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A REAL, LIVE EVENT! Little Current's Ryan Goddard joins August Long Country Jam headliner Jason McCoy on stage during this past weekend's live music event. The return to live music was enjoyed by Ryan and his mates who kept up a lively friendly interchange with the country music star that culminated with Ryan being boosted onstage by his friends at Mr. McCoy's invitation. The rest is Manitoulin country music history. See story and photos on Page 22.

photo by Michael Erskine

Northern District Services Boards unanimously seek opioid intervention from Queens' Park

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
MANITOULIN—Northern Ontario is in the middle of a public health crisis where the number of opioid deaths has far exceeded the number of deaths related to the COVID-19 pandemic, said the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA). Because the mental health and addictions issue is a public health crisis that is devastating communities because of the lack of resources available in Northern Ontario, NOSDA has called on the province and a number of ministries "to take an all of

government approach to manage and find solutions to the public health crisis in the North." They are also calling on the premier to establish a Northern Ontario joint partnership table to manage the crisis.

NOSDA representatives will meet with Michael Tibollo, associate minister for mental health and addictions, on August 17 during the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference.

There is a lack of treatment centres in the North, said Fern Dominelli, executive director for NOSDA. "When you realize the

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MPP Mike Mantha bringing MTO officials to Mindemoya to consider safety of Highway 551/542 corner

by Tom Sasvari
MINDEMOYA—Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha says something needs to be done and that it's an issue that can't wait

when it comes to solutions in regard to safety concerns at the intersection of Highway 551 and 542 in Mindemoya.

"We are planning a site visit to

the community and the intersection with the MTO, next week," MPP Mantha told The Expositor last Thursday. "They (MTO) are definitely aware of the concerns and that something needs to be done."

"There is currently too much confusion when vehicles get to the four-corner intersection (in downtown Mindemoya)," stated MPP Mantha. "And something needs to be done now in terms of any study on traffic volumes during this the peak time for traffic in the area."

into the settlement approval stage on September 7. The representative plaintiffs in the class action Gottfriedson vs Canada signed a

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Day School reparations phase slated to begin on September 7

by Michael Erskine
OTTAWA—The multi-phase process surrounding the Residential Day School Scholars class action suit is scheduled to move

Island part of historic high speed internet agreement

ONTARIO—Nearly 280,000 residents in Ontario including those on Manitoulin Island will benefit from an historic agreement between the federal and Ontario government to improve access to high-speed internet.

On July 29, 2021 the Honorable Chrystia Freeland, deputy prime minister and minister of finance and member of parliament for University-Rosedale; the Honor-

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Mental health, addictions mobile clinic will visit all Manitoulin communities

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
LITTLE CURRENT—Mental health and addictions was identified as the number one priority risk for Manitoulin Island in Island-wide community safety and well-being plan development, with local data indicating all communities have been experiencing crisis occurrences as a result of

mental health and addictions. Anxiety and depression have seen steep increases since the start of the pandemic and the opioid crisis has caused more deaths than COVID-19. A pilot project tentatively scheduled to begin this fall on Manitoulin will offer additional supports via a mobile clinic.

"Police are overwhelmed

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Coldspring pup has close encounter of the coyote kind

by Michael Erskine
ASSIGINACK—Honora Bay's Janet Moore has had several encounters with wild animals while at the family's camp six miles outside of Manitowaning over the years, including one with a big mama black bear and her cub, but nothing prepared her for her recent daylight encounter with a coyote intent on making a meal out of Cooper, her tiny but feisty border terrier mix. But the hungry coyote hadn't reckoned on tangling with an Island girl.

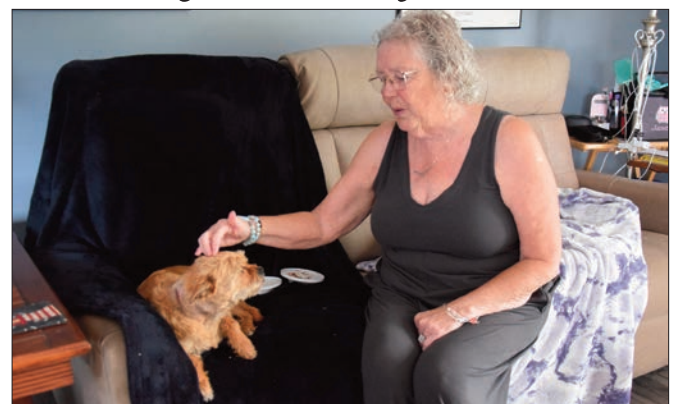
Ms. Moore and Cooper recounted their encounter to The Expositor while the valiant little dog recuperated on the couch in their Honora Bay home.

"I had gone to our camp to

spruce things up a bit, we have family coming up, so I was getting things in shape," she said. "I go all the time by myself. I have had close encounters with bears." That can be a bit of a challenge when walking with seven-year-old Cooper, even though he weighs in at a mere 14 pounds. "He doesn't know he is little," Ms. Moore laughed. "We got him when he was 12 weeks old, he was sort of a rescue."

The incident that nearly cost Cooper his life took place around 9:45 am. "We had gone up around seven," she said. Wildlife is pretty common at the camp and they had recently live-trapped a groundhog that was making a nuisance

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Cooper gets some TLC from owner Janet Moore of Honora Bay. Cooper had a close encounter of the coyote kind in broad daylight last week.
photo by Michael Erskine

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- What you will learn:
- Welding Theory
 - Welding Safety
 - SMAW (Shielded Metal Arc Welding)
 - GMAW (Gas Metal Arc Welding)



- PROGRAM OF STUDY**
- Welding Theory
 - Welding Safety
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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Participants can enroll in the courses if they are 18 years of age (or older) or if they have earned an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (or equivalent) or pass our standard application and questionnaire required for acceptance.

TUITION FEES/COSTS
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- Work Boots (CSA Approved, Steel Toed)
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CREDENTIAL: Ontario College Certificate

PROGRAM LENGTH: 1 year (2 semesters)

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

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

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

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

OSSD or equivalent, with ENG4C or ENG4U



In partnership with: **CANADORE college**

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Semester 1	
BTT025	Tools & Equipment
CAR010	Site Layout
CAR022	Foundation Systems
MTH108	Trades Calculations
CMM125	College Communications
Semester 2	
CAR032	Wood Framing
CAR095	Finishes 1
HUM100	Interpersonal Relations
WLD008	Welding for Carpenters (5 weeks)

TUITION FEES
Semester 1 \$*2,010.00
Semester 2 \$*2,010.00
(approximate values only – final fees determined by college partner prior to semester start)

- OTHER FEES/SUPPLIES REQUIRED:**
- Work Boots (CSA Approved, Steel Toed)
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CREDENTIAL: Certificate of Completion

PROGRAM LENGTH: 28 weeks (2 semesters)

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

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

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

TUITION FEES
FREE



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PROGRAM OF STUDY

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

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

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

- SUPPLIES REQUIRED BY STUDENTS**
- Work Boots (CSA Approved, Steel Toed)
 - Appropriate work/jobsite clothing

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PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER

CREDENTIAL: Ontario College Certificate
PROGRAM LENGTH: 1 year (2 semesters)
START DATE: Fall 2021 (Full-time status)

Fall /Winter Semester – Online Delivery

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

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

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
OSSD or equivalent, ENG4C or ENG4U

TUITION FEES - \$3954.33 1-year certificate program

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

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CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

- Fall Term**
CMM 125 Communication Fundamentals
PSW 185 Professional Issues
PSW 152 Client, Family and Community
PSY 200 Lifespan Development
PSW 235 Numeracy and Healthy Living
CLT 100 Canada's First People
PSW 180 Biology
Winter Term
PSW 205 Mental Health
PSW 162 Lab I
PSW 210 Lab II
PSW 230 Clinical
PSW 300 Consolidation

ADDITIONAL TRAINING PROVIDED

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

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

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

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Marlene Bowers, right, president of the Gore Bay Rotary Club presents a gift to Anne-Marie Thibault, clinical director of Gwekwaadziwin Miikan Youth Mental Health and Addictions program, who made a presentation to the club members at a meeting last week.

Integrity commissioner rules committee member not in breach of Billings' council code of conduct

Complaint filed a result of letter to the editor

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—A letter published in the former Manitoulin West Recorder (The Recorder) earlier this year resulted in a complaint against a member of an ad hoc committee of Billings Township. Investigators from Expertise for Municipalities (E4M), the integrity commissioner for Billings, found Kagawong resident Paul Darlaston to be not guilty of breaching the Township of Billings Code of Conduct. The finding was presented at the Billings council meeting on July 19 by Shawn Mahoney of E4M.

On January 15, 2021, The Recorder published a letter written by Mr. Darlaston. Mr. Darlaston is a resident of the Township of Billings and a member of the Climate Action Committee, having been appointed by council for the period of February 2020 to March 31, 2021. Mr. Darlaston's letter to the editor was a direct response to a letter by former Billings councillor Barbara Erskine that was published on January 8, 2021. In her letter, Ms. Erskine criticized council's decision regarding remuneration for members of council and offered an opinion on how the matter should have been approached. Mr. Darlaston believed that Ms. Erskine's letter was incorrect, untrue and ill informed, explained Mr. Mahoney.

In his January 15, 2021 letter to the editor, Mr. Darlaston identified himself as a member of the Climate Action Committee. His letter defended council's decision to increase their remuneration and relayed what he believed to be the facts about the council decision to the public. Mr. Darlaston did not sign the letter as a member of the committee, nor did council authorize Mr. Darlaston to author the letter by resolution. Mr. Darlaston signed the letter, "Paul Darlaston, Kagawong."

Ms. Erskine filed a complaint with the township on January 27, 2021 related to Mr. Darlaston's letter. Ms. Erskine was advised that the mat-

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Billings emergency declaration ends

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—The Billings Township declaration of a state of emergency due to COVID-19 has now ended.

"We had our last emergency measures committee meeting yesterday (July 27) and passed a motion declaring the end of the emergency," Billings Mayor Ian Anderson told The Expositor on Wednesday of last week.

"I J. Ian Anderson, head of council for the Corporation of the Township of Billings, declare that the emergency in the Township of Billings, for the entire area within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Township of Billings including all lands, waterways, and islands, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, has ended," the declaration reads.

"There are still over 100 municipalities in the province that have not ended their declaration of emergency," said Mayor Anderson. "Our rationale for ending the declaration is that we have really

good vaccination rates, Manitoulin Island has a better percentage rate of people having been vaccinated than the province of Ontario some, if not most, of the areas in the local (Public Health Sudbury and District) health unit."

"And we have been COVID-19 free for the most part on the Island for quite some time," continued Mayor Anderson, "and with the efforts of public health

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Manitoulin Health Centre elects new board chair

Dennis McGregor

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) board of directors has voted in a new chairperson, among changes to its executive. Dennis McGregor was elected as chair.

He was nominated and voted in as chair of the MHC board at the group's annual general meeting held in June.

"I am looking forward to it," Mr. McGregor told The Expositor. "I've had the pleasure of working with and sitting as a member of the board for the past six years, the last two as vice-chair. I know everyone on the board and the dedication and commitment they bring to their position."

"I would like to acknowledge the work and efforts of our outgoing chair, Terry Olmstead, who has served as chair of the board for the past five years. Fortunately, he is staying on as a board member," said Mr. McGregor. "I would also like to acknowledge outgoing board member Angela Becks. In the MHC bylaws, the maximum

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Gwekwaadziwin Miikan treatment facility recipient of 2021 Bay to Bay Ride funds

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Although Gwekwaadziwin Miikan's (Gwek) Youth Mental Health and Addictions program has only been in place a short time, it has been very successful in providing a path to recovery for those facing addictions. Three years into the program, it has a phenomenal 80 percent success rate, Anne-Marie Thibault, clinical director of Gwek, told members of the Gore Bay Rotary Club at its meeting last week. The Rotary Club will be hosting its annual Bay to Bay (bicycle) Ride on August 21, with proceeds from the fundraiser going to Gwek and the Gore Bay Medical Centre.

Gwek falls under the umbrella of the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising, and was developed over four to five years before getting funding. "The program came about because of the number of opioid deaths that have occurred on Manitoulin Island," Ms. Thibault said. "First Nation chiefs and others came together to look at what they could do in this crisis with the lack of treatment

beds. Often a family's loved ones have to travel a long way for treatment and have to pay \$30,000-40,000 at another program."

"We were flooded immediately when we opened the program," she said. The program is open for participants aged 19 to 30 from across Ontario. The only requirement is a valid Ontario Health Card. "We have been one of the only treatment programs that has remained open through COVID, when opioid addiction numbers went through the roof."

The Gwek program is similar in design to the Pine River Institute program, offering land-based treatment, live-in aftercare and community aftercare for young adults struggling with addiction and other mental health issues. The live-in aftercare program and Gwek's head office is located in Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK). Gwek weaves traditional culture with therapeutic best practices and outdoor experiential learning, education and life skills to offer a

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Planning board defers decision request for application on validation of title on property

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) has deferred a decision on a request from a Manitoulin lawyer for an application for validation of title on a piece of property in Assiginack due to a long-standing errant transfer of property that his client would like to sell. The board is seeking advice from other planning boards and legal advice before making a final decision.

"This is an issue dealing with a piece of property that got lost in the shuffle and is causing heartache for a lot of people," said Richard Stephens, MPB chair at a meeting last week.

"If I may I would like to address two points that will take five minutes each, for the board to hear," said lawyer Brad Allison, representing his client Rob Roy. "We are applying for an application for validation of title to correct a contravention to the Planning Act due to an errant transfer from Joe Chapman to Mr. Roy in 2003, that had been approved by the planning board. The purpose of the validation of title is basically a cure for being human, it is designed to be deployed when a mistake is made."

Mr. Allison explained that there were three 100-acre parcels that had been transferred to Mr. Chapman, those being lots 18, 19 and 20, concession three in the Township

of Sheguiandah (which is actually in Assiginack). Mr. Chapman had wanted to sell lot 18 and needed consent approval from the MPB in order to do so. Mr. Chapman severed lot 18 and conveyed lot 18 to Mr. Roy in 2003. The latter thought he owned all of lot 18, however a title search discovered that Mr. Roy did not own a small 2.5 acres triangular parcel at the southwest corner of lot 18, which was owned by someone else.

Mr. Allison said that in order to fix the paper title that Mr. Roy has

to his property, so he can sell it, a correction needs to be made to the description on the transfer of land/deed. "The Bank of Montreal did not know of the error or the land registry (office, or the MPB)."

"It turns out if you go back about 100 years this piece of property has been transferred from owner to owner, and no one knew of the error," said Mr. Allison. Title on the property has not been owned by Mr. Chapman or the pre-

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Glory days revisited

Former Major League pitcher from Gore Bay featured on Sportsnet

by Tom Sasvari

GUILFORD, CONNECTICUT—If not for former 20 game winner Johnny Antonelli retiring, instead of reporting to the New York Mets for the team's initial season in Major League Baseball, Ken MacKenzie, originally of Gore Bay, may have never made it to the big leagues.

"I was playing in Puerto Rico that winter (1961-1962)," Mr. MacKenzie told Jamie Campbell, host of Blue Jays Central on Sportsnet on Sunday, July 23. He was interviewed for the program prior to the



Toronto Blue Jays game against the New York Mets. "I scoured the (expansion) draft list to find my name but it wasn't there. I wasn't taken in the draft which was disappointing."

"But two weeks later I heard from Johnny Murphy, who told me I had been purchased by the Mets (from the Milwaukee Braves), along with Johnny Antonelli, who was a good pitcher and who had won 20 games one year in the major leagues," said Mr.

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opinion

editorial

Billionaire space race highlights madness of consumer society

The past few weeks the world has played witness to a bizarre billionaire's game of one-upmanship, as the likes of Richard Branson, Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos have vied to take billionaire tourism to a whole new level by launching themselves and their guests into the stratosphere and beyond.

These bizarre incidents of over the top consumerism are playing out against a backdrop of out of control wildfires taking place on several continents, droughts and wild weather patterns that threaten crops on a biblical scale and other evidence of a climate that threatens to become untenable for humanity within a generation. These entitled billionaires are literally playing these games while the world is on fire—pouring billions of dollars of treasure into a race whose vehicles add massive amounts of greenhouse gases into our atmosphere.

There is no doubt that spinoffs from the space race have greatly benefited humanity through the advances in science that have been engendered by the effort, but like those scientific advances that have come from global conflict, the question must be asked 'at what cost?'

Unlike the historical urban myth of Nero and his fiddle, the games commercial leaders are playing with our planet while the world around them burns are real and stand plainly for all to see.

Meanwhile, the global media entertainment industry (to be differentiated from news) lauds the destructive preoccupations of these out of control 21st Century robber barons, creating spectacle out of these

ego-feeding exercises that far too many consumers eat up like so many trans-fat laden potato chips.

There is nothing wrong with success, it should be celebrated, but comparing the activities of these entitled locker room posturing billionaires to a Bill Gates, who has funneled much of his treasure into attempting to make the world a better and safer place, it is plain to see who is the better human being—despite any personal issues or failings, or outlandish conspiracy theories.

In these days of statues toppled due to historical transgressions, perhaps we should be looking to the present day in re-evaluating who we should be celebrating. If there ever was an argument against unfettered capitalism, the billionaire's space race club would play front and centre.

The most celebrated robber baron of the 19th century, Dale Carnegie, once said that there was no greater crime than to die a rich man. He went on to found thousands of libraries and numerous performance halls, such as that most famous New York venue that bears his name. We suggest there is a yet greater crime than dying while sitting on a pyre of gold—hastening the end of humanity for vanity's sake.

It is time to reassess our global economic system and take measures to rein in these outrageous extravagances—before those extravagances become the end of us all.

letters

Why is the federal government dragging its feet?

Prime minister should step aside on residential school investigation

To the Expositor:

Why are we still waiting for Ottawa to open a serious and thorough investigation into the horrendous record and results of the residential schools system? Why is Ottawa still dragging its feet in this, likely the most damning event in our history? If the PM will not act, then he

should step aside and let someone who truly understands what the word 'justice' means take over.

Sincerely,

Eric Balkind
Gore Bay

Rise in COVID-19 cases due to the unvaccinated

A full recommendation for third vaccine booster shots

To the Expositor:

The virus is on the increase again and it is because of these unvaccinated people. They are now getting sick and also spreading the virus. I hope Health Canada will give out booster shots to fully vaccinated people because I would be willing to take it myself. I'm already thinking about what it will be like this fall, will we be facing lockdowns again? We just might end up with a full-blown epidemic this time, especially when it's flu season. It would be best for elders to get this booster shot or anyone who has any kind of health condition who is at risk. I'm always thinking about the safety of citizens and I know these unvacci-

nated people would be causing problems for us. Now, some of them are feeling sorry that they did not listen as they are lying in the hospital beds fighting for their life. I keep up to date with this to see what it's doing or how fast this virus is spreading again. I think we seem to be doing okay for now, but I would strongly recommend Health Canada to give booster shots for fully vaccinated people this fall rather than feeling sorry later on when it's too late.

Ronald Osawabine
Wiikwemkoong

Provincial funding aids Manitoulin Streams Smith Bay Creek rehabilitation

by Tom Sasvari

WIKWEMKOONG—Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA), in partnership with Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, has received provincial funding to restore habitat, improve water quality and clean up the shoreline of Smith Bay Creek (in Wiikwemkoong), which runs into Lake Huron.

"We received funding of \$50,000 through the Great Lakes Local Action Fund, which is going towards stream restoration in Smith Bay Creek," stated Seija Deschenes, coordinator of MSIA. She explained that this creek, "is in the heart of the community (of Wiikwemkoong) and flows along the powwow grounds area. We have been gathering information the past couple of years and did stream assessments as to what is in the stream. Over 400 rainbow trout were caught in there along with 11 other species were found."

"And along with Wiikwemkoong an enhancement strategy was put together by engineers to look at sites that need to be restored," said Ms. Deschenes. "Two years ago a microburst went through the powwow grounds area, with a lot of trees ending up in the streams. A site design plan was created and six sites were identified at the upper reach of



Manitoulin Streams clears phragmites from the waters of Smith Bay Creek thanks to provincial funding.

the stream system that need to be enhanced. We are looking to restore these sites and shorelines that are eroding on both sides, removing trees, improving stream monitoring, and looking at ways to sustain and repair habitat for the fishery, and ways this work can be done so adaptations can be made in the future for climate change. As part of the work, additional trees and shrubs will be planted in the area to provide shade over the stream and

fish spawning areas."

"We've been out working there this week and removing phragmites along the shoreline and the entrance of the creek," said Ms. Deschenes.

"We've sent out tenders, and we're hoping that the work on (Smith Bay Creek) will be able to be done in August and in the fall we will be able to do more tree planting," continued Ms. Deschenes. "And we are hoping that maybe school groups in Wiikwemkoong along with the phragmites working group and maybe volunteers will help with the planting of trees as well, and with another garbage clean-up along that stretch, so the water will be nice and clear."

"Currently we are in the middle of sending out tenders and hoping work can start by August 3 and riparian restoration work can be done in September," continued Ms. Deschenes. "We are looking forward to working with Wiikwemkoong on this project, and are grateful to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks for their funding support of the project," said Ms. Deschenes. She added, "we will be starting with the upper six sites of the creek and in the future, over time, more work will continue over that stretch to help repair and restore

the creek and improve the fishery and food security."

Last week, the Ontario government announced that funding for this project is among 44 community-based projects to receive \$1.9 million in funding through the Great Lakes Local Action Fund, which supports local projects that support and restore the Great Lakes.

"The health of the Great Lakes is closely connected to our province's health and prosperity, supplying water to our communities, sustaining traditional activities of Indigenous peoples and providing healthy ecosystems for recreation and tourism," said David Piccini, minister of the environment, conservation and parks said in a release. "This funding allows local organizations and groups to take environmental actions in their own communities, building a better future with clean, green growth."

The 44 projects are led by community-based organizations, municipalities, conservation authorities and Indigenous communities and organizations across Ontario, from Ottawa to Thunder Bay. Projects were selected following a competitive review process.

Interest in Island cycling highlighted at Cycling Advocates' AGM

MINDEMOYA—Last year may have been a quiet one for Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) because of COVID-19, but interest in cycling saw a not-so-surprising increase, said Maja Mielonen, MICA president.

Many people took up cycling during the pandemic as a way to stay active and enjoy the outdoors last summer. "A cycle is used for so many things," Ms. Mielonen said. "To commute, to travel, to stay healthy." Guest speaker Sarah Quackenbush of Breakaway Sports and Cycle said many Saturdays there is already a line of cyclists when she arrives to open the store. Breakaway Sports has been delivering bikes across the province and MICA has responded to 165 requests for Manitoulin cycling maps so far this year from across Ontario, Quebec and even Alberta.

MICA's annual general meeting was held July 12 at Maja's Garden Bistro, postponed from an earlier date in May because of COVID-19. "MICA has done some really great work and we have a wonderful board," Ms. Mielonen told attendees. "Some board members have moved on and become volunteers. We're really grateful for that." She highlighted some of the successful projects MICA has undertaken since its beginnings in 2010, including lobbying for paved shoulders on three of four highways on Manitoulin. MICA continues to advocate for paved shoulders on Highway 542. "When you ride it from here east, you can make a milkshake in your stomach on some parts," she said. "It's really narrow and scary out there." Laughter and nodding heads showed most cyclists in attendance were in agreement.

Ms. Mielonen acknowledged some of MICA's new business members, including SUP Adventures Manitoulin at Providence Bay, the new Garden Gate restaurant owners and Breakaway Sports and Cycle. "It's exciting," she said. "Things always change. Businesses close and new ones open." Ms. Quackenbush, co-owner of Breakaway Sports, was introduced as guest speaker. As previously reported in The Expositor, Sarah and husband Dr. Ben Quackenbush took over as new owners in February and undertook massive renovations. The store now includes a bike shop, a bike repair shop, bike sales as well as camping, canoeing, kayaking and adventure gear on multiple levels.

The Quackenbush's saw a need for a local bike shop. There hadn't been a bike shop on the Island in five years, since Lightfoot in Manitowaning closed and their own garage was becoming the local bike shop, at least in their circle. Ms. Quackenbush has ties to cycling going back to her childhood. Her father is Dale Scott, an avid cyclist. Mr. Scott encouraged her as a teenager and as a young adult to start cycling with the Meldrum Bay ride but it wasn't until about 10 years ago that the Quackenbush's became more involved in adventure racing and mountain biking.

"Eventually we realized that mountain bike trails on the Island were a little bit farther away from home than was convenient," she said. "We grabbed some road bikes and

really just enjoyed the community Little Current and around the Island. Previous to owning Breakaway Sports, Ben took his mountain bike instructors course. We were running mountain bike courses for kids out at McLean's Park in Manitowaning which was a great success and we would have loved to continue that last year but of course, COVID put a stop to that. We are hoping to continue that this year and we are working with the municipality of Assiginack to see what that could mean possibly as things start opening up a little bit more."

"We've seen the work of MICA first hand," Ms. Quackenbush said. "There are a lot of cyclists on the Island. Oftentimes on a Saturday morning at 9 o'clock when we come to open the shop there's a line of cyclists there with their bicycles lined up and they're waiting to come in. They're getting up much earlier and getting on the road and arriving much earlier than we do."

They've served a woman who was biking from Quebec to Vancouver. "The quick release on her front wheel was broken and she was wondering how she was going to continue this journey. She said, 'I just Googled and there was a repair shop where I needed it to be.' We got her up and running today and she's on her way," Ms. Quackenbush said.

Another young female cyclist on a big adventure stopped at the store for a light, an essential piece of equipment she had forgotten. "It's just a great feeling to not only serve our local community but also to serve the travellers and tourists that are going through," she added. "Every single day since we started bike repairs back in April we have had a full day. It's been busy, busy, busy." Interestingly enough, many Islanders are bringing in bikes they purchased 15 years ago from Chris and Justin Tilson. They are quality bikes and bike mechanic Bill Slaght loves fixing those up. "They just need a little bit of reviving and off on the road they are again."

Thanks to the work Dr. Quackenbush did in the fall to get bikes, Breakaway Sports is not experiencing an extreme shortage right now. "Ben did a tremendous job in the fall to knock on every single bike dealer's door and we were able to get quite a few in comparison to other areas," Ms. Quackenbush said. They have delivered bicycles to Ottawa, St. Catharines, Toronto, Hamilton, Sault Ste. Marie and Alberta. "It's great to provide that service, and we have a fully functioning mechanic shop with the parts and tires and a wonderful mechanic. We're really thankful that Bill came along and agreed to be our mechanic."

Mentoring young people is an important part of their business model as well and they are currently mentoring a high school student, said Ms. Quackenbush. "He's starting to know how to do some of the basic tune-ups under the supervision of Bill," she said. Incorporating young people and training them not only provides youth with skills in the future, but also ensures they will have mechanics.

Ms. Quackenbush thanked MICA for all the foundational

work that they've doing promoting the Island as a destination and getting the infrastructure in place. "Hopefully it's a good collaboration between Breakaway Sports and MICA, that we can help each other out and encourage one another and move each other forward as we are enthusiastic about cycling and enthusiastic about sharing our Island."

Ms. Mielonen provided an update on another recent project on behalf of Mary Dantouze, who was unable to attend the meeting. A year or two ago, MICA was contacted by a health unit from Espanola about some bikes they wanted to get rid of. MICA paid a repairman to fix the bikes and Ms. Dantouze distributed the 20 plus bikes into four different First Nations communities. "We're very proud of that," said Ms. Mielonen. "We were able to help to make cycling everywhere."

New board member Matthew Redmond provided a digital update. The last month has seen 10 percent growth in Facebook followers. Using a promoted post to expand MICA's alvar cycle tours helped reach an estimated 5,600 different people with almost 10 percent of those following through with the promotion. In the last 30 days there were 709 unique visitors to MICA's website, manitoulincycling.com. The cycling map page is the most popular. "People appreciate being able to access that," he said.

The cycling maps are also available as printed copies. Volunteer Gary Fuhrman manages distribution for those orders. Despite 2020 being a pandemic year, there were 183 map requests. About two-thirds went to southern Ontario with the rest going to eastern Ontario, Quebec, Alberta, British Columbia and Prince Edward Island. This year, 165 have been sent out so far.

The maps are updated every two years. They contain 14 different routes as well as accommodation members, restaurants and distances. MICA has printed over 16,000 maps to date. They intend to do another update this winter that will include locations of ebike charging stations and information on ebike rentals. "The most exciting thing we've done during COVID is write a big grant proposal and find funders" for the purchase of 20 ebikes and installation of charging stations in several Island communities, Ms. Mielonen said.

There wasn't much income in 2020, said Pam Jackson when reviewing financial statements. "We started the year at the International Bike Show in Toronto and that's when COVID hit. Everything shut down right after that." The year may have ended with a loss but MICA is still in a good financial position, she said. "MICA has always been self-supporting throughout its years and we'll weather this year with no problem."

Elections were held before the meeting was adjourned. Maja Mielonen and Peter Ford were re-elected. Matthew Redmond's position was ratified, as he had joined earlier in the year. New director Michelle Campbell joined Linda Belton and Mary Dantouze, whose terms were not up this year.

Change, community and challenges the focus at UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service AGM

by Lori Thompson

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
SHESHEGWANING—An annual general meeting (AGM) provides an opportunity to look back on an organization's past year. The UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service recently hosted its 25th AGM in the community of Sheshegwaning. Policing during a pandemic meant additional challenges for the service even as the communities served by UCCM Police continued to face an overwhelming opioid crisis, equity issues, mental health issues and intergenerational trauma. New leadership, staff and commission members will oversee the continued growth and development of the service into a future that includes safe communities, relationship building, new youth and other social programs, and peer support for officers and staff.

"Every one of us from the smallest child to the oldest adult has a vested interest in our service so that we can live safe, healthy, happy lives and reside in our communities without fear of violence or drugs or anything of that nature," said Derek Assiniwe, commission chair, in his welcoming remarks. Mr. Assiniwe has been a commission member on and off for several years and was elected chair in 2021. It has been a somewhat overwhelming learning experience, he said, but also motivating. "I found it interesting to see actually how far our reach was and how we help a lot of people."

The commission is always trying to build on relationships with its employees as well as business partners and other organizations, Mr. Assiniwe said. "Our training is always ongoing so we can provide a better service to the organization we have been elected to represent. I think that has always been our view, our mission, that we do things the right way to the best of our ability. That's not to say things will always be easy. That's not to say we'll always do the right thing but we do our best to look at everything. It's been an honour to sit with the other commission members as well as represent the organization."

UCCM Tribal Chair Patsy Corbiere thanked everyone who is involved with the police service on behalf of the Tribal Council. "It's been actually a bad year, with COVID, the opiate overdoses and deaths in our communities. Thanks to the people who

have been stepping in: the acting chief, Inspector Cori Slaughter, the people in the office, the social navigator." The drug issues are moving forward and, "we're finally addressing the stress on the officers. You can see it in their faces when talking to them."

Community members need to support the police service, she said. "It's one of our community organizations and it's just like all the other organizations we have. There's a lot of negativity towards them. We need to stand together. Being in silos is part of the problem and is not fixing anything."

She referred to rumours rampant in some communities. "People need to stop blaming everybody else for what's going on. The onus is on community members and leadership. We run for chief and council to build community wellness." Facebook is the worst thing, she continued. "It's a tool that is used to discriminate and to badmouth people like us when we're trying to build community and wellness. One little thing happens and it's all over Facebook. Unless you have something positive to say about people, don't put it on Facebook."

What is needed is to listen to the elders and to communities, she said. "We hope that things are going to get better and in the last couple of months, we're starting to see people are happy again. Moving forward, we have to work together as a team to build healthy communities or we're going to fall apart."

In his annual report, Acting Chief Killeen also referred to Facebook as a divisive factor within the community and one that directly impacts officers. For example, there was a complaint posted on Facebook that it took four hours for officers to respond to a rock thrown through a window. At the time, officers were working with a person with mental health issues, to prevent it from escalating into a crisis. "The emergency stopped after the rock was thrown through the window," he explained. "Police can't respond immediately when there's only two officers." The couple whose house had been damaged understood the delay when the situation was explained to them but they didn't go back onto Facebook to say everything was okay. "That causes a lot of negativity about our officers and our service. There's a massive amount of stress

on officers," he said. "They're expected to do a lot but with only a few personnel."

Several Sheshegwaning residents stated they often felt forgotten by the police. "We're remote, off the beaten path," one resident said. "We'd like to see an increase in patrols. There's a lot of drunk drivers." Acting Chief Killeen replied that the service is pushing for more funding to hire additional officers. "It's not only a First Nations or UCCM policing problem," he said. "It's across the Island, the province and even the country."

It's also a circular issue. Many officers are off duty on sick leave due to mental health concerns. A Sagamok detachment of the Anishnabek Police Service has no officers working there for this reason, Acting Chief Killeen noted. "The OPP from the Manitoulin-Espanola detachment are covering Sagamok. UCCM is covering the OPP calls. Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is constantly asking for our officers to work overtime to fill in. Everyone is hurting. When personnel is short, there's a ripple effect."

"We have to lobby for more funding," he said. "We have to show that we need more people. What we're experiencing, the OPP are also experiencing. This is not the way it's supposed to work. We're not supposed to back up OPP, they're supposed to back us up. We can't effectively do the work we're supposed to do. It sounds like excuses but it's what we're dealing with."

The resident responded, "I understand that but it doesn't help us. What can we do?"

Acting Chief Killeen said he can have officers do more patrols in the remote communities and the service is currently looking into substation options. He also explained that community members need to make the calls to the police station or 911 rather than calling their chief or band office. Funding is based on a formula that takes into consideration the number of calls for service.

"I also want to clear something up," he said. "There's a misunderstanding about search warrants and when we can act on information. If someone is present where something illegal is or was occurring, and that person reports the activity to police, police can act and obtain a warrant. "If you're reporting something you've heard

second or third hand, we'd be asking a judge to violate someone's privacy. We need direct information in order to have the authority to act."

Acting Chief Killeen came to UCCM Police with 23 years experience, 22 of those with the Greater Sudbury Police Service. The majority of my career was in drug investigation, intelligence and organized crime. "I saw that there was a need for me to come here to try and help combat that problem."

He became acting chief of police unexpectedly after one month and has had to adapt to a pandemic lockdown, funding realities, new rules and regulations. He wants to concentrate less on enforcement and more on helping people get the help they need. That means internally as well: the mental health and wellness of police officers and civilian staff is important, he said. One action he's taking is implementation of a peer support program.

Looking ahead, he said, "We need to work on mental health, keeping our communities safe, and updating training for both our officers and civilian staff." A consultant has been hired to update policies and procedures. There will be more body cameras as well. "Our problems aren't unique, they're the same everywhere you go. I've worked in joint force operations with different police services across the province, even across the country. They're the same problems. There's no difference. We need to work on internal and external issues."

Community members who attended the AGM also heard opening prayers from commission Elder Bill Antoine, welcoming remarks from Sheshegwaning First Nation Chief Dean Roy and a financial report by KPMG auditor Paul Pidutti. Social Navigator Daughness Migwans presented an overview on the social navigator initiative, including the Lighting the Fire Within pilot program. Inspector Cori Slaughter rounded out the event with a parable and a lesson. Not to be forgotten was the amazing lunch catered by Sheshegwaning's Randi's Snack Shack.

The full 2020-2021 UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service Annual Report will be available on their website uccmpolice.com.



The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police is continuing an investigation into a serious two-vehicle collision in Billings Township July 26.

photo by Zach Veres

Manitoulin OPP still investigating motor vehicle collision on Hwy 540

BILLINGS TOWNSHIP—The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is continuing its investigation into a serious two-vehicle collision on Highway 540 in Billings Township on Monday, July 26.

OPP Provincial Constable Bev Gauthier reported that on Monday, July 26, at approximately 12:52 pm, members of the Manitoulin OPP, the OPP's Technical Collision Investigation and Reconstruction Unit as well as the Sudbury-Manitoulin Paramedic Services

responded to a motor vehicle collision involving two passenger cars on highway 540 between Newburn Road and Lakeshore Road in the village of Kagawong.

The Expositor has learned that the collision took place as one vehicle was attempting to turn off the highway into a driveway on the opposite lane on the highway, when a second vehicle, which had passed other vehicles on the highway, ran into the side of the turning vehicle.

Five people from one vehicle and two occupants

from the second vehicle were transported to the Mindemoya Hospital. Two of the five passengers, an eight-year-old and a 12-year-old girl, sustained life altering injuries. The 12-year-old was later transported Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto for a head injury but family reports she will make a full recovery.

Constable Gauthier said the investigation is ongoing and further information will be released as it becomes available.

Electrical failure underground school causes hydro outages in Gore Bay

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Due to an electrical failure underground Charles C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay, power was out at the school and for other residents on Hall Street for several hours this past Sunday.

Members of the Gore Bay volunteer fire department responded to a report of a fire having started on a hydro pole, this past Sunday morning.

Gore Bay Fire Chief Mike Addison told The Expositor, "We received a report of a fire at 43 Hall

Street (Charles C. McLean Public School) in Gore Bay at 8:59 am on Sunday. The person who called in the report said that there was a fire on the hydro pole, but when we arrived there were no transformers blown, no hydro wires on the ground or any sign of a fire. We had been told the fire (had originated on the hydro pole) near the daycare centre area of the school."

"Power was out in the area of Hall Street," said Mr. Addison, who pointed out before the fire call he had heard what sounded

like a firework going off in the area of Hall Street.

"There is no danger to the public or safety concerns," said Mr. Addison. "It looks as if power was out at that section of Hall Street."

Mr. Addison reported the power outage to Hydro One.

Later Sunday afternoon, Mr. Addison told The Expositor that in talking to Hydro One, power would be out at the school for most of day, and power to all other houses on Hall Street had been returned by about 1:30 pm.

Security patrols to resume in M'Chigeeng

M'CHIGEENG—Security patrol services have resumed in M'Chigeeng First Nation.

In a notice to local residents on its Facebook page July 29, Art Jacko, M'Chigeeng Band Manager explained, "beginning August 1 at 8 pm, security patrols will be resuming in M'Chigeeng First Nation to provide a level of safety and security in the late hours. This will be in effect until further notice."

Mr. Jacko explained, "the new security company that has been hired for this job is HEAT Security Service. This company will be con-

ducting evening patrols of M'Chigeeng between the hours of 8 pm to 6 am, seven days a week."

"A friendly reminder that any security service does not replace the role and responsibility of the UCCM Anishinaabe Police," the notice reads. "The security service is not a police service and is only able to conduct patrols, report incidents and situations to the police service and work to be visible to provide an additional sense of safety to our community."

"If you see a need to report criminal behaviour,

suspicious or concerning activity, safety issues, or concerns for public safety, please contact any of the numbers below to report the issue so it can be properly addressed and handled by the police service: UCCM Police, 705-377-7135; emergency, 911; or Sudbury Crime Stoppers (anonymous reporting), 705-675-9171."

"The safety of our community is top priority and with the security patrols in place, this adds a layer of additional safety to our community," added Mr. Jacko.

Spike in GTA overdose deaths may impact Island communities, police warn

MANITOULIN—Toronto police issued a warning about a spike in suspected overdose deaths recently which prompted United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Anishnaabe Police Service (UCCM APS) to remind and warn the public that a spike in Toronto overdoses could impact overdoses in this area due to most of Manitoulin's opioids' origin of supply coming from southern Ontario.

"If the supply from Toronto is tainted and causing a spike in the Toronto area and that ends up being the same supply being brought to the North then a similar spike could possibly happen in our communities," the UCCM APS warns.

Since April 2021, UCCM APS has been working jointly with Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service and the Ontario Provincial Police Community Street Crime Unit on Manitoulin Island. Fifteen people have been charged with 70 charges relating to the trafficking of controlled substances, weapons and money. Three of the accused are from the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

During this time: \$55,990 in Canadian currency has been seized as property obtained by crime; and \$47,517 in controlled substances has been seized (fentanyl, cocaine, crack

cocaine, crystal methamphetamine, hydromorphone pills, marijuana, hashish). "This indicates that there is a supply and demand for opioids in our communities," the press release continues.

The public is reminded to call 911 if they suspect a person has overdosed and needs immediate medical attention. The Good Samaritan Act protects people, acting in good faith trying to save an individual's life from criminal prosecution in certain circumstances and situations.

All three forces remain committed to working collaboratively and will continue to focus its efforts on major crime operations that pose a direct and elevated threat to the safety, security, and wellness of our communities, the press release continues. "This combined Integrated Street Crime Unit is a Joint Force Operation and aims to identify and disrupt organized crime on Manitoulin Island through innovative technology, collaborative partnerships and traditional police work resulting in the arrests of those involved, holding them accountable for their criminal activities and the seizure of illegal drugs, prohibited firearms and proceeds of crime."

If anyone has further information regarding drug trafficking and organ-

ized crime, please contact UCCM Police at 705-377-7135 or Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers at 705-222-TIPS (8477) or 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit an online tip at www.sudburycrimestoppers.com. Together we can make a difference.

If you are addicted to drugs, or know someone who is addicted and are looking for assistance in recovery, there are contacts that can help put you in touch with the services and resources you require and are suited to your particular and individual needs:

- UCCM Social Navigator: www.uccmpolice.com/programs/social-navigator-initiative/

- Noojmowin Teg Health Centre: www.noojmowin-teg.ca/programs-services/community-addictions-support-workers

- Mnídoo Mnising Mental Wellness Crisis Response Team: 705-348-1937

- Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team: 705-348-1968

Recovering from addiction is a long and often complicated journey and we must continue to work with the diverse and complex needs of community members.

A reminder that naloxone kits are free of charge from all pharmacies.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Watching all the amazing athletic feats during the Olympics has really inspired us here at Team Fergmeijer. As a result, we have launched our own Olympics; a series of events that are more in line with our capabilities. We call it the Slolympics! If you keep a slopen mind, it seems slobvious - there are plenty of slow energy things that take time and dedication that just don't get the recognition that they are slo deserving of. For instance, dial-up internet might be slobsolete in most of the country, but we know there are pockets of the Island that still have it, so the person who can download an image fastest on a dialup connection wins! We bet we would get competitors from across the Pacific Slocean for our Bonsai tree events and snail races. We're sure there would be a waiting list for the standing-in-line competition! In a trial run, there was a bit of controversy, as it was unclear to the slofficials whether competitors were watching paint dry or grass grow.

As of this past week, the state of emergency for the Township of Billings due to the COVID-19 pandemic has ended.

As a result, all meetings of Council and Committees of Council will be returning to in-person status only, beginning with the August 3rd Council meeting. For more information on upcoming meetings, contact the Township office.

It's not an easy task keeping Kagawong as lovely as ever. The Late Bloomers however rose to the occasion and put the petal to the metal this summer - they have the flower boxes in town looking simply iris-istible! Thank you to the whole team of volunteers! Every daisy is better because of you.

There's a whole lotta summer left, which means there's still a whole lotta market! Come on by the pavilion in the lower village from 10 am to 3 pm every Wednesday for the Kagawong Market. There are over 40 vendors to peruse and you'll be sure to find lots of delicious treats, local produce, and one-of-a-kind crafts. Please remember to wear your masks, use the provided hand sanitizer, and social distance where possible.

Team Fergmeijer hasn't always been very patient with all the road construction that has been going on in Kagawong. We were ready to draw the line and launch a complaint, but instead the paving crews drew the lines... on the new parking spaces! The new asphalt and sidewalks look great and will help pedestrians and motorists alike get around more safely and easily. Fun fact, globally over 99 percent of as-

phalt is recycled. It is the second most recycled material in the world, after the puns in this column.

Sandy beach is swimmable again! Keep an eye on swimming conditions across Manitoulin Island at the Public Health Sudbury and Districts website:

<https://www.phsd.ca/about/news-alerts/>

Very happy 29th birthday wishes go out to Lisa H this week. Remember, as you get older, three things happen: your memory starts to go and we can't remember the other two.

Team Fergmeijer isn't the only team in the township these days - Team Aelick is fundraising for Canadian Liver Foundation "Stroll For Liver." They have raised \$500 so far, and good to his word, Wayne dyed his hair green! He's now asking for help reaching \$1,000 so he can do the second challenge - shave his hair completely off! To participate in the fun and donate to a great cause, contact awaelick@hotmail.com.

The Slolympics is still a work in progress but we are sloverjoyed with the sloverwhelming support we have had so far. If you have any suggestions for out-of-the-slordinary events (nothing too slostentatious - we're simple folk!) drop us a line. Bonus points if you send it by snail mail. Have a good week!

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Salmon beware!

The Manitoulin Expositor Salmon Classic thankfully began this past Saturday after a one year COVID-hiatus and will go for a couple of weeks until August 15. It is so fun that technology allows us jealous landlubbers a chance to follow along and see what we could have caught if we were out there!

For the next 10 days or so you can also be there and see who is in contention and what your big fish would have landed in the standings (if you just had of entered)! For the duration of the Classic if you visit fishmanitoulin.com/leaderboard you can get real-time updates on the competition.

At this early deadline time on Monday morning the leaderboard is already impressive with big fish. In first with a 21.63 pound salmon was **Fred Brush** who weighed in at the Providence Bay station.

If past results remain realistic the top fish will need to be over 30 pounds to be in contention, but every year is different and, of course, fishing does not mean catching by any stretch! Rounding out the top-five best fish at that point was a list of familiar and successful fishing names. In second was **Matt Belanger** with a 20.14 pounder, then there was **Keith Lacroix, Diane Debassige** and **James Michlouski**.

This year's rules have been adjusted slightly to insure that the event could take place once again. One big change is that there is only two weigh-in stations. The most frequented at this point is the Prov station that is located at 5136 Hwy 551 (across from the Providence Bay Fair Grounds) and the South Baymouth Marina. Fish-on, all!

Tuesday basketball drop-ins

Providence Bay is once again offering another active option for everyone of all ages. On Tuesday evenings, right through October there are basketball sessions starting at 6 until 9 pm. There are suggested age slots for 9 - 13 at 6 pm; 14 - 17 year olds at 8 pm; and 18 -plus from 8 pm.

Organizers acknowledge that there will be players that would be more comfortable in different sessions and ask that parents place them in an appropriate session and of course be responsible for their children at all times. Adults, you too!

Tennis, anyone?

Of course, the recurring COVID-interruptus theme has been a mainstay for the last 17 months and for Manitoulin tennis players there was no exception. However, local 'racquet-eers' have not been deterred and are still informally getting together to get some exercise and work on their their court presence.

If you are interested in tennis, with or without experience, this tennis community is very welcoming. The like-minded are gathering at Manitoulin Secondary School on Sundays at 9:30 am and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm and also at the Gore Bay courts down near the marina on Mondays at 7 pm. Local tennis aficionado **Chris Theijsmeijer** has been impressed by the turn-out to these sessions and he along with everyone is looking forward to the return to regular Manitoulin tennis activities.

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Soccer Fun

The Providence Bay children's league soccer is underway. Youngsters aged 4-12 are taking part in the program, with 15 players per each of the three age groups. Instructors include Schuyler Playford, Andrew Long and organizer Angela Johnston. The soccer program will continue weekly until the end of August.

Olympic Odyssey: Final stretch in the Tokyo Games

EDITOR'S NOTE: This week marks the sixth installment of *Olympic Odyssey* by Mike Brock, an Olympics television producer for the CBC, a special for Expositor readers.

by Mike Brock

The home stretch, the bell lap, the anchor leg, the fourth quarter. That's where we're at with the Tokyo Games. The good news, though, is that the next Olympics are taking place in six months when the Winter Sports take over Beijing, China and the surrounding area. The next Summer Olympics are only two years and 11 months away! They'll take place in Paris, France. But let's get back to Tokyo, and check out what you should be checking out over these last few days.

Thursday, August 5

There's a good chance that you think skateboarding is a sport for kids. The "Danish Destroyer" would disagree. Rune Glifberg is a 46-year-old skateboarder who was already in his 30s when most of his competitors were born. He competed in the very first X-Games in 1995, and will drop in on the first ever Olympic Skateboard Park competition.

From one of the newest sports, to one of the oldest. Modern pentathlon is a sport that was based on military skills: fencing, equestrian, swimming, running and pistol shooting. It may not be a sport that a lot of people have even heard of, but it has been a part of the Olympic program every Games since 1912.

Karate will make its first appearance at the Olympic Games, but it may be its last. While added to the program for the Tokyo Olympics, in part because Japan is the birthplace of the martial art, Karate is not



Meaghan Benfeito
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on the program for Paris in 2024.

Canadian veteran diver, and three-time Olympic medallist Meaghan Benfeito will try to add to her medal collection when she climbs the 10-metre tower.

Friday, August 6

It was 25 years ago this week that I sat in Aunt Vi Vincent's living room on Robinson Street in Little Current and watched Donovan Bailey anchor the 4 x 100-metre relay to a gold medal. It was exactly one week earlier that Bailey had set a new World Record in the individual 100-metre race. This time around, it's Andre De Grasse as the poster boy for Canadian sprinting, and there's a shot that he can lead the squad to another podium finish.

There are 49.6 kilometres between Little Current and Espanola. Evan Dunfee, the guy from those Kraft Dinner commercials? He can walk it in under four hours. Dunfee, who finished just off the podium in Rio, is back for another shot at a medal in the 50km racewalk. The race will be one of the most gruelling events of the Olympics, and has been moved outside of Tokyo, to Sapporo, in order to combat the heat.

Beach volleyball medals will be awarded today. The women's team of Sarah Pavan and Melissa Humana-Paredes went undefeated in the preliminary round, and Heather Bansley and Brandie Wilkerson weren't that far behind. There's a good chance that at least one of these duos will be around when the hardware is handed out.

Saturday, August 7

There are thousands of kayakers paddling off the shores of Manitoulin every summer, but most of them aren't in any hurry to get somewhere. Well, Mark de Jonge is looking to get to the finish line of the 500-metre as fast as possible. He won bronze in London, and came 7th in Rio. Heats start on August 3, but at age 37, he's hoping to still be in the hunt for a medal today.

The fourth and final round of the women's golf tournament tees off today. Canada's Brooke Henderson is definitely a pre-tournament favourite, and if she's anywhere near the leaderboard by the time Saturday comes around, look for her to challenge for a medal.

Since professional players were first allowed to play in the Olympic Games in 1992, the Americans have won six of seven gold medals (Argentina won in

2004.) A few pre-tournament losses made headlines, but don't bet against the red, white and blue being on top of the podium again.

Sunday, August 8



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For the first time ever, Canada will enter three men into the Olympic Marathon. Cameron Levins is the current Canadian record holder, and was an NCAA champion in the 5,000-metres. Ben Preisner didn't run his first marathon until December 2020, but in his first attempt, he ran the 5th fastest time ever by a Canadian. Trevor Hofbauer is the third Canadian marathoner, having qualified at the 2019 Toronto Waterfront Marathon.

Anything can happen in sports, and that's why they "play the games," but it would be surprising if the American women aren't competing for the gold medal today. Spain has separated themselves from the field, so perhaps the Spaniards can give the US a run for their money.

The American women have exerted a similar dominance in the sport of basketball over the last few decades. The US have won eight of the last nine gold medals. Look for them to dominate again. Canada had a slow start to the tournament, but there's still a chance that they could go on a run, and make it to the medal round.

And, finally, at the end of the day—or first thing in the morning Manitoulin time—the closing ceremony. It will be another spectacle, and likely a celebration of a Games that unfolded like no other before them. And, unlike the opening ceremony, when each country walks in under their own flag, the closing ceremony sees the athletes parade into the stadium together. As one. Not separated by geography, or politics, but connected by sport. And that's really what it's all about.

Next week, I'll look back at some of the most memorable moments from Tokyo 2020.

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...committee member not in breach of Billings' code of conduct

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ter had been dealt with by the CAO/clerk. Ms. Erskine also filed a complaint with the integrity commissioner on January 27.

"Our office received an inquiry from a member of the public (the requestor)," said Mr. Mahoney. "The requestor alleged that Paul Darlaston, an individual appointed to an ad hoc committee of council, in a letter to the editor of a local newspaper known as The Recorder published on January 15, 2021, made comments that were defamatory towards a former member of council, Barbara Erskine."

The requestor believed that Mr. Darlaston is subject to the same rules and regulations as that of members of council, namely number six and nine, 'Conduct Respecting Others' from the Corporation of the Township of Billings By-law 2018-41 Code of Conduct for members of council.

Under section 223.4(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, council, a member of council or a member of the public may make a request for an inquiry to the integrity commissioner about whether the member has contravened the Code of Conduct applicable, explained Mr. Mahoney. Under the Code of Conduct, section 6 states, "every member shall treat members of the public, one another and municipal employees appropriately, and without abuse, bullying, harassment, or intimidation, and shall seek to ensure that the municipality's work environment is

free from improper discrimination, harassment or abuse." Section 9 states that "no member shall use any indecent, abusive or insulting words or expression towards any municipal employee, any member, or any member of the public, or maliciously or falsely injure or impugn the professional or ethical reputation of any such person."

The matter was assigned to investigator Jamie Appleton who reviewed the requestor's written complaint; reviewed the materials submitted by the requestor (articles from The Recorder dated January 8, 2021 and January 15, 2021); the terms of reference for the committee; requested to review training records; interviewed the requestor, the township CAO/clerk, Mayor Ian Anderson and Paul Darlaston.

"After the investigator completed his preliminary review, a decision was made to not conduct an inquiry into the matter," said Mr. Mahoney.

Mr. Mahoney said of the decision, "Mr. Darlaston has been appointed by council to the Climate Action Committee. While not explicitly stated in the Code of Conduct, members of committees of council would be included in the application of and must adhere to the provisions of the Code of Conduct. Therefore, the behaviour expectations in the Code of Conduct apply to Mr. Darlaston."

Section 6 of the Code of Conduct refers to "bullying, harassment, or intimidat-

tion" but does not provide a definition for these. The code does, however, require that members adhere to other policies. The Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) requires every employer adopt a policy regarding workplace violence and harassment and the Township of Billings has done so. The OHSA defines workplace harassment as 'engaging in a course of vexatious comment or conduct against a worker in a workplace' that would reasonably be considered unwelcome, but to meet this test the action would need to be 'consistently repeated or extremely egregious.' "The content of Mr. Darlaston's letter is not a course of vexatious comment or conduct and does not meet the threshold to be considered egregious, therefore his action in authoring the letter and/or the content of the letter do not meet the test to be a contravention of Section 6," Mr. Mahoney said.

According to the requestor, Section 9 of the Code of Conduct was violated "because Mr. Darlaston is a member of a committee of council and therefore had a duty to comply with the code of conduct, and further the code of conduct was contravened by writing a letter that is defamatory, derogatory and besmirches her name and reputation in a small community."

In contemplating the requestor's concerns, E4M considered whether a reasonable person, aware of the facts, would believe the remarks to be defamatory, derogatory or harmful to

Ms. Erskine, based on the actual wording used. "We find that the content of Mr. Darlaston's letter was a mix of fact and personal opinion," said Mr. Mahoney. "We do not find that Mr. Darlaston's comments, and more specifically, those of concern to the requestor, were an attack on Ms. Erskine personally nor do his comments meet the test set out in the Code of Conduct."

Investigators also did not find Mr. Darlaston's letter to contain brazen or malicious comments that would impugn the reputation of Ms. Erskine. "No further action will be taken with respect to this matter," Mr. Mahoney said.

However, in this circumstance we find that Mr. Darlaston did not act in a manner considered appropriate, he said. "To be clear, Mr. Darlaston is a council-appointed committee member and is obligated to adhere to the ethical standards established in the Code of Conduct. Mr. Darlaston is aware of his obligations but chose to rebut comments made by a member of the public in the local media. The action itself is inappropriate and, in our opinion, a violation of the principles of the Code of Conduct. It does not reflect a higher standard."

While Mr. Darlaston is entitled to have and voice a personal opinion, Mr. Mahoney explained, he should not identify him-

self as a member of a committee when expressing that opinion unless he has received permission from council to do so. "Members wishing to express a personal opinion publicly must ensure that they expressly note that this is their personal opinion and not an opinion of council or the township and that the opinion they are expressing is not contrary to a decision or policy of council."

E4M did not review the complaint received by the township from Ms. Erskine and only became aware of it during the preliminary review. As the complaint was in relation to the behaviour of a member it should have been referred to the integrity commissioner and not addressed by the CAO/clerk.

In summary, Mr. Mahoney said, "While we have not made a finding that Mr. Darlaston has breached the Code of Conduct as outlined by the requestor, we did find Mr. Darlaston's action in

authoring and submitting the letter to the editor on January 15, 2021 to be contrary to the principles of the Code of Conduct. Since Ms. Erskine also made a complaint to the township that was dealt with by the CAO/clerk on behalf of the township we are not recommending that council impose any further penalty for Mr. Darlaston's action. Our recommended penalty would have been a written warning advising Mr. Darlaston of the contravention and advising that members of committees, like members of council, can seek advice from the integrity commissioner to ensure their actions are not contrary to the Code of Conduct or other ethical policies."

E4M did provide council with recommendations including processes for complaints, training of members, mandatory reviews and clear communications policies.



...Planning board defers decision request

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vious owners over the past 100 years, and the MPB endorsed the application by Mr. Chapman and the severance was granted.

The validation of title certificate wipes out all the consequences of human error, and the consequences in law. "That way Rob Roy would have title on the property. Everyone gets what they should have, and everyone's title will be okay. There would be no losers in all of this, and it would no longer bite anyone."

Board member Dave McDowell questioned whether the lack of a survey having been done has led to the issue.

Board member Rob Brown said, "there has definitely been negligence in all of this, over 100 years."

"Why wouldn't this property be surveyed, then there would be an identification number on the property that has some significance?" asked Mr. Brown.

"The certificate removes the human error. It would not be taking away anything from anyone," said Mr. Allison. "What it would do is allow Mr. Roy to sell the land."

Mr. Allison told the board Mr. Roy had contacted his insurance company and they agreed there is a problem. "The problem can be fixed with a validation of title being approved. There would be no victim if the validation is granted."

"I have a couple of problems with this," said board member Doug Head. "I'm not sure we can actually do this. It would cost \$5,000-6,000 to have a survey done and I would feel more comfortable if a proper survey was taken. If not, then this should be taken to a court of law to decide on."

Mr. Brown said that he agreed with Mr. Head. "I feel there has to be a proper survey done on the property. It is not a simple matter; we can't just take an eraser and make things right."

Board member Ken Noland asked how this contravenes the Planning Act. He suggested a lot addition could be done.

"I thought about a lot addition as well," said Mr. Head. "But a survey needs to be completed to help correct all of this. The

consent on title for the property was based on false information."

"I would need a survey done in my opinion," said Mr. Head. "I'm not interested in granting you a validation, but it is up to the board to make this decision."

As for the idea of a lot addition, "my client Mr. Roy has no title to the triangle of properties. He can't do anything with it. He can't sell the land."

"If you are saying he has no title to the triangle piece of property, someone has title; how can that be recognized in a sale of property if it is on the wrong piece of property? This should be rectified and recognized, or someone is going to lose out," said Mr. Brown.

"I think I'm wasting my time with the board, thanks," stated Mr. Allison.

"Two wrongs don't make a right," said Mr. Brown. He reiterated a survey needs to be completed, which will cost the property owner, but the owner would have correct title.

"It all boils down to as Rob Brown, has said, there needs to be a survey done to get a proper lot description and title to the property," said Mr. Head.

Mr. Allison told the board he didn't need its approval to correct the legal description of the property. However, approval of the board to fix the flawed consent was needed as well as approval for the validation certificate.

Chair Stephens asked MPB secretary-treasurer Theresa Carlisle to explain the application and provide her comments.

Ms. Carlisle told the board that Mr. Allison had applied for validation of title to correct an error in a transaction that he feels violated the Planning Act. He is seeking to correct a transfer/deed that has an incorrect legal description.

The MPB has authority through the province to approve applications for validation of title and to issue validation certificates under section 57 of the Planning Act when there has been a contravention/violation to section 50 of the Planning

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full spectrum of care for individuals on their path to recovery. The Seven Grandfather teachings are integrated into all aspects of Gwek programming.

The land-based component runs year-round with participants spending 90 days in the outdoors. Most addictions programs last 28 days. “We feel that 28 days is not enough time for people to fully recover,” Ms. Thibault said. “For those with deep-rooted trauma, 28 days is a band-aid solution.”

During their 90 days out on the land, participants live in tents or cabins and use outdoor showers and outhouses. They learn to paddle and cook as well as hunting moose and how to set traplines. During moose season participants spend a month in the bush, travelling four hours by canoe to get to the campsite. “The program gives participants land-based skills for when they go home. It is pretty neat to see in action. There is no desk where people work and everyone pitches in at the camp,” said Ms. Thibault.

One participant was afraid of being hurt in a canoe (Gwek has certified instructors). The participant sent a letter home in which she wrote, “It’s crazy to put me in a canoe but it’s funny, I feel I can beat my addiction if I can manage to get a canoe over the North Channel.” Cases like these demonstrate how pride in one’s accomplishments and a sense of belonging can improve self worth and really help people with mental health and addictions issues, Ms. Thibault added.

Live-in aftercare runs for six months up to one year. Participants live in a supervised 11 bed transition house located in AOK. “This transitional house is staffed 24 hours a day. Participants have to volunteer, attend school or work. Our graduation rate from this program is 100 percent,” she said.

The community aftercare program runs for an additional six months. “The goal is to reintegrate a participant into the community in a gradual transition to either independent living or living with their family and with full reintegration into their community,” Ms. Thibault added. “With this phase we do a lot of Zoom sessions with a focus on relapse prevention.”

Gwek wants to increase its intake of Manitoulin participants, which is currently 40 to 50 percent. There are large intakes from Thunder Bay, Niagara, Inuvik, as well as other places across Ontario. The average age of participants currently is 24 years. With a pilot project for participants over 30 years underway, the oldest participant is 46 years old. There are older applicants but many 19-year-olds as well, said Ms. Thibault. “We have a waiting list of over 100 people. We average four intakes per year. Quite often, participants can take the program two, three or four times to

recover.”

The program is completely voluntary. People are there because they want to be, Ms. Thibault pointed out. Most participants, about 85 percent, stay in touch after they’ve completed the program, possibly because it’s so person centred. Participants will generally remain with the same counsellor until the program is complete. “It’s a lot of work but definitely worth it when you see the positive change in people. It’s sad that a program like this is needed.”

The length of the program is something that makes it unique, she said. “Land-based programming has exploded. We’ve been asked to train in many other locations. It’s hard to do this, because we don’t have the manpower.” Gwek employs 35 staff full-time and are still hoping to receive more funding so they can provide services to those between the ages of 12 and 18 years.

Funding for Gwek is provided by federal and provincial governments through a tripartite agreement with Ontario’s Ministry of Health and Ministry of Community and Social Services and Indigenous Healing and Wellness. “We work out of a portable building and every dollar we get basically goes into the program,” Ms. Thibault said. They have recently hired three additional staff and do fundraising. Recently the program added five additional beds.

Gwek is grateful to be a recipient of funds raised by the Gore Bay Rotary Club’s Bay to Bay Ride, Ms. Thibault said. “At this point there is one rider (from Gwek) for sure and quite possibly more. If we get some bikes donated, we may have participants as well. It’s a wonderful event. We’re thankful for this first fundraiser for us (other than those done by staff). We are very, very appreciative of your support.”



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...Northern District Services Boards unanimously seek opioid intervention from Queens' Park

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 issues, the number of emergencies and the wait lists for treatment, you can see it's difficult in the North. The province recently announced that Sault Ste. Marie is getting a new treatment centre and that's a good thing. I think his government is committed to dealing with the mental health and addictions issue." Ontario has committed \$3.8 billion over 10 years to support the government's Roadmap to Wellness plan which includes \$32.7 million in new annualized funding for targeted addictions services and supports, including treatment for opioid addictions, announced in July.

The disparity between programming in the more urban southern Ontario and Northern Ontario remains. "There has been funding and we do appreciate that," Michele Boileau, NOSDA chair, said. "The government and the Ministry of Health is recognizing the crisis. In Timmins, for example, we've found that it's not necessarily just a lack of resources that is the problem that is hindering people from being able to access the proper supports. It's also a matter of having the right services, the right resources, the right supports in place for our current community needs." (She's using a Timmins context because that's where she's located and she's more familiar with it.) "What we've been finding within the various sys-

tems here is there's a bit of a misalignment between the resources that are available within the community and what's actually needed today. We know that especially with the opioid crisis, the needs of the community have changed greatly, even just within the last 10 or 20 years."

NOSDA's call to strike a joint partnership table that brings together all the parties is one of the more important pieces of the resolution, Ms. Boileau said. By asking what are the needs in our communities and how can we readjust and modify or add to what's already there, the joint partnership table will be able to determine what's needed and what can be done to fill the gaps. "Coming from a district services board perspective, the government is entrusting us as social service managers to manage these resources and including housing, child care, social assistance, so it's only logical that they include us at a table when trying to address this public health crisis. As we know, these are complex, compounding issues and they're all inter-related. We can't be working in silos. We hope that as NOSDA members the Ministry of Health will call on us to provide our feedback and to share some of our expertise."

Municipalities and municipal leadership also have a role in addressing the crisis, Ms. Boileau acknowledged, but that

would be more of a political and communications role. "We know that our mayors have the opportunity to sit down with our ministers and higher levels of government so it's very important that our municipalities and municipal leaders be involved, that they know what the realities are for social agencies and what the realities are in communities so that they can speak to that when they do have the opportunity to sit down with the relevant minister. It's certainly important and not just important in terms of the delegation our municipal leaders will have but also, and again I'm speaking from the Timmins context, our municipal leaders can have an important role to play in the messaging that goes out to the community." Communities are looking to their service boards to see what direction they will take so it's very important that municipal leaders are looking at these issues, she said.

"Municipalities should be working with the social agencies in partnership to help bring the community in the right direction forward. There's certainly a role, but it definitely remains a political role. Our municipal leaders are also on various boards and committees so I know personally that we're able to draw links between the work we've done on one board or committee by one agency and bring some of

that over to the other table. I think we're learning more and more as we study this crisis and it's imperative that the different agencies work together and are communicating and that we're drawing on as many synergies as possible to address the crisis."

Ms. Boileau stressed that, "first and foremost, we need to continue to refer to the crisis as a public health crisis. It's important as district services boards and as service system managers that we work together to make sure that the different levels of government are also recognizing the importance of what we're dealing with here in Northern Ontario as a public health crisis. This is important because as we've seen now, especially in the past year or so, when it comes to public health the govern-

ment is ready to mobilize quickly when needed and pull together the resources required to address a public health issue. It's our opinion that what we've been dealing with, this mental health and addictions issue, is just like the COVID-19 health crisis or any other public health crisis."

"All parties need to mobilize together with the gov-

ernment to be successful," said Mr. Dominelli. "We believe in the 'all of government' approach to issues so we are hoping this will hit home with them. It's not always about more money but about using the resources we have in the best way we can. It's about getting the right resource mix for an area."

Bahá'í Writings

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"There is parking, signage and obstruction issues for people in vehicles and even those walking when they arrive at the intersection and something needs to be done to clear up the confusion and make the area safe for everyone," stated MPP Mantha.

"We need a safe environment so traffic flows through the community all through the year," said MPP Mantha. "And we want to stress to the MTO that the traffic study they did three or four years ago needs to be done in July-August when the volumes of traffic are at their peak, and not in the fall."

"And as part of a traffic study that needs to be taken by the MTO is the need to look at the rate of speed vehicles are going when they pull into town on Highway 551 and 542 through the intersection," continued MPP Mantha. "We hear from the businesses and members of the community

that this is another issue that has been raised and needs to be included in any traffic study that is carried out."

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin had its own traffic study carried out a few years ago and "it is telling that the issue of speeding needs to be looked at as well," stated MPP Mantha. This issue has gained prominence again after a serious accident occurred at the intersection of Highway 551 and 542 in Mindemoya on July 19.

Jaclyn Lytle, communications coordinator for the Northeast region of the MTO told The Expositor in an email July 30, "MPP Mantha has reached out to MTO with an invitation for staff to visit the intersection of Highways 551/542 in Mindemoya and observe conditions firsthand. MTO is working with MPP Mantha's office to schedule this visit in the coming weeks."


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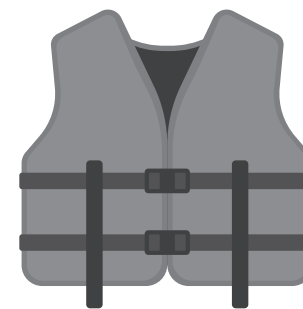
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settlement agreement with Canada on behalf of Day Scholars and their children back in early June.

"This is a long-awaited step towards justice, and that finally, no survivor of a residential school will be left behind," notes an email to The Expositor from Titilayo Ajibose, a consultant with public relations firm Argyle. "The settlement approval hearing will take place on September 7, 2021 using a hybrid format. This means that the judge will be attending in person at the hearing in Vancouver, but that class members will be able to attend in person or virtually, as they prefer."

"Survivor and descendant class members have the right to participate in the settlement approval process," noted Mr. Ajibose, "including appearing at the settlement approval hearing to tell the court what they think about the proposed settlement."

A number of day schools operated on

Manitoulin Island and Wiikwemkoong Ojima Duke Peltier has estimated that as many as 2,000 members of his First Nation would be eligible for payouts.

In order to qualify for inclusion in the class action, an individual must have attended one of the schools listed on schedule K of the class action. Manitoulin Day Schools listed on Schedule K include: Whitefish River Shawanosowe, Buzwah's Village Paswa, Rabbit Island Indian Day School No. 455, Sheshegwaning, Sheguiandah (both Anglican and Roman Catholic), South Bay, Spanish Day School, West Bay (M'Chigeeng), Wikwemikong Junior, Wikwemikong Senior and Wikwemikong High School (Roman Catholic).

The settlement process has been a long time coming. Initial plaintiff Garry McLean launched the class action lawsuit in 2009 against Canada citing the abuse and harms inflicted upon Indigenous students who were forced to attend Indian Day

Schools across Canada. Mr. McLean, himself an Indian Day School survivor, died in 2019 from cancer—just two months after he and federal government officials announced they had reached a tentative settlement agreement. Surviving lead plaintiffs in the suit include Roger Augustine, Claudette Commanda, Angela Sampson and Mariette Buckshot.

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

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

Estates can make claims going back to November 2007. If the person on which the claim is based left on their spirit journey

between November of 2007 and the present, their estate can still make a claim on that individual's behalf.

There is also the creation of a Legacy Fund of \$200 million to support commemoration projects, health and wellness projects and language and culture initiatives included in the settlement.

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

Details on how day scholars or descendants can participate and watch the hearing can be found at JusticeForDayScholars.com/provide-feedback-to-the-court/.

Survivor and descendant class members have the right to tell the court what they think about the proposed settlement, notes the Residential School Day Scholars website. The process is completely optional and

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because they're being put into a place where they have to do things that they're not trained for, so there's definitely stress in the system," said Acting Chief James Killeen of the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service.

"The mobile intervention crisis teams (MICT) and support services are excellent for helping individuals and divert calls away from the police so police can do their jobs," Michael Tibollo, associate minister for mental health and addictions recently told The Expositor. Expanding MICTs does need to be looked at, the associate minister said. "One of the things we are doing to help support communities is a pilot project. We're hoping September will see the start of it."

The pilot consists of a Winnebago that is outfitted for a nurse practitioner and a social worker. "They will be able to go into all the communities for however much time they

need in all the communities. They will set up a regular schedule and people will get support within their own community for mental health and addictions," shared Associate Minister Tibollo.

The program will be for all Island communities but it will be Indigenous led. "I expect it to be overwhelmed and obviously, if it's overwhelmed there's going to need to be more investments in this area," he said. There will be four units funded under the pilot project, including ones in Thunder Bay and Kenora. Each unit will be tied to a local hospital and will basically be a service provider. "The nurse practitioner can prescribe. They'll be able to do cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) and we'll see what suite of services are necessary, because they're going to change based on the part of the province they're in."

"We've always had this philosophy, and when I say 'we' it predates me coming into government, where we think one

size fits all and it doesn't work that way," Associate Minister Tibollo said. "We need to tailor what services are provided based on the needs of the individual and to the resources that are available to the community. The best treatments are the ones that are served closest to home. These have the lowest recidivism rates. That's what we need to do."

The mobile mental health clinics were announced through the 2021 Ontario budget. Under the Roadmap to Wellness, the Ford government has announced an increase of \$525 million in annualized funding for mental health and addictions support since 2019, said a spokesperson for the ministry. This includes \$175 million for more mental health and addictions services and supports this year committed through the 2021 Ontario budget, \$176 million invested in October 2020 and new funding of \$174 million in 2019-20.

The current year's funding will support initiatives including the creation of these four new mobile mental health clinics to provide a full suite of mental health and addictions services to individuals living in remote, rural or underserved communities. More details on how the money will be invested, and including these mobile clinics, will be announced shortly.

...Coldspring pup has close encounter of the coyote kind

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of himself under the camp. Cooper set out to patrol the fence perimeter as was his wont. "He's a bit territorial," admitted Ms. Moore.

Ms. Moore was busy tidying things up inside when she heard Cooper give an uncharacteristic little yip.

"I thought he might have tangled with a chipmunk," she said. "I went out and hollered 'Cooper!'"

That's when she saw what it was. A large coyote had Cooper grasped by the neck and the feisty little dog was not going quietly but crying pitifully all the same.

Ms. Moore immediately fetched her rifle, but taking a shot was not easy. "At first I couldn't shoot at the coyote because I couldn't tell where Cooper was," she said. "The grass was really high." So she sent a shot into the mixture of poppies and grass nearby, then another over the coyote's head. That was enough for the coyote to drop Cooper and bolt for cover. A last shot found its mark, but Ms. Moore didn't find out until a couple of days later, when her brother discovered the carcass of a large coyote.

The encounter surprised Ms. Moore as it took place in broad daylight. "I knew there were coyotes around, we sometimes hear them yipping up in the hills. I guess there must be a den up there somewhere," she said.

The size of the coyote was quite startling. "They do seem to be getting larger," said Ms. Moore, who suggested she believed it was likely some kind of mixed breed. "It was really big for a coyote."

At first Ms. Moore thought that Cooper had managed to escape the encounter relatively unscathed. "I just saw a little bit of blood around his collar," she said. "He was soaking wet from the grass because of the rain yesterday. I couldn't really see his neck, so I thought maybe it wasn't so bad."

Once Cooper was inside and she could coax him up on a chair, Ms. Moore was able to examine his injuries more closely. It still did not look terribly bad. "There wasn't a lot of blood," she said.

Calling her husband Russ, Ms. Moore told her husband about the incident. (Mr. Moore is probably best known on Manitoulin as a welcome sight behind the wheel of a tow truck.) He didn't hesitate.

"Russ said 'no, take him to the vet, because something like that could get infected'," she recalled. "So, it was off to the vet." Ms. Moore and Cooper have been regular visitors to Island Animal Hospital.

"He had lacerations around his neck," said Ms. Moore. "The biggest at the back of his neck about two inches long." The veterinarian told her Coop-

er was lucky he has such a strong neck.

Cooper is now resting well at home, not too much worse for wear given his close encounter, but he has three medications to take. He was having difficulty swallowing at first and, like many pets, doesn't want to take his pills. "I have been hiding them in little pieces of cheese, but I think he suspects something is up," said Ms. Moore.

She said that even though she has spent a good part of her life growing up in the bush, Ms. Moore said that she was still taken off-guard by the attack.

"I think it is important for people to know that something like this can happen, even in broad daylight with people around," she said. "You have to keep an eye out, it happens so quickly."

Thankfully for Cooper, Ms. Moore keeps her rifle near to hand, isn't easily rattled, and knows how to use it.

As for Cooper's current status, as of Monday he was still not out of the woods. "He has a bit of an infection to deal with, so we are keeping a close eye on it," said Ms. Moore.

Ms. Moore is a former clerk with the Northeast Town and has performed a number of weddings in her capacity as an officiant.

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participating in the settlement approval process does not impact any class member's ability to receive compensation. The site cites the example of someone objecting to the agreement, yet still able to receive compensation if the agreement is approved.

There are two ways to

participate in the process, one is by writing your views and sharing them in advance and the other is to speak your views during the approval hearing in September. A class member can do either of these, both, or neither.

In order to tell the court your thoughts in writing

before the approval hearing the written statement must include the commentor's name, contact information, a statement that the commentor is a class member, for example "I am a member of the survivor class" or "I am a member of the descendant class." The writer can then go on to note whether they support or object to the

proposed settlement agreement. The writer can include reasons for their opinion, if they wish to, but it is not obligatory. Written statements must be submitted by August 20, 2021.

In addition to those resources, class counsel is offering informational webinars for day scholars survivors and descendants. The webinars are a way for people to learn about the

settlement approval process and how to participate in the settlement approval hearing with the court.

The last French webinar was on July 28 and last English webinar is on August 4.

Registration and a recording of a past webinar can be found at JusticeForDayScholars.com/informational-webinars.

Mental health coun-

selling and crisis support is available to class members 24 hours a day, seven days a week through Hope for Wellness Hotline. Contact Hope for Wellness at 1-855-242-3310 or through their online chat at www.hopeforwellness.ca. Counselling is available in English, French, Cree, Ojibway and Inuktitut, on request.

...high speed internet agreement

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able Maryam Monsef, minister for women and gender equality and rural economic development and member of parliament for Peterborough-Kawartha; the Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario's minister of infrastructure and member of provincial parliament for Etobicoke Centre; and Dave Smith, parliamentary assistant to the minister of northern development and mines, natural resources and forestry (Northern Development and Mines) and to the minister of Indigenous affairs and member of provincial parliament for Peterborough-Kawartha, announced a historic agreement to bring high-speed internet to nearly 280,000 rural Ontario households in hundreds of communities across the province.

Under this agreement, the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario have partnered to support large-scale, fibre-based projects that will provide high-speed internet access to all corners of the province by 2025. This historic agreement is being made possible by an equal federal-provincial investment totaling more than \$1.2 billion.

In addition, the Canada Infrastructure Bank is assessing opportunities proposed through the Universal Broadband fund to provide additional financing on a project-by-project basis toward significant expansion of broadband in partnership with private and institutional investors.

The estimated number of homes/businesses to gain increased access to high-speed internet includes up to 26,690 in Assiginack, Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation, Baldwin, Billings, Blind River, Bruce Mines, Burpee and Mills, Central Manitoulin, Elliot Lake, Espanola, Gordon/Barrie Island, Gore Bay, Hilton, Hilton Beach, Huron Shores, Jocelyn, Johnson, Laird, M'Chigeeng First Nation, Macdonald, Meredith and Aberdeen Additional, Mississauga First Nation, Nairn and Hyman, Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, Plummer Additional, Sables-Spanish Rivers, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Serpent River First Nation, Sheguiandah First Nation, Sheshegwaning First Nation, Spanish, St. Joseph, Tarbutt and Tarbutt Additional, Tehkummah, the North Shore, Thessalon, Thessalon First Nation, Whitefish River First Nation, Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories and Zhi-

ibaahaasing First Nation.

"Broadband is critical infrastructure, and the pandemic has made this more apparent than ever," said Minister Freeland. "Reliable high-speed internet allows us to learn, attend school and work remotely and it allows small businesses to serve customers. But too many rural communities still do not have access to high-speed internet. Broadband access is critical for our country's economic growth and recovery, and our government is committed to making sure no community is left behind. This investment, in partnership with Ontario and the Canada Infrastructure Bank, will connect nearly 280,000 rural Ontario households to high-speed internet. Our government will continue to work with all partners to connect as many households as possible, as quickly as possible, to this essential service."

Canada-wide, more than 890,000 rural and remote households are on track to be connected to high-speed internet as a result of federal investments. At the end of March 2021, 175,000 rural and remote households had been connected to high-speed internet under projects supported by the Government of Canada. By the end of this year, over 435,000 households will be connected thanks to support from the federal government.

This investment represents a concrete step forward that will move Ontario almost 40 percent of the way in its ambitious plan to achieve 100 percent connectivity for all regions in the province by the end of 2025. This investment builds on Ontario's recently announced investment of up to \$14.7 million for 13 new projects under the Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) program. This will provide up to 17,000 homes and businesses with access to reliable high-speed internet and builds on a range of provincial initiatives under way that will connect another 70,000 homes and businesses.

Also part of Ontario's plan to achieve 100 percent connectivity is a recently announced innovative procurement process that is being used to help connect the vast majority of the remaining underserved and unserved communities. Procurement under this delivery model, led by Infrastructure Ontario, will begin later this summer.

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Northern Ontario Art Association curated artist Linda Williamson opens her latest exhibition at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah. Ms. Williamson's works are mostly in oil, but there are a couple of mixed media pieces as well.

photo by Michael Erskine

New art exhibit at Sheguiandah museum

by Michael Erskine

SHEGUIANDAH—As the third wave of the pandemic abates and life returns to a semblance of normal, now might be a great time to drop by the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah to take in artist Linda Williamson's new art exhibition.

The exhibition features 35 works of art by Ms. Williamson, including oils and mixed media paintings, many with iconic Island subject matter.

"I am very excited for visitors to view my art," said Ms. Williamson. She describes herself as "mainly a self-taught artist" and credits her talent to her parents' influence. "My mother, Blanche McDermid, was very creative in her youth and my (late) father Duncan McDermid was a true craftsman who built kitchen cabinets and furniture."

A Northern Ontario Art Association (NOAA) curated artist, a number of the paintings contained in this exhibition are featured in the 2021 edition of that organization's popular

travelling show.

Ms. Williamson's 'River Dance,' a 30" by 40" larger piece that features a close-up of the pebbles on a river bed, was rented out to a movie company through Sudbury Art Gallery's rental program and featured in Graham Campbell's made for TV movie 'Midnight Macurade,' where it hung in a lawyer's office.

The mixed media works include a large image of the Cup and Saucer where the artist used small stones, oil and acrylic gel to create a captivating image of one of Manitoulin's most popular tourist stops. The other mixed media work, 'Tree of Life,' utilizes oil and gemstones and was selected for the 2020-2021 NOAA exhibition.

Two of the works are portraits and both were chosen by the NOAA: 'Journey of Two Flowers,' which features Ms. McDermid's daughter Jenna at a year old, was also chosen for the NOAA exhibition, while the other is of a friend named Sonia that was commis-

sioned by that woman's husband.

Paintings of the Killarney area and the Benjamin Islands (where Ms. Williamson spent time with her friend Moira Elsley) are included in the exhibition, as well as Grundy Lake Provincial Park and Scotland.

"I love painting rocks," shared Ms. Williamson. "Ancient rocks can be found in all of those places." Much of her work has been accomplished plein aire, working outside with natural light and a deft pallet.

Ms. Williamson's exhibit runs through to August 28 and the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah is open from 9 am to 4:30 pm daily.

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Wiikwemkoong public works employees, Justin Pitawanakwat and Nodin Pitawanakwat, will be assisting with the resurfacing roadwork.

Roadwork begins on resurfacing roads in Wiikwemkoong Territory

by Michael Erskine
 WIKWEMKOONG—Road maintenance is always a challenge in small rural communities, and Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory has seen its share of potholes and rough patches, unwelcome guests from winters past.

In response to community concerns, Wiikwemkoong public works provided a community update on plans to address the issues pointed out by members.

C28 Engineering has been hired to complete a roads need study/management plan for Wiikwemkoong. Beginning on June 21, the study is expected to take three months to complete. The study will inventory roads, traffic volumes, road con-

ditions, maintenance needs, specific maintenance and construction needs and a recommended improvement plan.

“This assessment, along with the recommended improvement plan will assist in our long-term planning strategy for public works to improve quality management, to forecast and plan for future road maintenance taking into consideration financial and human resources,” reads a posted release.

In addition to the long-term plan, Wiikwemkoong public works is tackling some immediate issues, resurfacing 14 kilometres of road in Kaboni, 11 kilometres of Kaboni Road itself, nine kilometres of Webkamigad Road and two kilometres of South Bay

Road. Efforts to make the roadwork more sustainable include a doubling of the layers and C28 Engineering has been hired to oversee the road treatment work, which is expected to take place between July 5 and August 31, beginning on Kaboni Road and ending up in South Bay.

EXP Engineering, Architecture, Design and Consulting will be testing locally sourced (Kaboni gravel pit) material to supply the granular M material.

Finally, public works will be going over graded sections of the roads done previously with the grader and the grounds crew will be filling potholes on the remainder of the roads, starting on Rabbit Island Road.



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Tourist families show their support for Every Child Matters

Kathleen Chelsea and Clinton Grealis join Melissa Rainsforth, Lucas Rainsforth, Melissa Taylor Rainsforth and Elaina Acevedo on the Port of Little Current waterfront with their Every Child Matters t-shirts. The two families were touring the Island leading up to Canada Day and created a bit of a stir with their group recognition of the Every Child Matters movement.

photo by Michael Erskine

...pitcher from Gore Bay featured on Sportsnet

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MacKenzie. "He was a left-hander as well. I didn't realize it at the time, but if he (Mr. Antonelli) had shown up no one would ever heard of me again in the big leagues or with the Mets. I caught a big break when he didn't report and I was able to make the Metropolitan Club of New York."

Mr. MacKenzie was the only pitcher for the Mets, in their initial season of 1962, that sported a winning record, with five wins and four losses. The Mets lost 120 of 162 games that season, the third worst winning percentage in the majors since 1900.

Mr. MacKenzie told Mr. Campbell about how precarious his position was on the Mets team at the start, recalling a story about being hit in the back by an errant batting practice line drive. "I was late getting on the field for batting practice and when I got there I got hit in the back by the ball. I didn't know if my back was broke or what." Although he was injured and probably shouldn't have kept playing, "I was in a situation that I couldn't take a chance on getting hurt and being out of action for any length of time," said Mr. MacKenzie.

As for how much fun it was being on a team that lost 120 games Mr. MacKenzie said, "the trip to the ballpark was not as exciting as the trip home on the train. Most of the people on the train going home were kids, they had been Brooklyn Dodger fans (until the team moved to Los Angeles) and were just happy to have the Mets team playing there."

Kenneth Purvis MacKenzie was born on March 10, 1934, in Gore Bay. His father, John McKenzie (last name spelled differently), owned and managed a hardware store. His mother, Evelyn Purvis, was a homemaker for six children, Sandy, Jack, Ken, Doris, Wilda and Sally.

Mr. MacKenzie was also raised in Gore Bay and played baseball and hockey locally. He went to high school in Gore Bay. Instead of enrolling in a Canadian university, Mr.

MacKenzie ventured south to Connecticut and Yale University. His uncle, a resident of Hartford and a fan of the Yale hockey team, thought his nephew might be able to help Yale's efforts on the ice. Acting as a self-appointed recruiter, he encouraged his nephew to apply. The young man did not arrive in New Haven with an established hockey or baseball profile, but he eventually played both sports successfully in that Ivy league setting. As a graduating senior in 1956, Mr. MacKenzie won second-team All-Ivy honours for hockey and served as captain of the baseball team. As a pitcher he won 19 games and lost six in his three collegiate seasons, setting the school standard with his 6-0 record against Harvard. In each of those years, his teams won the Big Three Championship, the competitive series involving Yale, Princeton and Harvard.

However, he did not sign a professional contract immediately after finishing Yale. A representative from the Milwaukee Braves organization, Jeff Jones, encouraged Mr. MacKenzie to play summer ball, after which he would offer the southpaw a professional contract. An opportunity to pitch in Halifax and District league in Truro, Nova Scotia paved the way for that transition.

Mr. MacKenzie signed with the Braves in 1957 and began working his way through the club's farm system, becoming a relief

specialist in 1959, his third professional baseball season. After working in 14 games for the Milwaukee in brief trials in 1960 and 1961, his contract was sold to the expansion Mets on October 11, 1961, one day after that year's expansion draft

An original Met, Mr. MacKenzie posted a 5-4 record and was the only man among 17 pitchers on the 1962 Mets to win more games than he lost on a team which suffered 120 defeats. Legendary manager Casey Stengel said of him, "he's a splendid young fella with a great education from Yale University. His signing with us makes him the lowest paid member of the class of Yale '56."

In 1963, Mr. Mackenzie again was the Mets' lone over .500 pitcher, winning three of four decisions for a team which would lose 111 games. However, he was traded to the pennant-contending St. Louis Cardinals on August 5, 1963. His Mets totals included eight wins, five losses, and four saves, with a 4.96 earned run average over 76 games pitched.

Mr. MacKenzie bounded from the Cardinals to the Giants to the Astros through the 1965 campaign, spending time in Triple-A in the process.

All told, Mr. MacKenzie won eight of 18 MLB decisions in 129 games pitched, all but one as a reliever, with five career saves. In 208 and one-third innings pitched, he allowed 231 hits and 63 bases on balls, with 142 strikeouts.



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Exploring Manitoulin?

Manitowaning: Beach, marina and



In Manitowaning's Heritage Park and Marina, the beach is popular with residents of Manitowaning, Wiikwemkoong and farther afield.

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by Isobel Harry

The beach in the village of Manitowaning, nestled on the southwestern side of Manitowaning Bay in the eastern Township of Assiginack, is a sprawling expanse of sand on a picturesque coastline that is steeped in history. All around this immense bay, over to the peninsula of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory in the east, resonate the stories of the determining treaties, signed on these shores by the Anishinaabek and the British Crown almost 200 years ago, of the legends of an underwater 'den

of the Great Spirit,' or 'Manitowaning' in Ojibwe, of the formidable efforts to settle the land.

To visit the town of Manitowaning is a multifaceted cultural experience that brings to life the struggles of settlement in this area. Preceding or following a trip to the beach, a stop in at the Assiginack Museum on Arthur Street and a look around interesting landmarks will paint a complex and fascinating historical panorama.

Outside the museum stands a plaque commemorating the Manitowaning Treaty of 1836; it affirmed possession of Manitoulin Island by the Anishinaabek of the Island and the north shore of Lake Huron, under the control of the British Crown. In 1838, Manitowaning became the administrative centre of the government's "Indian Department" and an Anglican mission, both dedicated to the "Europeanization" of the native population. Known as the Manitowaning Experiment, the settlement ultimately failed.

When the 1862 Manitoulin Treaty was signed, it reversed the Manitowaning Treaty pledges of 1836, opened the Island to non-Indigenous settlers, and Manitowaning began to change.

The town plot was surveyed, lots sold and by 1879 (when this newspaper was founded and began publication here), there were three churches, a wharf, two hotels, trades, mills, residences, five general stores and many other businesses.

The Assiginack Museum, in a former jail and jailer's home, is itself a brimful treasure box of artifacts from this prosperous period, from collections of ornate porcelain, china and glassware, children's toys, model boats and taxidermy to a leafy heritage park set with picnic tables among period log cabins. A modern facility for archival research is open year-round.

The Historic Walking Tour map of the village (free at the museum's reception desk) guides a stroll through



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Across the street, in the pleasant green space known as Queen's Park adjacent to the old Anglican church, it's a pleasure to meet women's rights activist and Order of Canada recipient Jeannette Corbiere Lavell hosting a



Located close to the beach in Manitowaning's Heritage Park and Marina, the Manitoulin Roller and Burns' Wharf warehouse were built in the 1880s, and the 'Norisle,' a steam-powered ferry built in 1946, carried passengers and cars between Tobermory and South Baymouth until 1974.

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family birdhouse painting afternoon for several of her "grands" at one of the picnic tables.

Don't forget to bring your bathing suit as history continues on down to the beach. Drive, walk or bike down Queen Street toward the water and Bay Street, where stand the imposing frame structures of the Manitoulin Roller Mills (one of the finest examples remaining in Ontario) and the Burns' Wharf warehouse (both built in the 1880s), sided by the Norisle, a steam-powered ferry built in 1946 that car-

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Debajehmujig offering historical tours through Indigenous lens

by Michael Erskine
MANITOWANING—As the Island's oldest non-Native settlement, Manitowaning holds many fascinating historical moments close to its breast. Debajehmujig Storytellers has set about creating an ongoing series of historical guided tours of the town's main highlights, with a narrative as seen through an Indigenous lens.

Summer student Samuel Howson prepared for his main gig by delving into a number of books and articles about the history of Manitowaning and he found, like much of the history of time and place, not everyone agrees on all points. Nonetheless, the student has woven a fascinating tapestry that is delivered in an engaging and animated hourlong tour that takes participants on an exploration well worth spending an hour or so on a summer afternoon.

Samuel begins the tour

with a brief history of Debajehmujig itself, one of this nation's first Indigenous theatre troupes that remains the only one of its kind based on a First Nation (the head office is in Wiikwemkoong). Founded by acclaimed Indigenous artist, actor, filmmaker and current chancellor of Brock University, Shirley Cheechoo, it was initially set up in M'Chigeeng First Nation, where Ms. Cheechoo continues to live and has since also founded Weengushk Film Institute—with a similar goal of telling Indigenous stories from an Indigenous perspective by Indigenous storytellers.

A series of large mural paintings adorn the front façade of the Debajehmujig Creation Centre located in the renovated historic Mastin building in downtown Manitowaning. The artworks are the creations of artist and former Debajehmujig artist in resi-



Samuel Howson, a summer student with Debajehmujig Storytellers, gives a visiting family an historic tour of Manitowaning. Tours are available from now until September 3.

photo by Michael Erskine

dence, Barry Beaver. Mr. Beaver is a Cree artist from Wabasca First Nation whose artworks embody many of the core values of the theatre group. From the

battle of Thunderbird and the lake monster embellished on the garage doors that provide access to the main creation stage, to the panels adorning the neighbouring residence of Jeanette Corbiere Lavell, the artwork melds Mr. Beaver's western roots with those of Eastern Ontario.

Moving onto areas near the Manitowaning waterfront, Samuel takes participants back to 1836 and the community's beginnings as the location of the "Manitowaning Experiment," a socializing project undertaken by the government of what was then Upper Canada, supported by the Anglican church. The Manitowaning Experiment

sought to invent a model community, complete with all of the trades common to settlements further south, and infused with the great civilizing values of the empire of Great Britain. Replete with a cooper's shop, blacksmithy, shoemaker, carpentry and a host of other trades, the concept was that the First Nations people would learn and, of course, adopt the "superior" trappings of European modernity. The plan was to create a base for the Island to become an "Indian" nation, with Indigenous peoples from across Upper Canada and beyond enticed to settle on its shores.

The socialization experi-

ment included some good old-fashioned Christian evangelism (Anglican). St. Paul's Anglican Church, which stands to this day and is featured on the tour, began construction in 1845—making it the oldest church in Northern Ontario.

From the annual treaty gift-giving that took place on the shores of Manitowaning Bay (immortalized in a painting by Paul Kane) to the Assignack Museum, a former jailhouse that did duty in a number of incarnations, Samuel deftly guides his charges along the route and back to the rear of the Debajehmujig building, where the more spiritual aspects of the history of Mnídoo Mnising are shared.

Inside the building, the students studying improv theatre techniques are themselves guided by Debaj's veteran staff. When not guiding tour groups, Samuel is also one of the students taking part in the training.

The tours take roughly an hour and follow an accessible route that should prove little barrier to those with physical challenges and the tour guide is accommodating.

The free guided tours run Monday to Friday, with sessions at 11 am and 2:30 pm. To book a tour call 705-859-1820 or email storytellers@debaj.ca.

...Beach, marina and heritage hotspots

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 ried passengers and cars between Tobermory and South Baymouth until 1974, when the Chi-Cheemaun began her tenure of that run.

Now we've reached the Manitowaning Heritage Park and Marina, and the beach, richly deserved after touring through time. There's ample parking and a bike rack and the beach is spacious and sandy; all along the beach locals from Wiikwemkoong, Manitowaning and further afield chat at several picnic tables; a long dock sees swan dives and cannonballs expertly executed off the boards; kids dig a hole atop a big hill of sand. On the far side is a sandy playground and a gazebo with more picnic tables, and by that side of the dock is a cordoned-off section of water for shallow bathers.

There's a sense of community here, even while minding COVID rules. All those natural elements at play—the sun, the sand, the water—have a universal relaxing effect. With all the usual, hotly anticipated events that Manitowaning is known for being canceled for the second year running



In Manitowaning's Queen's Park, Jeannette Corbiere Lavell, centre, hosts a birdhouse painting afternoon for her "grands." From right of centre is grand-niece Shayla, granddaughters River, Brianna and Eva, and grand-nephew Brett.

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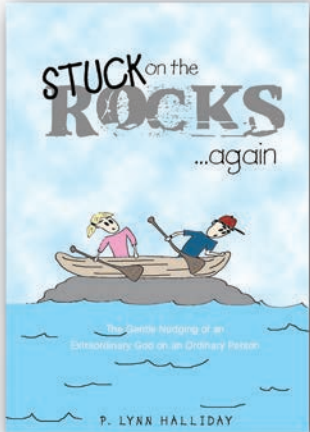
due to the pandemic, this beach stands in for all that is most welcoming and neighbourly about this Island,

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Little Current and Sheguiandah United Churches welcomes new minister

by Alicia McCutcheon

SHEGUIANDAH—The search for a new United Church minister to lead the flock of the Little Current and Sheguiandah United Churches ended in the late winter following former Pastor Paul Allard's moving on to a new church in Alberta last year.

This spring, the church welcomed Rev. Whitney Bruno, husband Rob and daughter Selena to the fold. The family has settled into their new life on Manitoulin, and Canada, having moved here from Columbus, Ohio—no easy feat during a global pandemic.

Rev. Bruno had been ministering on a part-time basis to a congregation of the United Church of Christ in Columbus since 2012. The church was central to the family's lives, she tells *The Expositor*, noting that this was the church she and Rob were married in, the church that welcomed baby Selena, and the church that helped the family cope with the loss of their daughter Persephone. However, for myriad reasons, the couple knew they wanted to emigrate and Canada was on their list, as was New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

Ideally the family says they would have chosen to visit the countries of their choosing before making a final choice, but then COVID hit.

"Canada was still accepting visas for essential services, which pastors are," Rev. Bruno explains. As another bonus, the United Church of Christ and United Church of Canada recognize each other's ministerial credentials as the churches' doctrines are closely related. In fact, Rev. Bruno was the first-ever minister to go through the process, which involved testing, a whole lot of Zoom interviews and learning the history of Canada's largest protestant denomination.

"The theology is almost exactly the same," she shares. Both churches are "sexuality affirming, concerned for the environment, embrace new theology and welcome inclusive language for God." In other words, they check all the right boxes.

"I started contacting churches," Rev. Bruno shares. "We were thinking of somewhere in Ontario or BC," in particular places that were more likely to have a fighting chance when it came to climate change.

Rev. Bruno said she did not know that Little Current/Sheguiandah Pastoral Charge was looking for a new full-time minister,



Rev. Whitney Bruno, her husband Rob and their daughter Selena.

and they reached out to her in response to her resume which had been posted on the United Church of Canada's website and to which the Pastoral Search Committee of the Little Current Pastoral Charge decided was well worth following up. She admitted to being hesitant at first; she had only ever worked part-time since daughter Selena—who will be going into Grade 1 at Little Current Public School this fall—was born.

In her profile, she stated that she wanted to be in a place that would allow her and her family to have backyard chickens. The Little Current hiring committee told her she could do just that on Manitoulin.

"I learned of the first Pride (Manitoulin) parade here and the church's involvement, which is huge for me," she explains. "The more I learned, the more I got excited."

Once she accepted the position, it took a full seven months before the family was able to cross the border. Looking for a house and securing a mortgage is hard enough with an international border between you, but add in COVID-19 and things get really difficult.

The couple viewed homes through videochats in the dead of winter and they finally settled on a home in Sheguiandah with plenty of acreage and room for their potential chickens, plus dogs and cats.

When the family moved to Manitoulin, as 'settlers' under the Immigration Act—

not quite residents and not quite visitors—they were already fully vaccinated, but of course had to adhere to the two-week quarantine which, fortunately, they were able to accomplish in the home they had purchased. During that time, the Little Current United Church had an unexpected visit from Citizenship and Immigration Canada to make sure Rev. Bruno and the family weren't there and that they were doing as they were supposed to.

The family says they are settling in well. Rev. Bruno got right to work with the business of ministering to her congregation, at first by Facebook Live and now with in-person services that continue to be streamed online, as well as joining KAIROS Manitoulin and Pride Manitoulin. Selena has joined the day camp at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah and Rob is working as a full-time dad and supportive husband. Mr. Bruno says he's worked since the age of eight, and that this is the first time he finds himself unemployed, but hopes to change that soon. He has a BA in sociology and has worked for telecommunications companies for the past number of years.

Right now, though, he's enjoying his first summer on Manitoulin as it comes.

"We don't have family here, and that's hard," the reverend admits.

In Columbus, Rev. Bruno was active in the Black Lives Matter movement and since she's moved to Manitoulin, and especially at this time in history, she is learning everything she can about the history of the treatment of Canada's Indigenous peoples, even hosting Manitoulin's first vigil to mark the finding of 215 unmarked graves in BC. "I felt that this was the spirit moving me, and I launched right in," she explains.

On the day of the interview, the Cleveland Indians announced that it would henceforward be known as the Cleveland Guardians. The couple was happy with the name change of one of their home state's MLB teams and explained to Selena the significance when she queried their excitement at the news.

The couple admits that despite the many hardships that came with the pandemic, especially in the United States, COVID-19 actually dealt them a few good cards.

Rev. Bruno has high hopes for her congregation moving forward.

"I hope that we continue the way we're going with a hybrid model of online and physical services that will give (parishioners) the flexibility to stay connected from wherever they are," she says.

"I see the church continuing to be a location that's a community gathering spot," Rev. Bruno continues. "The church is in flux right now. I believe the church we know will continue, but I see churches becoming spiritual groups that support non-profits, maybe in the same building."

But for now, the family is excited about this new chapter in their lives and is looking forward to becoming a part of the Manitoulin community.

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August Long Country Jam heralds return of live music on the Island

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—This past weekend saw the return of live music to the Flat Rock Entertainment Centre grounds down Harbour View Road. Although Manitoulin Country Fest 2021 had to be cancelled, as was the 2020 edition, due to the pandemic restrictions, the smaller event billed as the August Long Country Jam promised some outstanding country music entertainment—and delivered it in spades.

The concert was opened by country singer Kelsi Mayne, fresh from the frontlines of the battle against COVID-19 as she had taken time off from her burgeoning music career to put her nursing degree to work.

“I want to thank my fans for their patience during these trying times,” Ms. Mayne said, promising her fans that “meaningful, new music is coming; but the pandemic has made the process more deliberate.”

As she stepped onstage it was clear that her hiatus had not deposited any rust on the vocal chords that had brought her to main-stage performances at Boots and Hearts and Alberta’s Big Valley Jamboree, as well as high-profile gigs like singing the national anthems for Toronto Blue Jays games. The title track of her debut album, ‘As I Go’ (produced and edited by the multi-dimensional artist), has generated more than four million views on TikTok, securing Ms. Mayne the title of that platform’s most popular Canadian country performer.

It was clear from the audience’s reaction, that title is well deserved.

Next up on stage were the popular River Town Saints, whose perseverance and talent have guided them through challenges over the last couple of years that would have broken a lesser crew. This group delivered the kind of high energy performance that has brought them a top 10 hit with their single, ‘Bonfire,’ Canadian Country Music Association nominations, Country Music Association of Ontario and Canadian Radio Music Awards as well as tours with Tim Hicks, Kip Moore and large-scale festivals.

As the clear evening sky faded to black the evening’s headliner, the incomparable Jason McCoy (frontman for The Road Hammers), launched a crowd capturing show that not only won the hearts and cheers of the audience, but made one young man’s birthday dream come true.

After a number of light-hearted back and forth banter with Ryan Goddard of Little Current, who along with his group of friends enthusiastically cheered and danced through the evening, Mr. McCoy asked if Ryan sang one of the songs that he was requesting. Ryan replied that he played guitar, to which the musician responded by inviting him up on stage.

The stage’s height proved a bit of a barrier until Ryan’s friends provided a boost. Ryan at first

appeared completely awestruck under the lights, but once handed a Dobro guitar by Mr. McCoy’s road manager he immediately laid into a riff that clearly impressed the members of the band. After a bit of teasing from Mr. McCoy (“is that how we are playing it?”), Ryan buckled down like he was born under the stage lights. It was soon clear why Mr. McCoy has proven such a crowd favourite at concerts and festivals across the continent.

“This isn’t my first time on Manitoulin and I am thankful for that because it is like a second home,” he told The Expositor prior to mounting the stage. “It’s beautiful, obviously, the landscape is beautiful, but the people are always great—big country fans here. You know what? We can’t thank KT and Craig (Timmermans, owners of Country 103 and the promoters of Manitoulin Country Fest and the August Long Country Jam) enough for spinning our records, not only my music and The Road Hammers, but all Canadian music.”

The past couple of years have been very challenging for artists and, despite the hard core loyalty of their fan base, country musicians have not been immune to the impacts of the pandemic restrictions. Those impacts are not going away any time soon, as evidenced by the disappointing crowd that attended the event.

Although the concert was a drive-in event and protocols were well in place to provide a safe environment, the ongoing strike at Sudbury’s Vale coupled with some confusion over the cancellation of the larger Manitoulin Country Fest likely played a part.

“It’s a bit discouraging,” admitted Mr. Timmermans, “but we will have Manitoulin Country Fest back again next year—we have to.” The financial impact of the low turnout coming on the heels of two years of cancellations for Flat Rock Entertainment ground’s signature events, including Rockin’ the Rock and the aforementioned Manitoulin Country Fest, have left the couple reeling, but the support of country music fans and artists continues to sustain them.

It doesn’t help that the province has kicked in financial support for the larger festival venues, backing cancellation refunds and maintaining infrastructure, while leaving small to mid-sized events like Manitoulin Country Fest twisting in the wind. Live music was among the first of industries to be hammered by the pandemic, and industry insiders posit that it will likely be among the last to fully recover.

But the irrepressible couple soldier on.

“Look out there in the audience,” said Ms. Timmermans. “Everyone is having such a good time. That’s really what this is all about.”



River Town Saints performed at the Flat Rock Entertainment Centre grounds for the August Long Country Jam this past weekend.

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...Billings Township ends its state of emergency

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people are masking, social distancing and staying safe.”

However, Mayor Anderson noted, “with the new variant the medical community projects there is going to be an upsurge in COVID-19 cases. And as I understand things, even if you have been fully vaccinated it does not mean people can’t get COVID-19.”

“With the state of emergency, it allowed our township the opportunity to react the same day to changing realities around COVID,” explained Mayor Anderson. “We could immediately make decisions in terms of safety measures to be taken in our community. And we will have a slight

advantage over most municipalities if we must go to another state of emergency again, having gone through it once already.”

Billings township council, in April 2020, had declared a stage of emergency in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

At that point in time both the federal and Ontario governments had declared a state of emergency.

Mayor Anderson had told council at a meeting in April 2020 that the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) S.4(10) states, “a declaration of emergency provides a municipality’s head of council the authority to take actions or make orders, which are not con-

trary to law, in order to protect the inhabitants of the area of the emergency. The township’s emergency plan would be enacted and decision-making authority with respect to the emergency would be transferred to the emergency control group as outlined in that plan. A declaration of emergency underscores the seriousness of the situation. Manitoulin is not immune to this global crisis and physical distancing, isolation and hygiene measures are just as important here as they are elsewhere. A declaration sends a strong, clear message to residents and neighbouring municipalities that the municipality is taking the current situation seriously and is

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Double vaccinations and masks mandatory. Canteen Open, lunches not available.

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number of years a person can serve on the board is 12 years, which Angela has done this very well, with her efforts and work, namely her efforts in fundraising.”

“I do look forward to working with the board,” said Mr. McGregor. “We have a couple of vacancies currently but these are being filled in during the summer.”

“I would echo the sentiments of others that this has been a tough year. A lot of tough decisions had to be made,” said Mr. McGregor. “The changes have been positive, and we continue to see COVID-19 being kept at bay for the most part on Manitoulin Island. Hats off to our medical and nursing staff and all those who have helped in dealing with this issue. Manitoulin is leading the way in our vaccination rates and Tim Vine and Paula Fields (co-CEOs of

the MHC) have done an excellent job.”

“So far we have weathered the storm, and have moved forward with our fundraising campaign for the Mindemoya hospital, with about \$300,000 to still be raised,” said Mr. McGregor.

As a board member for the past six years, “I’ve had the opportunity to chair numerous committees. We are so far this year on target for our goals, and will hold the course for now.”

At the MHC annual general meeting in June, Jane Hohenadel was nominated and voted in as vice-chair of the MHC board.

A motion was also accepted by the board to nominate Tim Vine and Paula Fields to add to their roles of co-CEOs by continuing their efforts in the role of treasurer (Mr. Vine) and secretary (Ms. Fields). They both accepted the nomination.

The current executive committee will remain in place until the first board meeting to be held this September.

Earlier in the meeting, outgoing chair Terry Olmstead had addressed the board. “It is my honour and pleasure to be able to report to you again this year as chair of the board of directors.”

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coming events

August 13 to 15, 2021
YOUTH SLOW PITCH TOURNAMENT
looking for 8 Teams

August 20 to 22, 2021
ADULT SLOW PITCH TOURNAMENT
looking for 8 Teams



TAKING PLACE AT THE M’CHIGEENG BALL PARK

Contact Jeff for more information or to enter a team email
jeffb@mchigeeng.ca
or cellphone 705-690-2633.

M’Chigeeng Arena Canteen will be opening for lunch starting on July 28, 2021 between 11 am to 2 pm and some evenings.

coming events

Birthday Bash!!!

Centennial Celebration For
The Mindemoya Old School
SAVE THE DATE

Date Saturday, August 28
Time 12:00-3:00
Place The park at the Old School
Bring Bring a chair or a blanket
Bring a picnic lunch
Dessert will be provided

We have a WONDERFUL afternoon planned!
Besides catching up with friends and reconnecting with old classmates, there will be live music, draws, items for sale, displays, photo ops and a few surprise guests.

Help F.O.M.O.S. (Friends of the Mindemoya Old School) celebrate this grand and beautiful heritage building

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Due to covid protocols and restrictions, this is an RSVP event. Only a certain number of people will be permitted. If you don’t want to miss this great afternoon, please email mindemoyaschool@gmail.com or phone 705-377-4336. Please RSVP before August 14, with numbers attending. NO PETS PLEASE.

coming events

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AUCTION SALE

ART AND STELLA HARPER
18022 HWY 540, Elizabeth Bay

Saturday, August 7 at 11 am
Rain date: Saturday, August 14
BRING A CHAIR

ITEMS: FRIDGE, STOVE (LIKE NEW), TABLE/CHAIRS, COOKING UTENSILS, BOWLS, CORNING WARE, TOASTER, DISHES, ANTIQUE BREAD BOX, MEAT GRINDERS, CONVECTION OVEN, ETC. PLATFORM ROCKERS, SWIVEL CHAIRS, SECTIONAL COUCH, TABLE W MATCHING CHAIRS, TV, STAND, PLANTER STANDS, ROUNDWICKER STAND, WOOD FRAMED COUCH, ETC. PINK MILK GLASS, EXCELLENT BEDDING, HAND CROCHETING, DOUBLE BED SETS COMPLETE WITH CHEST OF DRAWERS, DRESSERS, ETC.

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Compass is a non-profit, mental health, developmental and community service provider for children, youth and families with several programs throughout the Sudbury and Manitoulin District. Lend your skills and make an impact in your community!

New BOARD MEMBERS are needed! We are seeking candidates that will be able to contribute their professional skills and personal experiences to help Compass enhance its purpose of working together to create paths with children, youth and families to reach their full potential. There are many transformations that are occurring in our health care system and we need strong voiced individuals to help with our vision of what we could be as a mental health, developmental and community service provider.

The Board is specifically seeking individuals with experience in diversity, transformation, risk management, strategic planning, and fundraising or media relations to complement their existing skill sets. We need people with experience to help Compass achieve its objectives of collaborating with partners; discovering new possibilities; and, supporting quality of care; while ensuring public accountability and effective governance of the organization.

Board members provide oversight and guidance to the Executive Director based on a governance model, and are appointed for three (3) three-year terms, meeting monthly from September to June on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Meetings can be attended in-person or virtually.

This is a great opportunity to serve with a talented and committed group who provide quality programs and services to children, youth and families in our community.

If you have ever wondered what role you could play in supporting your community – this could be it! Submit your resume and cover letter to **Monique Levesque – Executive Assistant and Board Liaison** @ mlevesque@compassne.ca.

Application Deadline: August 11, 2021





**Nakiwin Azheyaaksin
Employment Opportunity
Finance Officer**

Summary

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

Job Duties

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

Requirements

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

Closing Date: Open until position is filled

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

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

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



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HELP WANTED

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



SEEKING STUDENT COLUMN WRITER

The Manitoulin Expositor is looking to hire a Manitoulin Secondary School student to write the popular Mustang Player Profile column. The ideal candidate would have an interest in sports, excellent writing skills and good interpersonal skills. The chosen student would be responsible for interviewing a mustang student athlete weekly and submitting the column, along with a photo. The column starts in the September 1, 2021 edition of The Expositor and runs until the end of the school year in June. This position would be a good experience and also look great on a university application or resume. A monthly honorarium is provided.

If you are interested in this position or have any questions, please contact Robin Anderson at 705-368-2744 or sales@manitoulin.com.



**Nakiwin Azheyaaksin
Employment Opportunity
Junior Payroll Clerk**

Summary

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

Job Duties

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

Requirements

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

Closing Date: Until Position is Filled

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

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

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



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Three (3) Elementary Teachers
Primary and Intermediate Levels**

Position: Elementary Teacher
Classification: MFN Teachers Salary Grid / According to Qualifications/Experience
Employment Status: Term Full-Time 2021-22 School Year
Department: Education - Lakeview School (mchigeeng.ca)

Position Summary

The Teachers are responsible for the provision of classroom support and instruction using Ontario curriculum guidelines in all subject areas and readiness for each applicable level.

Reporting Relationship

Teachers will work under the direction of the School Principal.

Essential Functions:

- Provide a caring, stimulating learning environment for all students
- Prepare lessons for presentation to students according to approved curriculum as per School Year Calendar
- Teach using a systematic plan of lessons, discussions, audio-visual presentations, field trips and other learning resources. Lead students in activities to promote their physical, mental, and social development and their school readiness
- Assign and correct homework, prepare and administer applicable tests
- Evaluate the progress of students and discuss results with students, parents, and school officials
- Identify children's learning styles and needs, prepare, and implement remedial programs for children requiring extra help

Qualifications & Requirements

Preferred:

- Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Education with 1-2 years' teaching experience

Minimum

- Valid Ontario College of Teachers Certificate and Undergraduate Degree
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, tradition, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe
- Understanding and fluency of Ojibwe language is an asset or must have the willingness to learn

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2021 AT 3 PM

It is mandatory for the successful candidate to submit a current (30-day) VSS; offer of employment will be subject to the receipt of successful VSS record.

Complete application must include the following: Cover Letter, Resume, Certificate Of Qualifications, Recent Performance Assessments and/or Practice Teaching Reports, along with three (3) current written work-related references addressed to:

"Teachers"
c/o Andrea McGregor, Human Resource Manager
P.O. Box 333 M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
Email: andream@m'chigeeng.ca
Tel: 705-377-5362 Fax (705) 377-4980

Miigwetch for your interest, however, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. For job description, please contact Andrea McGregor, Human Resources at 705-377-5362.

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“On this date in 2020 we were five months into the worst virus in 100 years and to say it was a unique year is understating the obvious. Here we are a year later just starting to see a light ahead of us,” said Mr. Olmstead.

“Let us begin by recognizing the exceptional care our staff, physicians and volunteers have continued to provide to our patients and their families this year despite the incredible pres-

sure of living with COVID-19. We cannot thank you enough for your courage and over the top effort again this year,” said Mr. Olmstead.

“As your board, we are not only directors, but we are community members, volunteers and, often, patients ourselves,” said Mr. Olmstead. “Our skills-based membership has representatives from across the entire district and regions we serve, dedicated to represent our communi-

ties as we act in the best interest of the Manitoulin Health Centre and lead by example in highlighting our values of respect, passion and truth.”

“In these times of health care transformation, our vision of ‘putting patients first, as we lead and collaborate with our partners,’ takes on a different kind of significance as we look to our partners to see how we can better collaborate to improve the system

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Act.

There has always been two lots within lot 18, concession three, and two different owners. At no time, from the chain of title that Mr. Allison submitted were the two lots in the same ownership.

Ms. Carlisle told the board that in her attempt to understand what part of section 50 of the Planning Act (subdivision control) has been contravened/ violated and what is to be validated by a validation certificate and prepare a report for the board, she had requested a written explanation from Mr. Allison explaining this. However, in a letter dated June 23 he said he could not respond to these requests.

The secretary-treasurer had attached to the board agenda a copy of the application including the chain of title as well as nine letters of correspondence between Mr. Allison

and herself and copies of sections 50 and 57 of the Planning Act.

Ms. Carlisle further explained that Sydney Troister, a real estate lawyer, has made presentations over the year at the Ontario Association of Committees of Adjustment and Consent Authorities conferences she has attended, and he has written a book on section 50 of the act. There is an entire section on validation of title. She indicated that it is unclear to her how the misdescription of Mr. Roy’s land is a contravention to section 50 of the act and how this can be corrected by a validation certificate.

The MPB passed a motion that a decision be deferred to allow time for the secretary-treasurer to seek advice from her colleagues and seek legal advice from a solicitor and to notify the land owners of the triangular lot and the township of the application, and report back to the board.






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AUNDECK OMNI KANING FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR LEVEL TWO

The Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation (AOKFN) is looking to hire a qualified and responsible person for the role of Water Treatment Plant Operator Level Two. The Water Treatment Plant Operator will perform operations and maintenance activities with respect to the following facilities and processes: The Aundeck Omni Kaning Water Treatment Plant Level Two; The Aundeck Omni Kaning Water Storage Reservoir; and The Aundeck Omni Kaning Low Lift Pumping Station. The position is a full-time position subject to a probationary 3-month term in which the Water Treatment Plant Operator reports directly to the Band Administrator.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
Level Two Operator duties include but not limited to:

- Adherence to those policies, procedures, and instructions as stated in:
 - The Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Personal Policy
 - Protocol for Decentralized Water and Wastewater Systems in Ontario
- Assist, perform, delegate, and evaluate all operational and maintenance aspects of facilities, including:
 - Projects for approvals to maintain and upgrade facilities and processes
 - Develop and maintain the departments Maintenance Management System & Quality Management System
 - Ensure proper operation & maintenance of facilities & sub-systems in accordance with OEM Manuals
 - Maintain effective and efficient communications between the department and applicable parties
- Record and maintain records of:
 - Operations and maintenance of processes, equipment, and department facilities
 - Purchases of O&M and other related items
 - Results of treatment effectiveness
 - Applicable and relevant third-party monitoring
- Pursue and/or Continue Education
 - Maintain Level Two certification and licencing under Ontario Regulations 128/04 made under the Safe Drinking Water Act 2002 for the Drinking-Water Operator Certification Program and/or Ontario Regulations 129/04 made under the Ontario Water Resources Act 1990 for the Wastewater Operator Licencing Program
 - Attend job related training seminars and workshops as required

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Certified and in good standing in all Levels of Water Treatment & Water Distribution with three (3) years’ work-related experience or Post-Secondary Diploma in related field with two (2) years’ work-related experience
- Confined Space Entry Certification
- CPR, First Aid & WHMIS Certification
- Water Treatment Certificate (Levels II or III)
- Water Distribution Certificate (Levels II or III)
- Valid Class G Driver’s Licence
- Safety Tickets for Chemical Handling
- Willing to take on-going/additional training as needed and to receive Continuing Education Unit (CEU)
- Good Understanding of Water Treatment plant operations
- Ability to operate Water Quality monitoring systems daily accurately
- Responsible and pays close attention to detail
- Prompt and efficient in the performance of duties
- Independent - Self Starter
- Respectful to membership and coworkers
- Must be available to work non-standard hours
- Proficiency in computer software
- Job task planning and organizing
- Critical thinking, decision making and problem-solving skills
- Work well with others and can work independently
- Effective verbal and writing communication skills


APPLICATION TO INCLUDE:

- Cover letter with contact information.
- Resume listing education and work experience.
- At least two (2) work-related letters of reference with contact information.

Please forward applications marked **CONFIDENTIAL** to:

Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
c/o Sandy Jacko, Band Administrator
13 Hill Street, Little Current, ON POP 1K0

Deadline for applications is **August 13, 2021 @ 12:00 NOON**. The successful candidate must provide a Police Record Check (C.P.I.C.) prior to employment. Only those contacted will be granted an interview.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Pending Funding Full-Time Educational Assistant 2021-2022 School Year (Subject to Renewal)

The Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) is seeking a highly motivated individual to fulfill the role and responsibilities of an Educational Assistant for Shawanosowe School. The ideal candidate will work in a collaborative team environment and receive direction from the Special Education teacher, classroom teacher, and under the supervision of the Principal. The Educational Assistant will also be assigned at the Principal’s discretion, to meet the needs of the specific students and/or program within WRFN Shawanosowe School.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
Specific duties may vary as per the needs of the school. The successful applicant must be prepared to work closely with Special Education and classroom teachers as well as other staff in:

- Delivering curriculum and designing and implementing individual education plans (IEPs) for students with various learning exceptionalities;
- Contributing to diagnostic evaluation processes;
- Implementing programming recommendations from professionals in the areas of speech and language pathology, physical and occupational therapy, behaviour modification and life skills;
- Working with assigned students to develop social skills and independence with daily physical functions;
- Keeping daily logs of student progress and maintaining positive contact with parents;
- Participating in schoolwide activities and ongoing professional growth;
- Arranging special events such as parent/teacher interviews, afterschool and special programs, field trips and open houses.
- Performing physically demanding tasks that may include lifting, toileting, positioning, and transferring children and equipment and the application of BMS.

QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE:

- College Diploma/Degree in Developmental Service Worker (DSW), or Early Childhood Education (ECE), or Autism and Behavioural Science;
- At least 1 year’s work experience in a related field, including assisting children with learning exceptionalities;
- Working knowledge of Individual Education Plans, Behaviour Safety Plans & Behaviour Management Plans;
- Excellent problem-solving, multi-tasking, and collaborative skills;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Up-to-date First Aid/CPR certification;
- Strong computer skills using a variety of platforms and devices (Microsoft Office, Google Workspace, Smartboards, iPads, etc.);
- A valid Behaviour Management Systems certification would be considered an asset, as would experience working within a First Nations education system, including knowledge of First Nations culture, traditions and language.

SALARY: BASED ON SHAWANOSOWE SCHOOL EA SALARY GRID

CONFIDENTIAL:
HUMAN RESOURCES

Whitefish River First Nation, 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP 1A0

Email: applications@whitefishriver.ca; Fax: (705) 285-4532

DEADLINE TO APPLY: AUGUST 13, 2021

Applications must include the following:
Cover letter, current resume and (3) reference letters

***Successful candidates must submit a current Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check prior to commencement of employment.*
We thank all who apply; however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Indigenous elders enlisted to create film

by Michael Erskine

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Indigenous elders are well used to being filmmakers' subjects and having others (too often non-Indigenous) tell their stories, but a new project inspired by the United Nation's Decade of Healthy Aging is aimed at truly taking the story to the people in the form of eight elders who will be creating their own film.

"For two weeks, beginning August 3, eight elders from Manitoulin Island representing the Ojibway Cultural Foundation, Wikwemikong, M'Chigeeng, Aundeck Omni Kaning and Sheguiandah will be creating a video for the United Nations Decade of Healthy Aging Initiative," said Gregor Sneddon, executive director at HelpAge Canada. "We are grateful for the local partnership of the Noojmowin Teg Health Centre who are providing space and logistical support for the project as well as the traditional advisory council for their blessing, support and assistance."

Mr. Sneddon explained that the world is looking toward a future where one in five people will be over the age of 60. "The UN and world leaders need to hear the voice of older people as they look to create the infrastructure and policy to support our aging populations," he said. "This project is intended to be one way to hear that voice."

Instead of the elders' stories being relayed through a third party, the project

will see them telling their own story through a lens and perspective that is uniquely their own.


Over the two week stint, eight elders will be learning to be "participatory videographers," that is, learning to use technology to make a video—creating the story and content they wish to tell. "Canada was one of six countries selected by the UN for this project and should the elders grant permission, the video will be shared around the world," said Mr. Sneddon.

There will be a community screening of the film at 3 pm on August 15 at the Four Directions Recreation Complex located at 13 Hill Street in Aundeck Omni Kaning.

Mr. Sneddon noted the facilitating partner of the project, Insight Share, has over 25 years of experience in participatory filmmaking. A link to a short example of a participatory film Insight Share facilitated on the Effect of Climate Change by the Cree Nation of Mistissini can be found on YouTube.

The United Nations Decade of Healthy Aging (2021-2030) is a global collaboration, aligned with the last 10 years of the sustainable development goals bringing together governments, civil society, international agencies, professionals, academia, the media and the private sector to improve the lives of older people, their families and the communities in which they live.





EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - 2nd Posting Post Secondary Navigator

Department: Education
Employment Status: Regular Full-Time
Classification: Community Services (CS-3)

Education is a continuous process, and the M'Chigeeng First Nation Education Program strives to provide the best possible opportunity for every student to reach their goals. It is M'Chigeeng First Nation's mission to ensure that all students develop the knowledge, skills, and values to reach their full potential.

Reporting Relationship
The Post Secondary Navigator will report to the Director of Education.

Position Summary
The Post-Secondary Navigator will assist post-secondary students in achieving their education and social aspirations so they are healthy, self-reliant, respectful culturally ground Indigenous individuals. The position will have case management skills to provide post secondary activities such as intake and assessment to navigate the required educational studies and action plan for students.

Essential Functions:

- Ensures compliance of M'Chigeeng First Nation post-secondary guidelines and policy
- Delivers post-secondary education services eligible to MFN Band Membership according to existing Post Secondary Education Guidelines
- Provides education assistance, programs, and service information to MFN post-secondary students
- Reviews the academic progress of the students, when necessary, by counselling and assisting students in resolving problems that may jeopardize their sponsorship and therefore the achievement of their educational goals; and by arranging referrals to other agencies when necessary
- Provide letters of support and verification of sponsorship when required by the student
- Assist post-secondary students to navigate their school year (with due respect and confidentiality)

Qualifications & Requirements

Preferred:

- University Degree - Bachelor of Education or Bachelor of Arts in Social Work or related field of study. Three (3) years' related experience, providing guidance and counselling support to post-secondary students

Minimum

- College Diploma – Social Service Worker or Native Counsellor Training Program (NCTP-3rs), Employment Counselling or related field of study. Minimum of two (2) years' work-experience in guidance and counselling and/or related program delivery

Other:

- Demonstrated knowledge of Aboriginal specific education, employment and training needs and working with Aboriginal organizations and communities
- Knowledge of government program interventions, education funding, employment, and training programs
- Demonstrate ability to assess and be sensitive to student/participant needs
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Strong time management and organizational skills
- Understanding of First Nation needs and aspirations
- An advocate of education for First Nation youth/learners coupled with sincere concern for their well-being
- Fluency in Anishinabemowin is a strong asset, or must have a willingness to learn

Deadline: August 6, 2021 at 3 pm

The successful candidate will be contacted and required to submit a current thirty (30) day CRC/VSS, and an offer of employment is contingent upon the receipt of a satisfactory CRC/VSS record.

Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (2 Work-Related references from a direct supervisor/manager and 1-character reference) and education certifications addressed to:

POST-SECONDARY NAVIGATOR
c/o Andrea McGregor, HR Manager
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333, M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980)

Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.
For job description, please contact Andrea McGregor, Human Resources at 705-377-5362 or email andream@mchigeeng.ca.





Mnaamodzawin Health Services EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Transition Facilitator (ITF) Full Time

Overview:
The Transition Facilitator (ITF) shall seek to integrate provincial, federal, and other community health and social support services across the care continuum to improve access to quality care through a variety of providers, both clinical and non-clinical, including both Western and Traditional healings. The Transition Facilitator will address the physical, social, emotional, and spiritual care needs of the client by linking clients to services.

Required Competencies:

- Respect cultural diversity
- Work efficiently and demonstrate time management
- Show initiative and be action-oriented
- Demonstrate problem-solving and critical thinking
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Continuous learning

Qualifications and Work Experience:

- Registered Nurse or Registered Practical Nurse in good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario OR Social Worker in good standing with the OCSWSSW, or other allied health professional with relevant skill set; minimum of 2-5 years' nursing or social work experience.
- Knowledge of system navigation, community resources, legislation, research, and funding arrangements specific to Indigenous programs and services.
- Experience in an Indigenous health and/or social service organization, hospital or community-based case management, health promotion, public health or social work is essential.
- Proficiency in the use of computers and various software applications including EMRs.
- Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture, and language
- Current Ontario Driver's Licence (and vehicle)

Deadline: Friday, August 6, 2021 @ 12:00pm

Submissions:
Send resume, cover letter, Vulnerable Sector Check, three references and copies of credentials marked 'Confidential' in person, by mail or email to:

Human Resources
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
Postal Bag 2003, Hwy 540
48 Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning
Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0
Phone: 705-368-2182 ext. 271
hr@mnaamodzawin.com



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

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

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

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

Qualifications

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

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

Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory
Attn: Accounts Payable Clerk Posting
19A Complex Drive, P.O. Box 112
WIKWEMIKONG, ON P0P 2J0
Email: gloriadewing@wiikwemkoong.ca

Closing date: Open – until position is filled

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



KENJGEWIN TEG



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

KENJGEWIN TEG IS SEEKING AN ENTHUSIASTIC TEAM MEMBER TO JOIN THE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING TEAM COMMITTED TO PROVIDING SUPPORT TO STUDENTS!

STUDENT NUTRITION PROVIDER PART-TIME POSITION TWO (2) YEAR TERM: AUGUST 2021 – AUGUST 2023

Kenjgewin Teg is a lifelong place of learning asserting its Anishnabek educational autonomy by using a community-driven and community-based approach in its programs and services. In exercising this autonomy, Kenjgewin Teg champions the teachings of Anishnaabe Aadziwin and the Ojibwe language, Anishnabemowin.

Kenjgewin Teg respects, acknowledges and supports the individuality, personal connectedness, and uniqueness in each of its valued Indigenous and non-Indigenous employees in learning more or being introduced to Anishnaabe Aadziwin and Anishnabemowin.

If you are a committed, creative and respectful individual who is a self-starter with strong organizational and time management skills to work effectively in a fast-paced environment, then consider joining our team!

Student Nutrition Provider:

**Classification: Organizational Support & Services/02 Administrative Support/Salary Grade Band B
Salary Range (\$30,543 – 33,936 – 37,330) Qualified Level**

Position Objective: The Student Nutrition Provider will be responsible for the planning and provision of the complimentary breakfast and lunch programs offered to students at Kenjgewin Teg. The Student Nutrition Provider will plan healthy, well-balanced meals for students as well as preparation of food to be served daily and ensure the kitchen facilities are maintained in a clean, safe and hygienic environment. The Student Nutrition Provider will be occasionally required to cater for internal meetings/events as they occur.

Responsibilities:

- Prepare, cook and serve lunch on-site at Kenjgewin Teg daily from Monday to Friday; regular service takes place in the e-Spirit kitchen, and occasional service may take place at other campus sites (i.e. Anishnabek Skills Innovation and Research Centre (ASIRC) kitchen, outdoor cookhouse)
- Prepare and serve continental breakfast items daily for Kenjgewin Teg to ensure availability to students in the morning daily by 8:40 a.m.
- Maintain inventory of kitchen and food supplies required for provision of breakfast and lunch
- Draft a monthly budget to discuss with immediate supervisor and purchase food items once approved and which aligns with the annual budget for food service - following Kenjgewin Teg purchasing policies;
- Purchase and/or order all food and serving supplies
- Continental breakfast and lunch will be prepared and served complimentary to students
- Plan and prepare for additional lunch and/or snack items to be offered at a minimal cost
- Plan and prepare lunch and snacks for internal events/meetings when requested
- Maintain kitchen area in the e-Spirit café, ASIRC kitchen and outdoor cookhouse

Job Requirements:

- Excellent customer service skills
- Excellent time management to execute service provision within service timeframe
- Experience in menu planning with consideration to balanced nutrition
- Experience in creating and maintaining a monthly budget in relation to food and serving supplies
- Experience in planning food service for groups of 25-50 people is considered an asset
- Experience working in a fast-paced environment with lots of interaction with students, staff and guests
- Basic computer skills is a definite asset (create menus, email communication, etc.)

Qualifications:

- Preferred OSSD or equivalent
- Must have a minimum of one year experience in the food service industry
- Must possess and be willing to provide a copy of Safe Food Handler's Certification
- Possess Valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle
- Participate in the organization's Anishnaabe Aadziwin – Passport to Learning program and essentials of Mniidoo Mnisning Anishnabek cultural competency as per Maamwi Naadamadaa's Mino Goondawin employer resource
- Appreciation and knowledge of the Anishnabek culture, principles, values, language, history and customs and supportive of Anishnabek Practices, language revitalization and protocols

Application Deadline: August 6, 2021 at 12 noon

To learn more about this employment opportunity, please contact the Director of Operations at 705-377-4342.

Interested individuals can send a complete application package that consists of:

Cover letter, a detailed resume, **three (3) current** (within one year) letters of reference, two of which must be professional on organizational letterhead and authored by direct supervisor, and written permission to contact references. Please note that the successful candidate will be required to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check.

Applications can be received marked confidential either through email to humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca or mail to:

Kenjgewin Teg
"Student Nutrition Provider"
c/o Director of Operations
374A Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON POP 1G0
Tel: 705-377-4342 Fax: 705-377-4379

Please note: Kenjgewin Teg has taken steps to ensure that the organization is inclusive and partnership with the school community. This includes the shared practice of First Nation tradition of smudging.

Please note: Kenjgewin Teg's Fitness for Duty Program is implemented which is designed to promote the development and maintenance of the highest possible levels of worker health and safety in an efficient and productive workplace.

Please note: Late applications will not be considered. While we thank all applicants, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information contained in applications will be used for recruitment purposes and collected as per Freedom of Information (F.O.I.) And Protection of Privacy Act, 1987.



Community Living Manitoulin

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

These unionized part-time positions are scheduled at a minimum of 30 hours bi-weekly with a starting wage of \$22.26.

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

Community Living Manitoulin
PO Box 152
Mindemoya, Ontario POP 1S0
or by email to mwickett@clmanitoulin.com
or by fax to 705-377-7175

For more information regarding Community Living Manitoulin, please visit our website at www.clmanitoulin.com.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY 4th Posting

HOUSING MANAGER

Employment Status: Regular Full-Time
Classification Level: M'Chigeeng First Nation Salary Grid – Department Managers
*Includes: Health and Benefits

Position Summary: The Housing Manager performs a variety of roles to support the M'Chigeeng First Nation (MFN) Housing Department to ensure that housing projects, maintenance, and renovations are coordinated, assigned, and implemented within the established guidelines and standards of the MFN and meet the requirements of the MFN.

Reporting Relationship: The Housing Manager reports directly to the Enaagdenjged. Maintains cooperative communication with Band Council via the Enaagdenjged. Internal working relationships are maintained with all other departments through attendance and participation in bi-weekly meetings and other meetings as required for keeping abreast of evolving issues.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

Planning:

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

Financial Management:

- Prepare annual housing program budget and financial forecasts for MFN housing needs.
- Monitor costs and expenses, and use information found in financial reports to make appropriate decisions.
- Monitor each CMHC Phase Budget as applicable.

Administration:

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

Interpersonal communications:

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

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

Preferred

- First Nation Housing Certificate or equivalent combination of post-secondary education and experience.
- Three (3) years' First Nation Housing experience.
- Experience and certification in Project Management / Property Management are highly desirable.
- Excellent verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Possess a valid Ontario driver's licence.
- Good analytical, problem-solving, and conflict resolution skills.
- Advanced Computer skills: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Access, Outlook, Internet, Adobe Acrobat Pro.

Minimum

- Knowledge of federal labour standards, the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Occupational Health and Safety section of the Canada Labour Code.
- Minimum three (3) years of supervisory experience and supervisory training.
- Understand the CMHC program, as well as Construction experience.
- Excellent public relations, oral and written; Interpersonal and leadership skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work in a team environment with minimal supervision.
- Ability to exercise discretion in handling confidential subject matter.
- Willingness to learn new skills and upgrade qualifications.
- Ability to work in various weather conditions (to conduct field assessments).

Application Deadline: Open until filled

The successful candidate will be contacted and required to submit a current thirty (30) day CRC; and an offer of employment is contingent upon the receipt of a satisfactory CRC record.

Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (2 Work-Related references from a direct supervisor/manager and 1-character reference) and education certifications addressed to:

HOUSING MANAGER
c/o Andrea McGregor
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980)

Please be advised that only those selected for an interview will be contacted. For a detailed job description, please contact Andrea McGregor, Human Resources at 705-377-5362 ext. 203 or email andream@mchigeeng.ca.

...MHC elects new board chair, Dennis McGregor

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for our patients. Our board is ready to support these changes as we work with our communities to continue to keep our patients at the centre of all we do," continued Mr. Olmstead.

"Special thanks to Tim Vine and Paula Fields, both of whom answered the call and stepped in to assume increased leadership roles along with their current duties. Their respective teams have worked diligently to strengthen the MHC and the Manitoulin Collaborative, which continues to be a living, breathing reality. Our Collaborative is still leading the pack. Congratulations," stated Mr. Olmstead.

"I would like to take this opportunity to offer my personal thanks and appreciation to my fellow board members for their volunteer commitment of time to MHC," continued Mr. Olmstead. "Thank you for all you do to support the high-quality care we provide here at the Manitoulin Health Centre and for remaining supportive during some of the difficult work we faced this year. Thanks, Dennis for keeping me on track."

"Dr. Simone Meikleham, chief of staff, and Dr. Maurianne Reade, president of medical staff have contributed both their time and expertise to help push Manitoulin's immunization program to the forefront. Thank you both," said Mr. Olmstead.

"Unfortunately, we lost Sharon Terry and Don Brisboise as members of the board this year. We appreciate their contributions as members over the past year and wish them well. We have added knowledge and skills to the board with the addition of Marcia-Trudeau Bomberry from Wiikwemkoong. Welcome."

Mr. Olmstead explained, "the auxiliary groups in Mindemoya and Little Current have continued to drive forward but COVID-19 restrictions prevented many of their fundraising events again this year. However, we commend them for pushing through this frustration and keeping their heart in the game. Thank you for all your efforts in this difficult time. It will pay off."

"I would also like to extend a huge thank you on behalf of the board to Lori Mastelko and Lee Ann Fawcett. Once again, they kept us organized and on time," said Mr. Olmstead. "Thank you Lori and Lee Ann, your assistance is truly appreciated."

Mr. Olmstead said that "the focus this year was squarely on fundraising for the Mindemoya emergency department expansion. Angela Becks and her fundraising team have made tremendous progress and we are now only 16 percent away from our ultimate target. We will miss Angela as she is not renewing her membership. A special thanks as well to Sal Brunetti for his contributions to the fundraising effort."

Mr. Olmstead stated, "it has been a privilege and an honour to serve as your chair for the last five years but I have reached the maximum term as chair. I will be remaining as a director. I have learned a great deal during this time and enjoyed working with my fellow board members."

"At this time, I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to again express our gratitude to all of our dedicated staff, doctors and volunteers. It is through your dedication, hard work and caring hearts that MHC will achieve, 'patients first.' You truly are heroes," added Mr. Olmstead.



3 COWS & A CONE

3 Cows and A Cone, located on Manitoulin Island is a fast paced restaurant dairy bar that not only sells ice cream but burgers, fires, pizza and other delicious fast foods!

We have an opening for a full-time, 40 hr a week, year round, hands-on **floor manager** who is a forward thinker and has experience in the business, or is a recent graduate of a restaurant and hospitably program.


You will be assisting the general manager supervise staff and are able to make basic business decisions while following company policies.

Salary will be commensurate with experience and includes uniforms, staff discounts, gratuities and a medical allowance.

If interested, please send resume to pantry3cow@hotmail.com or call 705-282-7753 to find out more.

64 Meredith Street East, Little Current, Manitoulin Island, ON POP 1K0





EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - 3rd Posting PRINCIPAL

Classification Level: Principal (Salary Grid 8 with Principals' Allowance)
Employment Status: Full-Time Regular (starting September 1, 2021)
Pension: Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan
Benefits: Extended Healthcare and Dental

M'Chigeeng First Nation is seeking a passionate leader, highly motivated, and inspiring individual! Must be an exemplary individual with high integrity, determination, vision, and passion for student excellence and success!

Position Summary
M'Chigeeng First Nation requires an experienced Principal to manage school operations and provide strong leadership to our educators and staff. The ideal candidate should have knowledge of the Anishinabek community. The principal will also be responsible for arranging major and minor building maintenance programs, while ensuring that educators have the resources, they need to meet the local Anishinabek priorities and provincial curriculum requirements.

Reporting Relationship
The principal will be responsible for the instructional leadership, organization, management, and administration of the local band operated elementary school. He/she shall report directly to the Director of Education.

Primary Function:
The principal will provide leadership and administration which will motivate instructional and support personnel to strive for superior performance to provide the best possible opportunities for Anishinabek student growth and development, both educationally, culturally, emotionally, and personally. Physical student safety and mental health wellness of students is foremost the priority for the principal, to create a nurturing and healthy learning and teaching environment where students can thrive to meet their goals and honour their gifts.

Areas of Responsibility:
The main areas of responsibilities are focused on ensuring a successful school:
• Creating a positive school culture where teachers, parents and communities are partners in education
• Creating a long-term plan for Anishinabek student academic success by empowering and engaging staff, parents, and the community members in a three to five year school success plan

Qualifications & Requirements
Preferred:

- Bachelor of Education; Master's Degree in Education/Principal's qualifications and seven (7) years' experience.
- A visionary with several years of proven educational leadership experience and able to inspire and engage others across the system to achieve the Vision, the Mission, and strategic goals and directions of M'Chigeeng's educational system.
- Fluent in Anishinabemowin language and cultural traditions.

Minimum

- Five (5) + years' experience as a principal or in a school leadership role with an Ontario Principal Certification: PQP I and PQP II with proven successful educational leadership experience (either at the school level or central administration).
- Knowledge, understanding and application of Anishinabek Language, practices, values, and history (or the willingness to learn).
- Active, visible and participates willingly in community activities and events outside of school hours.
- Commitment to creating a productive and positive educational experience for all students.
- Valid Ontario provincial teaching certification.
- Proven history in improving teacher performance.
- Superior interpersonal and communication skills.


DEADLINE: Friday, August 6, 2021 at 3 pm

The successful candidate will be required to submit a current thirty (30) day CRC/VSS; and an offer of employment is contingent upon the receipt of a satisfactory CRC/VSS record.

Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (2 Work-Related references from a direct supervisor/manager and 1-character reference), current performance appraisal from Supervisor/Manager, and education certifications addressed to:


Subject: PRINCIPAL
c/o Andrea McGregor, Human Resource Manager
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
Email: andream@mchigeeng.ca
Tel: 705-377-5362 Fax: 705-377-4980

Miigwetch for your interest, however, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. For a detailed job description, please contact Andrea McGregor, Human Resources at 705-377-5362.
For more information about the school, go to: Lakeview School (mchigeeng.ca)



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Childcare Centre Supervisor

Salary: Based on WRFN Salary Grid



The Maamwe Kendaasing Early Learning and Innovation in Whitefish River First Nation is seeking a Childcare Centre Supervisor. This full-time position will assume responsibility for the day to day operation of the Childcare Centre. The Supervisor is responsible for program planning, working effectively with staff, working with representatives from the Ministry of Education, families and children, connecting with the community, and administrative responsibilities related to the day to day operation of the Childcare Centre. The Supervisor is responsible for providing the leadership in keeping with the philosophy of the Early Learning Framework in Ontario.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist the Education Manager with the development and monitoring of the Childcare Centre budget.
- Prepare purchase order forms ensuring that appropriate procedure and approvals are followed.
- Maintain Ministry's requirements and provincial standards.
- Maintain a safe and healthy environment for children and the create and relaxing and welcoming atmosphere to those who visit the Childcare Centre.
- Regularly contact, and act as a resource for parents and caregivers.
- Encourage parental involvement in the Childcare Centre.
- Plan and implement a program that reflects the philosophy of the Centre.
- Coordinate the programming with educators and assure it is according to the Ministry's regulations and standards.
- Ensure that pertinent records and information are kept on all children in the program.
- Manage Educator's resources effectively to ensure that they work as member of the team, have input into planning and have opportunities for improving their professional skills.
- Provide coverage for absent Educators when required.
- Conduct staff meetings once a month.
- Provide support and directions to Educators regarding child development.
- Provide feedback and input to Educators for annual appraisals and all other Centre employees.
- Assist the HR Manager and Education Manager with the hiring process and make recommendation on staffing to the Band Manager.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Registered Early Childhood Educators with Formal training in Early Childhood Development – Level III Qualification is required.
- At least 2 years' experience as a Supervisor in a Childcare Centre; 1-2 years' experience in the Child Care profession.
- Successful candidates must provide a current Vulnerable Sector Screening Check.
- Speak and understand Ojibway language or a willingness to learn.
- Infant/Child First Aid Certificate.
- Excellent communication, presentation, and interpersonal skills.
- Must have advanced computer skills: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Access, Outlook, Internet and Adobe Acrobat Pro.
- Valid Driver's Licence and own reliable vehicle.
- Creative problem-solving skills.

Applications will be accepted via email, fax and mail to the attention:

Send applications to:
Confidential: Human Resources
Whitefish River First Nation, 17A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, Ontario POP 1A0
Email: applications@whitefishriver.ca Fax (705) 285 4532

Applications must be submitted by **August 13, 2021 at 4:00 pm** and must include the following:
Cover letter, current resume and 3 written references.

We thank all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted via phone or e-mail for an interview.

Manitoulin selected as one of 15 best places to visit in Canada

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Island has been listed as one of the 15 best places to visit in Canada!

On July 11, the editors of Lonely Planet presented their list of the 15 best places to visit in Canada. "Canada has it all. Quite literally. The world's second biggest nation is home to hulking mountains, lakes as large as countries, an Arctic Archipelago, a vast network of natural pools—even its very own desert," the article reads. "Encapsulating the very notion of the great outdoors visitors could spend months gawking at big skies,

ancient evergreens, and canyons so deep that a stack of 12 double-decker buses wouldn't reach the top. Even Canada's beaches will set off the jealousy metre."

"So what to see? Whales, polar bears, moose? Choice marinas, culinary magicians, Indigenous villages, Inuit art? The options are endless, but that's why we're here. These are the

15 best places to visit in Canada."

Manitoulin Island was listed as the 10th best place in Canada and best place in Canada for sustainable travel. "The largest freshwater island in the world, floating right in Lake Huron's midst. Manitoulin is a slowpoke place of beaches and summery cottages, jagged expanses of white quartzite and granite

outcroppings edge the shoreline and lead to stunning vistas."

"First Nations culture pervades, and the Island's eight communities collaborate to offer local foods (wild rice, corn soup) and eco-adventures (canoeing, horseback riding, biking). Powwows add drumming, dancing and story-telling to the mix."

† in memoriam

BAILEY—In loving memory of Evelyn Bailey who passed away August 3, 2019.

Remember Me
Don't remember me with sadness,
Don't remember me with tears,
Remember all the laughter
We've shared over the years.
Now I am contented
That my life was worthwhile,
Knowing that I passed along
the way
I made someone smile.
When you are walking down
the street
And you've got me on your
mind,
I'm walking in your footsteps,
Only a half a step behind.
So please don't be unhappy
Just because I'm out of
sight,
Remember that I'm with you
Every morning, noon and
night.

Love daughter Carolyn, son-in-law Russ and grandsons
Todd and Trevor

12p

† in memoriam



BENNETT—In memory of Charlie Bennett, September 2, 1946 to August 8, 2013.

"And in the end, it's not the years in the life that count. It's the life in the years."
-Abraham Lincoln

Dad
You're missed everyday,
You're remembered everyday.
Thanks for the memories,
Until we meet again.
Love, your family

12c

† in memoriam

MCMURRAY—In memory of Lestie McMurray.

Well it was 18 years on August 4, 2003 Lestie since you were called away.

Some days it seems like only yesterday,
Other days it seems like a hundred years.

I am slowly climbing the ladder
And someday I will join you.
Then we will be together for ever.

Love, Sweetheart

12c

Death Notices

WILLIAM VICTOR ELLISON

December 25, 1943 - July 26, 2021



In loving memory of William Victor Ellison, a resident of Birch Island, passed peacefully at home on July 26, 2021 at the age of 77. Born to Jean and John Ellison in Espanola on December 25, 1943. Beloved husband of Denise Ellison (predeceased). Loved father of Darlene (Doug McCulligh) and Cindy (Troy Pitawanakwat). Proud grandfather of Matthew, Nicholas and Larrissa. Cherished great-grandfather of Liam and Elyza and Aurora due September 19, 2021. Sadly missed by brothers James, Robert (predeceased)(Diane Ritchie), David and sister Marlene. Will always be remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Predeceased by parents John and Jean Ellison. In keeping with William's wishes, there will be no services. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

CATHERINE ANNE PLOMSKE

October 6, 1956 - July 19, 2021



Catherine Anne Plomske passed away suddenly July 19, 2021 after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. Born on October 6, 1956, Catherine Anne Uffelman, Cathy was raised in Waterloo, attending Waterloo Collegiate and later Wilfred Laurier to study geography. After graduating Cathy headed west to Banff to work at the Banff Springs Hotel, returning to Waterloo to meet with her future husband, Grant Plomske. Cathy had an incredible work ethic. She worked in the family business, Ontario Seed Company, for more than 40 years, servicing customers with genuine care. She would often retrieve 50 pound bags of grass seed herself if others could not. She was an avid golfer; enjoying many "quick" nines with her sister Elizabeth at Merry Hill, and Rainbow Ridge with Grant and family on Manitoulin. Cathy loved to travel. Florida every year, many trips to Bermuda, the United Kingdom and the East Coast with her family (for lobster rolls). Family was of utmost importance to Cathy. Her three children meant the world to her. She loved to host parties and effortlessly whipped up food for 25. Cathy was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2015. Grant retired shortly thereafter and has been by her side these past six years; he has been her guiding light. Their daily walks all over Waterloo and long summers up on Manitoulin Island, a place Cathy loved, were so important to her. She is survived by her husband Grant, children Adam (Julia), John (Ashley), Heidi (Bill) and grandchildren John, Anna, Thomas and Arthur, all of whom she loved dearly. Sister of Scott Uffelman (Janet), Elizabeth Wing (Paul), and sister-in-law Sue (Steve) Beaupre, along with many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by Susan Schwalm (David), parents Bill and Erla Uffelman and Art and Lenore Plomske. She will be incredibly missed by many. A private service will be held in her memory. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of your choice. Visit HenryWalser.com for Cathy's memorial.

DORIS ELIZABETH MIDDAUGH

(nee Noland)

November 9, 1938 - July 26, 2021



Doris Elizabeth Middaugh (nee Noland) passed away peacefully at Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya, on July 26, 2021 at the age of 82 years. Doris was born on November 9, 1938 to Nellie (nee Witty) and George Noland. She married the love of her life, Raymond Middaugh, on November 19, 1953. They had four daughters, Cathie (Morley) Runnalls, Linda (Charles) Noble, Cindy Bjornaa and Betty Russon. The baby of the family, Paul, was adopted at a young age and was cherished just as much as the girls. Doris was blessed with 12 grandchildren, Carmen, Nelson, Amanda, Tammy, Allan Jr., Joshua, Jacob, B.J. Nicole, Natasha, Brianna and Kimberley, several great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Doris always had a special relationship with her nephew George Noland. Doris will be sadly missed by her sisters-in-law Donna Noland, Helen Strain and Madeline Wiseman and brother-in-law Fred Middaugh. Predeceased by her husband Raymond, son Paul, parents George and Nellie Noland, brothers Freddie, Willard and sister Marjorie (Ray) Veaudry, sisters-in-law Maxine Middaugh, Hilda (Godfrey) Bailey, Reta (Bill) Pearson and brothers-in-law Austin Orford, James Strain, Clarence Wiseman and Allan Bjornaa. The funeral service was held on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 11 am. Memorial donations may be made to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary as expressions of sympathy and may be made through SimpsonFuneralHome.ca.

RETA STRAIN

(Patterson, Margaret Iretta Jane)

July 18, 1935 - July 3, 2021



Reta passed peacefully surrounded by family in Sault Ste Marie, ON. Cremation has taken place. A beautiful Celebration of Life was held on July 18, 2021. The family would like to invite family and friends to a graveside service on August 15, 2021 at 1 pm at the Providence Bay Cemetery.

SANDIE MERRYLEES

November 10, 1954 - June 1, 2020



Please join us as we Celebrate the Life of Sandie Merrylees on Saturday, August 14, 2021 from 2 to 4 pm at 1950 Perivale Road West, Spring Bay. The family invites friends and loved ones to join us for a short service at 2 pm followed by refreshments and a light snack. Attire may be summer casual.

notice

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Town of Gore Bay
Street Paving Construction

Monday, August 9th, 2021
to Friday, August 20, 2021

Affected Areas:

Meredith Street Sidewalk North of Dawson Street
Kinney Street
Water Street-Lighthouse Road
Armstrong Road
Borron Street

If you experience any problems,
please contact the undersigned.

Your patience during this project is appreciated.

Stasia Carr, Clerk
Town of Gore Bay
15 Water St
Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0
705-282-2420 scarr@gorebay.ca

MONUMENT CLEANING

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



Before



After

Inclement weather forces golfers to play 36 holes in one day

by Tom Sasvari
 MANITOWANING—It was certainly a golf marathon but at the end, Sidney Stonepoint was crowned the champion.

Mr. Stonepoint won the championship division at the Rainbow Ridge Golf Course (RRGC) annual men's open, played the weekend of July 23-25. Due to inclement weather in the form of an all-day rain, the Saturday qualifying round was cancelled. This meant both the qualifying round of 18 holes and the championship round of 18 holes were all contested on Sunday.

"We would like to thank everyone for showing up," stated John Dube, manager of Rainbow Ridge on a very late Sunday evening, at the online prize ceremony. "Our Saturday round was quashed."

Mr. Dube said, "we had 126 golfers participate, which is a pretty big number for us in recent years. We would like to thank all our sponsors who really helped out," he said, noting that cash prizes for a hole in one on several different holes on the course ranged from \$500 to \$25,000.

"Thank you to our volunteers. We can't do all this without them," said Mr. Dube. "Our volunteers again stepped up for us and without their help we would not be able to get through the weekend."

"And we would like to thank our grounds crew staff, clubhouse staff."

On July 25, "players had to play 36 holes in the qualifying division in the morning and the championship flight in the afternoon," continued Mr. Dube. "It was a tough day to get through, but everyone finished just before dark." At the midway



Sidney Stonepoint won the championship division at the Rainbow Ridge Golf Course (RRGC) annual men's open tournament, held July 23-25.

point of the tournament, the ground crew changed the pin placements and cut the greens, he said.

The championship division was won by Mr. Stonepoint who posted a 36-hole score of 150. Placing first in the first flight was Dan Gilchrist with a score of 156.

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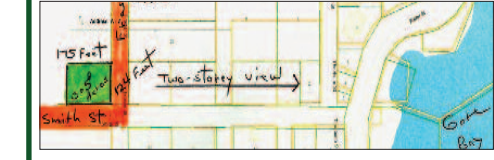


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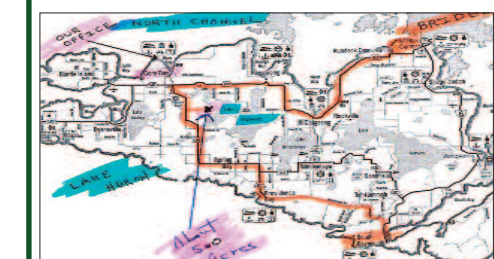
BUILDING SITE just west of Nineteen Lake in the Village of Silver Water in the unorganized Township of Robinson. Fully surveyed treed lot of 0.5 ac. w/132 ft. fronting on Hwy540 & 165 ft. deep. Hydro available. \$29,000 (1534) (MLS #2097442)



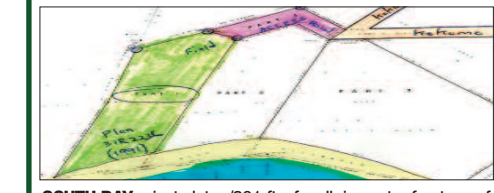
MELDRUM BAY WATERFRONT HOME w/156.5 feet on Water Street & a full view of the North Channel especially from the 51 ft. of decking partly covered & some open. House is 1838 sq. ft. on a full basement w/ground level entry plus 20x22 garage & 17x20 multi use log cabin. Two storey w/mud room entry, 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, living & family rooms, dining room, kitchen, 2 walk in closets & laundry upstairs. Marina a few minutes walk. Quiet Village living on the western tip of Manitoulin Island. \$310,000 (1532)



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Beautiful 3 Bed. Little Current Home
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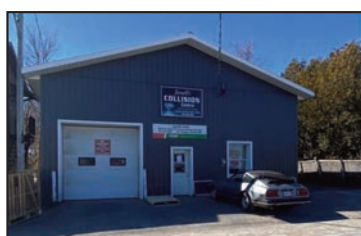
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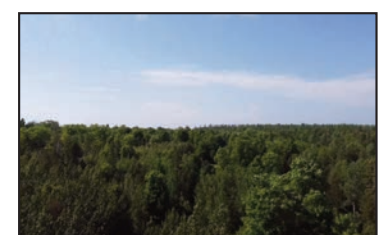
300 Acres in Tehkummah
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Building Lot in Gore Bay
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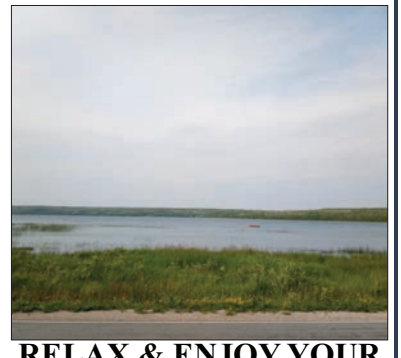


CHARMING 1 BDRM + LOFT HOME
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FOUR SEASON COTTAGE ON SOUTH BAY!!

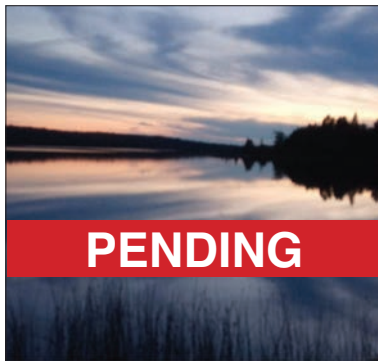
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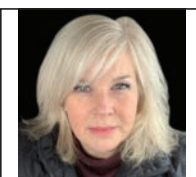
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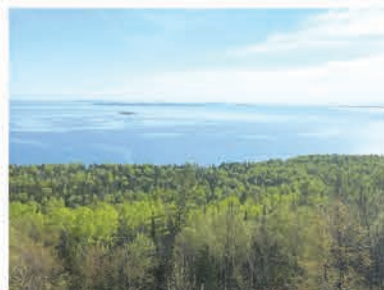
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