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Gore Bay may ask Aboriginal Housing about repurchase of downtown units for seniors' use

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Gore Bay general government committee member Ron Lane implored the town to investigate the possibility of purchasing the Woods Lane apartment building, and return it to its original purpose, senior housing.

"I have two issues with the Woods Lane apartments, one being personal and the other a town issue," stated Mr. Lane, who chaired the meeting. "The building has been in place since the mid-1960s and was named after two former mayors (Marv Woods and John Lane) of the town. The (building name) sign is unreadable."

"From a personal point of view I'm not satisfied with the way the apartment building is being managed," said Mr. Lane. "The original intent of the building was for seniors, but when the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board took it over, it was changed to social housing. The Millsite apartment has a list of 39 people aged 65 and over on a waiting list to get an apartment in the building. I think the town should be looking into reacquiring the building and turning it into seniors' housing."

"There would be costs involved, but it would mean there would be 12 more apartments available for

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GOING DOWN WITH THEIR SHIP—Elle Glaude and Grayson Hawes' boat The Cardsubmarine was one of the casualties of the 17th annual cardboard boat race as part of the Haweater Weekend festivities. For more Haweater coverage, please see Page 20.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon



RESILIENCE THROUGH THE GENERATIONS—Youth are a growing force amongst powwow dancers. This young shawl dancer, right, was guiding her grass dancer companion around the arena during an intertribal at the Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival which attracted upwards of 10,000 people to the community. For more Cultural Festival photos, see Page 21.

photo by Michael Erskine

UCCM Police Chief stresses need for officers, mental health services

by Tom Sasvari

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—With their current police agreement up for renewal soon and statistics that show an increase of 600 percent over the past year in drug related warrants, arrest and drug and weapons seizures, not to

mention other increases in crime statistics, the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Anishnaabe Police Service is lobbying for an increase in funding for additional staffing.

"We are facing all the same, big issues that the big police depart-

ments in southern Ontario and other areas are seeing," stated UCCM APS Chief of Police James Killeen, at the police annual meeting last week. However, "they have the human resources to deal with gangs, for example, but we don't. We have a really good rela-

tionship with the OPP (Ontario Provincial Police) and Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police and we meet a lot and work together really well."

"The OPP recognizes the issues that all our police departments are facing and are trying to get more staff in place," said Chief of Police Killeen. He explained the UCCM APS is in its final year of the policing agreement, "and we have been, and will push for more funding and more officers. Our officers do a tremendous job, but we don't have enough officers to fully take care of all of our communities."

"I have been here one-and-a-half years and our service has seen incredible changes. It has been a very challenging year," the police chief stated. "Our police

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COVID-19 outbreak locks down Manitoulin Lodge

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home is still under shutdown due to the declaration of an outbreak of COVID-19 at the long-term care home in Gore Bay. Manitoulin Lodge administrator Jaime-Lynn Kalmikov told The Expositor the outbreak was declared on the evening of Monday, July 18, which originally affected 10 residents, but no staff members.

"As of July 25, 21 residents and four team members in our home have tested positive for this virus," said Trevor Sykes, community relations coordinator of Manitoulin Lodge (with Jarlette Health Services) told The Expositor on Thursday. "Our residents are receiving the best care possible and we wish each of them, and our team members, a speedy and complete recovery."

Mr. Sykes explained, "the care,

comfort and safety of residents and our team members are our primary concern, each and every day. We proactively implement health and safety measures to safeguard our community members, often ahead of provincial regulation. And since the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, our team members have bravely risked their own well-being to diligently care for our residents."

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M'Chigeeng asking members to vote opinion on fixing election day on Labour Day Saturday

Referendum to be held during powwow weekend

M'CHIGEENG—M'Chigeeng First Nation band members will be taking part in a referendum later this month to see whether the general election day in the community will be changed and held during the Labour Day weekend.

"In accordance with the M'Chigeeng First Nation election code 2005, notice is hereby given to the M'Chigeeng First Nation membership that a referendum will be held for the purposes of changing the general election day to the Saturday of the Labour Day weekend in September," a M'Chigeeng website explains.

On June 2, M'Chigeeng council made a decision to approve a referendum on the M'Chigeeng First Nations custom election code 2019 that will formally include a specific section in the M'Chigeeng First Nation custom election code 2019 to state, "M'Chigeeng First Nation general election shall be held on the Saturday of the September Labour Day weekend in the voting year," Ogimaa Kwe Linda Debassige wrote in a

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Following Hope's Path

Part XXX of a series

Following the clinical path's procedures

EDITOR'S NOTE: In 2013 retired nurse and midwife Mary Buie approached The Expositor with a mission. She had recently been diagnosed with breast cancer and was wondering whether this newspaper would be interested in following her journey as she battled the disease. It was with some trepidation that this paper agreed as the eventual outcome was far from certain to be positive. What followed was an engaging series that leavened a very serious health issue with Ms. Buie's irrepressible personality. Ms. Buie recently informed The Expositor that she

would once again be facing down cancer. The Expositor continues the series 'Following Hope's Path' to relay the ongoing story of her journey.

by Michael Erskine and Mary Buie

KAGAWONG—Mary Buie checked in recently to let folks know how she is doing with her clinical trial and took The Expositor through how the clinical trial process unfolds.

"I am now in my ninth month of my clinical trial

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 COFFEESHOP, HARDWARE
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 AND GIFTS
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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



August and Lily King, owners and operators of Mindemoya Munchies, along with their parents Jeff and Jacqueline King who own Island Time Boat Rentals, will be hosting two fundraising events this month to benefit the Manitoulin Food Bank, and Manitoulin Pet Rescue. The first event, a charity hot dog barbecue, will take place this Sunday, August 7 at Mindemoya Munchies.

Family-owned businesses to hold fundraisers for worthy local causes

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—Two Mindemoya businesses, both owned by members of the same family, will be holding two fundraisers (over the next two Saturdays in August) to raise funds for two very worthy local causes.

“Jeff, the kids and I have been overwhelmed by the support and enthusiasm that has been shown to both our businesses,” said Jacqueline King. “We wanted to find a way to give back to this amazing community.”

Jeff and Jacqueline King own Island Time Boat Rentals, and their kids, August and Lily, own and operate Mindemoya Munchies (a concession stand across from the Lake Mindemoya public dock). “We have decided to organize a couple of fundraisers to help give back to the community that has welcomed and supported our businesses.”

Mindemoya Munchies sells a variety of snacks and treats. They carry ice cream novelties like drumsticks, ice cream sandwiches, popsicles and freezies, as well as hot snacks like hot dogs, pogos and pizza pops. They also have chocolate bars, chips and a variety of pop and Gatorade. They even have breakfast sandwiches and coffee for the Saturday morning crowd. August and Lily said they are, “really excited because we have partnered with mom and dad’s business to offer hourly rentals of non-motorized boats like kayaks and stand-up paddle boards at the Lake Mindemoya beach.”

“We have been spending our summers on the Island our whole lives,” said the youngsters. “Our dad is from here and all of our family lives here, so it feels like our home too. Last year, we spent a lot of time in the Mindemoya subdivision and drove by the

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Rockin’ the Rock returns this weekend to Little Current

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Come Friday, August 5 this old rock is gonna be rockin’ as Flat Rock Entertainment Centre brings back the popular Rockin’ the Rock music festival.

New this year will be a sunset cruise with North Channel Cruise Lines featuring Toe Jam Tequila.

“It’s something we thought would be a great addition to Rockin’ the Rock,” said promoter KT Timmermans. “It has been really exciting to work with people again. Musical entertainment was among the first to go during the pandemic and among the last to return.”

Returning it is, and with an amazing lineup. Headliner Kim Mitchell will take the stage along with Sass Jordan, Sweet and Toe Jam Tequila. The news could hardly get better, but Honeymoon Suite will headline Saturday, August 6 with Streetheart, Nick Gilder and Sweeney Todd and Pop Machine filling out the roster. Come rain or shine, things are going to be rocking.

Camping is available on-site and many folks are choosing to stay right through the week for Manitoulin Country Fest.

Rockin’ the Rock depends a lot on volunteers, noted Ms. Timmermans, and although some volunteers have dropped off over the last couple of years, a host of new

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faces have stepped up to assist.

“We always like to see volunteers,” she said. “It takes a lot of hands to make something like this work.”

The festivals remain mindful of COVID-19 and will be following public health guidelines. “We encourage everyone to be kind and patient,” said Ms. Timmermans, “particularly towards our volunteers who will be doing the best job they can.”

Masks and wipes will be available and folks are more than welcome to wear them as needed for their own comfort and peace of mind. “Safety is top of mind, always,” said Ms. Timmermans.

There is no separate tenting

and RV area, each will be mixed and matched as they come. Tickets are necessary to be on the festival grounds. Campers can arrive on Thursday, August 4 at noon but the gates close at 10 pm. Remember to bring money for the vendors and merchandise.

Tickets from 2020 will be honoured and can be transferred or purchased by contacting Flat Rock Entertainment Centre at (705) 368-1998, toll free at 1-866-755-7425 or email at info@manitoulin-countryfest.com. They can also be purchased online at frec.me.

General admission for the weekend is \$110. Friday admission only is \$50 and Saturday online is \$60.

Debajehmujig Storytellers knock one out of the park

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—A bright new star arose with the launch of Debajehmujig Storytellers latest collaboration with Manifesto Poetico, ‘If I listened...’ (‘Jiishpin Bizindimaa...’), which premiered on July 27. While the entire production was outstanding, the incredible performance of nine-year-old Ogeequa Williston Osawabine presages great things to come—it is well worth catching the production just to watch this amazing young kwe in



Waawaatesi (Ogeequa Williston Osawabine), front, and her imaginary protector Ogichidaao (Daniel Recollet-Mejaki).

photo by Kristin Pitawanakwat

Final agreement reached on transfer of Big Lake School

by Tom Sasvari

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—The Municipality of Central Manitoulin and the Big Lake Community Association have reached a final, signed agreement to transfer ownership of the Big Lake School and property to the association. As had been previously reported, Central Manitoulin council declared the Big Lake School property as surplus in March and municipal staff had been instructed to enter into negotiations with BLCA for its purchase.

“What was approved was to everyone’s satisfaction,” stated Richard Stephens, mayor of Central Manitoulin after the transfer was officially signed last Friday. “We are endorsing what they (BLCA) are doing, and hoping that this (transfer) will be beneficial to the community.”

“It was a long haul getting to this point, but when both sides have good faith and it’s a project that will be beneficial to both sides and to the community, you have to make these kind of decisions,” said Mayor Stephens. He said, “I would like to congratulate the negotiating staff and the pro-

ponents for coming up with something that was agreeable and doable.”

Mayor Stephens noted the municipality had originally received a report from the BLCA, “that they wanted to take over ownership of the building and noted that they had spent \$100,000 in renovations on the building in the last few years. And, as you know, we had received a property assessment report on the building, carried out by Hal Love, that showed the building was worth \$100,000 on the market. It was at this point we went back to the association and said, you have looked after the building all these years, and we suggested going with a 50/50 cost split so they could buy the building at half of the valued cost of \$50,000. But (BLCA) pointed out they had already spent \$100,000 in renovations on the building in the past few years.”

“The negotiations were amenable and agreeable, and I wish the group the best and they make the best of the building and enjoy it,” continued Mayor Stephens. He noted as well that

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Crystal Shawanda to headline Her Northern Voice music festival

by Tom Sasvari

WIIKWEMKOONG—Wiikwemkoong multi-Juno award winner Crystal Shawanda will be the headline performer at the inaugural Her Northern Voice music festival. The event is a celebration of talented female artists from across Northern Ontario.

The event is being hosted by the Sudbury Performance Group (SPG), with YWCA Sudbury and the Sudbury Women’s Centre which is partnering with SPG for the event, scheduled to take place Saturday, August 6, from 12-8 pm at Bell Park in Sudbury.

Ms. Shawanda’s concert will take place at 8 pm at The Coulson Entertainment Centre. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling 705-662-8518 or purchased online at Eventbrite.

Mark Mannisto, president and founder of SPG told Sudbury.com, “the goal is to provide an avenue to showcase female music artists from the North while at the same time support Northern Ontario charities that specialize in providing essential services to women across Northern Ontario.” A total of nine female-driven musical acts will be featured, with each band featuring either a female lead singer or the majority of musical acts being female. Among

the performers includes Tessa and Peter, Ashley Woodruff, Patricia Watson, Sex & Summer, Monochrome, Chanelle Albert & the Easy Company, and 21. The festival starts at noon and continues until 8 pm. It is a free event.



Crystal Shawanda

Committee recommends town help dentist relocate to Gore Bay

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—If everything works out, the town of Gore Bay could have a new dentist in town by this fall or soon after. At a general government committee meeting held last week, council agreed to pay half the costs of purchasing refurbished equipment at the facility, and to help in finding accommodations for the dentist and her family.

This comes after the town’s general government committee heard a presentation from an interested dentist. Dr. Mary Cross told the committee, “I grew up in Beamsville and Grimsby Ontario in the Niagara region, and I graduated from dental school in 2018 from James Cook University, an Australian University whose health programs are focused on rural and remote health care.”

Dr. Cross explained, “I worked in rural Kamsack, and Yorkton Saskatchewan.” Dr. Cross told the committee. She explained her husband, Dr. Christinus van

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Dick Wickenden

Dick is enjoying an eventful, productive life, one that included quality family interaction and his mainstay career of firefighting and prevention training. He and wife Betty also shared many interests ranging from volunteer work to raising two talented offspring. Dick's early career was as a linesman for Bell Telephone in Sudbury, where he met Betty. In their retirement years, they both called Manitoulin home.

"When I was a child in Sudbury, the three whistles at Inco kept me focused. For me, the first whistle at 12 pm was for lunch; the second at four in the afternoon signaled quitting time for many workers and heads up for me. The last one, an hour later, meant a shift change. When that last whistle went, we were to be home, our hands washed, hair combed and sitting at the dinner table or face the consequences. I only broke that rule a couple of times. Each time I found my food plate sitting cold on the counter, not to be consumed until everyone else had finished. Further penalties included a lengthy restriction to the backyard."

"Paternal grandparents William and Sarah (McNabb) Wickenden were the first of our family to live on Manitoulin, in Little Current. William worked for the ACR, the Algoma Central Railway. My father George was only three years old when his father died. William and his crew were trying to get water for the train at Victoria Mines but ran into an impending cave-in on the tracks. The train kept going. The accident happened at the next stop, Crane Hill Mine, when a steamline broke and he was fatally injured. The train was delivering a load of coal to Sudbury. Not long after the funeral, Grandmother Sarah moved her children to Sudbury."



Dick during the fur trapping years, a lynx in Chapleau.

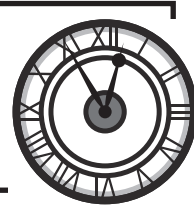
Maternal grandparents Theodor and Melanie (Arsenault) Fallu originated from the Gaspé area and settled on a small farm in Blind River. "I liked visiting the farm. Grandfather knew a drover who took care of an enormous number of horses, filling seven barns at his home. Each winter, these horses were in the bush, transporting logs for the lumber trade. Summers found them in Blind River where they were safe from the threat of forest fires. They could also see the veterinarian if necessary. After breakfast with the drover, I would join him on a buckboard loaded with bundles of hay. It was my job to cut the binding twine on each bundle."

Richard Charles, 'Dick,' was born on July 1, 1939, to George and Alice Wickenden. "I formed a country and started a war," Dick injects with a smile. "My mother



Now and Then

A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin
By Petra Wall



Dick and Betty at their home on Lake Manitou.

was quite upset with the timing of my birth because the Queen was going to visit Sudbury that very day and mother could not go because she was in labour at St. Joseph's Hospital. She was a dedicated Royalist and named all of us after that prestigious family in England. I was Richard. My sister was named Elizabeth (Betty) Ann and my younger brother was Donald Albert. We lived off Yonge Street, in the old part of Sudbury at first, and later we moved to the city's southwest side."

Dick liked to wander away, so his parents had to keep a close eye on him. "We did not have a front yard, and I was an explorer. As soon as I was old enough, I earned a free hand to come and go as I



Dick and Betty are all smiles as they cut the wedding cake.

pleased. Hiking a little further was tempting, but I had to heed the second whistle at Inco to ensure my timely return for supper before the third whistle. Our French school, St. Aloysius de Gonzague, consisted of eight classrooms. It was situated behind St. Joseph's Hospital. Grade 6 brought us to the St. Albert School. I liked geography and history the most. Our past read like a good storybook to me."

"We did not have many family trips. I do remember renewing family ties at Christmas. We would go tobogganing on the Lions Club Hill on Elm Street. There was also a big sand pit there and a nearby skating rink, maintained by the city." Dick's designated high school of Lockerby had burned down so Dick attended St. Charles' College in Sudbury. He added French and Latin to his favourites list. "Math

was my least favourite. Latin did not seem useful, but later it helped me out in Spain and Portugal. St. Charles College hosted varsity football and hockey teams but I would have preferred to attend a vocational school instead and become a cartographer. I was later discouraged to discover that satellites could do that job quite well."

"My dad had been an employee at Inco, and he hoped I would not work there too. When school finished, I joined Bell Canada, as a linesman. That was when I met Betty at her house. She was planning to meet my buddy but she got me instead. We all had an enjoyable time, sitting in front of a campfire and dancing on the flat

The reception was at the Legion Hall. We had to catch the train the same day for our honeymoon. After the trip, we moved back to Sudbury. Betty was promoted to supervisor of her department at Bell Canada, and continued there for many years, stopping only when our children, David and Mary Lynn, were born. I continued as linesman."

"While with Bell Canada, we replaced the lines between Espanola and Gore Bay. It was a big job and people were happy to see the new lines go in. I remember watching that iconic movie 'Bridge Over the River Kwai' at that time. That classic movie was the best entertainment that year and left a lasting impression on me. I came to understand more clearly what happened in that period of the war."

"Betty was now training staff for an engineering department for Bell. Eventually, I quit working for Bell and was hired by the city of Sudbury as a firefighter. I could spend more time with my family. With Betty's 12 siblings, we always had big family reunions. Her relatives would arrive from distant locations to attend these special get-togethers."

After Dick graduated from the Ontario Fire College, he took technical fire and officer training. He loved the work. "I fastidiously studied each piece of equipment and then shared the knowledge with new recruits in many locations. Movies like 'Towering Inferno' with Paul Newman and Steve McQueen do not reflect the true nature of firefighting, but they are interesting to watch. Firefighters do run in when others run out. Dynamite and scaling buildings may be more common today, but they were not part of the arsenal we used. They do add drama to a movie."

Dick recalls one fire where he was on his stomach on the floor of a burning building when the hose was turned on. "I anticipated water spraying hard from the nozzle, but I did not expect to slide backwards quite so quickly on the floor. The waxy surface had melted. Nevertheless, the fire was put out and nobody was hurt. I was not involved with too many rescues of people from fires, although we always searched for people first. I do remember one lady who needed CPR which I provided; thankfully, she lived. Most of my rescues involved car accidents, getting people out of automobiles."

"We lived in Sudbury, but our vacations were on Manitoulin. We spent 14 years, from 1971 to 1985, summering at Stanley Park, often visiting our trailer set up there. We also used the trailer to see both Canadian coastlines and many more places. Betty started skiing at 40, and she loved it. The most challenging location was Mt. St. Ann in Quebec where the 'Crazy Canucks' skied. It is all black diamond runs."

"I am proud to say son David also became a firefighter, graduating from Ryerson and the Fire College. He was later promoted to deputy fire chief. He is also an established writer and artist. David laughingly refers to himself as an 'artistic arsonist.' His painting of Jean Chrétien is hanging in Rideau Hall. He burned into wood a poignant photo of President Bush and a firefighter at the 9-11 site, a photo David had taken from his television screen. David also painted a photo published in the Sudbury Star of his dad and Arnold Sitko fighting the fire of a furniture store in Sudbury. This painting was later made into a celebratory coin by the fire department."

"That beautiful loon on my shelf was carved by David. Like me, he enjoys fishing. He won an award from the Ontario Federa-



Granddaughter Julianne and her cattle on a ranch, outside of Meaford.



Brother Andre medallion.

area that hosted a hockey rink each winter. Eighteen days after I met Betty, my belle of the ball, I had a ring on her finger. She was such a sweetheart. I instinctively knew she was the one for me."

"Betty was from the small town of Chapleau and had started working at Bell Canada there as a long-distance operator when she was 15 years old. Her mom had helped her get the job. We dated for a while, but both of us knew we were destined to be man and wife. In 1958, I worked in Chapleau for three months. Betty's dad, a yard foreman there, ran the train yard. We were married early on the morning of August 15, 1960.

'Guns and Gangs' enforcement strategy a new way to tackle spread of gun violence

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

ORILLIA—As the sprawl of street gangs continues to migrate outwards from the Greater Toronto Area, with often tragic consequences (as has occurred on Manitoulin Island recently), law enforcement agencies have united to enhance their capacity to implement a Guns and Gangs Enforcement Strategy across Ontario.

Last fall the Ontario government announced a \$75.1 million investment to reinforce the fight against gun and gang violence in communities across the province. The funding was to "support initiatives that will dismantle criminal activity, enhance investigative supports, increase collaboration throughout the justice sector and stop the flow of illegal guns across the border."

Earlier this month, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) announced the launch of an OPP-led Guns and Gangs Joint-Forces Operation (JFO). The JFO enables law enforcement partners to enhance public safety and effectively disrupt gang networks and their associated criminal activities.

Criminal activities perpetrated by gangs, and the ensuing violence and victimization, continue to

impact Ontario communities, both urban and rural. Gang-related crimes are on the rise, as is the presence and use of illegal firearms to commit serious offences causing injury and death to participants and innocent bystanders. During 2021, the OPP alone seized 879 firearms from the communities it serves.

Illicit drugs continue to be the primary method by which gangs generate profit by dominating street-level sales. In an effort to maintain public safety and have an impact on public health, the OPP is aggressively investigating drug trafficking and any resulting deaths, focusing on the trafficker.

"These enhancements better position the OPP, our law enforcement partners and justice sector agencies across Ontario to reduce the harms caused by guns and gangs in our communities," stated OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique. "We will work relentlessly as one team to protect the safety and security of our citizens and visitors. The criminals are on notice: gangs, guns and all of the illegal activities that follow them are not welcome in our communities."

"We're beginning," said OPP Detective Inspector Lee Fulford, who is coordinating the enforcement efforts. "I have operational

teams now. It takes a while for us to get the partnerships in place and to get all the equipment and everything that's required to start a new unit. That's why the announcement was this many months after the funding announcement."

While there is already an organized crime enforcement bureau (OCEB) in the Northeast region, in Sudbury and North Bay, this initiative is separate from that, Detective Inspector Fulford said. "Our regular organized crime unit will still be supporting all the communities as well as my new provincial unit, which is a result of the government funding," he explained.

"For example, we did do that investigation that was in partnership with the two First Nation police services (UCCM Anishinaabe Police Service and Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service) as well as the Manitoulin OPP detachment and our OCEB unit," said Detective Inspector Fulford. "This team essentially will be supporting the street gang enforcement for the entire province. When the communities are in need, that's what our team will be here for, to work in partnership and collaboration with what communities require our assistance."

There is a joint analytical working group (JAWG) that

will be responsible for intelligence gathering for the province in relation to street activity and organized crime. "Essentially what will happen is, a community like Manitoulin will be putting the intelligence forward. It would come to us and if there's a public safety need or there's a big problem in the community, that's when I would be coming in (unless I get a specific request)," Detective Inspector Fulford said.

"Our OCEB is already doing a lot of good work up there within the communities," he added. "This team will supplement the work that's already being done and will offer further support."

Grant McNair is acting staff sergeant and coordinator of the Provincial Street Gang Strategy JAWG. "Lee Fulford is coordinating the portion of this initiative focused on enforcement. He has teams that will investigate various issues. He has analysts as well, but my unit is solely focused on analytics. My team is all analysts," he said.

The joint forces unit has 10 funded analyst positions in the JAWG, from the OPP and various policing partners across the province, with the hub located in Mississauga. There are three OPP analysts, one from Toronto Police Service, one

each from Peel and York regions as well as one analyst from Waterloo representing the west, one from Sudbury representing the Northeast region, one from Thunder Bay and one from Ottawa. "These are part of the unit, but we will be partnering as much as possible with all policing services, including Indigenous, municipal and the Canada Border Services Agency," Acting Staff Sergeant McNair said.

The JAWG will receive information from everywhere in order to paint a picture of what's going on across the province, he said. "For example, if someone who's known to be a Toronto gang member is stopped in London and then later stopped in Sault Ste. Marie with a known gang operator from Ottawa, we can start to make connections by receiving information from our policing partners across the province."

"Our unit will be a receptacle for information from across the province," continued Acting Staff Sergeant McNair. "My unit will be combing through the information, identifying trends that are arising anywhere and feeding that information to the management team," who will decide where the enforcement team should prioritize their efforts.

The JFO will allow an

overview of the province from one end to the other, and will increase the understanding of the sprawl of different street gangs, which for the most part have previously been Toronto-centric but have been sprawling outwards from there.

The province has invested in this JFO as a means of looking beyond Toronto, to the sprawl of guns and street gangs all over the province, Acting Staff Sergeant McNair said. "All areas of the province have been experiencing this now. There has been a heavy migration to other areas of the province, especially to the North, as I'm sure you have experienced."

There have been other joint-forces operations in the past, the OPP-led Provincial Anti-Terrorism Section being a notable example. "This is definitely a significant enhancement to the street gangs and guns initiatives across the province," he said.

The \$75.1 million funding for this Guns and Gangs JFO covers a three-year term. Still, for every project taken down, there is more than one group waiting to fill the vacuum. "I don't see (this JFO) as a short-term initiative," said Acting Staff Sergeant McNair. "I definitely see this as a long-term project."

RIDE program leads to impaired charges

On July 24 at approximately 1 am, the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were conducting a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) program, including the mandatory alcohol screening on Range Street in the town of Gore Bay.

A vehicle entered the RIDE program, and the driver registered a fail on the approved screening device. The driver was subsequently arrested, and the vehicle was towed and impounded.

Devin Wheale, 32, of Gore Bay was charged with operation while impaired-alcohol and drugs and operation while impaired, blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on September 14.



Law & Order

Traffic complaint leads to charges

At approximately 5:40 am on July 20, members of the Manitoulin OPP responded to a traffic complaint of a vehicle unable to maintain its lane on Highway 17 in Nairn-Hyman township.

Officers located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. Further investigation revealed that the driver of the motor vehicle was prohibited from driving and was subsequently arrested. Fentanyl, a digital scale and Canadian currency was located inside the vehicle. As a rest, three other occupants of the motor vehicle were

arrested.

Alicia Babbington, 18, of East Gwillimbury was charged with possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking, opioid (other than heroin).

Darren Manitowabi, 34, from Wikwemikoong Unceded Territory was charged with possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking, opioid (other than heroin).

A 15-year-old from Etobicoke was charged with possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking, opioid (other than heroin).

The accused individuals are scheduled to appear before the

Ontario court of justice in Espanola on September 12.

A 17-year-old from Scarborough was charged with possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking, opioid (other than heroin), possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000 and operation while prohibited.

The accused individual was held for a bail hearing and was remanded into custody.

Disturbance call leads to impaired charges

On July 16, at approximately 11:30 pm the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP responded to a

disturbance on Centre Street in the town of Espanola.

Investigation revealed that an intoxicated individual attempted to fight employees at a business. The individual had left the scene driving a motor vehicle. Officers were able to locate the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. Upon speaking with the driver, officers determined they had consumed alcohol. An approved screening device was administered that resulted in a fail and the driver was subsequently arrested.

Michael Hall, 40, from Spring Bay was charged with operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs, and operation while impaired, blood alcohol concentration (80 plus). The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario court of justice in Espanola on August 22.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Coming up with weather puns is a breeze, and we had several to include here, but we got a bit wrapped up in the paragraph about the library movie, so we're keeping it short and sweet in the opener this week. (You'll understand when you get there.)

Team Fergmeijer superfans from Thamesford are back again this year visiting Kagawong for the week. It's always great to see them. And we had a special visit from some fans from Southern California who were keen to crack the state secret that is the identity of yours truly. They got closer than they knew to figuring it out. Maybe next year.

Happy birthday to Willa W who may or may not have celebrated her 29th birthday last week. It may be this week. It's a bit of a mystery. Perhaps next year, we'll just pick a day in January and wish her a happy un-birthday. It will be just as accurate.

If you haven't made it down to the market in Kagawong on Wednesdays, have you even had a real summer? With over 50 vendors showcasing amazing, creative, delicious, and practical things, it's the largest on the Island and always worth a wander through. The market is every

Wednesday from 10 am-3 pm all through August. There's lots of parking available at the Park Centre.

History Day in Kagawong is back! Join historian David Saint-Pierre, army historian Ron Millar and the 2022 Salvation Army band on Thursday, August 11th to learn more about The Sinking of the Empress of Ireland - Canada's Titanic. There is a matinee event at 3:30 pm, or one at 7:30 pm, both at the Park Centre. Admission is by donation and supports museum projects. Contact the Old Mill Heritage Centre at 705-282-1442 or oldmillheritage@billingstwp.ca for more information.

Team Aelick is Strolling for Liver again this year. Support the Canadian Liver Foundation by donating online or by joining Team Aelick Sunday, August 28 for the 5 km stroll through the village. Last year, Wayne dyed his hair when Team Aelick's fundraising goal was met. This year, rumour has it he's put his eyebrows on the line!

The return of the library's annual book sale was a stupendous success! The sheer number of books available for browsing was rather impressive, and the steady stream of customers seemed quite appreciative. Thank you to Dean's Valu-mart in Gore Bay for their support. A double dose of gratitude goes out to all the volunteers who manned the bbq, hauled books, and organized the tables. Your help made this sale one of the best ever!

Have you been feeling that 'Summer Seems to be Slipping Through My Fingers'? If you're thinking "That's Me," the library has the solution to your S.O.S. Now,

Don't Shut Me Down without careful consideration, but Voulez-Vous something fun this Saturday night (August 6)? If your response is, "I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do," well, it's Just a Notion, but for a small Money! Money! Money! donation to support the library, you can watch Mamma Mia! on the big screen at the beach in the Summer Night City of Kagawong! You can bring your friends Elaine and Cassandra; they can jump around like a couple of Dancing Queens, while they watch the movie (you know, the Way Old Friends Do). There will be refreshments available, but before you're all "Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!" you should know that they aren't free. The money supports the library, though, so totally worth it. Help us get the word out to as many people as possible. Does Your Mother Know? What about Fernando? If not, invite them along, too. Maybe Keep an Eye on Dan, though, in case he wants to Put On Your White Sombrero (not ideal for those sitting behind him). Show time starts at 9 pm at the main beach in Kagawong, so you should plan your Arrival a bit beforehand in order to get parked and settled in. Bring your own chair, blanket, boat or floatie. Please note, The Name of the Game is safety first - there will be no Sitting in the Palmtree. We know, at this point you're likely thinking, Should I Laugh or Cry at all these puns, but there's No Doubt About It, When All Is Said and Done, you will have a great time at the beach movie night!

Our words of wisdom this week: Dance (While the Music Still Goes On). Have a good week!

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Cranked the Shield!

Crank the Shield is a three-day mountain bike, stage race north of Sault Ste. Marie and was held over the weekend. Local cycling legend, **Alex Anstice** from Tehkummah, has been a name to watch in elite O-Cup racing for a number of years and is still turning heads. This past weekend he competed in the epic Crank the Shield that covers some of the most scenic, yet grueling terrain the North has to offer. The three days took riders up and down the Batchewana area on day one, up and over King Mountain on day two and from Searchmont down to the Sault to the finish line.

Alex finished second in his division and fourth overall (fifth if you count that guy on an e-bike!). His total accumulated time was eleven hours and one minute, three days of three to four hours of exhaustion! Alex is a father, a farmer and still has time to help coach too. He helped out guide the youngsters with Ben and Sarah Quackenbush and the Youth Mountain Biking program at McLean's Park this spring. Congratulations, Alex!

Ontario Indigenous Summer Games draws many Islanders

The OISG is a grand event, hosted by the Ontario Indigenous Sport and Wellness organization. It has been on hiatus for a couple of years of course but this past week in Ottawa, 500 athletes got the chance to compete and meet other Indigenous youth. Several Island athletes made the trek to Ottawa and came with unforgettable experiences.

The purpose of this year's get together was to get athletes of different skill sets, playing on brand new teams if they were not on a team. Two Manitoulin players, **Brooke Gibeault** and **Ava Assinewai**, ended up being on the same basketball team. Their side dominated the round-robin and came up a little short in the final, taking home the silver medal. However, they played extremely well considering they met each other on the court of game one playing against some community teams that had been preparing.

Aspen and **Darcy Debassige** and **Zaagaasge Toulouse** played in the U16 and U19 volleyball divisions. Other Manitoulin kids were **Ian McCauley** and **Jaron Panamick** for softball and **Wiikwemkoong's Jordan Cooper** in basketball. Congratulations, to all participating!

Incidentally, a couple of local people are working with ISWO to help organize the games. Thanks to **Hillary McGregor** of Whitefish River FN and **Deidre Debassige** of M'Chigeeng for your contributions.



Pickleball news

The Manitoulin Pickleball Group took advantage of the great weather and added people in Little Current for Haweater festivities to promote the sport! The M.P.G. was proud to be part of the festivities on Saturday. President **George Ballantyne** would like to thank the many club volunteers that came out to demonstrate (by playing) what the game of pickleball is all about. All four pickleball courts saw action. While most of the emphasis was on demonstrations they had seven new players joining them on the courts. Hopefully some of them will keep on playing.

With the horse show on one side and the classic cars on the other they witnessed continuous pedestrian traffic. It turned out to be a fun time for all and they are looking forward to doing it again next year. George reminds us all that starting this Tuesday evening from (6-8 pm) and every Tuesday evening throughout August (weather permitting) the Manitoulin group will be hosting pickleball for newcomers. Please remember to wear running shoes and comfortable clothing. Bring a friend! The club will provide loaner paddles and guide you through an introduction to the game. Remember what your mother used to say, "get out of the house and go play with your friends!" See you on the pickleball/tennis courts behind the NEMI arena! For more information contact George 705 805 2385.

Caught being active!

Daxton Wabano has been putting kilometres on his shoes and his parents' car as he has just started playing lacrosse with Sudbury being his home rink! The youngster just recently picked up the sport and has quickly moved up to being one of the top players on his U-9 Sudbury Rockhounds team. His team recently picked up bronze medals in a tournament in Gloucester last week! Keep up the practicing, Daxton!

A good sport is good for sports.
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Young hockey phenom to commence studies at The Hill Academy while continuing playing career

by Tom Sasvari

LITTLE CURRENT—While he is moving away in large part to continue pursuing his long-term goal of making it to the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) and from there on to the National Hockey League (NHL), education is first and foremost for young Kohyn Eshkawkogan.

"My parents and coaches told me to dream big," said Kohyn. "Because I love hockey, playing in the OHL and NHL is my big goal. Education is important and I try to get good grades. I do my best to balance all my commitments and responsibilities."

Kohyn, a member of M'Chigeeng First Nation who lives in Little Current, spent the past seasons playing for the Sudbury-based Nickel City Sons Under-14 AAA squad. This season, he will be moving with his family to Mississauga, where he will commence studies at The Hill Academy, a specialized independent school that allows students to receive elite sports training while continuing academic studies. The 5-foot-7-inch, 125-pound defenceman will play with the Mississauga-based Reps Hockey Club's Under-15 AAA team. The Reps participate in the Greater Toronto Hockey League, billed as the largest minor hockey league in the world, with more than 40,000 participants each year.

"There are lots of factors at play," said Kohyn's father Kevin Eshkawkogan. "We are still navigating all of this. The Hill Academy accepted Kohyn. He will be entering Grade 9 anyway, so we figured we would go there."

The academy offers all types of programs, including hockey, lacrosse and golf. Kohyn is in the hockey program. Players attend classes earlier in the day then participate in off-ice training, head back to class, followed by lunch then on-ice skill development.



Kohyn Eshkawkogan, a member of M'Chigeeng First Nation, who lives in Little Current, will be spending this next season at The Hill Academy, where he will commence studies and also play hockey.

"So Kohyn will have a longer day that incorporates both his education studies and hockey," said Mr. Eshkawkogan. "This will be his under-15 age group year. It used to be called major bantam year. He has played a lot of hockey in Toronto so it will definitely not be a totally unknown environment for him."

Kohyn's first priority will be

education and second will be hockey, said his father. "Kohyn knows if he doesn't get good grades in school, there's no extracurricular activities. In our house, it is either school, work or take care of yourself, both for Kohyn and our daughter."

"His plan is to go to school this coming year at Hill Academy," Mr. Eshkawkogan said. "I've had an office down there in Toronto for the past two years, so our home base will be there and Manitoulin Island, where AOK is my base for work."

Mr. Eshkawkogan is the chief executive officer for Indigenous Tourism Ontario and his wife works in AOK. They have rented a condo in Toronto and will split time between there and the Island rather than move the whole family, he said.

Mental preparedness and physical development are part of Kohyn's training as he pursues his goal of playing professional hockey. Three times a week, he does hill sprint workouts in AOK followed by an 800 metre sprint up McLean's Mountain. "He does that steep hill as part of his sprint training. It's nice to see his progression over the past three weeks. His goal is four minutes 30 seconds. He did 4:39 and will get to under four minutes. It's nice to see the power and acceleration," said Mr. Eshkawkogan.

On November 13, Kohyn will turn 14 years old. He hopes to play minor hockey for two more years before he is, hopefully, drafted into the OHL. Ultimately, reaching the NHL draft is what he wants to do. He will go into the draft a year after most of his friends do. "A lot of kids born in 2008 will be drafted and he will have another year of development," Mr. Eshkawkogan said.

Wrapped in community support

After a recent fire in Zhiibaahaasing First Nation, Theresa-Lynn Wabegijik and her family lost everything. The family is waiting for a new dwelling, but in the meantime, the Happy Quilters have donated five quilts to help her and the family. The Happy Quilters make quilts for themselves, but every year they also create a 'fire quilt' to help out the victims of house fires. Some of these quilts were hand quilted by visitors to the Gore Bay Harbour Centre, some by Happy Quilters members and one was machine quilted by Melissa McIntosh. In photo, Theresa-Lynn is holding a flannel quilt for her three-old daughter Serenity.

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Young Manitoulin athletes fare well at Ontario Summer Games

by Tom Sasvari
MINDEMOYA—Manitoulin golfer Noah Thorpe and beach volleyballer Mya Balfe had amazing experiences recently with both competing at the Ontario Summer Games in Mississauga, July 21-24.

Noah, who is 14, received an invitation from Andre Lemieux to compete in the Northeastern Junior Golf Tour (NEJGT) this season. It is a regional not-for-profit golf tour available to junior golfers aged 10-19 (U19). Noah's results from last year's tournaments, which included three wins and one second place finish and two wins on the NEJGT, allowed him the opportunity to attend the Ontario Summer Games.

Noah arrived at the BraeBen golf course on July 21, where he took part in registration and an 18-hole practice round. "The very hilly, actually mountainous, course made for an interesting round with wind gusts of 60 kilometres per hour," wrote Cheryl Seabrook, Noah's grandmother.

From the practice round, the golf team from the North were taken by bus to their hotel and then to the opening ceremony for the games. The players were looked after, fed and bused back and forth to the course daily, she pointed out.

The tournament included 18 holes of golf each of the three days: Friday, Saturday and Sunday. "The heat was brutal (with heat warnings on two days) and then a dump of rain on Sun-

day," said Ms. Seabrook. "Noah did well, finishing with scores of 83/83/86, competing against boys U19."

It was an amazing experience for the young golfer, and a real challenge for his fans (his mother Sarah Seabrook and grandmother Cheryl Seabrook both managed to walk the course all four days).

For the rest of the summer, Noah plans to play in tournaments taking place in Parry Sound and Elliot Lake.

Mya Balfe had a memorable experience learning, training and participating in the Team Ontario Regional Program for volleyball. Players were selected through an online video application process which had them demonstrate their sport-specific skills, athletic movements, and included player statistics such as height and vertical jump.

A total of 96 players were selected from the U14 division to train and learn together at the University of Guelph for five days. Coaches were also selected as representatives from all regions across Ontario. Daily training components included classroom sessions, beach volleyball sessions and indoor court practice. Throughout the week Mya had a chance to meet new friends, learn from new coaches, play with new teammates and develop volleyball specific skills, explained her mother, Tina.

As Mya had never played beach volleyball, there was



Mindemoya golfer Noah Thorpe, third from right, qualified for and competed in the recent Ontario Summer Games in the U19 division.



Mya Balfe, front row, right, and her team the Daredevils won the overall beach competition day and were silver medalists in a two-day indoor tournament in the U14 division at the recent Ontario Summer Games.

a huge learning curve and after a few practices she began to enjoy it, although she did have a few complaints about the heat last week on the beach courts

and in the university dorms, explained Tina.

After the week at Guelph, the players were bused to Mississauga to participate in the three-day tournament at the Ontario Summer Games. This is an event held every two years and includes many different sports for youth to qualify and participate in.

The eight teams were pre-selected before the week began, to mix athletes from different regions and to try to make teams of equal ability in order to have evenly matched teams in the games, said Tina. The athletes competed in one day of beach volleyball competition and two days of indoor competition.

"Mya's team, 'Daredevils' won the overall beach competition day and were silver medalists in the two-day indoor tournament," said Tina. "Mya was fortunate to have coaches Dan Bainard from Toronto's Leaside Volleyball Club and Cassidy Nicholson-Clark from Durham College (alumni and assistant coach) to lead her team for the week."

"It was a fantastic opportunity for Mya and is something other youth on Manitoulin should consider applying to in future years," said Tina. "In COVID times, there are now many more opportunities that allow for online tryouts and video applications which allows for remote community athletes to try out for a team without having to travel.

London Art Gallery features works of Angus Trudeau

by Tom Sasvari
LONDON, ONTARIO—Wiik-wemkoong artist Angus Trudeau's (who passed away in 1984) paintings are being featured at a London, Ontario art gallery exhibition this month.

"Michael Gibson always admired Angus Trudeau's work," Jennie Kraehling, the Michael Gibson Gallery associate director told The Expositor. "We were approached by a family who knew of Mr. Trudeau's work in the 1980 and 1990s. The family used to buy his 'idiosyncratic and joyful paintings' and provided him with art supplies so that he could paint." However, "they are now downsizing their art collection and they approached us about whether we would like to feature some of Mr. Trudeau's paintings."

"The paintings we received highlight many different subjects, such as boats, one of a church and the town of Little Current," said Ms. Kraehling. "We have six in total that we have on loan for the summer."

Ms. Kraehling explained the art gallery organized its July exhibit to highlight and feature Mr. Trudeau's unique vision. His art also tells the story of his life spent on Manitoulin Island.

Mr. Trudeau, who



The late Angus Trudeau's works were featured in a July exhibit at the London Art Gallery.

Painted from memory using newspaper clippings, pictures and postcards to create his works. He used a variety of materials, including oil and acrylic paints, felt pens, collage and tracing.

Mr. Trudeau's paintings were first exhibited in a 1973 group show at Toronto's Isaacs Gallery and also at several solo shows between 1976-1982. His work has been displayed at Ottawa's National Arts Centre (in 1981), Toronto's Koffler Gallery in 1983, and in the US. His paintings and models are in the public gallery collections of the Beaverbrook Art Gallery, McMichael Canadian Art Collection and Art Gallery of Windsor.

passed away in 1984, was a self-taught Anishinaabe artist who painted the ferries, lake freighters, logging camps and small community villages in and around Manitoulin. He worked as a pulpwood cutter at lumber camps and as a cook aboard Lake Huron commercial ships.

Ms. Kraehling told The Expositor Mr. Trudeau

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...Family-owned businesses to hold fundraisers for worthy local causes

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empty kiosk building every day. Mom and dad joked that we should open a store, but we don't think they realized that we might actually want to! This year we wanted to find a way to make some money, and we just kept thinking about that little empty building."

"Our parents have owned their own business for a couple of years and this year Dad started Island Time Boat Rentals, so we wanted to see if we could run a business too," said the youngsters. "Mom and dad encouraged us to try. They said we would learn a lot, no matter what happened. So far, it's been pretty good. It pretty much depends on the weather, so we're always hoping for hot sunny days! The people are really friendly and nice with us. It's definitely been a great learning experience so far."

A charity hot dog barbecue, benefiting the Manitoulin Family Resources Food Bank is taking place Sunday August 7 from 11 am to 4 pm at the Mindemoya Munchies

Stand (across from the Mindemoya public boat launch, 10 Will-o-wisp way, Mindemoya). The barbecue hotdogs are \$3 each (with sales being cash or e-transfer), and all proceeds will go to the food bank. Ms. King explained, "we are also collecting non-perishable food items and anyone who brings a food donation will be entered into a draw to win some fabulous prizes. So far, prizes include a stand-up paddle board rental from Island Time Boat Rentals, a round of golf from Brookwood Brae, fish and chips dinner from Rockin' JJ's Food Truck and a gift bag of "Do you Bake? Crave It" goodies from Gloria McAllister and an Epicure from Lily-Faith Hore.

There will also be a bouncy castle set up for the kids from J&S Backyard Party Rentals.

On Sunday August 14, from 10 am to 3 pm, a community bake sale benefitting the Manitoulin Pet Rescue will take place at Mindemoya Munchies. "In addition to all the delicious baking, we will be selling raffle tickets for a free one-

day rental of our gorgeous Legend 21 Cruise Pontoon Boat," said Ms. King.

"We are looking for community volunteers to donate some of their amazing baked goods." If you would like to donate baking, please contact Jacqueline King at jacqueline.king75@gmail.com, or call 905-736-3610. Everyone who donates baking will be entered into a draw to win some fabulous prizes (same as the list of prizes above). The bake sale and raffle tickets will be cash only, so please hit up the ATM before you come.

"Please come down to Mindemoya Munchies for these events, to help us raise as much money as possible for these two amazing organizations," added Ms. King.

...Debajehmujig Storytellers knock one out of the park

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Lynn Brennan explained, the company themselves contributed the dialogue, making the production quite organic. "We don't have a script," shared Ms. Brennan following the opening show. Ms. Brennan, for her part, provided a wonderfully villainous portrayal of an alternately bored and disengaged yet fanatically zealous children's services worker as seen through a child's lens.

Mr. Estevez commented that working with a very young lead actor was sometimes challenging. "There is a lot of energy there, sometimes too much," smiled the director. But he added that it was wonderful and, harnessed onstage as it was during the opening, that energy translated into pure magic.

Speaking of magic, some-

time magician Ashley Manitowabi was his usual brilliant self, filling in a host of roles through the production with chameleon-like finesse.

A host of actors in the production provided background action, moving in the background, disappearing with skill as the main action takes place downstage.

Daniel Recollet-Mejaki, Ogichidaao (protector), was the perfect imaginary friend/foil for Ogeequa and the chemistry between the pair was electric. Tyler Pangowish played her heroic uncle to perfection.

Musician Marsha Coffey took a small turn onstage, but her musical accompaniment to the production was another full-fledged contributor to the magic that was taking place onstage. Her versatility with key-

board and drum is outstanding.

In an interesting facet to this multi-surfaced production is the work of artist Courtney Osawabine, an exhibition of her work is concurrent with the play. Ms. Osawabine's work is created during the performance and pieces are added to the exhibition after each session. Ms. Osawabine's work follows the production through a childhood lens which is "the journey of a nine-year-old girl named Waawaatesi, after the crossing of her Nookomis to the spirit world."

Told in the voice of her older self, Waawaatesi recounts the heroic efforts of her 17-year-old Uncle Finn to find her, as well as the story of the fantastical landscapes she passes through with her best

friend and heart, Ogichidaa, who appears and disappears with the vivacity of her imagination...."

Enough spoilers... the production is amazing and delivered with all of the incredible talent of the Debajehmujig crew pent up throughout the pandemic and well worth seeing.

Contributing artists for 'If I Listened...' include Tyler Pangowish, Daniel Recollet-Mejaki, Aaron Courtorielle, Ashley Manitowabi, Samantha Lynn Brennan, David McDonald, Marsha Coffey, Ogeequa Williston Osawabine.

Shows continue on August 3, 4, 5 and 6, starting at 7 pm at the Larry E. Lewis Creation Centre, 43 Queen Street, Manitowaning. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$12 for elders, students and children under 7. Call 705-859-1820 to reserve tickets.

...Committee recommends town help dentist relocate

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Buuren is also a dentist and the couple had their first baby, Laura, in September 2021. The couple love boating, hiking, golfing, soccer, and skiing.

"My husband worked in Yorktown, (with a population of about 20,000) and later I was asked to join the practice in Yorktown as well," said Dr. Cross. "I visited Gore Bay two weeks ago, and was taken on a tour of the clinic and I indicated that some of the equipment needs to be upgraded or replaced.

With help from a former dentist in Gore Bay, Dr. Bill Studzienny, she had spoken to a pair of companies regarding the needed equipment, and brand new equipment would cost just under \$300,000, while buying good, but used, equipment would be about \$72,000.

"My recommendation would be to go for the used, but still good, equipment," said Dr. Cross. "I think the clinic could be ready by this September."

"I thank you for taking an interest in our clinic and town," said Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne. "So, you were here a couple of weeks ago on a holiday, and fell in love with Gore Bay?"

Dr. Cross, who had visited Manitoulin previously, said until two weeks ago she had never visited Gore Bay and told the committee, "I love the Island and Gore Bay. And I love the atmosphere. The last town I worked in had a population of 2,000 residents. There were two stop lights in the town I lived in when I was growing up. I

like Gore Bay a lot and the big windows in the clinic."

When asked what her husband will do if the couple moves to the Island Dr. Cross explained, "there are opportunities for dentists on the Island, (but as she had a baby last September) he will probably work in the clinic as well."

"What would you expect to see from us as the town, to set up here?" asked Mayor Osborne.

"I would like to rent the space in the clinic," stated Dr. Cross. "And hope the town would help to get the clinic up to operational level. So, I guess, money to help get set up and help from the town to, for instance, paint the clinic, freshen it up, and make it look nice." She also explained that she is looking to rent accommodation for a year and get established in the community, (noting her mother also lives with her family), so ideally, we would be looking for a three-bedroom house or apartment.

Ron Lane chaired the committee meeting and said, "I'm sure you would want an answer from the town sooner than later. Personally, I'm excited to have a dentist and a new family move into Gore Bay. It is great that you reached out to us."

As for the proposal by Dr. Cross, "my first reaction is that this is great," stated Mayor Osborne.

Dr. Cross, "is very keen and wants to start running the dental clinic in just over a month. What if we pay half of the equipment costs and she pays half, and the town

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one of the concerns related to the building was an identified mould problem in a section of the roof. "There hasn't been any definitive answer on the amount of actual mould there is. Some believe that the amount of mould actually in the building was overblown and I think is the case as well."

He explained that, as part of the transfer, "if there is remedial work to be done on the building they (BLCA) are responsible for this."

The Big Lake School has not been operational as a community space since Novem-

ber 2018 when it was closed due to the damage caused by ice and snow damage, and later as a result of mould damage.

Over the years, the BLCA with its major fundraising and government grants have been able to make a large addition to the existing building, and with the addition of the kitchen, they also built wheelchair-friendly bathrooms, wheel-chair friendly ramps, and a large deck. They also had a field bed installed, as well as playground equipment, had a water treatment system installed, and built an exterior storage shed.

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History Day in Kagawong returns to the Park Centre

by Michael Erskine

KAGAWONG—The Old Mill Heritage Centre's History Day in Kagawong presentations have always proved popular and this year's return to the Kagawong Park Centre on Thursday, August 11 with two presentations promises to be no exception. This year features the story of the wreck of the Empress of Ireland, often referred to as 'Canada's Titanic.'

"Maritime history has always been a theme for the Old Mill Heritage Centre," said curator Rick Nelson. "We have had stories from the Griffon (the Great Lakes' first European shipwreck), the lost Franklin expedition and the story of the wreck of the Northwind. The story of the Empress takes that to a whole new level."

History Day in Kagawong originally started inside the Old Mill Heritage Centre Museum, but quickly outgrew that venue. "We moved to the downstairs of the Park Centre then quickly outgrew that and moved upstairs," said Mr. Nelson.

Not to add too many spoilers for this year's presentation, the compelling story of a lost cadre of Salvation Army members will be relayed by Salvation Army historian Major Ron Miller, a true "son of the regiment" who was born to missionary officer parents and spent his first few years of schooling in Hong Kong.



The foundering of the Empress of Ireland is often referred to as 'Canada's Titanic.'



David Saint-Pierre is a Montreal author and expert on all things Empress of Ireland.

He eventually settled in Winnipeg where he met and married his high-school sweetheart, Donna. After an exciting life doing missionary work across the globe, Mr. Miller became the Salvation Army archives director and his

wife the accessionist/researcher at the archives, where their love for Salvation Army history over a lifetime continues to find meaningful and significant expression.

"Mr. Miller will be telling the story of the band who went down with the ship," said Mr. Nelson. "The Salvation Army Band will be performing."

The second speaker, author David Saint-Pierre is a French-Canadian historian with post-graduate studies in contemporary history, and author, who was born and raised on the shores of the St. Lawrence River in Eastern Quebec and has written a book on the Empress of Ireland. He has been a lecturer and professor of maritime history at the University in Rimouski and has published a number of articles

and books over the years. Mr. Miller has collaborated on practically all the books and documentaries made on the Empress of Ireland since the mid-1990s, in both English and French, and offers a wealth of knowledge.

History Day in Kagawong is sponsored in part by Canadian Museum of History, Guy D'Astous, Société d'histoire du Bas-Canada, Canadian Heritage, Manitoulin Transport, Hideaway Lodge, Township of Billings, The Grosso Family and David Saint-Pierre.

Admission is by donation and goes to help support Old Mill Heritage Centre projects. History Day in Kagawong has two editions, both on Thursday, August 11, a matinee at 3:30 pm and an evening presentation at 7:30 pm.

Billings Township passes budget with 3.5 percent increase

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Billings Township council has passed a budget for this year, with an increase.

"At the end of the day, it is a reasonable budget, particularly when everyone is dealing with the current economic climate and inflation being at about eight percent," said Billings Mayor Ian Anderson after a

council meeting last week. "Expenses for costs like fuel, gravel, and building materials have increased, including some things that have gone up considerably."

"A 3.5 percent increase in this year's budget is reasonable," said Mayor Anderson. He pointed out the township council had, "passed a zero percent budget increase last year to

help everyone out through COVID-19, although things got even worse. And it will cost us even more to operate as a township this year."

"As usual, our township staff did a really good job of making sure we are maintaining essential services," said Mayor Anderson. "There are not a lot of extras on our plate." Mayor Anderson said there

are several projects the township has undertaken, one being the refurbishing of the current Billings Fire Department building. "With the fire hall, we had to review our math on this project because of the increase in costs. Initially we had hoped to do this for a cost of \$500,000-\$600,000."

However, "the cold, hard reality is that there is a real potential that these costs to the township will increase and be in the neighbourhood of \$800,000 with \$100,000 of this being engineering costs," said Mayor Anderson. "There is no doubt the overall costs have gone up," he said adding the township, "is still planning and hoping to get this project started this year."

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provides rental space in the clinic free for a year?" asked Mr. Lane. He also pointed out the town could help in finding the family accommodations and as a realtor, he knows of one place already that may be available for the family to live in.

It was suggested the town could also offer, as part of the package, memberships to the town fitness centre, curling club, and golf course.

"It would be crazy if we don't put together

a package for (Dr. Cross) to consider," said Mr. Lane. "Going halfway on the equipment cost purchases would be a good starting point."

Councillor Clark said that the town should contact Dr. Cross as soon as possible to indicate the town is very interested in leasing out space in the clinic for the dentist and will put together a package including help with finding accommodations.

"This is an opportunity we can't pass up," stated Mayor Osborne.

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...Gore Bay may ask Aboriginal Housing about repurchase

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seniors," said Mr. Lane. "This is a project I think the town should consider, although I don't know if AOHS (Aboriginal Ontario Housing Services) would sell it. I think the town's housing problem doesn't just include availability of long-term rentals but seniors' housing."

Mr. Lane said AOHS is looking for the town's support on another housing project in town. "If they want the town to cooperate on that project, they should work with us on this one. This issue should be on council's agenda for investigation." Although he did not have all details, he said when the building was first constructed and began operating, it was owned by the town. For the Bayside apartments, he pointed out the town and Manitoulin-District Services Board share in the operating responsibilities. "I would be fine having the same set up for the Woods Lane building as well, as long as it is for senior housing."

"I throw this all out for discussion by council, and I would like a full discussion on this issue at our next (general government committee) meeting," continued Mr. Lane. "It could be that the Ministry of Health was respon-

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letter to the community members.

Labour Day weekend is when M'Chigeeng First Nation holds its annual powwow with a large attendance of both local and non-local band members.

Ogimaa Kwe Debassige explained, "this decision was based on membership expressing the desire to have the general election return to the Saturday of the Labour Day weekend in a voting year. Currently, the general election occurs at the end of March in a voting year. To ensure this change is completed in a proper, transparent and legal way, a referendum and vote by the membership is required."

The referendum question will read, "Do you approve the amendment of the M'Chigeeng First Nation custom election code 2019 to state that M'Chigeeng First Nation general election shall be held on the Saturday of the September Labour Day weekend in the voting year? yes or no."

The referendum will take place on August 13 between the hours of 10 am and 5 pm at the M'Chigeeng First Nation community complex. All votes/ballots will be counted immediately following the close of the polls.

"All eligible members will be given the opportunity to vote in the referendum by way of mail-in ballot or in person at the referendum poll," it was explained.



At least one committee member is hoping the Town of Gore Bay will consider repurchasing the Woods Lane Apartments from Aboriginal Ontario Housing Services.

sible for the building, but when DSB took over the building, that it was changed to social housing. The DSB took all senior housing and turned it into social housing."

Mr. Lane continued, "from a personal view, I am not satisfied with the way the apartment building is being operated. And I would like to see the sign on the building removed, I don't want my family name on it."

Councillor Jack Clark pointed out, "it is probably not our sign to remove."

Mr. Lane said the building has an address number on it so the sign is not necessary. He pointed out one of his concerns is that the grass on the building property is not cut regularly and there is a lot of police activity at the building, and every time there is a police incident, it is costing the town more money in policing costs."

"I have no problem in the town doing an investigation as to possibly purchasing the building," said Councillor Clark.

Mr. Lane said it would be nice to find the original agreement for the apartment building, noting that when the building was up for sale, it was looked at by private buyers.

"And it was stipulated that it had to stay in affordable housing," said Mayor Dan Osborne. "We can ask the present building owners if they are interested in selling the building to the town."

"The key thing is getting the building back to the use it was originally designed for (senior housing). It would fill a need for senior housing and we would know it is being maintained," said Mr. Lane.

Mr. Lane said, "my ultimate goal is to return the building to senior housing, like the town (Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands) is doing, by recognizing the need to accommodate seniors now and in the future."

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...UCCM Police Chief stresses need for officers, mental health services

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 services has been hit hard with the pandemic from the officers and civilian officers' perspective as well. "I never thought I would ever see a world where everyone would be required to have vaccines. And it created a division in communities between those in favour and those against getting vaccinated."

The UCCM APS covers six First Nation communities in the Manitoulin Island area (Wiikwemkoong is covered by its own local police service). "A lot of things, including COVID, played into the significant increase we saw in drug cases and charges," said Police Chief Killeen. "I could see the changes over a long time even before these issues hit the Island."

The police chief said UCCM APS currently has 21 officers and they are lobbying for double that number to provide for at least four platoons of 6-7 officer on duty at one time and to move from two sergeants to four. "In my previous 23 years of policing, I never saw an officer being called back after their shift. Here, when a homicide took place, calls went out for support and everyone came in. We need to be comparable to bigger police departments and we need the personnel and resources that they have."

Over the past 15 months and in statistics for 2021, Police Chief Killeen said, "drug trafficking has increased close to 700 percent, and we have already surpassed this in 2022."

There are a lot of issues."

In trying to lay drug charges and other related charges, "we have to have the information and people on the inside who know this is going on, to provide this information," said Police Chief Killeen. "When the recent homicide took place we went to various community meetings and the police were heavily criticized," continued Police Chief Killeen. He outlined the problem being, "that we were aware of the person selling drugs, but to get a



warrant for an arrest we need people who have information about what is going to happen, stating, for example that on this date and time someone is selling drugs at this address in a community."

Along with addressing the drug issue in the communities and the need for more staffing on the police services, another major issue the police service is dealing with is mental health. "Just six months before I arrived here on the Island, a police officer (OPP Constable Marc Hovingh) was murdered," said the police chief. "Officers on the Island know each other as well as members of their community. When something like this happens, it affects all members of the policing staff team. They begin to think that if it can happen to Marc, it can happen to me. It's a shock to everyone and it affected a lot of officers and staff team members."

"And then we had one of our employee, Steve Newbold, die at work," said Police Chief Killeen. "He

was helping us tremendously, and we are still recovering from that as well."

The police chief said that Indigenous Police Chiefs of Ontario (IPCO) commissioned a study to look at the effects of policing and the mental health of all staff. There were four main findings of the study. Based on these findings, 27 recommendations were made to address the shortfalls. UCCM APS has shared the findings with staff and had a session with Meredith Brown of Calibrate, who wrote the mental health report, and a meeting was held in Garden River to review the study. "We continue to advocate for our staff to address mental health."

"While we are addressing the mental health needs of our employees, we are also looking at ways to address mental health calls within our communities. We have many recurring calls for service, sometimes with the same individuals, and with alcohol sometimes exacerbating the situation," said Police Chief Killeen. "To that end we were successful in our application to address mental health. We received funding from SOLGEN to hire two mental health workers who will be on staff to assist/accompany officers on mental health

calls. We will also be hiring/contracting a mental health clinician who can make direct referrals if necessary. This project is called Mino Bmaadziwin."

"As the organization grows, we need more staff with specialized skillsets. We saw three new civilians join the team last year: A community mobilization assistant, human resources administrator and a finance/IT coordinator. As we continue to implement new technologies and to address staffing shortages on the operations side, we are returning the court officer to a civilian position and separating the finance and IT positions as the workload is increasing, especially for IT," he continued.

"On the operations side, we added a detective sergeant who works with our two detective constables in the crime unit," the police chief continued.

"I want to thank our staff, our police commission, our leadership and our communities. We need you to continue to work with us for the benefit of our future generations. A huge shout out too, to all our community policing partners. We are partners in community wellness," Police Chief Killeen added.

...COVID-19 locks down Manitoulin Lodge

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"We are committed to open and transparent communication with our entire community," said Mr. Sykes. "Our home is directly working with Public Health Sudbury and Districts and our own medical team to monitor and control this outbreak. We are committed to taking immediate actions if any public health recommendations are brought forward."

"As you are no doubt aware, Ontario is experiencing a seventh wave of COVID-19 and a shortage of healthcare workers. Despite this, our home is fully staffed and we are proactively hiring additional team members to ensure we continue to deliver the high level of care our residents deserve," continued Mr. Sykes.

"A major risk to long-term care homes in Ontario remains the high level of COVID-19 infection in the broader community which is then brought into our home," said Mr. Sykes. "We understand, of course, that family members of our residents and our team members must return to their home and lives in the broader community each day. Due to the level of infection in the broader community, we continue to advocate for full vaccination, masking protocols and physical distancing for the gener-

al public. These measures, along with our home's rigorous screening and infection and prevention control (IPAC) measures, greatly increases the safety of our residents and the general public from future outbreaks."

Mr. Sykes said the Lodge, "continues to encourage the family members and friends of our residents to remain in close touch by way of telephone or virtual technology. Our team members are available to help set-up these much-needed conversations. And we do, of course, invite family members to reach out to us directly with any questions or concerns that they may have about this outbreak or any other matter."

The Lodge has visitor restrictions in place with only essential caregivers having access or palliative care visitors. All COVID-19 protocols are in place and includes testing and wearing masks.

Sonya Morningstar, administrator of the Wikwemikong Nursing Home told The Expositor last Friday that the nursing home does not currently have any cases of COVID-19, while the Manitoulin Centennial Manor has also declared an outbreak. The Manitoulin Health Centre declared an outbreak within its in-patient unit at the Little Current site, as reported in last week's edition of The Expositor.



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Govt. announces nearly \$40 million to support people with substance use disorder

M'Chigeeng First Nation group receives additional funding

VANCOUVER—The M'Chigeeng E-wiikiwe'endijig Naadmaadwaad (Friends Helping Each Other) group is receiving additional funding announced by the federal government.

“Drug overdose in Canada has spiked during the COVID-19 pandemic and with an increasingly toxic drug supply. Recent data shows historic opioid overdose-related deaths across Canada in 2021. Too many lives have been lost to this crisis, leaving too many families and friends to grieve,” said Carolyn Bennett, minister of mental health and addictions and associate minister of health. “Today, our government is taking further action by investing in projects that will support people dealing with problematic substance use across the country. I thank all the organizations receiving funding for their dedication in decreasing substance use harms, preventing overdose, increasing safer supply initiatives, and reducing stigma.”

The E-wiikiwe'endijig Naadmaadwaad (Friends Helping Each Other) at M'Chigeeng First Nations will receive \$697,405 in addition to the \$801,751 already received, to train local persons with lived and living experience of substance abuse as peer support advocates. Training will include a mix of

Indigenous and western concepts, including trauma-informed care practices, motivational interviewing, the stages of change model, harm reduction practices, and evidence-based peer support practices. This additional funding will be used to hire a cultural advisor and four full-time peer support advocates.

The overdose crisis is an

rise in opioid and other substance-related deaths and serious harms. The latest data on substance use related harms shows that 7,560 people died due to opioid overdose-related deaths across Canada in 2021. The Government of Canada is committed to ensuring that all Canadians have access to the life-saving substance use service and supports they need.

On July 20, Minister Bennett announced nearly \$40 million in federal funding for 73 projects across Canada through Health Canada's Substance Use and Addictions Program (SUAP). These projects will help to improve health outcomes for people who are at risk of experiencing substance-related harms and overdose by scaling up prevention, harm reduction and treatment efforts, including access to safe supply programs. The funding will allow innovative com-

munity-led projects to continue servicing the many communities and people who need them.

The funding will also provide support to those dis-

proportionately affected by problematic substance use or who face barriers accessing services, including women, youth, young and middle-aged men, Indige-

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ongoing national public health crisis that is having a tragic impact on people who use substances, their families and communities across Canada. This crisis has only worsened over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic and the increasingly toxic drug supply, and evidence shows a significant



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#51

We call upon the Government of Canada, as an obligation of its fiduciary responsibility, to develop a policy of transparency by publishing legal opinions it develops and upon which it acts or intends to act, in regard to the scope and extent of Aboriginal and Treaty rights.

#52


We call upon the Government of Canada, provincial and territorial governments, and the courts to adopt the following legal principles:

- i. Aboriginal title claims are accepted once the Aboriginal claimant has established occupation over a particular territory at a particular point in time.
- ii. Once Aboriginal title has been established, the burden of proving any limitation on any rights arising from the existence of that title shifts to the party asserting such a limitation.


#53

We call upon the Parliament of Canada, in consultation and collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to enact legislation to establish a National Council for Reconciliation. The legislation would establish the council as an independent, national, oversight body with membership jointly appointed by the Government of Canada and national Aboriginal organizations, and consisting of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal members. Its mandate would include, but not be limited to, the following:

- i. Monitor, evaluate, and report annually to Parliament and the people of Canada on the Government of Canada's post-apology progress on reconciliation to ensure that government accountability for reconciling the relationship between Aboriginal peoples and the Crown is maintained in the coming years.
- ii. Monitor, evaluate, and report to Parliament and the people of Canada on reconciliation progress across all levels and sectors of Canadian society, including the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action.
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Rotary celebrates successful year despite pandemic

by Tom Sasvari

TEHKUMMAH—Despite the difficulties in hosting fundraising all of its normal events during the past year, due to the pandemic, the Rotary Club of Gore Bay was undeterred.

“We were hamstrung in hosting very many events because of so many issues dealing with the pandemic, but we had a good year,” said Rotary President Marlene Bowers at the club’s 68th annual dinner meeting held at Garden’s Gate Restaurant in Tehkummah last Thursday. “As president of the club for the past year, I would like to state a big thank you to everyone. You all worked very hard.”

“We were only able to put on two fundraising events in the past year (the annual Rotary Fall Produce Auction and the highly successful Bay to Bay Bicycle Ride), but in total we were able to raise over \$24,000,” said Ms. Bowers.

With the funds the Rotary Club was able to raise, they were able to provide financial support to Gwekwaadziwin Miikan Youth Mental Health and Addictions Program, the Gore Bay Medical Centre, Angel Bus, Robinson Township Fire Department for purchasing a new side by side vehicle to help with fighting fires in remote, isolated areas, the Meldrum Bay Hall, Manitoulin Family Resources food hampers project. They also provided financial



Marlene Bowers, left, outgoing president of the Rotary Club of Gore Bay, hands over the president's gavel to incoming president Keith McKeen.

photo by Tom Sasvari

support for Manitoulin Secondary School student bursaries, Christmas gifts for seniors, provided support to a community member who had unfortunate illnesses and accidents, a donation to the Mindemoya Hospital through sponsorship of the annual Tour de Meldrum Bay, and the club provided sand for the Rotary Beach and Halloween treats for students at C.C. McLean Public School. International financial support went to Red Cross Ukrainian Appeal due to the Russian invasion and laptops for children in Zambia.

After a toast to the Queen and Canada delivered by Rotarian Jack Clark, club member Jeff Hietkamp delivered the blessing of the food. Following the delicious meal, guest speaker Peter Edmunds, assistant district 7010 governor of Rotary, provided a detailed look at his life, having grown up in South Africa.

In providing the year in review, President Marlene Bowers explained, “with the help of our Rotary district we developed a strategic plan and what we want to accomplish in the future. We now have a reg-

ular Thursday meeting place at the church, and we developed a fellowship committee.”

“Hopefully, with the new strategic plan, it will make us an even stronger club,” said Ms. Bowers. As is customary at the annual dinner meeting, she handed over the president’s gavel to Rotarian Keith McKeen. “I know Keith is going to do an amazing job over the next year,” she said in making the presentation.

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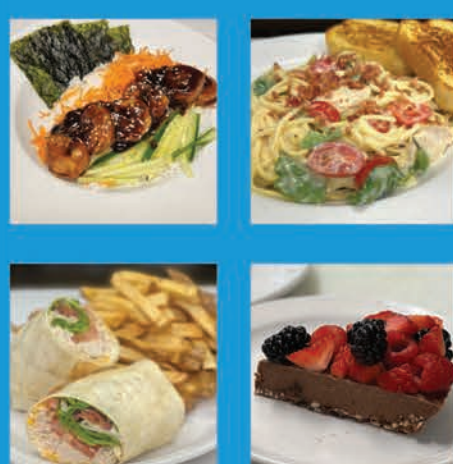
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Haweater Weekend is back and bouncing baby!



Sydd and Jack (in back) and Avery and Owen show off the family's 1970 Mustang at the Haweater Classic Car Cruise-In.



Clayton makes a mad dash to the next barrel at the Haweater Weekend horse show.



Getting a good vantage point to watch Haweater parade unfold.



Dave and Beth Draper DJ the Friday night country dance.



Starting the morning off in a good way with Yoga on the Docks.



Elijah Manitowabi of Elijah and the Backburners were a hit at the Manitoulin Brewing Company beer tent in downtown Little Current.



United Church Rev. Whitney Bruno had an innovative approach to the ecumenical service on Sunday morning.



The Sunday night fireworks were their usual hit with all ages.



Kids rocking out to the family music of The Thinking Caps.



The Wilkin Family were back in full glory with their annual float. The Expositor was happy to supply the paper maché paper supply.



Pickleball is growing in popularity all across the continent.



Adults rocking out to the family music of The Thinking Caps.



Firefighters are fun, especially when you put them in a parade.



The lazer tag crew gather for a photo. The event mixed techno gaming with plenty of great exercise.



Ponies are perfect for a Haweater parade.

Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival opened arms to all



Dae (2) helps set up the family's vendor tent.

photos by Michael Erskine



MCs at the Wiikwemkoong powwow honoured the memory of the late Chris (the pleasant) Pheasant baa. Mr. Pheasant was a popular master of ceremonies for many powwows and is deeply missed.



A film crew from APTN were present throughout the weekend. The crew were following the exploits of two vendors on the powwow trail for a series the channel is making about the people who follow the trail for a living.



Powwow attendees Jamison Trudeau, Sabrina Trudeau, Connie Trudeau and Brea Trudeau were enjoying the cultural festival.



The crowds were large during the Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival and easily topped 6,000 over the course of the two days.



EMS workers from the Wiikwemkoong station, Ashley, Brenda and Sarah, stand ready to assist when called upon. In the meantime a little powwow chow goes down well.



Dave Southwood, David Anwhatin and Skyler Bell were the sound crew. The Zhiibaahaasing based sound company have been assisting at many powwows.



Guest drums were kept busy during the two days providing the songs for the dancers.



A jingle (healing) dress dancer and a Men's Traditional (storyteller) dancer make their way around the dance arena.



Jason Mishibinijima and Angel Peltier conduct an employment survey.



The Butler family from Toronto enjoy some PW food.



Jakes Home Centre had some amazing grills on site as they whipped up a steady stream of great eats during the powwow.

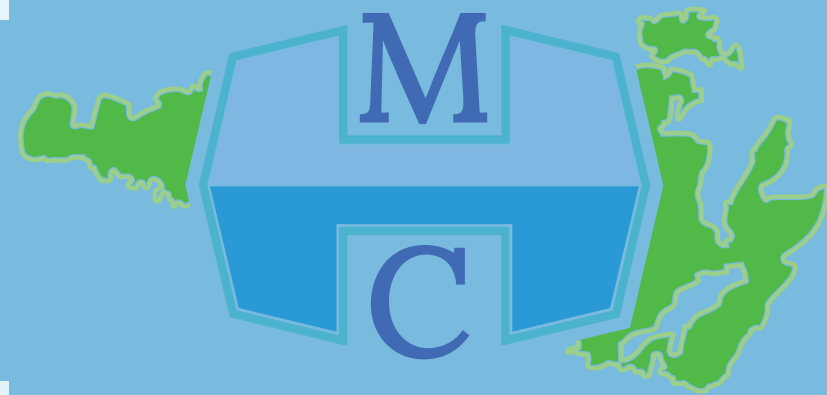


Cultural teachings took place in the Cultural Pavilion throughout the two day festival.



Anishinaabe royalty reigns for 2022. Following their introduction at the Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival (aka the Wiikwemkoong Powwow) the 2022 royalty are, left, Miss Wiikwemkoong Niibiishens Trudeau of Wiikwemkoong, Junior Miss Wiikwemkoong Niimin Humpfield of Temagami FN and Little Miss Wiikwemkoong Ziibii Jonathan of Wiikwemkoong.

photo by Tracy Cleland



Manitoulin Health Centre ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

OUR VISION

Putting patients first, as we lead and collaborate with our partners.

OUR MISSION

To contribute to the health and well-being of all who come to us in need.

OUR VALUES

RESPECT – We embrace the differences, honour beliefs and respond with kindness and care.

PASSION – We are striving to go above and beyond in what we do and how we do it.

TRUTH – We are true to ourselves, our responsibilities and we do our best to do the right thing.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST YEAR:

- In consultation with our Indigenous partners and community members, we continue to work towards providing a culturally safe environment at MHC
- Despite the challenges of supply chain delays with key materials, we have advanced on other portions of the ER and Chemo build to minimize the total delay of reopening services. This includes completion of the new nursing station, installing furnishings, ordering new equipment, and revising patient and staff flow throughout the departments for the upcoming phase two of the build

- Launch of the first ever MHC 50/50 Draw



- Accreditation award with commendation



- Appointment of Dennis McGregor from Birch Island as Chairman of the Board; Paula Fields from Manitowaning as President and CEO; Paula Ferguson, originally from Nipissing First Nation and currently from Sheguiandah, as Chief Nursing Officer/Vice President



- Creation of MHC HealthCare Champion to recognize and celebrate our employees

Champions are defined as warriors or fighters and we are proud of all the champions here at MHC

MEET THE MHC HEALTHCARE CHAMPIONS

What makes Ivan a MHC HealthCare Champion? According to Paula Fields, President and CEO as well as Melanie Stephens & Lee Ann Fawcett- Clinical Innovation & Partnerships "We have had the pleasure of working with Ivan through his valued contributions as a member of our Patient & Family Advisory Committee. Ivan has made many contributions to improving the patient experience as both an advisor and previously as a board member. Between these two commitments, Ivan has offered nearly 25 years of volunteer service, making him a true MHC HealthCare Champion. The dedication to MHC and to the health and wellness of our community has been nothing short of amazing. Ivan, we thank you kindly for showing such support to MHC and our community. Please know that your contributions have been greatly valued and you truly will be missed."

**Ivan Edwards
Former Patient
Advisor**



Ivan has been a volunteer with the MHC for decades, most recently as a Patient Advisor. Since the inception of the Patient Advisor program, Ivan feels fortunate to have helped develop the program that provides feedback to MHC on service delivery to our patients. Ivan spent 12 years on the Board and was a member of our nominating committee for Board members.

THANK YOU IVAN for your years of dedication and for being a MHC HealthCare Champion!

RESPECT PASSION TRUTH

- Welcomed Lee Turley, Gerri Lynn Manitowabi and Marcia Trudeau Bomberry as new Board members

- Welcomed Maawdii Pitawanakwat and Dianne Musgrove as new Patient Advisory Committee members. Thank you to Al Boyd, Bill Cranston, Jack Clark, Maawdii Pitawanikwat and Dianne Musgrove for their valuable input into patient services.



- Said goodbye and thank you to Ivan Edwards, a dedicated volunteer for over 25 years with MHC



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- Continue our fundraising efforts as we near the \$2.5 Million goal for the Let's Emerg Together Campaign. To donate go online at www.mhc.on.ca or use the QR code. Thank you to the community for your fundraising efforts as we near our goal!
- Finalize the renovation and expansion of the Mindemoya ED and resume our enhanced chemotherapy services
- Welcome our new Vice President of Corporate Service, Chief Financial Officer, Eric Theriault who is originally from Sudbury.
- Continue our collaboration with our Indigenous partners and community members to provide a culturally safe environment with a full report to the public this year.
- Continue to expand our employee recognition,

boost staff morale and enhance our recruitment and retention efforts

- Work in partnership with Sudbury, Espanola and Elliot Lake in the development of a Ontario Health Team to improve coordination of care and services for patients, their families and caregivers across multiple care settings
- Prepare for implementation of the new Health Information System - ONE Initiative with go live November, 2023. The ONE Initiative will provide patient care with a single electronic health information system across the Northeast region. There are three hospitals utilizing this upgraded system - North Bay, Parry Sound and Sault Ste. Marie. MHC will join 21 other hospitals across Northeastern Ontario in the ONE Initiative
- Ongoing education and skill development for employees



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...Following Hope's Path: *Part XXX of a series*

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at Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) with (the trial treatment drug) AMG 650 and I wanted to share what happens if you are enrolled in one," she said. "Many of us living with cancer are in one. They all vary greatly but there are very specific procedures and protocols that must be followed. We are part of research testing drugs for future generations—testing their safety, the right dosage, side effects, sustainability for long term use, etc. Research is all around us in so many fields and is very exciting when researchers are using targeted individual therapies for our unique cancers. It is mind-boggling when they are manipulating the genetics of the cell, the proteins etc. Research is becoming more and more successful because they can be more and more accurate and precise as they address our individual tumour cells."

"After eight months on AMG 650—a pill I take daily—the new lung tumour found last fall is shrinking more and more each time I have my CT scan every two months. It is now about 50 percent shrunk and my lymph node cancers are stable. I wanted to explain what happens when I go down for my monthly appointments at PMH. I am an old pro at it now. I have the same times every month as my son Rob drives me in from Lindsay and we have to deal with Toronto traffic."

Ms. Buie said that she loves going to Princess Margaret, where she now feels "very much at home. I try and make the wonderful staff feel good about the job they are doing," she said. "I greet the COVID screener as I go through the revolving door, sanitize my hands and change my mask, then line up for laboratory check in." "Sometimes it is a long wait sometimes not, I am not on their list as I have special research bloodwork to do," she explains. "Last month the lab receptionist had beautiful nails—so I commented on them and thanked her for the good job she was doing."

Ms. Buie makes a special



John and Mary Buie, seated, centre, are surrounded by their children and grandchildren at the Kagawong family home. The Buies celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this February.

effort to be especially kind when coming in for her treatment. "Sometimes people get cranky having to wait," she said.

Then it is up to the 18th floor where clinical trials take place, where she checks in with the nurses.

"I go to a spot to check my weight, temperature, oximeter (blood oxygen levels), blood pressure and see my clinical trials nurse tell her how I have been over the last month," said Ms. Buie. "We review my trial diary, which is very specific and needs to be filled out exactly right with all the necessary boxes checked."

Then a technician conducts an electroencephalogram (EEG) to make sure her heart is functioning normally. The EEG is reviewed by the doctor, she explains. That is an important point.

"It is interesting to note that different trials use different machines and my EEG has to be done on a specific one with the right leads," said Ms. Buie. "Sometimes that is a problem, so I always ask if they have the right leads. Then I wait for one of my team doctors to come and do a physical assessment and check for any concerns I might have."

Then it is hurry up and wait. "I wait until all my lab results are reviewed because my special trial pill is dispensed a month at

a time as long as bloodwork is within an acceptable range," she said. "I pick the pill up at the clinical trials pharmacy on the fourth floor."

All that complete, Ms. Buie can head on out.

"The whole process usually takes about three hours at the hospital from start to finish," said Ms. Buie. "As long as all goes well, I stay in the clinical trial. I say 'AMG, you and I are a team and I want us to stay that way for a long time to come,'" she laughs.

"We patients in the University Health Network each have our own portal so we know when our lab results are ready and we can go online and check them out," said Ms. Buie. "We also have appointment times on that portal and anything else we need to know. Being a nurse, I like to check things out."

Ms. Buie said that she does not have many side effects from the drug. "My immune system is good, but my haemoglobin is low," she said. "I need to eat lots of iron rich foods in my diet. Also, my liver enzymes stay elevated but are still in the acceptable range for the trial." Readers will recall Ms. Buie had a bit of a scare when her enzymes were elevated following a bit too much celebration in a previous visit. "So no wine with my meals for me,"

life with my cancer," she said. "I am surrounded by so many people praying for my good health and their prayers are very powerful and working. However, all of us living with cancer are always grateful for every day we are given and treasure memories made and shared with our families and friends."

But it isn't all sunshine and fizzy water. Ms. Buie currently has most of her family home visiting, which is wonderful she said, but adds, "I must rest a lot. I am tired and weary and don't have energy or strength to do what I used to do. This applies to all of

us that are living with chronic or other debilitating diseases, no matter how old. Our family and friends tell us what they are doing and we smile and are happy for them but we are also a little envious of the energy they have."

The unsinkable Ms. Buie doesn't let that phase her much, however. "May we all be able to count our blessings of what we have," she said. "When skies are dark may we always look for the positives and tell those we meet in our daily lives how grateful we are for them and their happy ways that cheer us up."



**Hard work
pays off!**

Dylan Narozanski, grandson of Michael Narozanski of Pepper Point Road, was just about to throw in the towel after a few days of muskellunge fishing in the North Channel but decided instead to throw in a line once more instead. Mr. Narozanski was rewarded with this little 49-inch muskie. Good news is that the fish is still available for interviews as the angler release his catch back into the water.



**Jack Whyte
works sold at
successful
auction**

There was a large crowd of bidders on hand for the very successful Jack Whyte Art Auction, held in the Robinson Hall at the Gore Bay United Church. A total of 96 original pieces of the late Mr. Whyte's art work were auctioned off. In photo left is Dylan Whyte, displaying one of his father's paintings up for bid, Ashley Whyte and auctioneer Norm Morrell.

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Wiikwemkoong survivors have private audiences with Pope Francis

by Gina Gasongi Simon

MONTREAL—“I heard about the Pope’s visit and initially I had no interest,” said Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Duke Peltier. “Then I see the agenda which entailed a planned meeting with Indigenous leaders and decided it was a prime opportunity to have a private moment with the Pope.”

Eastern Canada was also presented with a rare chance for a select few to also meet Pope Francis. Ogimaa Peltier escorted six elders from Wikwemkoong to Montreal to greet the Pope’s pilgrimage.

It was an eye opener for sisters Rosemary Wakegijig and Margaret Jackson. “We learned about other students’ experiences at the various residential schools throughout Canada. Some of the stories were very harsh and some students were subjected to very cruel means to strike the Indian out of them,” said Ms. Wakegijig.

As ogimaa of Wikwemikong Unceded Territory, the decision to attend the special visit was a difficult one. The thoughts of big crowds and a sea of people was a bit overwhelming, along with travel during COVID times.

“There are a lot of things that happened not only with this church (Holy Cross Mission), but the day schools and all the stories of young boys from our community, subjected to sexual abuse while serving as altar boys,” Ogimaa



Rosemary Wakegijig meets Pope Francis. “I felt so honoured. The Pope looked straight into my eyes. As I introduced myself, the Pope looked straight into my eyes, and I told him about my assigned number, 173, given to me at Spanish Residential School. He took my arm firmly and gave me a blessing. I felt his sincerity.”



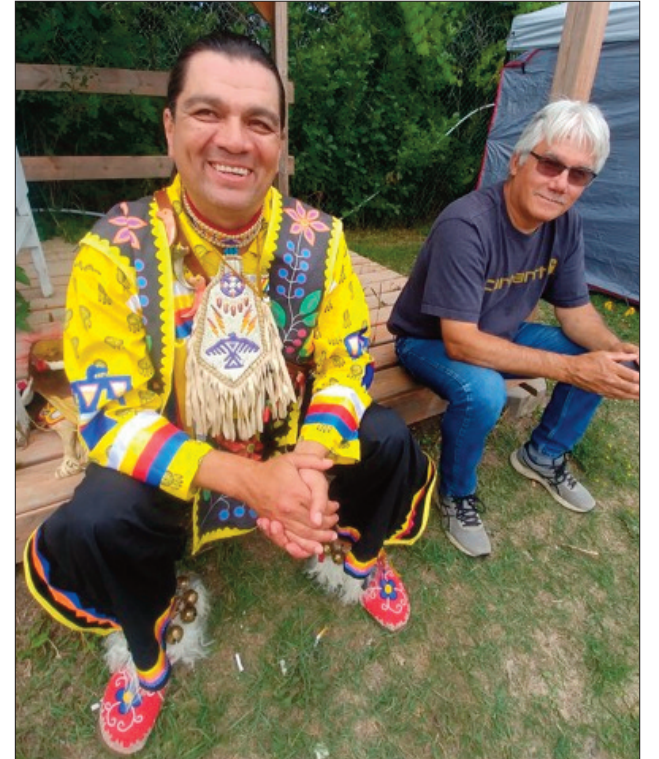
Residential school system Marjorie Trudeau greets Pope Francis in a private audience.



“A chance in a lifetime,” say sisters Rosemary Wakegijig and Margaret Jackson, who were part of a contingent from Wiikwemkoong that had an opportunity to meet one-on-one with Pope Francis in Montreal. “Security was tight,” say the sisters, “bodyguards everywhere, drones flying above us, codes to get through different secure areas and we had to follow a path, no side stepping from the parameters.”



Margaret Simon and her niece Rosemary Wakegijig take time to visit during Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival weekend and discuss Ms. Wakegijig’s visit with the Pope. Both agree: “healing takes time and pain is expressed in different ways and we can’t always make sense of it.”



Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Duke Peltier takes time from his busy day to discuss his views on the recent visit with Pope Francis.



This banner was carried out during each grand entry at Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival. There were mixed emotions and opinions about the recent comments made by Pope Francis. Some felt his visit was a start to the healing process, while others felt the Pope fell short in his apology and avoidance of the topic to rescind the papal bull ‘Doctrine of Discovery.’

Peltier shared. “I figured this was the venue to speak directly to the Pope on behalf of these boys who were victims and others who experienced abuse at the hands of the cloth. Hopefully, some things get heard and they make some changes on how they operate.”

Ogimaa Peltier admitted he felt strength after reading this reporter’s front page story outlining the thoughts of my parents, Maxie and Margaret Simon, on the Pope’s apology, published in last week’s Expositor. “I had a copy with me and while waiting I read it and it provided me with some substance and background. I could only imagine how our grandparents must have felt as children forced into these schools. I felt a bit of that confusion meeting the Pope, it was foreign—strange people, strange dress, speak-

ing a strange language. All the pomp, kinda stiff, very little gestures, difficult to tell what was going on. All the bodyguards, translators—translating from English, to French, to Spanish—so many languages before my message was delivered. It brought those feelings of alienation.”

The ogimaa went on to share, “Those that attended the schools, everyone had different experiences for better or for worse. The ones I escorted, their experiences were not as dramatic. They’re devout Christians and were very appreciative of the opportunity to go and meet the Pope themselves. They all had their time with him. I took my time, I offered gifts on behalf of our elders, along with a handwritten thank you card and a picture of the ruins. In my letter to him, I wrote from stories I heard and learned about from

former students.”

He said he asked the Pope as a meaningful gesture of reconciliation to respect the Anishnaabe traditions of prayer, ways and traditions. Ogimaa Peltier provided him with an example of a lost moment. “I reminded him he had an opportunity, as our part of contribution to the mass in Edmonton, you could have allowed or invited Gilbert Pitawanakwat to do the gospel in Anishnabemowin, you could have allowed him to do the gospel in our language, as he does it here in Wiikwemkoong. That, I told him, would have been very meaningful, as part of your apology—allowing that to happen on a world stage.”

“As a global institution, I reminded him he can make statements for others to learn about our people, respect our ways and teachings. Respect our way of raising our children,” Ogimaa Peltier continued. These suggestions the ogimaa felt were tangible solutions. “Help them to help us,” he added.

When asked about his thoughts on the Pope using the word ‘genocide’ in a press conference following his visit here, Ogimaa Peltier shared his view: “Genocide is a hard word for the western world to comprehend. Because those times, perhaps different, the Pope still has an opportunity to take some ownership of it, as the head of the Roman Catholic institution. But like with any other apology, actions speak stronger than words,” Ogimaa Duke Peltier concluded.



A large crowd attended the mass in Montreal.

Walkers from impacted families visit Manitoulin on cross-country tour in support of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—A small group of First Nation walkers who all have missing and murdered family members were on Manitoulin Island to relax and take in the Wiikwemkoong powwow this past weekend, before continuing their 10-month journey, "Krista's Kilometres for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women (MMIW)." Their goal is to bring awareness to the severity of the human rights crisis surrounding Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG).

then you acknowledge, and are heartbroken. No one understands better than a family member who has gone through the same thing."

Ms. Fox, along with Lindsey and Derek, passed through Espanola last week, making their way to outside of Espanola on their way to Manitoulin, where they were greeted and met by Mary Dantouze, Isadora Bebamash and Alma Jean Migwans (all from Manitoulin), who met the group and put them up for the long weekend and presented them

able to meet some really beautiful people through this." The 10-month journey started on February 3. "On February 18, which was my 54th birthday and should have been my grandson's 16th birthday, we reached Beacon Park in Victoria, British Columbia at the Canada Mile Zero sign, and we will continue until we reach St. Johns Newfoundland, the first

week in December."

"None of us (walkers) are blood related," said Ms. Fox. "The unfortunate events we have been through have brought us together. We support each other, like brothers and sisters who have all bonded against the monsters who have taken our loved one's lives."

"Dianne (Morin), who has been with us on the

entire walk, had to drop out the first of July, and will be with us again this week," said Ms. Fox. "Derek and Lindsey started with us in Victoria, B.C."

"We are fundraising, but we are using the funds to keep going, for gas, food, and lodging," said Ms. Fox.

From Manitoulin Island the group, "is travelling to Sudbury, and then we will be heading to Toronto

where our leaders and all our smaller organizations are planning a get together in Ottawa. We are hoping to be able to sit down with Prime Minister Trudeau at that time."

"I think the biggest message we want to get across is this has to stop and steps need to be taken to do this," said Ms. Fox. These issues were addressed in the

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Krista Fox leads the way for a group of walkers who are travelling across Canada on a 10-month journey, 'Krista's Kilometres' for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women (MMIW), along with three Island Anishinaabe-kwe, across the swing bridge in Little Current, last week.

"As tough as it is to belong to the MMIWG (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls) family, there is no better support then from other people who are sharing the same grief. It all boils down to keeping the names of all those Indigenous people who are missing or have been murdered out there," stated Krista Fox, who along with Lindsey and Derek Bishop and Dianne Morin, are on a 10-month

with money raised through a recent fundraiser.

Ms. Fox is 54 years old, a mother, wife and grandmother. "I started as an advocate when a close family friend, Ashley Morin, went missing on Monday, July 10, 2020. "Dianne, who is Ashley's mother, adopted me into their 'family,'" she said. She explained that married couple Lindsey and Derek Bishop are both from Saskatoon, and



A group of Island Anishinaabe-kwe greeted three walkers taking part in 'Krista's Kilometres' walk for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women (MMIW) across Canada, outside of Espanola on their way to Manitoulin Island, last week. In photo left is Mary Dantouze, Derek and Lindsey Bishop, Krista Fox, Isadora Bebamash and Alma Jean Migwans.

photos by Tom Sasvari

journey to spread the word about violence against indigenous women. "It is connecting families, and when I have a particularly bad night for instance I can message a lady in B.C. who has also lost a family member who understands what I am going through and tells me, 'I know how you feel.'"

"One minute you can be celebrating the best time of your life, and then memories come back of a loved one who is lost," said Ms. Fox of North Battleford, Saskatchewan, whose 14-year-old grandson was murdered in Saskatchewan in 2020. "One day you can be happy and positive and

met as part of a support system group in Saskatchewan.

"In March 2021, I decided I was going to walk across Canada to bring awareness, and Diane said she would be coming with me. Lindsey and I communicated back and forth and when I told her about the walk, she told me, 'I am going as well.'"

Lindsey's sister Megan Gallagher has been missing since September 19, 2020.

"As I mentioned, I started talking about fundraising for a walk last year," said Ms. Fox. "Tik Tok really helped and I was

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Aundeck Omni Kaning celebrates and honours Dr. Dieter Poenn on his retirement

by Michael Erskine
AUNDECK OMNI KANING—The backbone of a community's health and well-being is often found in the person of a family doctor and that creates a special bond between community members and their practitioner. While Dr. Dieter Poenn has not been the main doctor for Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK) for a number of years, he filled that role for many years. Upon learning that Dr. Poenn was retiring from active practice, AOK set out to honour the health professional for his contribution to their community.

"Dr. Poenn was here for many years," said AOK Chief Patsy Corbiere. "He really bonded with a lot of people in the community. It was a privilege to work with him."



Dr. Dieter Poenn and his wife Siska join Gabe Abotossaway and Aundeck Omni Kaning Chief Patsy Corbiere as Dr. Poenn is gifted with a commissioned painting.

"I was, of course, deeply touched, particularly given that the event was held at the home of Gabe Abotossaway," Dr. Poenn told The

Expositor following the celebration. "I also expressed my respect for the example, leadership and organization that AOK has shown

over the years to the Island as a whole. I was thankful to be counted a good and trusted neighbour and feel privileged to

have been able to contribute to their community and people."

Chief Corbiere recalled that Dr. Poenn would often bring an intern with him when he visited the community and worked closely with community members. "We also recognize the contribution of Shirley Corbiere," said Chief Corbiere, "Shirley worked with Dr. Poenn for many years, as did Debbie Madahbee who also worked with him while he was serving our community."

Dr. Poenn was presented with a painting and quill box to keep as mementoes

of his friends in AOK. The presentation had to wait for a while, however, as it was commissioned when the community learned of his retirement. "We had to wait for the paint to dry," laughed Chief Corbiere.

She recalled how Dr. Poenn responded to the catastrophic injury suffered by Gabe Abotossaway, who was paralyzed from the neck down following a serious car accident. "He really helped Gabe and his family through that crisis," said Chief Corbiere. "Our community remembers him for his compassion, always caring," she said. "People really miss him."

...Walkers in support of MMIWG visit Manitoulin

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Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action. "This came out three years ago with recommendations. My heart bleeds for the families who were involved. I can see them at the table, going to Ottawa, pouring out their hearts about loved ones missing or murdered and coming out of this saying yes recommendations have been made, and someone is actually going to listen and that these murdered and missing persons do matter. They poured out their pain and suffering, but three years after the recommendations, nothing has changed. The families feel enough is enough."

The three Anishinaabe-kwe who greeted the walkers, Mary Dantouze, Alma Jean Migwans, and Isadora Bebamash, "had a drumathon for them last Saturday (July 23,) in M'Chigeeng," said Ms. Dantouze. Along with the three ladies, Matthew Assinewai and Terry Debassige also took part in the drumathon, with help from Oscar Corbiere, who made soup and sandwiches for the drummers. Dave Dantouze helped set up a display. The drumathon started at 1 pm and ended at 9 pm, with \$1,100 raised for the walkers.



Walker Krista Fox unfurls a banner in support of Missing and Murdered Women and Girls during her visit to Manitoulin Island recently. The walk is taking place across Canada and participants are all from families who have been impacted by the crisis.

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...Now and Then: Dick Wickenden

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 tion of Anglers and Hunters in the 1980s. David has three boys, Adam, a diesel mechanic in Copper Cliff; Daniel, a college graduate in finance and business administration who plans to return to school this fall and Ian, a carpentry apprentice who is helping to build a nursing home behind St. Joseph's Hospital."

"Daughter Mary Lynn attended Cambrian College and went into animal husbandry. She travelled exten-

exhibits in places like Science North, San Francisco, San Diego and Vancouver. She also worked in Africa for a while. Julianne and Ethan Higginson own 75 red and black Angus cattle on a ranch outside of Meaford. Grant, the third offspring, is an electrician apprentice, earning his license this fall."

"I retired from the fire department in 1994, after 32 years. The following year, we moved permanently to Manitoulin. Our house on top of Dryden's Lane on



Dick, second from right, in an iconic firefighting pose.

sively with the Sea Cadet band, attending noted events like the Grey Cup. She always had two part-time jobs. As a petty officer, she was teaching young service members how to shoot in British Columbia. Animal welfare has also been an attraction for her. The sailboat she was gifted after she graduated from Cambrian was soon traded for a horse."

"Mary Lynn and Mike Sheridan own an apple orchard in Clarksburg. They also manage properties for other owners. The couple has three children. Cheryl, who taught a beluga whale how to paint at Sea World and has set up

Lake Manitou had just been finished. Betty started to grow one of the nicest gardens in the area. We had purchased the property about 10 years earlier, in 1985. I was seconded as an instructor for the fire departments on the Island and was training firefighters. I also created a list of clients who need fire extinguisher services and happily worked part time for them. Unfortunately, when I was ready to leave the extinguisher business, I could not find a taker, even when offering to give it away." Dick also trapped on Manitoulin for about eight years. "I sold the furs to



Cheryl at Sea World.

North American Furs a company in Toronto. A good fisher fur could bring in over \$100."

"Betty was a volunteer's volunteer. She would do so

much for others. She provided her services at the Manitoulin Health Centre, doing hair and nails for the patients waiting to get into long term care. She helped

start the palliative care units that are in both Mindemoya and Little Current hospitals. She made prayer shawls for the patients and encouraged other volun-

teers to make more. Betty was on the Ladies' Auxiliary too. Like me, she needed to keep busy."

"Both Betty and I volunteered for the Journey to Bethlehem, serving coffee and hot chocolate. Afterwards, we helped clean the church. For special occasions, Betty and I loved to attend the plays at the community centre in Gore Bay. Travelling was on the agenda too. We had lots of plans to visit different parts of Canada and the world. Four years ago, we moved to the senior apartments in Mindemoya and sold our Lake Manitou home. We had a big garage sale. I sold all my tools, collected from over 60 years of salvage and carpentry work."

"As for my birth family, my younger brother Donald became a salesperson for Labatt's, then Dupont before finally working for a company that built air exchangers. Sister Betty Robertson Reaume was a

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Assiginack council supports Tweed call for increase in wildlife claims administration fees

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—A Manitoulin municipality is in support of a resolution from a southern Ontario municipality, on a request to lobby the province to increase the administration fees on wildlife claims to help offset the increasing costs felt by farm producers for livestock killed by wildlife.

“As a municipality, I feel we should support other municipalities on the call for an increase,” said Dave McDowell, an Assiginack Township councillor and farmer at a meeting last week. “This program is not supposed to cost municipalities.”

“I agree,” stated Councillor Hugh Moggy. “I have a lot of sympathy for the municipality of Tweed on this issue,” stated Billings Mayor Ian Anderson, at a council meeting. “I understand their concerns.”

However, “I asked our township staff if this is a big issue (livestock killed by wildlife) in Billings. I was informed we have relatively few cases here. We are not having the same problems as other municipalities are having.”

In a letter to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and municipalities in Ontario dated July 4, Gloria Raybone, CAO/Treasurer of the municipality of Tweed it was explained, “we are writing to you today on behalf of our municipality regarding the administration fees related to wildlife damage claims. This program is necessary to protect our farm producers from the devastating losses incurred when they lose livestock to predators.”

“At the June 28, regular council meeting the attached resolution was passed by council,” explained Ms. Raybone. “Our council’s concern is the administration fee paid to municipalities to administer the program on the ministry’s behalf which was recently increased from \$30.00 per claim to \$50.00 per claim. We have recently contracted for a new livestock investigator resulting in the following costs directly



Wildlife depredations from predators are a challenge for farmers, but the cost of administering relief programs is a challenge for municipalities.

related to wildlife claims: hourly rate of \$25.00 per hour and a mileage rate of 50 cents per kilometre.

On the most recent invoice for this service, there were three wildlife claims with costs of \$95, \$75 and \$120 (exceeding the claim amount provided by the province), Ms. Raybone continued.

“There is also time spent by municipal staff in preparing the wildlife claims for submission and monitoring the claims for payment to the livestock owner,” wrote Ms. Rayborne. “This results in a loss on each wildlife claim for our taxpayers to bear to be able to provide this necessary service to our farm producers. We respectfully request that the ministry (AFRA) consider increasing the administration fee on wildlife claims to help offset the increasing costs associated with livestock investigation. We look forward to hearing from you about this matter at your earliest convenience.”

Assiginack council passed a motion in support of the municipality of Tweed on this issue.

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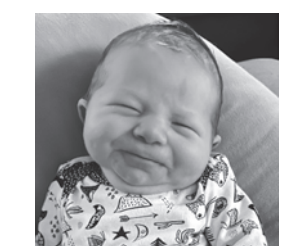
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The Best Turkey Dinner You'll Never Have. The Ladies of the Trinity United Church Manitoulin UCW will be hosting a non-event dinner to support our church. There will NOT be succulent roast turkey, homemade stuffing and gravy, locally grown cranberries, whipped potatoes, fresh buttered peas, glazed carrots, your choice of creamy coleslaw or garden salad with our original Manitoulin dressing, mashed turnips, a large selection of homemade pies, with ice cream (optional), fresh brewed coffee and tea. Now doesn't this sound delicious? How many of your friends/family would you like to treat to this lovely dinner? How much would you pay for this? But seriously, like most churches we have not been doing a lot of fundraisers but still have our regular expenses. We would greatly appreciate your help with these operating expenses. Because this event will not happen, you will receive a tax receipt for any donation made to this dinner. Donations can be made during August 2022 by: giving it to any member of the UCW; putting it on the offering plate on Sundays (note that it is for the Not-Turkey Dinner); mailing it to Trinity United Church Manitoulin, Box 168, Mindemoya, ON POP 1S0; on-line through CanadaHelps; or e-transfer to Trinity United Church Manitoulin tucmtreas@east-link.ca.

10-12p

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Lessons for Kids
August 8-19 (Mon to Fri)
Sign up your child for swim lessons, ages 4 and up.
Register online at Assiginack.ca

Lessons for Adults
For those who want to learn some different strokes, improve their swimming and have fun, lessons will be offered August 8-19 (Monday to Friday) from 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

For those who want to improve strokes for swimming, triathlon or distance races or are unable to make the morning times, swim lessons will be offered in the evenings of July 27 and August 3, 10, 17 from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

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KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services (KGCSF) is a designated Child Welfare Service delivering Child Protection Services within seven member First Nations in the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin. KGCSF honours and supports our families' and community's inherent authority to care for their children based on unity, traditions, values, beliefs and customs.

We are now accepting applications for the following positions:

Full-time position located on Manitoulin Island:
Case Aide Closes: August 5, 2022 at 4 pm

Contract position located in Sudbury or Manitoulin:
Help Desk Technician Closes: August 5, 2022 at 4 pm

Full-Time Permanent Positions in Sudbury or Manitoulin:
Finance Supervisor Closes: Open until filled
Finance Clerk Closes: August 12, 2022 at 4 pm

Apply to: Human Resources at hr@kgcfs.org and quote the position title in the subject line.

For additional position details and detailed job description, visit Employment Opportunities on our website at:
<https://www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities>

KGCSF offers competitive wages, immediate and generous benefits package, and an employer matched OMERS pension plan for permanent positions.

At KGCSF we are committed to providing a barrier-free work environment following the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Accommodations are available upon request for candidates taking part in the recruitment process. KGCSF services are based on a highly specialized approach to the delivery of child welfare in our area. Preference will be given to Anishinaabe Candidates (please self-identify).

AUCTION SALE


Estate of Harold Temple
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Waste Treatment Plant

CANCELLED

Thursday, July 28th, 6:30 pm
Rain date: Friday, July 29th, 6:30 pm

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS COUNSELLOR
Classification Level: CS-4 (\$61,200-\$74,800) + pension and health benefits
Employment Status: Regular Full-Time
Department: Mental Health

Position Summary: Under the supervision of the Mental Health Clinic Manager, the Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor will be to provide counselling to individuals and families to address mental illness and substance use challenges. The Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor will provide services through a trauma-informed lens with a focus on addressing intergenerational trauma inclusive of grief & loss. The position will be responsible for providing services that include Traditional ways of Healing.

Essential Functions:

- Excellent working knowledge of mental health and addictions
- Provide client needs assessments and develop treatment plans
- Provide supportive counselling to individuals and families
- Provide support services within the framework of person-centred care
- Assist team with prevention, intervention, and promotion workshops/activities/awareness within the community, inclusive of both traditional and western approaches
- Develop and implement the delivery of workplan initiatives
- Provide Trauma Informed Care services and promote a Harm Reduction approach to wellness
- Assist and provide support to clients with referrals to detoxification or treatment centres
- Ensure professional competence by seeking consultation and effective use of clinical supervision
- Research evidence-based practices and weave these strategies with Anishinaabe teachings when delivering services and/or programming; Keep abreast of new developments in the mental health and addictions field
- All other duties as assigned.

For a detailed job description, please email andream@mchigeeng.ca.

Qualifications:

- University Degree or College Diploma in Social Work or related field of study (i.e. Addictions & Mental Health Diploma, Social Services Worker)
- In good standing with Regulated Professional Body
- Three to five (3 - 5) years' work-related experience in the field of mental health and/or addictions
- Knowledge and skills in mental health and prevention
- Experience with public speaking and facilitation
- Valid First Aid and CPR and Mental Health First Aid
- Certification in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training

Other

- Must have working knowledge of harm reduction philosophies
- Knowledge of community, social and health resources, and ability to make connections
- Extensive knowledge of substance uses and misuse
- Excellent time management and organizational skills with ability to prioritize and handle multiple tasks
- Ability to ensure high level of confidentiality
- Ability to work independently and with minimal supervision
- Ability to work in a team environment and with other key partners of the community
- Must be a role model both during and after regular work hours
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office, case-noting systems, and general office procedures
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Must have a valid G Licence with access to own vehicle
- Understanding of Anishinaabe language, culture, traditions as it relates to traditional healing
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe people
- Must be willing to work flexible hours and the occasional weekend
- Must provide proof of COVID-19 Vaccinations (at least first two doses)
- Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) requirement must be 30-days current and must be an original

If you are interested in this opportunity, applicants must submit cover letter, resume, with three current references with contact information (two work-related and one character reference) and copies of education certifications to:

MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS COUNSELLOR
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
Fax 705-377-4980 or email to: employment@mchigeeng.ca

CLOSING DATE: AUGUST 12TH, 2022 AT 12:00 P.M.
Miigwetch to all interested applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

AUCTION SALE

Estate Kenneth Dodds
36 Townline Road in Sheguiandah

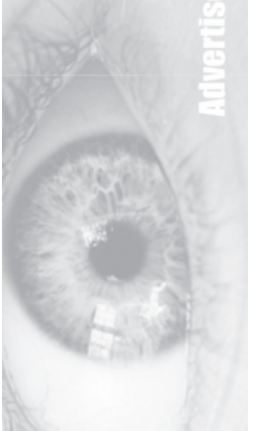
Tuesday, August 16 at 5 pm
Rain date: Wednesday, August 17

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**The Corporation of the Town of Gore Bay
Gore Bay Provincial Offences Court Service**

PART TIME COURT CLERK/REPORTER

Applications will be received by the undersigned up to and including 4:00 p.m. on August 19, 2022 for **PART TIME COURT CLERK/REPORTER** for the Town of Gore Bay POA Court.

Applications must have at least Grade 12 education; some post-secondary training in office administration including word processing and computer operating would be an asset. Other requirements include excellent organizing, interpersonal, written and oral communication skills; good computer skills, and the ability to work effectively without close supervision. Court reporting training or willingness to attain is a requirement.

This position is a permanent part-time position.

For further information call the undersigned at (705) 282-2420 ext. 4
Pam Fogal, POA Manager
Gore Bay Provincial Offences Court Services
PO Box 500
Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0
poamanager@gorebay.ca



**The Corporation of the Town of Gore Bay
Gore Bay Provincial Offences Court Service**

PART TIME MUNICIPAL POA PROSECUTOR

Applications will be received by the undersigned up to and including 4:00 p.m. on August 19, 2022 for **PART TIME MUNICIPAL POA PROSECUTOR** for the Town of Gore Bay POA Court.

We are now accepting proposals to fill the position of part time Municipal POA Prosecutor. Proposals must contain full details of education, training, experience and expected compensation. Proposals will be accepted by the undersigned up to and including August 19, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Applicants must be a Lawyer or meet the criteria as set out in Paralegal Regulation, Bill 14 and be in good standing with the Law Society of Upper Canada. Previous experience performing the functions of prosecution would be an asset. Must have knowledge of the Provincial Offences Act and the Ontario Courts of Justice Act. Applicants must be willing to travel to court locations in Gore Bay and Little Current.

The successful applicant will be responsible for prosecutions of Part I Offences under the Provincial Offences Act as set out under the Prosecutorial Standards as presented by the Ministry of the Attorney General, including but not limited to prosecutorial independence, fairness and impartiality, competence and integrity and timeliness of prosecutions.

For further information call the undersigned at (705) 282-2420 ext. 4
Pam Fogal, POA Manager
Gore Bay Provincial Offences Court Services
PO Box 500
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Contact Larry Karn with resume.
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**Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Board Vacancy
Off-Reserve Representative**

The Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Board of Directors seeks applications to fill the Board vacancy specific to First Nation/Indigenous members living Off-Reserve.

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is comprised of a multi-disciplinary team of health professionals who provide community-based, integrated, and on and off-site services that include: Traditional Healing and Cultural Support Services; Primary and Clinical Care Services; Mental Health and Addictions Services; and Health and Wellness Programs and Services; to the seven First Nations and Off-Reserve Anishinabek populations living within the Manitoulin Island District, Espanola and area.

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is seeking two (2) board members who are interested in making a difference for Indigenous health; Specifically, applicants must live Off-Reserve within the Manitoulin Island District and Espanola and have a clear Criminal Records Check. Off-Reserve applicants with lived experience with mental health and addictions, Type 2 Diabetes and/or 2SLGBTQAI+ will be prioritized. Previous familiarity with funding and reporting requirements and experience in reviewing budgets is an asset.

The length of each term is four (4) years. The successful applicant must commit to attending monthly regularly scheduled board meetings, and other special meetings (annual general meeting, strategic planning, etc.) throughout the year, participating in up to 15-16 meetings per year.

For more information about the organization, please visit our website at: www.noojmowin-teg.ca.

Pre-requisites:

Please submit the following:

- Cover Letter (outlining reasons for your interest, and what strengths you bring to the board)
- Resume or Description of experiences relevant to the position
- Three (3) relevant references with contact information
- Current and clear Criminal Reference Check
- Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination Status is required
- Must be able to provide proof of Status or Indigenous Ancestry

Send "Confidential" to:

Attn: Linda Debassige, Board Chair
c/o Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Rd., Postal Bag 2002
Little Current, ON POP 1K0
Ph.: 705-368-0083 ext. 204
705-368-3922
Linda.Debassige@noojmowin-teg.ca

Deadline:

Posting is open until filled

*Miigwetch/Thank you to those who express interest and submit an application.
Only those under consideration will be contacted.*



invites applications from qualified individuals interested in becoming a part of the paper's leadership team

PRODUCTION MANAGER
Full-Time

Basic criteria:

- Graphic design skills with an overall familiarity of the Adobe Suite
- Familiarity with Mac OS and MS Windows 10 environments
- Understanding of computer networking, both MAC and MS environments
- IT troubleshooting skills
- Familiarity with web design, specifically Wordpress backend
- Proficiency in social media
- Demonstrable abilities to work quickly and efficiently to deadlines and manage a large work flow
- Oversee the production department, ensure deadlines are met

An excellent command of the written word with a firm grounding in spelling, grammar and punctuation is an expectation.

Remuneration is commensurate with qualifications and experience.

If you meet these qualifications, please apply, with references, to:

The Manitoulin Expositor,
email: expositor@manitoulin.com
post: Box 369, Little Current, ON POP 1K0

We thank all applicants; only those being considered will be contacted.

Concerns voiced on 'catch and release' justice

NORTH BAY—The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is creating a northern working group to focus on the issue of "catch and release" justice and will be bringing its concerns about the negative impact of the practice to the province during the upcoming Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) annual general meeting and conference, being held in August.

The measures come after the FONOM board met last week in Elk Lake for the first time since its annual conference, Northern leaders' debate, and the provincial election to discuss outcomes and its approach for next months' multi-minister delegation during the AMO conference. The recent meeting included a presentation from Sault Ste. Marie's Police Chief Hugh Stevenson on the current catch-and-release procedures.

"We are attempting to bring all the players together from each organization to present to the court and the province that the current system is not working," said Danny Whalen, president of FONOM. "The whole thing is a total failure, in our opinion. It's a broken system, as bad as the health care system in Ontario. We're getting frustrated as municipalities and the people who need help are getting frustrated as well. We know all kind of small organizations and services are doing their best."

He said that several municipalities have sent resolutions to FONOM on the issue of catch and release. "There's always been a problem where in many instances the police will have to arrest and charge somebody and it just seems that before they even get their report in, the individual is back out on the street," said Mr. Whalen. He said that homelessness, mental health and addictions issues are factors in this. An example of this on Manitoulin Island involves Victor Branco who has been caught and released twice on alleged drug related charges in M'Chigeeng First Nation.

"The police have been doing their best, but municipalities are complaining about paying for this repetitive policing," said Mr. Whalen.

"We need a coordinated effort to look at this whole issue," said Mr. Whalen.

"Whether it is a municipal run police or the OPP (Ontario Provincial Police) it is the municipalities that are paying the costs of policing. Whether it is due to issues like mental health or addictions, more and more we are seeing the same individuals being charged and having to go before the courts."

"Several member municipalities have sent resolutions to the FONOM on the issue of catch and release," said Mr. Whalen. "Police Chief Stevenson shared with the board the background information and several troubling examples of the practice."

Following the presentation, members shared what they had observed in their respective districts and communities and agreed to create a Northern Working Group to focus on the issue. "This is not a policing, or judicial problem," said Mr. Whalen. "But it is an issue that has been going on for years. The province deals with mental health issues at one table and addictions at another and other issues as well like homelessness, separately. All of these things need to be dealt with together."

The working group will consist of three FONOM board members, two city police chiefs, an OPP service board member and possibly a former Crown Attorney. The FONOM board also will use its multi-minister delegation at the AMO conference in August to start working with the province to address the negative impact of catch and release.

Additionally, at its recent meeting, the FONOM board received an Oxford County speed management presentation highlighting examples of products available to municipalities, as many of FONOM's members share an increasing concern about traffic issues in their communities.

Lastly, the board reviewed and discussed its partnership with the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) and the Northern Ontario Services Delivery Association (NOSDA). Board members were pleased that the three organizations are working together and look forward to their joint presentation on the issue of homelessness, mental health, and addiction during the AMO conference.



Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc.

Employment Opportunity Personal Support Worker Casual On-Call

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

1. Provide personal support services based on the client personal care or home management needs.
2. 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.
3. Provide respite services working flexible hours.
4. Works collaboratively with health care providers in providing holistic care that focuses on achieving and maintaining optimal health.
5. Submission of timely required documentation based on scheduled basis to immediate supervisor.
6. May assume additional duties as assigned by immediate supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS:

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

Salary range based on qualifications and approved salary grid.

Submit a cover letter, resume, and three work-related references marked 'Confidential' by email, fax or in-person to:

Human Resources
Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc.
Postal Bag 2003, 48A Hillside Road
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
705-368-2182 ext.271
hr@mnaamodzawin.com
Fax: 705-368-2229

APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 12, 2022 @ 12:00 pm
Only those applicants considered for an interview will be notified.



MANITOULIN HEALTH CENTRE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT & CHEMOTHERAPY NURSE MANAGER

The Nurse Manager reports to the Vice-President Clinical Services/Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) and plays a key role on the nursing management and hospital management teams. The Nurse Manager provides leadership that motivates employees, influences commitment to organizational values and strategic plan, supports policies and principles of the organization. This includes building trusting relationships, creating an empowering environment, leading, and sustaining change.

The Nurse Manager works with other health care providers as a team to ensure that the care given in the clinical setting is consistent with the vision, mission and values of Manitoulin Health Centre and meets the standards of the College of Nurses of Ontario. The Nurse Manager acts as a resource to staff and provides support that enables them to provide safe and competent patient care throughout the continuum of care.

The Nurse Manager oversees all nursing areas and is responsible for leadership in the emergency departments and the Chemotherapy Suite. The nurse manager also provides cross-coverage to the Outpatient Clinics, the Inpatient unit (Including Obstetrics and Hospice care) and Medical Device Reprocessing. The Nurse Manager participates in the quality assurance program, recognizes opportunities for improvement and ensures problems are addressed while empowering employees to become involved in continuous quality improvement.

QUALIFICATIONS (Education, Certifications, Experience, Licensure):

Required:

- Current certificate of competence from the College of Nurses of Ontario
- Three to five years' current progressive experience in a clinical setting
- Post RN preparation in administration and management or a demonstrated commitment to continuing education through upgrading in both clinical and managerial skills
- Computer skills including Microsoft Office, Outlook and Patient Information systems (e.g. Meditech)
- Mandatory proof of fully immunized COVID-19 vaccination status

Preferred:

- BScN
- Recent experience in a supervisory position including scheduling, development of staff, budgeting, and labour relations.

Please email cover letter and resume stating Job Posting Number 2022-MG-03 to:
Human Resources at recruitment@mhc.on.ca

Thank you to all who apply. Only those to be interviewed will be contacted.

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MANITOULIN HEALTH CENTRE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ADMITTING CLERK

The Manitoulin Health Centre requires an Admitting Clerk to work on a permanent part-time basis at its Little Current and Mindemoya sites.

QUALIFICATIONS: (Education, Certifications, Experience, Licensure):

Required:

- Secondary School Diploma
- Mandatory proof of fully immunized COVID-19 vaccination status

Preferred:

- Completion of a Nursing Unit Clerk certificate program or equivalent
- Previous related experience in a hospital or health care setting

COMPETENCIES/BEHAVIOURAL:

- Teamwork and Collaboration
- Service and Quality Orientation
- Creativity and Innovation

COMPETENCIES/TECHNICAL:

- Proficiency in computer software applications: Microsoft Office, Meditech ADM and CWS modules, Policy & Procedures Platform and Learning Management System
- Proficiency in keyboarding (40 wpm)
- Knowledge of Emergency Code protocols
- Proficiency in switchboard operation

Please email a cover letter and resume to Human Resources at
recruitment@mhc.on.ca

Please reference Job Posting Number 2022-NU-08.

Thank you to all who apply. Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

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MPP Mike Mantha says ministry taking measures to address concerns raised with road conditions

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—While Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha can understand the frustration that Manitoulin residents are having with the resurfacing of highways and roads around Island, the Ministry of Transportation has indicated that they are taking measures to address concerns that have been raised and that work will soon be completed.

“Absolutely, I understand the frustration people are expressing with the road conditions and the building of new roads,” MPP Mantha said last week. “And people are frustrated with the work being a quick fix solution, which doesn’t include asphalt, but tar and chip which deteriorates quicker, (which was carried out on roads a couple of years ago and didn’t last). They are also frustrated with roads being left in conditions where the pulverizing of the old surface is leaving large chunks of materials



Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha

on the side of roads, causing dangerous driving conditions with damage done to windshields, shock absorbers, and tires. Local residents have also been patient, even though the work is taking longer than had been anticipated.”

“I have been assured by the MTO the grading will be done by the end of this weekend, and calcium dust control and spraying will be done on the highways to cut down on dust,” stated

MPP Mantha, “and that everything on Manitoulin Island should be completed by August 15.” He explained the roads are to be topped and packed in and then are to be sprayed and packed a second time. The roads will cure over 30 days and then a sweeper will clean the leftovers and residue off the road.”

In a letter posted on Facebook last week, MPP Mantha gave an update of the resurfacing of Highway 542 and Highway 551, “my office continues to deal with ongoing concerns and complaints of the resurfacing of roads on Manitoulin Island. Please feel free to contact my team, we will try to help as best as we can and address your issues promptly.”

“MTO has provided an update with a completion date of August 15 for all the roads,” wrote MPP Mantha. He explained the MTO has been contacted to address the hazardous road conditions and further updates will follow as

they are provided to his office.

Mr. Mantha also told The Expositor, “I also provided a website where people can submit a claim to the MTO for damages to their vehicles because of the work that is being carried out. The MTO will consider any valid claim.”

“If you have a valid road liability claim, you may submit a claim with information, including date, time and location of loss and nature of the property damage to these online or mailing addresses: Ministry of Government and Consumer Services

Ontario Shared Services Risk Management and Insurance Services Branch, 222 Jarvis Street, 7th floor, Toronto M7A 0B6, phone 416-314-3445, and fax number 416-314-3444,” wrote MPP Mantha.

“Submitting a claim for damage does not imply that you will necessarily receive compensation, but the claim will be thoroughly reviewed and a response will be provided. The instructions for submissions via mail, fax and online are located on the form.

The MTO is currently undertaking rehabilitation

work on several stretches of highway on Manitoulin Island. This work is taking place on the following sections: from the intersection of Highways 542/551, north for 3.1 kilometres; from the intersection of Highways 542/541 easterly 2.0 kilometres to Monument Road; from Mindemoya town limits easterly for 3.0 kilometres towards Big Lake; the junction of Highway 540/542 (OPP station) southerly for 2.82 kilometres; Four O Two Road southerly for 4.1 kilometres and Silver Bay Road westerly for 2.65 kilometres.

KENJGEWIN TEG EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

KENJGEWIN TEG IS SEEKING AN ENTHUSIASTIC TEAM MEMBER INTERESTED IN PROVIDING SUPPORT TO STUDENTS AND BEING PART OF AN ORGANIZATION WITH AMAZING TEAM MEMBERS!

HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS COORDINATOR FULL TIME POSITION

As an accredited Indigenous Institute in the province of Ontario and being a part of the third pillar in the Post-Secondary Education sector, the organization is seeking to recruit an individual who has the skills and knowledge to contribute to the rapid growth and participate in building a place of learning that reflects our Anishinaabe philosophy of education for adult learners through the Post-Secondary Education and Training Programs.

Classification: Program/Service Coordinator PSC3 Team Leader Operational Support – Salary Grade Band F
Qualified Salary Range: \$47,248 - \$52,498 - \$57,748

Position Objective: Under the direction of the Dean of Post-Secondary Education and Training, the Health and Wellness Programs Coordinator ensures lifelong learning programs of Kenjgewin Teg designed for health professionals including Anishinaabe traditional knowledge and are delivered in accordance with the organization's quality assurance standards and procedures. As a critical position supporting the growth of Kenjgewin Teg as an Indigenous Institute in Ontario, appreciation and/or practice of Kendmoowin - Anishnabemowin miinwaa Anishnaabe Aadziwin in health and wellness perspectives is critical.

Qualifications:

- Minimum diploma with the health and wellness sector, or proven work-related experience in a coordinator capacity
- Minimum of two years of program coordination experience
- Program management and/or program budget planning experience

Job Knowledge and Skills:

- Intermediate – Advanced knowledge of Microsoft Office/Office 365 (Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams, SharePoint)
- Possess conflict management skills
- Possess excellent coordination skills for delivery of all health and wellness programs
- Motivated and self-directed individual capable of multi-tasking
- Strong time management skills, multi-tasking skills, and the ability to prioritize tasks with minimal supervision
- Must possess a valid driver's licence, have access to a vehicle, and be willing to travel as required
- Must have an appreciation of the Anishinabek culture, principles, values, language, history, and customs; and be supportive of Anishinabek practices, language revitalization and protocols

Application Deadline: Monday, August 8, 2022 at 12 noon

Interested individuals are strongly encouraged to review the detailed job description. For a copy please contact the Director of Human Resources at:
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Kenjgewin Teg
“HR – Health and Wellness Programs Coordinator”
c/o Director of Human Resources
374A Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON P0P 1G0
Tel: 705-377-4342

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KENJGEWIN TEG EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

KENJGEWIN TEG IS SEEKING AN ENTHUSIASTIC TEAM MEMBER INTERESTED IN PROVIDING SUPPORT TO STUDENTS AND BEING PART OF AN ORGANIZATION WITH AMAZING TEAM MEMBERS!

PRACTICAL NURSING FACULTY MEMBER FULL TIME CONTRACT UNTIL MAY 31, 2024

As an accredited Indigenous Institute in the province of Ontario and being a part of the third pillar in the Post-Secondary Education sector, the organization is seeking to recruit an individual who has the skills and knowledge to contribute to the rapid growth and participate in building a place of learning that reflects our Anishinaabe philosophy of education for adult learners through the Post-Secondary Education and Training Programs.

Classification: Educator – ED6 Post-Secondary Instructor – Salary Grade Band I

Position Objective: The Kenjgewin Teg Health & Wellness Program is recruiting for contract Faculty to support and instruct students in the Practical Nursing and Personal Support Worker Program. As a member of the program team, you will oversee students in a classroom, clinical and consolidation practice setting, ensure course standards are met, and contribute to the overall assessment of their skill and ability within the lab and clinical settings. This position may be working fully or partially remotely. All employees are periodically required on campus. This position reports directly to the Director of Health and Wellness.

Qualifications:

- A minimum Diploma in Bachelor of Science
- A minimum of five (5) years' experience, including relevant clinical expertise and experience within the last two (2) years
- Recent experience in working in acute care settings, medical-surgical settings, and settings with older adults in long-term care facilities, retirement homes or community-based nursing service delivery would be considered a strong asset
- Prior clinical teaching experience is a definite asset
- Two years' leadership experience including demonstrating effectiveness with designing, planning, leading and change management in nursing
- Valid CPR and First Aid
- Mask fit tested

Job Knowledge and Skills:

- Immunizations up-to-date
- Solid computer skills, including Microsoft Office and relational databases and learning management systems (e.g. Kendaan)
- The ability to engage and understand all elements of clinical courses to support students in achieving learning outcomes
- Patient, flexible, positive, consistent, dependable, and cooperative with a sense of humour
- Proficiency in a variety of computer applications including word processing, spreadsheets, email, internet search, Learning Management Systems and web applications are also required
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Ontario removes Indigenous science framework from provincial curriculum

Anishinabek Nation highlights importance of Indigenous science in Ontario classrooms

ONTARIO—The Anishinabek Nation and the Kinooaadziwin Education Body (KEB) are opposed to and disappointed with the Ontario Minister of Education's decision to remove the Indigenous science framework from the Ontario curriculum. The two organizations have indicated they would be willing to host a meeting with ministry officials to advocate for the inclusion of these expectations for all students in Ontario.

"Connection with the land is central to Anishinabek knowledge systems," Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe told Anishinabek News. "Our ancestors are the original engineers of this place. Long before Canada flattened lands for railways and roadways, the Anishinabek traveled vast distances using the original highways of this land-waterways. They did so using an environmentally-friendly method of transportation through coexistence in the ecosystem."

M'Chigeeng Ogimaa kwe Linda Debassige said, "the fields of medicine and biology have been enriched by utilizing the teachings and minds of Indigenous traditional knowledge holders. From the first interactions with settlers and sharing of agricultural practices to biomedical research using compounds used for millennia, Anishinabek scientific knowledge is integral to building a shared knowledge base."

"To have the Indigenous science framework

removed from the Ontario curriculum is both irresponsible and disrespectful not only to our ancestors and the deep history of our First Nations people, but to all of Ontario by going against the Calls to Action by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada calling on the inclusion of Indigenous contributions as part of school curriculum. We cannot erase the truth."

Robert Beaudin, principal of St. Josephs' Anishinabek School and a board member of the Anishinabek Education System (AES) in Sheshegwaning First Nation said, "I understand what they are attempting to do. I don't agree, but I understand. They (province) are leaving it optional for teachers to provide in the school curriculum."

"We know that history is written by the people who write about it, who has power," said Mr. Beaudin. "Textbooks have been linear in human relations. If teachers don't have the resources and providing this program is optional, it could mean we will be left behind again in Anishinabek education."

Nancy O'Donnell, multi-year action plan manager with KEB said, "as you know the master education agreement was signed in 2017 involving 23 participating First Nations and the Ministry (of Education). Its vision was a new relationship between the parties, collaboratively. And there is in place a multi-year plan, one being the curriculum.

We are part of the process as Inuit, Anishinabek and Metis people, to be asked and have the opportunity to provide input."

"So, for instance in grade two, students learn the impact of human activities on the air and water," said Ms. O'Donnell. "My understanding is that at the beginning of the (multi-year plan) a framework was in place, that indicated we would provide input to the MOE and then the Anishinabek department and then to the minister. It was our agreement to all work collaboratively. If the final cut is at the minister's desk, how are we honouring the master education curriculum plan?"

"Is it problematic? Absolutely," stated Ms. O'Donnell. "There should have been collaboration, and meeting the needs of all students, both native and non-native. However, if sections have been removed and could be absent from the curriculum, it is problematic."

Ms. O'Donnell said with the KEB and AES, "our conversations are currently at various levels. But unless you have the previous vision documents you wouldn't know what has been removed or added. I would have to see the vision to determine what has been removed. Maybe this could be provided to the First Nations, and the question could be posed as to why it was removed. This would be true collaboration."

Universities, colleges, and schools across Ontario

have been developing Indigenous Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) STEM research and resources, and this step by the ministry is not supported by the evolution of the field.

"Advocates for Anishinabek education have long fought for the recognition of our learning systems," Anishinabek Nation Southeast Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief James Marsden, education portfolio holder for the Anishinabek Nation, told Anishinabek News. "To remove this framework from the Ontario curriculum is a regressive decision and dishonours our partnership."

The Master Education Agreement between the self-governing participat-

ing first nations of the Anishinabek education system, the Kinooaadziwin education body, and the government of Ontario, signed in 2017, outlines a new path forward in education. This agreement specifies that the parties involved will support collaboration in curriculum development and review processes.

"The Anishinabek Education System prioritizes Anishinabek culture, language, history, and knowledge in education," KEB chairperson Phyllis Anderson said. "The education system has made great strides in strengthening relationships with ministry and schoolboard partners. This decision creates barriers to the development and inclusion of reciprocal cur-

riculum based in reconciliation."

Article 15.1 of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples also states: Indigenous Peoples have the right to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories, and aspirations which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public information.

Anishinabek science, technology, engineering, and mathematics has existed since time immemorial on this land. It is imperative that Ontario and Indigenous partners work together in the spirit of reconciliation to build Indigenous STEM resources for a shared future the Anishinabek Nation and the KEB state.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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ACADEMIC COACH
FULL TIME CONTRACT UNTIL MAY 31, 2024

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Classification: Educator ED1 – Teaching Assistant – Salary Grade Band E

Position Objective: The Academic Coach will support the academic success of students enrolled in the Health and Wellness programs. As a member of the program team this position will support students in a clinical practice setting and classroom environment to assist all students in meeting program expectations. This position will work in collaboration with the Pathways team to support student success. This position will report directly to the Director of Health and Wellness.

Qualifications:

- Minimum diploma in Practical Nursing
- Have relevant instructional experience within the last five years
- A minimum of two (2) years' clinical expertise and experience
- Recent experience in working in acute-care facilities, medical-surgical units, long-term care facilities, retirement homes or community-based nursing service delivery would be considered a strong asset
- Valid CPR and First Aid
- Mask fit tested

Job Knowledge and Skills:

- Strong background in health sciences and mathematics
- Immunizations up-to-date
- Familiarity with adult education principles and the identification of learning outcomes
- Ability to engage and understand all elements of clinical courses to support students in achieving learning outcomes
- Patient, flexible, positive, consistent, dependable, and cooperative with a sense of humour
- Proficiency in a variety of computer applications including word processing, spreadsheets, email, internet search, Learning Management Systems and web applications are also required
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Gwekwaadziwin
Miikan

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY MULTIPLE POSTINGS

Gwekwaadziwin Miikan - Seven Grandfathers Program

Gwekwaadziwin Miikan is expanding the number of land-based treatment beds and looking for motivated individuals to join our multidisciplinary team. There are multiple land-based counsellor contract positions and casual positions available.

Please visit www.gwek.ca or email mmaracle@gwek.ca for details.

Program Description:

The Gwekwaadziwin Miikan program provides a person-centred model of mental health and addiction treatment for youth and young adults. It supports a community of healthy young people working towards wellness, education, and economic prosperity for First Nations individuals and communities. Gwekwaadziwin Miikan meets program participants on the spectrum of care, from stabilization through treatment, live-in aftercare, outpatient aftercare and transition back into community. The Seven Grandfathers program is designed for young adults aged 19+ and consists of three phases: Land-Based Treatment, Live-in Aftercare, and Community Aftercare.

Position Descriptions:

• Land-Based Counsellors (Multiple Contract Positions)

The Land-Based Treatment Counsellor is a unique position that combines the skills of an outdoor experiential learning leader with that of a treatment counsellor. Staff in this position will be living and working in outdoor settings with participants and will have a three-week rotational schedule. Staff in this position will be responsible for delivering a holistic treatment program with a significant focus on Anishinabek culture and land-based learning.

• Aftercare Support Workers (Casual)

A part-time position responsible for assisting in the implementation of participant treatment plans, monitoring the facility, facilitating group, and to assist with other facets of the Gwekwaadziwin programming. Opportunity for shifts in the land-based treatment program.

Salary: \$ Commensurate with qualifications

Closing Date: August 12, 2022 @ 4:30pm

To Apply: Please complete the application online at gwek.bamboohr.com/jobs

Incomplete or late packages will not be accepted.

Current Criminal Reference Check and Drivers Abstract required prior to offer of employment.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those applicants under consideration will be contacted for an interview.

Council defers closure of former school building, for now

by Tom Sasvari
 MANITOWANING—Council for the municipality of Assiginack has decided that it does not have enough time, (with council to become a lame duck entity as of August 19 due to the municipal election this fall), to put the Clover Valley School building up for sale. “I am not sure what the rush is; I thought we had decided we would look at having a survey done of the building, to find out exactly what the costs would be to fix up the building,” said Councillor Dave McDowell at a meeting last week. “We are only three weeks away (from being a lame duck council) and I’m not sure we need to accelerate this decision.”

At a previous meeting, council had discussed the disposition of the Clover Valley Schoolhouse, noting that some members felt a survey of the building would be appropriate, but other councillors offering that some upgrades to the structure would bring in a better return. Concerns were also raised about accepting an offer during the lame duck period after the election nomination day is past. “My thought is we sell the building and get fair market value, the funds could go toward future development,” said Councillor Rob Maguire. “At the same time, there is no need to be in a hurry. We need to have a survey done as to what work needs to be done to the building and how much it will cost to do these repairs.”

High risk in M’Chigeeng

M’CHIGEENG—A high-risk exposure to COVID-19 was issued to the M’Chigeeng First Nation on July 26.

A July 26 letter to parents and guardians of children attending Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs daycare stated, “we were informed that there was a high-risk exposure at Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs daycare in the school age program. In collaboration with M’Chigeeng Health Centre and out of an abundance of caution, please follow all health and safety protocols (daily screening, masking and social distance). We ask that parents and guardians continue to monitor children for symptoms over the next 10 days,” wrote Valerie O’Leary, director of education. She noted, “you are not required to self-isolate.”

Parents/guardians were advised to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms which include fever and/or chills, cough, shortness of breath, a decrease or loss of taste or smell; or two or more of the following: runny nose/nasal congestion, headache, extreme fatigue, sore throat, muscle aches/joint pain and gastrointestinal symptoms (i.e., vomiting or diarrhea).

If you experience any COVID signs or symptoms, or test positive on a rapid antigen test, please contact the M’Chigeeng Health Centre at 705-377-5347.

Councillor Hugh Moggy stated, “we have talked about this issue for a long time and we have advertised for those interested. We can get a survey done and get a clear idea of where the water lines are in the building. But we need to make a decision on this building and what we are going to do with it.”

It was noted by township municipal CAO/Clerk Alton Hobbs that council would only have three days from the time this issue could come back to council to a meeting within the lame duck council period. Council could accept tenders and make a decision at its August 16 meeting and if a bylaw was adopted on that date, the sale could be completed after the lame duck period began. However, council could not comply with the procedures in

the bylaw if they were to not make a decision at the meeting (last week).

Even if the building could be sold, “good luck having a lawyer getting everything that would need to be done that quick,” said Councillor McDowell.

Councillor Maguire asked, “how long since this building has been a benefit to the municipality?”

“They may only be three days before council would be in a lame duck position, if we went to tenders for offers on the building, but I would like to see it (sale) happen,” said Councillor Moggy. “I would be in favour of putting it up for disposal.”

Councillor McDowell called for a recorded vote on the question as to whether

council is in favour of disposal of the building, but it was defeated. Councillors Maguire, McDowell and


Christianna Jones were against the motion, with Reeve Dave Ham and Councillor Moggy in favour.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Electoral Officer

A. General Information
 The Chief and Council of Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) are issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the position of Electoral Officer & Deputy Electoral Officer for the upcoming General Election on February 11, 2023. In accordance with the Whitefish River First Nation Custom Election Code 2018 and is therefore required to plan their election accordingly.

B. Scope of Work

1. Issue a Call for Election (90 days prior to election);
2. Receive and Review Membership List, which includes electoral names and addresses (90 days prior to election);
3. Complete and Post Nomination Notice (75 days prior to election date);
4. Organize and Hold Nomination Meeting (45 days prior to election);
5. Receive any Nomination Withdrawals (40 days prior to election);
6. Complete and Mail out Off-Reserve Ballot Packages (36 days prior to election);
7. Ensure receipt and secure holding of those ballots received from off-reserve voters;
8. Hold a General Election (February 11, 2023);
9. Complete the final count of all voter ballots submitted;
10. Complete and Post the Statement of the Voters (4 days after the election);
11. Complete and Submit Electoral Officer’s Report (4 days after the election).

C. Proposal Requirements
Consultants Fees and Disbursements
 The cost for the work submitted in the Consultant’s proposal shall include all necessary expenditures to undertake all of the work outlined in the “Scope of Work” and in the “Consultant’s Proposal”. The cost estimates should be in sufficient detail as to permit an evaluation of costs of the project. The proposal shall indicate the total time and the daily hourly rate (Charge -out -rate) to be charged.

Qualifications
 The Consultant shall provide in the proposal his/her qualifications and experience to undertake this work, and if applicable, along with the qualifications and experience of all Consultant associates/team members that will be assisting with this work. In addition, the proposal must identify the portions of work to be undertaken by each member.

References
 The proposal submission must include the names and current contact information for three (3) references which have utilized the services of the bidder as Electoral Officer.

Time Limits and Work Schedules
 The proposal shall indicate the number of hours that the Consultant estimates will be required to complete the work and the proposal shall include a time schedule. It is expected that the Consultant will be able to initiate the work immediately upon notification of being awarded.


General Conditions

- All data collected and other recognized input made in connection with this work shall become and will remain the property of the Whitefish River First Nation and must be turned over upon work completion;
- The Whitefish River First Nation will provide as much information as possible related to the “Scope of Work”. The Consultant shall return, in good order, all documents and materials provided, following the completion of the work;
- No changes, required by the Consultant to remedy errors or other problems attributed to shortcoming of the Consultant, including persons employed or supervised by him/her, shall entitle the Consultant to an additional fee;
- Direct contact shall be maintained by the Consultant and the Band Manager during the course of the work;
- The Consultant agrees to enter into a contract between the Whitefish River First Nation and the Consultant for the work as outlined in this RFP;
- The Consultant shall submit an invoice to Whitefish River First Nation prior to the start of the work, for advance purposes and a final invoice following the completion of the work. Invoices shall include all time and charge out rates, expenses and disbursements.

D. Deadline
 Proposals must be marked as “Confidential” and will be received up until August 26, 2022 at 12:00pm (noon), EST. Proposals are to be submitted to the attention of:

Sandy Jacko
 Band Manager
 Whitefish River First Nation
 17A Rainbow Ridge Road
 Birch Island, Ontario
 POP 1A0

Faxed and e-mail submissions will be accepted. Fax (705) 285-4335, bandmanager@whitefishriver.ca



MUNICIPALITY OF ASSIGINACK

Request for Proposal
 Purchase and Installation of a Security Camera System for the Assiginack Arena & Municipal Office

NO. 2022-09
ISSUE DATE: Friday, July 22, 2022

WALK THROUGH REQUIRED ON: Friday, August 05, 2022 9:30 am
PROPOSAL QUESTIONS REQUIRED BY: Monday, August 8, 2022 Noon
PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, August 12, 2022 4:00 pm

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION TO:
 The Township of Assiginack
 156 Arthur Street
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 Mom we think of you in silence,
 We often speak your name.
 But all we have are memories
 And your picture in a frame.
 Your resting place we visit,
 And put flowers there with care.
 But no one knows the heartache
 As we turn and leave you there.
 Love you forever, daughter Carolyn, son-in-law Russell and grandsons Todd and Trevor

11p

ROY—In loving memory of Christopher Allan Roy, “Prof Peabody” who in my heart passed away April 13, 2017 after a traumatic head injury. Allan was a devoted father and grandfather. Allan valued education and he would often help his grandchildren get ready to attend school. Allan was an avid reader with Edgar Allan Poe being one of his favourite poets and his favourite topic was native issues and lack of social justice. Allan had a unique relationship with his nieces, nephews and his circle of friends. Allan’s life left a legacy. “Peabody was a kind soul and will be missed dearly by all who knew him”, taken from a condolence card cherished from five years ago.
 Dearly missed, sis

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thank you

On behalf of Arthur Berti,
 Many thanks to Dad’s neighbours and friends on Thorne Street in Mindemoya, for keeping a watchful eye, helping out when needed and always taking time for a chat, handshake or a hug. To members of the Mindemoya Curling Club and Brookwood Brae Golf Course, thank you for your inclusiveness. Many thanks to VON staff and all of the downtown Mindemoya Businesses for the assistance and kindness shown to Dad. For the many years of care, compassion and concern, our deepest gratitude to Doctors Stadnyk, Kilbertus, O’Connor, and Reade, Nurses, Reception Staff of CMFHT, Mindemoya Hospital and Emergency Department. Thank you to all of the staff and residents at Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay for making Dad feel welcome, supported and cared for in his new home. A special thank you to Gloria and volunteers for your inclusive spirit, and amazing work you do to ensure all residents are entertained, remembered on special occasions and always treated with respect. Thank you to Dr. Wilson for the care and support shown to Dad and our family. For all those who shared messages of condolences, fond memories or reached out in some way, please know your thoughtfulness helped us feel the love and was a source of comfort. Thank you to Island Funeral Home, E’s Flowers and Father Louis of Immaculate Conception Parish for creating a touching farewell to Dad.
 Our Heartfelt Gratitude to Everyone!
 The family of Arthur Berti Please join us for a ‘Come and Go’ Celebration of Art’s Life at the Mindemoya Curling Club, 10 Thorne Street, Mindemoya, Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 1 to 3 pm.

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Thank you! I appreciate all the help and support everyone gave me while I recovered over the past year from my injuries. To the paramedics, doctors, nurses, Mindemoya Hospital, Health Sciences North (HSN), St. Joseph’s Continuing Care Centre and my loving family and friends, thank you.
 John Deeg

Death Notices

NOELLA ANN (FOX) MOGGY December 24, 1952 - July 25, 2022



Noella Ann (Fox) Moggy peacefully passed away at the Manitoulin Health Centre, Little Current surrounded by family. Reunited, never to be parted again with the love of her life, her husband Dallas. Til death do you part simply did not apply to them. Nothing stands in the way of true love. Mom was born in Wikwemikong on Christmas Eve 1952 to Jim and Georgina Fox (nee Peltier) and delivered by midwife, her own grandmother Sophie Peltier. Grandpa said it was the best Christmas present he ever received, his first born baby girl. Mom and Dad were married in November 1971 and moved into the home they would share for the rest of their lives and began the farm. Mom was the perfect farmer's wife with her strength and boundless energy. She loved to cook and bake. Her pies and homemade bread were legendary. She loved gardening and tending to her many beautiful flower beds, hosting dinner parties and a good jigsaw puzzle. At 40 years old, she returned to school and received her college diploma as a Developmental Services Worker, winning the Cambrian College President's Silver Medal Award upon graduation. From there, she worked at Lakeview School for many years. She loved her job and her students. Mom will always be remembered for her sense of humour, infectious laugh and kindness. Survived by her children Derrick (Saeideh), Angie and Amanda. Grandchildren Ryan and Brittany (Toby) and soon-to-be born first great-grandson, Colt. Siblings: Jerry (Millie), James (Michelle), Rhonda Hopkins (Curtis predeceased), Sandra Browne (Peter), Debbie, Jennifer and Pat (Colleen). Brothers in law: Larry (Sue), Blaine (Fran), Marvin and Terry (Joyce). Many nephews, nieces, cousins and her beloved kitty companions Muffin, Cupcake and Biscuit (Mr. B). Predeceased by husband Dallas (2021), parents Jim and Georgina Fox, brother Francis (Nancy), brother-in-law Royce and in-laws Ralph and Audrey Moggy. Special thank you to Dr. Meikleham and the wonderful nursing staff at the Manitoulin Health Centre Little Current, family physician Dr. Daniel, Paulie and Pia of Home and Community Care for all of your support over these past months and Betty Lou Quackenbush PSW extraordinaire. Much love and gratitude also to Jean Foster. At Mom's request, there will be no services. If you so desire, donations can be made in Mom's name to the Canadian Wildlife Federation at cwf-fcf.org.

CHRISTINE "CHRISSEY" RACEY



It is with sadness we announce the unexpected passing of Christine "Chrissy" Racey with her sisters, her two children and her niece Amanda by her side, on Friday, July 22, 2022 at the St. Catharines General Hospital, shortly following her 67th birthday. Predeceased by her lifelong love Charles "Chuck" Cronk, her granddaughter Zoey, her parents Jack and Myrtle Racey, and her two brothers Wayne and Barry. Beloved Mom of Amie Dalzell and Christopher (Rebekah) Dalzell. Proud and devoted Grandma of Kailee, Joey, Jacob, Zane, and Emily. She is survived by her loving twin sister Kathy, and her siblings Carol Robertson, Wendy Limone, Cheryl Cyr, Jackie Racey, Georgie Racey and Robbie Racey. She will be lovingly remembered by several nieces, nephews and friends. Chrissy loved to play Bingo and scratch tickets, always hoping for a big win around the corner. She enjoyed smelt fishing but mainly just loved spending time with her family and friends. In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place. Family and friends will be received on Saturday, August 6, 2022 from 11 am until 1 pm at Hetherington & Deans Funeral Chapel, 5176 Victoria Avenue, Niagara Falls, ON. A Memorial Service will be held in the Chapel at 1 pm with the burial of ashes to follow at Fairview Cemetery where she will join her parents. If desired, memorial donations made to The Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. Please consider leaving a condolence or sharing a memory or story of Chrissy at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/niagara-falls-on/judith-christine-chrissy-racey-10857931>.

JOYCE ELAINE HILL (née Brown)



It is with heavy hearts and great sadness that the family announces the passing of Joyce Elaine Hill (née Brown) of Elizabeth Bay on Wednesday, July 27, 2022. Daughter of Jean Brown (Lawlor) and Douglas Brown, both predeceased. Beloved wife of David (Dave) and loving stepmother of Mackenzie (husband Bruce Wiseman) and Braden (wife Jessie Allison). Proud and loving grandma of Erin and Cameron Wiseman. Dear sister of Douglas Brown (Joanne) and Debbie Brown (Bruce) and much loved sister-in-law of Cheryl Hill-Wisniewski (Sid), Colleen O'Malley (Sam), Terry Hill (Lise) and Maureen Friel (Rick) and cherished Aunt Joyce to many nieces and nephews. Joyce was a teacher for 33 years with the Sudbury Board of Education later the Rainbow District School Board. She was a wonderful educator who taught children of all ages the essentials of a good education and the importance of being good, caring people through her own example. Joyce obtained her Bachelor Degree from Laurentian University and a M.A. through Central Michigan University. Joyce excelled in so many facets of her life. She was a prolific reader and had quite a green thumb to grow the most beautiful plants. She was a talented skier both downhill and on the water. She was an excellent cook and baker, well known for her desserts and cake decorating which were welcome savoury delights at many family and social gatherings. She was gifted at arts and crafts creating treasured folk art, Christmas Saint Nicks and stained glass. Joyce was so proud of her grandchildren and loved to spend time with them and to also welcome family and friends to the family cottage. Her smile and laughter would fill the room and just being around her would make people feel good. She loved travel, music and loved to dance. She had a special place in her heart for all types of animals especially dogs and was known to have temporarily adopted a few on various travel occasions. Joyce contributed so much to the world and she will be forever missed. Special thanks to all of the wonderful staff at Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay including PSWs, nurses, and companions. Sincere gratitude is extended to Dr. C. Wilson whose compassion and professionalism helped us deal with the challenges of this journey. There will be no funeral and a Celebration of Joyce's Life will be held at a later date. Donations in Joyce's memory can be made to the Gore Bay Medical Centre through the Gore Bay Rotary Club or to a charity of choice and may be made through www.simpsonfuneralhome.ca.

RONALD SNELL



Our beloved husband, father, grandpa and friend slipped peacefully away from us on July 26, 2022. Cherished husband for 53 years to Julia (Smith); loving father of Peter (Kerry Potworcka) and Kate (Sean Gibson). Proud grandpa of Kaliska (Vik), Gwenydd (Stuart), Griffin and Ella. A long held dream of moving to our Island became a reality 15 years ago. Fishing, hunting and gardening were Ron's passions. He is survived by his sister Gloria Rozen (Chester predeceased); brothers Raymond (Dori Ann), Michael (Cindy), Robert (Catharine) and his sisters-in-law Nancy (Paul Challenger), Rosemary (Keith Robinson) and brother-in-law John T. Smith. Ron has a large number of well-loved nieces, nephews and cousins. Predeceased by his parents Clarence and Ella (Woloff) Snell, sister Christine McDonald and parents-in-law Tim and Rita (Overall) Smith. At the family's request, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Cremation has taken place. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Gore Bay Fish and Game Club, Box 479, Gore Bay, Ont. P0P 1H0

HILDA MARIE PELTIER "Etaanoochtood"

April 2nd, 1952 - July 23, 2022



In loving memory of Hilda Marie Peltier who passed away peacefully in Wisconsin with her family by her side on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at the age of 70. Dear daughter of David and Delia Peltier nee Lewis - Otakwadjiwan (both predeceased). Loving mother of Jeffery (predeceased), Stacy Peltier, Alex and David Dallas. Grandmother of Adrian Huber, Jady Martin and fur-grandma to Willow and Schooly. Cherished sister of Louise (Brian) and Andrew (Christina) of Wikwemikong, Jerry (Penny) of Ottawa, Virginia Edna (Chuck predeceased) of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, Linda (Wayne) (both predeceased), Beverley (Rick predeceased) of Wikwemikong, Shirley (Ted) of Sault Ste. Marie, MaryAnn of Ottawa, Darlene (predeceased) (Allan) of Wikwemikong, Touboy (Debbie predeceased) of Christian Island, Pamela (Rick) of Ottawa, Melvin (Carol) of Sault Ste. Marie and Danette (Murray Jr.) of Birch Island. A very special auntie to many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Special friend to Angelo Dallas and Stan Osawamick. Hilda was known as a very happy-go-lucky woman who always enjoyed the opportunity to laugh, go on trips with her siblings to the casino or visits back home and being with her children/grandchildren and especially her special fur grandbabies Willow and Schooly. She was always on the go and loved to visit with others as much as she could. During her battle with cancer she was so happy to be in Sheboygan with her sister Edna nearby and sister Shirley to take care of her, they had made her comfortable with lots of laughter. She will be missed by many extended family and friends. Visitation was held at St. Ignatius Church in Buzwah, starting on Friday, July 28, 2022 at 5 pm. Funeral Service was at 3 pm on Saturday, July 29, 2022 at the St. Ignatius Church in Buzwah, Wikwemikong, Ontario. Cremation followed. The family would like to acknowledge the Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice for taking care of Hilda during her last days, especially her nurse Dustin. Chi-Miigwech

GLENN BRUCE EVANS July 29, 1955 - July 21, 2022



The family is saddened to announce the peaceful passing of Glenn Bruce Evans at the Mindemoya Hospital on July 21, 2022 at the age of 66. Husband of Erin Downey. Cherished brother of Gerald (Jr) Evans, Shelley Evans and Debbie Evans. A Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at Glenn's home, 71 Corbiere Road, M'Chigeeng from 1 to 5 pm. Donations in memory of Glenn can be made payable to Manitoulin Health Centre, 2120B Highway 551, Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0. Please put Mindemoya ED expansion in the memo line or to donate online <https://www.mhc.on.ca/mindemoya-emergency-department-expansion>.

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.

...Now and Then: Dick Wickenden

...continued from page 29 registered nurse who worked for the Sudbury District Health Unit. She became known as the 'needle lady' from all the immunizations she did in Sudbury and on Manitoulin. She lived in Chelmsford and ran for the Liberal Party at one point. We lost her in 1996."

"Fondest memories? The impressive achievements of our children. As mentioned, my son is a deputy fire chief and a fine artist. My daughter traveled and trained military students before running a successful apple orchard with her husband. Favourite pets? Boots, our mouser cat, with four white feet. We had to give her away when I became allergic to cats. We have had dogs too. Patches, our springer spaniel, also had to be rehomed. He needed a bigger property to run on. He was returned to us because he chased the squirrels the new owner was trying to feed. We found

something good to offer. Favourite books? Historical fiction. 'Sharpe's Rifles' by Bernard Cornwell is one of 20 in that series. Betty was interested in Acadian issues. Her ancestors were part of the Acadian Expulsion by the British from their homes in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia in the 17th century. They were relocated to many places including the southern USA. Son David is researching this part of their history and plans to author a book on the topic."

Collections? "Stamps and old catalogues."

Favourite family holidays? "Manitoulin, specifically Stanley Park. We were the first to have a year-around rental site in the park, in the 1970s."

Favourite television show? "NCIS." Favourite sport? "Fastball. When we were working for the fire services, we merged our athletic pursuits with those of the OPP and played in a fastball league."

later sold that Model A car, purchased for \$25, after I painted it with black tire paint to make it look good. I got \$75 dollars for it."

Awards? "A medal for long service with the fire department. My wife's family introduced me to the Shrine in Montreal built for

\$16,000 for a lot on Lake Manitou in 1985. Prices have increased exponentially since then."

"People who inspired me? My parents. They were strict. Betty and I were strict also, but we all supported one another."

Recipe for happiness?



The art work by Dave used to make the commemorative coin. Dick to the left and Arnold on the right, fighting a fire.



President Bush and a 9-11 fireman. The television image is burned into wood by David Wickenden.

Brother Andre who is buried in a crypt there. His crypt is surrounded with many crutches and braces left by admirers. They awarded me a certificate for financial and devotional support."

Strengths? "Firefighting, carpentry and building things. Stuff I would still like to do? Hunting and fishing. About 5,000 lake trout, alevins, were released off our dock into Lake Manitou about six years ago by the ministry. Betty was very impressed. I would still like to catch a speckled trout in Newfoundland or the Yukon. Associations I was involved with? President of the Sudbury Fish and Game Club. I belonged to IAFF, the North American International Association of Fire Fighters, and lastly, the Trapping Association of Canada, a Crown Corporation."

"What am I proud of? My kids and my wife and the fact that I have survived as long as I have. Most afraid of? The state of the political world and the longevity of COVID."

"If I could only keep three things from this life to live in a remote place, what would they be? Family photo album, my electronic reader (hopefully it would work) and a knife."

"If I could go back in time, would I change anything? No. I would do it all again, but I would be wiser. I would never renovate an old home again. Buying a first home now is also more difficult than it was for us. I paid \$14,000 for my first house in Sudbury five decades ago and paid

friends over the years, and I am still happily enjoying their company. All you need to live comfortably on this Island you can get here on Manitoulin. You really do not have to leave if you do not want to."



Mary Lynn's family on their farm among the apple trees.



Mary Lynn and Mike's 'pick your own apples' farm in Clarksburg.



Some of Dick's literary works.



David and his Gina.

another owner who liked him because he chased the rabbits out of his yard."

"Favourite season? I like all seasons. Each one has

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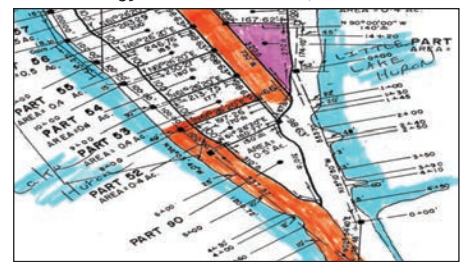
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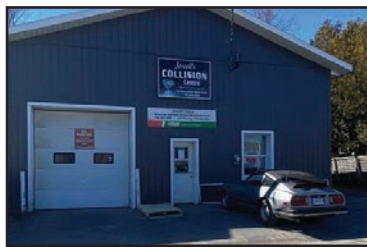


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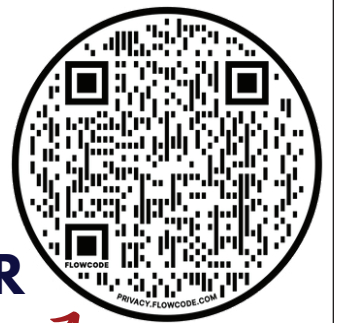
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