.


In 1988 Joanne began Hawberry Habit with her sister Marion. The clothing business made beautiful garments that sold well on Manitoulin. In 2008, Joanne resumed her teaching career with adult education in M'Chigeeng and music in Lakeview School, another perfect job.

Jim was the head of the math department in MSS for 17 years. He taught algebra, calculus and trigonometry. He coached basketball, chess and table tennis. He also coached an archery team that won seven OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations) championships over time. Many of

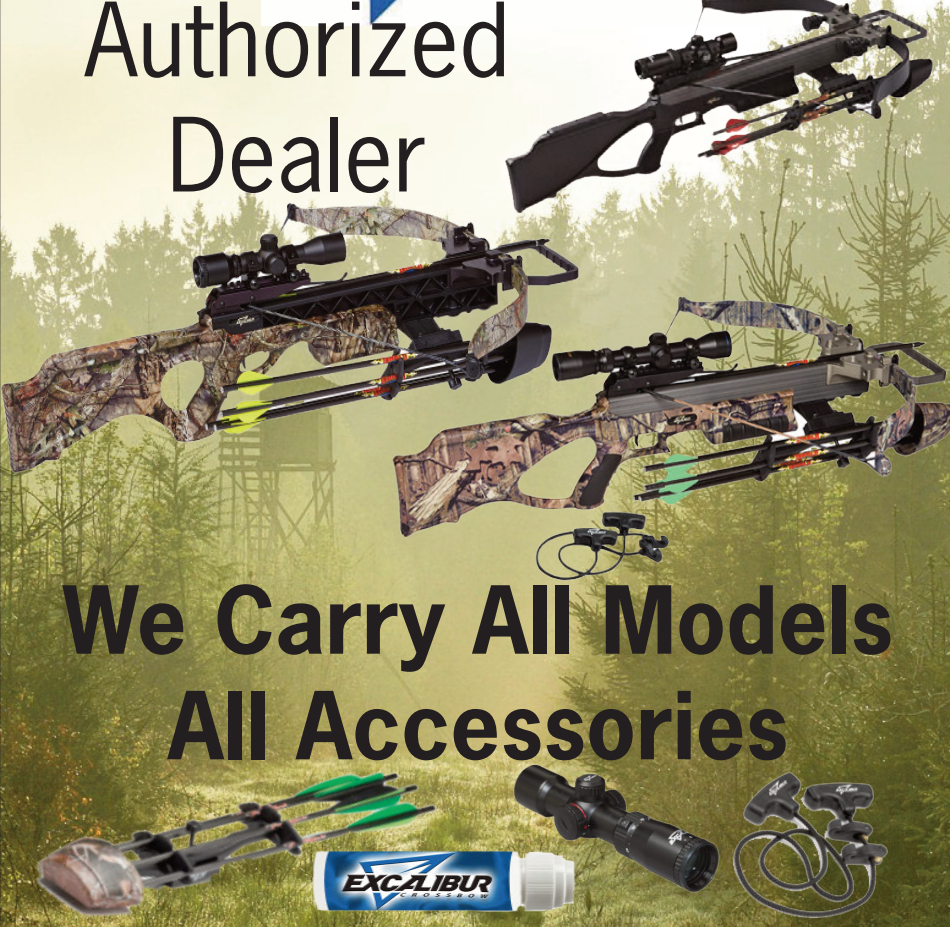
his team members over the years also participated at Provincial and National levels. In 2003, Jim managed the Ontario Junior team to the Canada Winter Games in New Brunswick. Jim and Jo's son Kevin won the Junior Ontario, the Junior Canadian, and Junior North American Championships, the latter in Wisconsin at age 16. Jim also won the Ontario championships nine times and the CFAA Canadian National Indoor Championships in 1986 and 1991.

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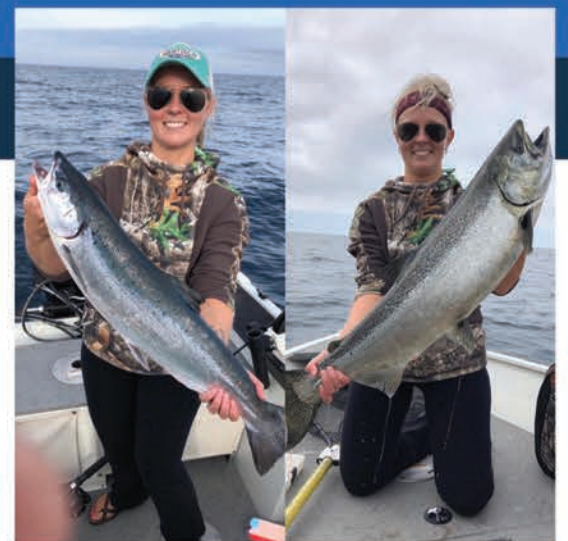


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# ...Now and Then: Jim and Joanne Smith

...continued from page 24 way. The 1986 CFAA National Archery Championships in Niagara Falls were ending in a shoot-off between Jim and Mike Zikafuse, the West-Virginia State Champion. Both had shot perfect rounds over two days of competition. The shoot-off was to score only x-ring shots. Their target at 20 yards, then, would be only the size of a loonie. At the end, the US competitor had made 11 perfect shots of the 15, but Jim had 13!

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Both Joanne and Jim have had rewarding, fulfilling careers and secondary 'mini-careers' right up to their mutual retirement. "What event was most important to us? Our marriage." Favourite season? "Fall. In the past, people had left Treasure Island, and all was quiet."

"Summer too," said Jim, "when the late nights of preparation are over and it's time to go camping." Strengths? "Human connections, teaching, and love of ball-room dancing for Jo. Jim's strengths are his passion for archery as well as teaching. "Our bucket lists? New Zealand



The happy couple in recent times.

and the world's biggest indoor archery shoot in Las Vegas."

These days the Smiths enjoy their lovely home, decorated with nostalgia and good taste. Porcelain dolls, made by Joanne, are displayed on various chairs. The Smiths love to travel, dance with the Burpee-Mills Dance club, play with the Manitoulin

Swing Band, and most of all, cherish family times together. Their recipe for happiness? "Marry your best friend."

"As a little girl," Joanne adds, "I was proud that we lived on an island in a lake on an island in a lake. Our father encouraged us to see how the rest of the world runs and then come back. This can bring greater

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- Proficiency in Excel would be considered as asset
- A willingness to learn new tasks and skills
- Work with little supervision
- Attention to detail

In exchange for your efforts, we offer a competitive salary, opportunities for growth and development, a comprehensive benefits program, and profit sharing.

Please email your credentials to Janelle Addison at [apply@monarchr.ca](mailto:apply@monarchr.ca)



**Mnaamodzawin Health Services  
Employment Opportunity  
Personal Support Worker  
Casual or Part-time**

The Personal Support Worker is responsible for providing care that contributes to the quality of life of individuals who live at home by promoting their independence; dignity; social, emotional and physical well-being; mobility; personal appearance; comfort and safety so that they may remain and participate within their community.

**The successful applicant must be willing to work flexible hours (possible evenings and/or weekends) and may provide services to all five First Nation communities. (Aundeck Omni Kaning, Sheguiandah, Shesheganing, Whitefish River and Zhiibaahaasing)**

**OBJECTIVES**

- Provide personal support services based on the clients' personal care or home management needs.
- Provide assistance to the Long-Term Care Program with the provision of regular Diners' Club and Meals On Wheels program, Adult Day programming and may assist/provide generic transportation services for own client caseload; friendly visits and social safety.
- Provide respite services working flexible hours.
- Work collaboratively with health care providers in providing holistic care that focuses on achieving and maintaining optimal health.
- Submission of timely required documentation on scheduled basis to immediate supervisor.
- May assume additional duties as assigned by immediate supervisor.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language
- A Personal Support Worker Certificate from a recognized college with a minimum of (2) years community work experience.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Current and Clear CPIC
- Valid 'G' driver's license and a vehicle.

Salary range based on qualifications and approved salary grid.

Submit a cover letter, resume, three work related references and a CPIC/VSS (dated within 90 days) marked 'Confidential' by email, fax or in person to:

Human Resources  
Mnaamodzawin Health Services  
Postal Bag 2002, 48 Hillside Road  
Little Current, ON POP 1K0  
705-368-2182 ext.271  
[hr@mnaamodzawin.com](mailto:hr@mnaamodzawin.com)  
Fax: 705-368-2229

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 30, 2019 @ 12:00pm**  
Only those applicants considered for an interview will be notified.



**NOOJMOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE  
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY –  
Registered Practical Nurses  
Casual Position**

**Job Description:**

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is seeking services of Registered Practical Nurses to function in a Family Practice nursing capacity at the Wikwemikong Health Centre. The incumbents will be supervised by and under the direction of the Primary Care Manager. The successful candidates will provide a full scope of practice, work within an interdisciplinary and collaborative health care team environment comprised of health professionals from Noojmowin Teg Health Centre, health professionals from the Wikwemikong Health Centre and the Northeast Manitoulin Family Health Team. You will be an integral member of the health care team ensuring high quality collaborative primary health care delivery.

*NTHC is an inclusive employer. Accommodation is available in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.*

*Given the traditional practices of the Anishinabek, from time to time, exposure to wood smoke and the burning of sacred medicines, including tobacco, sweet grass, sage and cedar, may occur within the work setting.*

**Qualifications/Requirements:**

- Registered Practical Nurse;
- A minimum of three (3) years' work experience in a primary health care setting, preferred;
- Proven ability to work and appropriately prioritize (including triage) in a busy health care environment;
- Strong ability to communicate effectively with clients and colleagues;
- Desire to advance knowledge and implement new skills including those supported by medical directives;
- Ability to work autonomously as well as interdependently;
- Current CPR Level C and First Aid;
- Excellent interpersonal and written communication skills within an electronic environment, mandatory;
- Demonstrated understanding and sensitivity of the Anishinabek culture;
- Ability to speak Ojibwe, an asset;
- Anishnaabemowin, as well as knowledge of Anishinabe culture, traditions, an asset;
- Ability to travel, reliable vehicle, a valid class G Driver's License and clear driver's record;
- Clear criminal record check and vulnerable sector required.

**Submission Pre-requisites:**

Please submit a covering letter, resume, three (3) work-related letters of reference, copy of registration, a current criminal records check, vulnerable sector, a copy of valid driver's license and driver's abstract. Please mark correspondence as "Confidential". Submissions will be accepted by mail, facsimile, or email.

**Application Deadline: September 10, 2019 at 12:00 pm**

Human Resources  
Noojmowin Teg Health Centre  
Hwy. 540, 48 Hillside Drive, Bag 2002  
Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation  
Little Current, ON POP 1K0  
T: 705-368-2182  
F: 705-368-2229  
E: [info@noojmowin-teg.ca](mailto:info@noojmowin-teg.ca)  
W: [www.noojmowin-teg.ca](http://www.noojmowin-teg.ca)

We thank all applicants for their interest; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



## SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- GOVERNANCE COORDINATOR
- WELLNESS PROMOTER
- FAMILY PROMOTION AND SUPPORT WORKER
- EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR
- ECE ASSISTANT

For complete job posting please call 705-368-2781.  
Please submit applications via mail, fax or in person to:

**Lucy Ann Trudeau, Band Manager**  
Sheguiandah First Nation  
142 Ogemah Miikan  
Sheguiandah, Ontario P0P 1W0

Or by FAX to: 705-368-3697  
**DEADLINE TO APPLY; September 6th, 2019 12:00 P.M.**  
Late Submissions will not be considered.



Interested in working for one of Canada's largest national transportation companies right here on Manitoulin Island? Manitoulin Group of Companies with their Head Office in Gore Bay, Ontario is looking to fill the following position:

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Tracing Freight and tracking shipments  
Assisting internal and external customers with various questions  
Providing follow up on various shipments  
Deal closely with Interlines, Partners, and Cartage Carriers

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Superior Customer Service with good listening skills
- Must have the ability to effectively deal with frustrated customers to bring their issues to a satisfied conclusion
- Must have an excellent understanding of our service area and schedules
- Excellent communication skills
- Must be able to multitask and be extremely flexible
- Being Bilingual would be an asset

In exchange for your efforts, we offer a competitive salary, comprehensive benefits program, and Profit Sharing.

Please email your credentials to Janelle Addison at [apply@monarchr.ca](mailto:apply@monarchr.ca)



## NOOJMOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE AGING AT HOME VAN SUPPORT DRIVER CASUAL/ON-CALL

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre seeks the services of an Aging at Home Van Support Driver. The Van Support Driver will work as part of an interdisciplinary team to improve transportation services for individuals 55 years and older for the Manitoulin Island District. This initiative is designed to support healthy aging and independent living for individuals 55 years of age and older. The successful candidate will work in collaboration with various external organizations, establishing linkages with community programs and services Island-wide to enhance access to transportation services for medical care and social programming.

### Qualifications:

1. Ability to travel
2. Ability to work flexible hours from Monday to Friday
3. Familiarity with local health and social services within the Manitoulin Island District
4. Must possess CPR/First Aid Certificate
5. Must possess a valid class G Driver's License
6. Must provide a Drivers Abstract
7. Must provide proof of personal automobile insurance
8. Must provide a "letter of experience" from your insurer
9. Criminal Records Check is essential
10. Anishinaabemowin, as well as knowledge of Anishinaabe culture and traditions, is an asset

Submit a covering letter, resume, three (3) work related letters of reference, a current criminal record check and a copy of valid driver's license, driver's abstract, letter of experience and proof of personal automobile insurance. Please mark correspondence as "Confidential". Submissions will be accepted by mail, facsimile, or email.

**Application Deadline: September 10, 2019 at 12:00 pm**

Human Resources  
Noojmowin Teg Health Centre  
Postal Bag 2002, Hwy. 540  
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Email: [info@noojmowin-teg.ca](mailto:info@noojmowin-teg.ca)  
Web-site: [www.noojmowin-teg.ca](http://www.noojmowin-teg.ca)

We thank all for their interest and applications, however, only those under consideration will be contacted. .



## WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE Human Resources / Payroll Clerk Full-Time Permanent Extended Posting

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service invites all suitable qualified candidates to apply for the position of Human Resources / Payroll Clerk.

### **POSITION SUMMARY**

Reporting to the Chief of Police, and working in collaboration with the Financial Controller, this position's purpose is to provide Payroll support with a primary focus on confidential Human Resources. The incumbent will also process pension and benefit information, remittances, analyze data and prepare reports, and provide administrative support for Command Staff as well as assist with special projects related to the overall objectives of the WTPS as assigned.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

Tasks may include but are not limited to the following:

- Processes payroll for salary and hourly employees, reconciles and verifies accuracy of payroll.
- Acts as a plan administrator for pension and benefit information for all employees and maintains complete and accurate records.
- Reconciles and pays government remittances while adhering to tight deadlines including source deductions, pension plan contributions, and miscellaneous withholdings to appropriate agencies.
- Prepares the Payroll Comparison report and other reports pertaining to payroll as required and ensures the timely processing of payroll related documents. Completes and submits Records of Employment (ROE).
- Provides payroll, pension and benefits information to employees referring complex questions and issues to the Chief of Police (Payroll, Benefits & Pension).
- Responsible for entering of data for new hires, transfers, terminations, leaves of absence, benefit and pension deductions, on call claims, stipends and garnishments.
- Prepares and processes confidential documents/forecasts/reports related to human resource management and employee and labour relations, hiring, terminations, etc.
- Prepares statistical information for internal/external stakeholders. Provides payroll information to the Finance Controller and to auditors when required.
- Conducts payroll orientations to hourly employees.
- Maintains records of employee leaves including vacation and other leaves of absences.
- Maintains accurate HR files both electronic and hardcopy; assists with the development and maintenance of an HRIS (Human Resource Information System); produces management reports and responds to queries.
- Assists the Command Staff with various special projects directly related to the overall objectives of the WTPS.
- Maintains an up to date knowledge of current and emerging payroll issues.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

Education:

- Postsecondary diploma in Payroll/Finance/Accounting/Administration from a College with Canadian accreditation, is an asset.

Certificates / Designations

- Payroll Compliance Practitioner (PCP) designation from the Canadian Payroll Association (CPA) is an asset.

Experience

- Minimum of one (1) year of experience working in Payroll in an automated HRIS/payroll environment, working with source deductions and benefit plans
- Experience working in a Unionized environment with Collective Agreements

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Computer office software (e.g., word processing, spreadsheets, Excel, Word, databases, email, internet)
- HR practices and procedures as relate to payroll, benefits, orientation, on-boarding
- Payroll administration practices and procedures
- Knowledge of employment standards and payroll related legislation including Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act, Health Information Act
- Knowledge of the Canadian Payroll Association's guidelines and Government of Canada guidelines regarding payroll
- Knowledge of Employment Standards and other applicable legislation related to payroll
- Compensation, pension and benefit packages
- The Occupational Health & Safety Act and Regulations that apply to the work being performed
- Multi-task in a high volume work environment
- Ability to work within tight deadlines
- Use discretion and maintain confidentiality
- Exercise initiative and judgment and make decisions within position's scope of authority
- Analyzing data and preparing reports and charts such as typical HR Dashboards or demographics reports
- Must be able to communicate effectively in English (verbally, written and comprehension)
- Anishinaabemowin language skills would be considered an asset
- Valid Driver's Licence.
- No Criminal Record and must pass background check.

For a complete employment application package please call the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service, from Monday - Friday, from 8:00 AM to 4: 30 PM at (705) 859-3141 or call our toll free number at 1-866-684-1136 or visit our office at 2074 Wikwemikong Way, Wikwemikong, ON.

Interested applicants are to forward their completed employment package, a cover letter, detailed resume outlining their interests in the position, along with 3 work related references to:

Chief of Police  
Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service  
2074 Wikwemikong Way  
P.O. Box 27  
Wikwemikong, ON  
POP 2J0

**Closing Date: Friday, August 30, 2019 at 12:00 PM**

*We thank all candidates who apply, however only those who are considered will be contacted.*



# Tehkumma Talk and Times

Cal said he could smell bear in his yard on Sunday. There are still folks seeing them on Slash Road! Watch for them!

Golly, here it is Market morning already and I've got a week's worth to think about and try to remember. Had my first ripe tomato sandwich last night for supper. The beans and peas I'm starting on this past week. They would be better with the help of rain? But for such short rows they are producing well. I must try the spuds!?

Sherry drove me to Espanola for eye tests Thursday. I have to have one over again on Monday! My technician's name is Megan. What a nice girl. We both said hello to our neighbours. The motorcycle (bums?) Doug and Don at the Chinese restaurant, and I saw Sissy Pat at the

grocery store. I like the bench for sitting at the mall, waiting for shoppers.

Thursday morning got a call from Eileen about Audrie's fall and a broken hip. Supposed to be in Sudbury getting it fixed Thursday. Hope all went well! Thinking of you, dear one!

Tara was cleaning the pond filter on Wednesday, I was the spectator and we had heard the ambulance siren.

Cribbage afternoon, eight full tables and a great lunch. Thanks. I made boiled raisin muffins that day. Two high hands, 24, Joy and Ruth McG.; first, Joy and Dorothy A., 927; second, Cal and I, 922; third, Ted and Ruth, 916; low, Doris and Noreen, 813; door, Noreen P., Betty Jean, Florence.

Sandfield euchre, 21st,

six tables: Ladies', Pat Nelder, 83; men's and five lones, Bill Montgomery, 93; three 9s, \$10, Beth; 50/50?

Eileen and Grant stopped Friday evening, while plant watering here Audrey, hip replacement! Sitting up having supper! Why am I not surprised!

Raymond Chatwell recently had some surgery, but I hear he is home and doing well.

Ron Anstice, too, had carpal tunnel surgery and is in recovery mode as well, hard on busy folk to be tied down!

Lynn Fry, I think, has a birthday near. Jodi Hall celebrates hers on the 25th of August. We sang the happy birthday song to Pat Norton on Wednesday and she gave us some gifts (she does things like that!)

Went to Manitowaning town Friday afternoon for euchre with Dorothy Cronk, my partner. We got to top billing with 77 points. Hugh and his partner were right behind with 76 (no other information.)

Bid euchre, four tables, Tehkumma: first, Glenn, 259; second, Janet, 228; third, John, 209; low, Dave James, 106; a moon, Hank; 50/50, Judy P.

I can't believe how cold the mornings are, but the sky this morning is simply amazing, and all the way home from Sunsite the sunset was spectacular last evening. August is always famous for cloud formations, so lately I've been doing lots of admiring. Somehow driving north seems best, but speaking of, I see huge flocks of blackbirds and formation-flying geese, I think they're gearing up, preparing for an early frost. Derek says two families of mud wasps are building homes in the very tops of trees and the spruce cones are at the very top, so buy extra high snow boots! Just saying! Oh yeah, the days are shortening down, and the kids are getting ready for back to school, that's another sign. Enough said! Oh, more birds in the yard again.

I helped Jodi celebrate her birthday last evening with a steak BBQ. Tristen the cook, it was delish, but there was no birthday cake. I could have gotten on my way there (maybe) or baked (my furnace just kicked in again.)

Just Sherry and Dave extra. Sherry and Jodi

had a girls' day yard saling. While we were there Tory called from Ottawa to wish his Mom "happy birthday". But, also had information from the Island that Tavis was in hospital with possible heart problems (he's 39), so needless to say, Sherry and Dave were upset and we all were worried. I stopped at the Hall on my way home. Lots of dancers enjoying the music. The Baileys did they miss a dance? Smiling, enjoying, music does make you happy. Eugene Manitowobi was enjoying and entertaining when I walked in, heard a rumour that he also won the 50/50. Doug was guest fiddler for the evening, Norm, Gordie, Harold and Peter, The Islanders. I heard they had some extra singers. What I did hear, as always, was great!

It must be a bug of some type. These panic attacks, heart, connected complications, some slightly different. Are the aliens attacking us from? It seems strange that most of us have had weakness in arms and legs. Too coincidental and everybody is tired! All that juice, excess from the electronic gadgets? Some invading us, well maybe?

Talking to Tavis this morning, his blood pressure is coming down, he seems good! Take care all you injured and ailing.

God Bless.



Blueberries are one of my favourite fruits. Easy to freeze and then use in different recipes all year long.

## Honey Blueberry Muffins

You can leave out the white sugar—they just won't be as sweet.

1/4 cup butter softened  
1/2 cup granulated sugar  
1/4 cup honey  
1 egg  
1 1/2 cups cake-and-pastry flour  
2 tsp baking powder  
1/2 cup buttermilk  
1 1/2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries

Whip the butter, sugar and honey until well blended. Add the egg and beat until light in colour. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour and baking powder. Add to the creamed ingredients alternately with the buttermilk. Gently fold in the blueberries.

Spoon into paper lined muffin tins. Bake in a preheated 375°F oven. Bake for 25 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 12 muffins.

## Buckwheat and Quinoa Blueberry Muffins

These muffins are heavy duty. Lots of goodness in a small package!

1/2 cup quinoa flakes  
1/2 cup milk of your choice (almond, soy, coconut)  
1 cup spelt flour  
1 cup buckwheat flour  
3 tsp baking powder  
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon  
1/4 cup raw cane sugar or coconut sugar  
1 tsp vanilla  
1 egg  
3/4 cup coconut oil  
3/4 cup maple syrup  
2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a 12 cup muffin tin with paper liners.

Place the quinoa flakes and milk in a large bowl, mix well and allow to soak for 20 minutes. Add both the flours, the baking powder, cinnamon, sugar, vanilla, egg, oil and maple syrup and mix to combine. Gently fold in the blueberries. Spoon the mixture into the muffin tins. Bake for 20 -25 minutes or until just cooked when tested with a skewer.

## Advertising Deadlines

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## ESTATE OF DOUGLAS GARNET EARL BAILEY EXECUTOR NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE UNDERSIGNED having qualified as Executor under the Last Will and Testament of Douglas Garnet Earl Bailey (Deceased) does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said Decedent to present the same to the undersigned on or before December 4, 2019. Said date being at least three months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. All persons indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment.

Name and Address of Executor:  
Martin DS Bailey  
#112 9682 134TH Street  
Surrey, BC  
V3T 5L6

## ESTATE OF MARY ELLEN BAILEY EXECUTOR NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE UNDERSIGNED having qualified as Executor under the Last Will and Testament of Mary Ellen Bailey (Deceased) does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said Decedent to present the same to the undersigned on or before December 4, 2019. Said date being at least three months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. All persons indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment.

Name and Address of Executor:  
Martin DS Bailey  
#112 9682 134TH Street  
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## TENDER FOR FACILITY MAINTENANCE PROJECT MAIN OFFICE LOCATION

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre requires assistance for the facility maintenance project of the main office building and three storage sheds. The project is under the direction of Noojmowin Teg Health Centre, Director of Operations and in partnership with Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc.

The project will include:

- Routine maintenance of all building(s) and operations including structural, electrical and plumbing systems;
- Assist with minor repairs, painting, installation and maintenance plans for all vendors (heating/cooling systems, generator, plumbing etc.);
- Seasonal work, snow removal from roof tops, walkways and exits of all buildings and includes summer projects;
- Outline a maintenance plan schedule for the year;
- Address concerns as required;
- Follow up on maintenance orders and routine checks;
- Assemble office furniture and equipment as required;
- Provide a monthly report to the Director of Operations on facility maintenance projects and progress to date.

For review of the building and specific details, please arrange a site visit by phone at 705-368-2182 ext. 248

The tender submission will include proof of insurance, WSIB, two work-related letters of reference and a budget for the maintenance project.

**Deadline for Tenders: Friday, September 6, 2019 at noon**

Please submit tenders to:

**"CONFIDENTIAL: MAINTENANCE PROJECT Tender Submission"**

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre  
48 Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation  
Postal Bag 2002, Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0  
Email: info@noojmowin-teg.ca

## Couple to recount Swaziland volunteerism at Thursday presentation

**+** in memoriam

**LITTLE CURRENT**—Gail and Mike Messick have dedicated years of their lives to volunteerism, perhaps most importantly in Swaziland (now Eswatini), a little country in Sub-Saharan Africa with the highest population of HIV/Aids-affected people in the world. Tomorrow evening, Thursday, August 29, the Messicks will be sharing details about their good works at a public presentation at the Little Current United Church.

For four years, beginning in 2010, the Messicks worked at an orphanage in Swaziland after being paired there through their work with the United States' Peace Corps—a government-funded volunteer organization “designed to get Americans out of their comfort zone. It’s a cultural exchange,” the couple explained.

“You live as the people live and are given a very modest stipend,” Ms. Messick said.

Volunteers only go to countries that the United States government has a pre-organized agreement with via the Peace Corps. Currently, there are over 7,000 volunteers serving in more than 70 countries.

“We left the States, sold our house, and moved to Africa,” Mr. Messick told *The Expositor*.

What was supposed to be a two-year assignment with the Peace Corps turned into four years at the Pasture Valley Children’s Home—an orphanage of 20 children at the time, which has since over-doubled in size to now house 50 children.

The Messicks explained that one-third of Swaziland is HIV positive, about half that population is between the ages of 29 and 49 and seven percent of the entire

population of one million are orphans.

“If you think about it, the population sign of Little Current says 1,500—that would mean 105 of those 1,500 would be orphans,” Ms. Messick said by way of example.

In Swaziland, the government has no official programs to take care of the orphans. “The social welfare program is poorly funded,” she added.

The Messicks explained that the normal procedure at the Pasture Valley Children’s Home is that the orphanage will receive a phone call and someone like the Messicks will be dispatched to investigate the case.

Quite often, the child will know their name and their age, but not much else. Once the child is brought back to the home, they are assigned a birthday.

Peace Corps’ missions are typically two years, but can be extended to four or five years, which is what the Messicks did. As the orphanage continued to grow, they knew they couldn’t just leave the Pasture Valley Children’s Home. The couple that runs the home, Peter and Michelle McCubbin, needed help, and so they continue to go back each year for as long as their travel VISAs will allow.

The Messicks, from Columbus, Ohio, have vacationed in White’s Point on Manitoulin since 1970 when they visited Mr. Messick’s family cottage on their honeymoon. Mr. Messick has been coming to Manitoulin, and White’s Point, since 1957. In the summers, they attend the Little Current United Church.

The Thursday night

event will be a 45-minute long PowerPoint presentation and will also include refreshments and some jewellery and crafts for sale. The handicrafts are made by the women of Swaziland and help them to become financially independent.

“What they do with that money, they send their girls to school; they buy meat for the pot,” Ms. Messick said. “It helps them stand a little taller and it shows their daughters’ what they are capable of too.”



Gail and Mike Messick will offer a presentation on their time in Swaziland during a presentation in Little Current Thursday evening, August 29.

**NIGHSWANDER**—In loving memory of a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, who left us August 14, 1989, Thomas Marshall Nighswander. That special smile, that special face.

And in our hearts, a special place. No words we speak can ever say how much we miss him every day. Dearly missed, Lottie, Mary and Stewart and family, Brenda and Grenville and family

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## Death Notices

### MELVENA FLORENCE SUTTON December 10, 1942 - August 22, 2019



In Loving Memory of Melvena Florence Sutton December 10, 1942 to August 22, 2019. Melvena passed away peacefully at home on August 22, 2019 with dear family by her side. Born to Dominic Bell and Genevieve Pitawanakwat-Bell in Sheshegwaning on December 10, 1942. Predeceased by her husband Samuel Clarke Sutton. Adoring mother of Mark (partner Tammy), Heather (partner Elvis), Jennifer (husband Paul Buchinger) and Malcolm (wife Ashley). Cherished grandmother of Steven, Wusto, Wiidaaseh, Michael, Nathan and Jordan. Loving great-grandmother of Kyle, Aiden, Ohitika and Liam. Beloved sister of Dorothy, Elaine (predeceased), Harvey (predeceased), Vera, Leland, Fred, Wilma and John. Fondly remembered and greatly missed by Samuel Sutton’s children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Will be missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and the Sheguiandah Community. Melvena was a loving and caring person who was friendly to everyone she encountered. She was good hearted and angelic in many ways. Melvena loved gospel music and she sang in many choirs and played the piano. Melvena was a dedicated Mama Bird to all of her children whether they were hers or not. She was an avid Bingo player and was very involved in Sheguiandah community events. Melvena was a registered practical nurse who cared for many patients in hospitals and residents in nursing homes. Family and friends gathered at the Sheguiandah Community Centre for visitation on Saturday, August 24, 2019 started at 5 pm, funeral Mass on August 26, 2019 at 11am. Burial in the Sheguiandah First Nation Cemetery.

### CAPTAIN (CAPPY) A. MURRAY MCGREGOR SR. March 16, 1939 - August 24, 2019



In Loving Memory of Captain (Cappy) A. Murray McGregor Sr. born on March 16, 1939 and crossed over into the Spirit World on August 24, 2019. Beloved husband of Marion (nee Beaucage) for 58 years. Cherished son of Julia and William McGregor. Loving grandson of Charlotte and Andrew Recollet of Rabbit Island, Wiikwemkoong and Veronica and Gregor McGregor of Birch Island. Dearest brother of Arthur-baa, George-baa, Agnes-baa, Florence-baa, Genevieve-baa, Helen-baa, Barbara-baa, Mary Louise-baa, Marion-baa, Susan-baa, Veronica-baa and nephew Gregory. Foster brother of Ernie St. Germaine-baa, George Francis-baa, Leonard Paibomsai and Jake Pakosigan. Much loved father of Bill (wife Gerri), Deborah (husband Steve), Lissa, Darrell, Leslie, Murray Jr. (wife Danette), Lorrilee (friend Curtis), Derek (wife Doris), Steve (friend Caroline) and Hilary-baa. Cherished GPa of Shane, Zane, Bailey-baa, Phoenix, Justin, Hillary, Kyanna, Theron, Arden, Savannah, Sterling and Max. Loving great GPa of Preston, Delilah, Skyanna, Zander, Breaha and Giniw. Godparent to Tim McGregor, Mariette Sutherland, Elliott Paibomsai, Nala Toulouse and Jennifer Naitiwash. Will be sadly missed by many nieces and nephews, relatives and friends, and friends of Bill W. Wake was held at the Whitefish River First Nation Community Center beginning on Monday, August 26, 2019 at 4 pm. Funeral mass, pipe ceremony and travelling song on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 11 am. Services will be officiated by family friend Reverend George Gardner SJ, Art Jacko and Gerri Ense-McGregor.

### NANCY EILEEN ANETTE DEBASSIGE

September 17, 1942 - August 20, 2019



In Loving Memory of Nancy Eileen Anette Debassige, September 17, 1942 to August 20, 2019. A resident of M’Chigeeng First Nation, Nancy passed away peacefully at her residence at the Wellness Center on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at the age of 76 years. She was born in M’Chigeeng First Nation, daughter of the late Ernest and Bernice Debassige (nee Corbiere). Dear loving mother of Becky Debassige (Shawn) and Samuel Debassige (Diane). Beloved grandmother of Melissa, Naomi, Jared, Sarah, Judah and Jewel. Dear sister of Lloyd Debassige (predeceased) (Lillian), Winnifred Still (predeceased), Jaqueline Crawford (predeceased) (Arthur), Yvonne Alberts (John), Nelson Debassige (Joyce), Annabelle Debassige (predeceased), Alice Meadus (Ronald), Clifford Debassige (Kate), Linda Van Horne (Perry), Monica Debassige, Albert Debassige (Janet), Rochelle Debassige and Gloria Popat. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Nancy was employed at Lakeview School as a language teacher for over 30 years and later thoroughly enjoyed instructing adult learners in Sault, Michigan. Nancy was both exceptionally passionate and generous in sharing her gift of Anishnabemowin language. Nancy loved to cook and share her delicious meals; she was well known and many enjoyed her famous fish pie. Nancy will be sadly missed by all who knew her and by her grandchildren, whom she adored. Family and friends called at the M’Chigeeng Wellness Centre (61 Lakeview Drive) on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 starting at 2 pm. The Funeral Mass was celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church on Friday, August 23, 2019 at 11 am with Father Jim Kelly officiating. Interment in the M’Chigeeng First Nation Cemetery.

### EMILY MARIE LOUISE DAKIN (NÉE GAUTHIER)



It is with great sorrow and broken hearts that the family announces her sudden passing in Little Current on Friday, August 16th, 2019 at the age of 73 years. Daughter of the late Octave and late Rosa (née Mathias) Gauthier. Former wife of Hector Dakin. Loving mother of Mary-Ann Bouchard (Denis), Jenny Wass (Michael), June Dallaire (Dan) and Charity Dakin (Bob Duranleau). Predeceased by many siblings. Cherished grandmother of Ricky Paradis (Kaitlyn), Stephanie Paradis (Curtis), Luc Bouchard (Lori), Camille Poitras, Daryl Dakin, Zachary Dallaire and great-grandmother of Tyson, Ethen and Yenic. She will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. She retired from INCO (Vale) after 31 years of service. As per the family’s wishes, there was a Celebration of Life at the United Steelworkers Hall Local 6500 located at 66 Brady Street, Sudbury on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 from 4 pm to 8 pm. Lost but not forgotten. Arrangements entrusted to the Cooperative Funeral Home, Sudbury, [www.cooperativefuneralhome.ca](http://www.cooperativefuneralhome.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.

## Death Notices

### CYNTHIA ANN ROSE TRUDEAU (NEE FINEDAY)

**Kiniwe Kwe, Golden Eagle Woman  
Shiikenh dodem, Turtle Clan**



In Loving Memory of Cynthia Ann Rose Trudeau (nee Fineday) Kiniwe Kwe, Golden Eagle Woman Shiikenh dodem, Turtle Clan passed peacefully Sunday, August 25, 2019 with loving family at her side. Beloved wife of Raymond Trudeau. Loving mother of David (Naomi), Tara (Bryden Kiwenzie) and Graham. Cherished grandmother of Niibishens, Paungbiisohn, Azhibikoonz, N’Waabdasse, Gwiss and Aakodewin. Dear daughter of Fred and Rita Fineday both predeceased. Dear sister of Mary predeceased, Dorothy predeceased, Richard predeceased, “Gloria” Lorraine (Charles) both predeceased, Pearl (Gordon), Doreen (Ray), Ivey and extended siblings Shawn, Darren Shawanda, and Jackie Shawanda. Sadly missed by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives, friends, and the Pow Wow Community. Cynthia has devoted to living her life to the fullest with her husband, children, grandchildren and close/extended family members. By dancing at pow wows. Going to ceremonies. Creating gardens, laughing and always having fun. She dedicated her life to making sure all children are protected and given all opportunities others take for granted. She was a strong advocate for child protection and welfare as a band representative, an education counsellor, an aunty, a best friend, and most importantly she was an awesome mother to us and many others! Funeral Service in the Sheguiandah Band Office on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 11 am. Interment in Sheguiandah Cemetery. Friends called at the Band Office after 4 pm Monday, August 26, 2019. Arrangements entrusted to the Lougheed Funeral Home. For messages of condolence, [www.lougheed.org](http://www.lougheed.org).

## New clerk-administrator named in Tehkummah

**TEHKUMMAH**—After a one-year transition period, Tehkummah Township has hired a full-time clerk-administrator to take the leadership role as advisor to council and lead municipal staff, effective next month.

T. Silvio Berti, a resident of the township with municipal and project management experience, will be appointed the clerk-administrator at the September 10 meeting of township council.

"I'm looking forward to my new role as

clerk-administrator for the Township of Tehkummah and to the challenges and opportunities it will provide," said Mr. Berti.

Reeve David Jaggard expressed his pleasure at the prospect of the leadership that the new clerk will provide. "Council looks forward to working together with Mr. Berti and the staff on bringing progress to the township. During the transition, Mr. Roy Hardy, the former acting clerk-administrator will assist Silvio on an as-needed basis."

## NEMI Public Library News

by Karen Gallo and Marian Barnett

Tourists, boaters, cottagers and of course regular patrons all coming in to use the internet, to find a good book, or to enjoy a magazine out of the heat. A very busy summer at your community library.

New books have arrived throughout the summer. These include such best sellers listed by The Globe and Mail as: 'Where the Crawdads Sing' by Delia Owens, 'The Tattooist of Auschwitz' by Heather Morris, 'Educated' by Tara Westover and 'Becoming' by Michelle Obama. Check out our webpage and catalogue at <http://nemi.olsn.ca>. If you go to our Facebook page you will see staff picks and new books. You do not need an account with Facebook to do this.

The annual book sale downtown Little Current on July 1 was a great success. Thanks to our wonderful and tireless volunteers, Maureen Armstrong, John Royal, Paula Hooper, Tom Hooper, Anne Richards, Laurie Cook, Lee Baxter and John Finlay. We couldn't have done it without you!

Elderly patrons from the Manor were brought to the Library for two visits over the summer. They had an opportunity to browse the shelves and choose reading materials for themselves. Library Outreach, resuming in September, is a program where volunteers visit shut ins such as Manor residents and bring books, magazines or audio materials to them. New volunteers are most welcome. Call Wendy Gauthier at 705-368-3247.

Nelson Wood once again held the Haw Run and donated all proceeds to the library this year. Nelson has always been generous to the Library, and we were thrilled to

receive this donation. Thank you to Nelson and all his volunteers.

The library was a stop on the Manitoulin Art Tour again in July. Local artists are invited to display their work here, and exhibits run on a regular basis throughout the year.

We would like to say thank you and good luck to Karen Nesbitt, one of our hard-working volunteer board members who has moved away. Karen will be missed by staff and fellow board members.

Grace Duncanson was with us once again as a summer student. A pleasure to work with, her great personality and work ethic will be missed by staff and patrons. Good luck with your studies this year, Grace.

Knitting on Thursday mornings and Creation Station on Friday mornings have continued through the summer. Tech Tuesday (first Tuesday of the month) has been a regular service since spring. Please call and make an appointment to see Ryan Adam for any tech help you may need.

Siska Poenn will re-start the Recorder Club on Thursdays, Bridge will resume on Wednesday afternoons, and games will be Friday afternoons for anyone interested in Scrabble, chess, Blokus, etc. Call the Library (705-368-2444) or check our website for dates and times. Everyone is welcome to join in.

The current tax bill includes an insert giving residents an opportunity to make a donation to the library. Consider becoming a special "Friend" and supporter of a valuable community resource.



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**LAKE KAGAWONG** 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom. Wrap around deck, Boat house, with 2 bedrooms, 50 foot dock. Circular drive MLS# X4470989

\$409,000

**LAKE MANITOU** - Waterfront, 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom, over 2000 sq. ft. of living space, cathedral ceilings, loft, over-sized double garage, boat harbour dock, level ground, mature trees & private. MLS# X3612305

\$310,000

**SOUTH BAY** 2 bedroom cottage. 288' waterfront. Guest house, boat house, marine railway. Dock. MLS# X4470986

\$279,900

**Kagawong** - 5 bedroom, 2 bathroom, home or cottage, open concept, 1800 sq ft of living space, professionally decorated, over 800 sq ft of decking for entertaining, walk out basement, sunsets & more! MLS# X4346442

\$349,000

**LAKE MANITOU** - 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 acre waterfront, very private, circular driveway, mature trees, dock, deep water boat lift, & all appliances included. MLS# X3879087

\$895,000

**LAKE MANITOU** 1500 ft of shoreline, 16 buildings all with recent metal roofs, boat house, cabins, lodge, once a fishing lodge, kept as a family retreat, mature trees & very private. A must see! MLS# X4333274

\$149,900

**HWY 540** - 15+ Acres with 1800ft of HWY frontage, building has two rooms and washroom. Great location to start your business. MLS# X3886790

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**Private Waterfront** - 2+ bedrooms, 1 bathroom, garage, dock, sauna.

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**WATERFRONT** -3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, walk out basement, guest house, double garage, dock, boat lift.

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**SANDFIELD** 78 acres, Mature trees, 1 bedroom cabin, flat rock trails, year round road. MLS X4450247

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**28 CAMPBELL ST. LITTLE CURRENT** Calling all investors! Triplex situated in sought after area of Little Current, close to the downtown core. The main unit features 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, Second unit features 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. The third unit features 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom. MLS 2074197 \$269,900

**24 TOWNLINE RD. SHEGUIANDAH** Spacious home in Sheguiandah for sale. 2+1 bedroom bungalow with full basement. All brick bungalow serviced with municipal water. Open concept kitchen / dining area, spacious living room and main floor laundry. Tremendous value, call today! \$189,900 MLS 2075849

**250 BAYSHORE RD. LITTLE CURRENT** Absolute stunning waterfront property located 15 minutes from Little Current. This year-round home has everything you could possibly need. Double car garage, Private Boat Launch & Dock \$449,900 MLS 2075883

**46 QUEEN ST. MANITOWANING** Business opportunity in the core of Manitowaning. Large retail area. Attached 3 bedroom living quarters. Don't miss out on this great opportunity! \$169,900 MLS 2075851

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**47 WILSON ST. LITTLE CURRENT** Beautiful maintained bungalow situated in a quiet area of Little Current. Large detached garage. \$179,900

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**FEATURE OF THE WEEK**

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**LAKE KAGAWONG COTTAGE**  
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**MANITOWANING WATERFRONT**  
\$209,900 MLS#2078834

**NORTH CHANNEL VIEW ACREAGE**  
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**100 ACRE LOT**  
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**LAKE KAGAWONG WATERFRONT**  
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**LAKE HURON COTTAGE - \$129,500**  
Large cottage under construction, approx. 1400 Sq.ft., three bedroom, two washrooms, 1.5 storey in design completion required siding and windows on site. MLS#1042712

**GORE BAY BUILDING LOT**  
Large estate sized lot over 2 acres in area, westerly section of Gore Bay, mixed tree cover, hydro at rear of lot line, year round paved road access off Armstrong Road, quality residential homes in area, asking \$32,900 MLS#2077548

**CAMPBELL BAY WATERFRONT**  
Unique point of land comprising approx. 1000 feet of shoreline and 7 acres of property, sheltered harbour location provided on one side of the parcel, mixed tree cover, includes garage approx. 20 x 24 feet, Lake Wolsey only a five minute boat ride away, direct access to famous North Channel boating and sailing, hydro line nearby, good seasonal access to property, asking \$ 179,000 MLS#2072634

**250 ACRE FARM - \$340,000**  
Year round paved road, mixture of work land, pasture and bush, gravel pit for private usage, totally interior upgraded farm house, natural wood walls and ceilings, 4 bedrooms, two washrooms, drilled well that can supply both home and barn, livestock barn in very good condition concrete bottom area, perfect for the farmer or outdoor enthusiast. MLS#1031304

**GORE BAY WATERFRONT - \$59,000**  
Large level waterfront lot on lighthouse road, Gore Bay harbour, easterly facing, municipal water, paved road, area of newer homes and cottages, 150 feet frontage by one acre in size, surveyed lot, only 5 minute drive to Gore Bay shopping. (1321) MLS#1012977





