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FLIPPIN' GOOD DERBY—Joe Graham of Tehkummah, on behalf of Manitoulin Chrysler, was this year's South East Manitoulin Lions Club smashup derby winner. The annual Sunday Summerfest event attracted big crowds under a blazing hot sun. This was Mr. Graham's first time in the smashup derby event. **FOR MORE SUMMERFEST FUN SEE PAGE 24.**

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Ministry commits to again managing bridge swings manually to avoid traffic chaos

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—Mayor and staff for the Northeast Town had what they deemed a successful meeting with high-ranking representatives of the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) regarding their concerns with a communications breakdown following the June 17 swing bridge malfunction.

As was reported previously, due to high winds on June 17, the aging bridge was stuck in the open position for over an hour after sensors were damaged. This led to massive backlogs of traffic on both sides of the bridge and the blocking of crucial intersections, such as the hospital entrance.

With no word from MTO on

what was causing the delay, or how long the bridge might be open, Northeast Town staff enacted its safety plan, opening the recreation centre doors for stranded drivers and dispatching staff to walk the roads to inform drivers that they could be in for a wait with helpful suggestions on how they could pass the time.

Frustrated with a lack of response from area MTO representatives, Mayor Al MacNevin told The Expositor the town requested a meeting with Herb Villneff, MTO's North East regional director, noting that some of the media coverage given to the bridge breakdown may have "touched a nerve somewhere." Mr. Villneff agreed to a

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Heaven's Gate officially opens!

Giant LaCloche property now firmly protected

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism Initiative
Reporter

BAY OF ISLANDS—The parking lot at Gate 3 overflowed with cars and people wearing backpacks and carrying water bottles and walking sticks on Saturday afternoon as staff, board members, supporters and new visitors

came out to celebrate the official grand opening of Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy's (EBC) Heaven's Gate preserve.

EBC operates to protect land through Ontario's land registry system, explained Chair Saba Ahmad. "We buy land and then we exclude the developers, the cottagers, the miners, the quarriers, in order to protect the trees, the plants and the animals that depend on the land for their survival. Protection is step one. That's how we stop the destruc-

tion of the beautiful wilderness that we see around us here today," she said.

Stewardship, taking care of the land, is step two, and the ecological health of the land is of paramount concern to EBC, she added.

As part of the grand opening, Ms. Ahmad acknowledged the land, known as Kitchitwaa Shegkwaandem in Anishinaabe, as a sacred place on the traditional territory of the Whitefish
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Maintenance and management issues keep Mississagi Park, Lighthouse, closed to public

by Tom Sasvari

MELDRUM BAY—The Mississagi Lighthouse and campground remains closed this summer, for a third season, awaiting major work to be done to the building and for someone to take it over. Because of all of this, members of the public are not being

allowed access to the property.

"What is happening is that the place is in such disrepair we can't let people in there," stated Derek Stephens, a member of the Desti-

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COVID outbreak closes Manor

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—After weathering more than two years without an outbreak among residents at Manitoulin Centennial Manor in Little Current, resident families were informed by email on Monday, July 18 of a COVID-19 outbreak.

A notice posted to the Manor Residents Facebook page and on the front door of the Manor announced the outbreak and advised those wishing to visit that visiting is restricted and that visitors should "check with front desk or staff."

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More walleye planted in North Channel

Birch Island, Whitefish Falls Sportsmen join forces

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

WHITEFISH FALLS—Keith Nahwegahbow looks up from the pond where he and several other men are dipping nets into the water, trying to retrieve walleye (hatchlings). "Nothing," he says. Usually they'd have caught about 25,000 walleye by this time. It's about 10 am on Saturday morning. He's at the Whitefish Falls Sportsman's Club (WFSC) hatchery, located in the valley at the base of Willisville Mountain,

where the old highway used to run. It's only used by the hatchery now.

"When the water level is down this low, we should have about 25,000 ready to release into the lake already," explained John Perfetto. He's president of the WFSC, which started the walleye release program in 1989 and Mr. Perfetto took it over in 1999 (as president). This is his last year—Dennis Nicholson

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Hanmer resident dies in kayaking accident in Lake Mindemoya

M'CHIGEENG—On July 13, at approximately 1:50 pm, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin (UCCM) Anishnaabe Police Service and Manitoulin-Sudbury Paramedic Services responded to a drowning on Lake Mindemoya.

Investigation revealed that the individual had been kayaking and did not return home. The individual was located later along the

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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



Judith Jones, right, spreads the word on the dangers of phragmites to landowners and to the environment during Phragmites Week.

photo by Lori Thompson

Help control phragmites on Manitoulin

Learn about the invasive plant during Phragmites Week

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

M'CHIGEENG—July 16 to 21 is Manitoulin Phragmites Week. Manitoulin Phragmites Project Coordinator Judith Jones set up at FreshMart in M'Chigeeng on Sunday to spread the word. In previous years, no one has shown up on this day but this year, several have stopped by to learn about phragmites and occasionally a shopper stops by her vehicle and takes a pamphlet. Ms. Jones has several plants there, to help with identification, and tools that are used to control its spread.

Ms. Jones wants people to be able to identify this aggressive invasive plant so if they're out in their boat or driving around on their ATVs, they can recognize it and drive around. Phragmites is mostly

moved around by vehicles, with only a small amount moved around by seed or by animals. It's spread by pieces of plant, because any little part of the plant can reproduce. "What happens," she explains, "is someone drives through these. They chop it up and it gets on their tires. The pieces stick to the wheels then the person drives down the ditch and it falls off and grows."

Lots of boaters, she adds, go into the weeds and then have to stop and pull the pieces off the prop. "Don't throw it back in the lake!" she said emphatically. "Throw it in your boat and that way, you can dispose of it on dry ground." The cut pieces dry easily and won't regrow.

Phragmites has one central stalk with leaves that

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Ninth annual Gore Bay Harbour Days celebration this weekend

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—One of the annual major summertime activities on Manitoulin Island is gearing up to be held in the Town of Gore Bay this weekend when the Town of Gore Bay proudly presents the ninth Harbour Days celebration from July 22-24.

"I am certainly looking forward

to next weekend," Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne told The Expositor last Friday. "We will be holding our ninth Harbour Days event. The precursor to Harbour Days was the Gore Bay Summerfest celebrations, held under the big tent, for many years prior to this."

Gore Bay Harbour Days will be

a fun filled weekend for the whole family.

"It is going to be an exciting weekend and everyone is excited to be getting back together again for events since COVID-19," said Mayor Osborne. "And I know that there will be a lot of people around. Gore Bay is a destination town with the growth that we have seen here and everything that is available here."

The weekend events will begin on Friday morning with the Meredith Street Vendors Market from 9 am to 1 pm. From late morning 11 am to 6:30 pm, The

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Eight vie for Wiikwemkoong chief, 59 for councillor in August 20 band election

by Michael Erskine

WIIKWEMKOONG—The official list for the August 20 Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories band elections has been released by electoral officer Cynthia Behm. There are eight candidates for ogimaa (chief) and 59 standing for the 12 council seats.

Nominated for chief are incumbent Duke Peltier and challengers Jean Oshkabewisens, Gladys Wakegijig, Rachel Manitowabi, Francis Mandamin, Joseph M. Wabegijig, Amsay Osawamick and Daniel Roy.

Nominated for band council are Loretta Assinewai, Gail J.D. Assinewe, Lyndsay Brisard, Marcia (Trudeau) Bomberry, Tracey Cleland (Recollet), Shane Cooper, Scott Flamand, James (Jim) Fox, Lorraine Fox, David George, Ralph Gonawabi, Art Jacko Jr., Diane Jacko, Jeanette Jacko, Marian Jacko, Noella Jacko, Raymond Jackson, Christopher Johnson (Trudeau), Adam Kaboni, Nathan Kanasawe, Marlene Kimewon, Wanda Kimewon, Kenneth Lewis, Francis Mandamin, Gerilynn Manitowabi, Lenore Manitowabi, Lloyd McGregor, Allison Odjig, Tim Ominika (incumbent), Amsay Osawamick, Lisa Osawamick, Irvin Oshkabewisens, Jason Oshkabewisens, Jean Oshk-

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RDSB Trustee Margaret Stringer retiring, Lisa Corbiere-Addison a declared candidate for the role

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Regardless of whether Lisa Corbiere-Addison becomes the new Manitoulin trustee on the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) or whether some potential other new candidates leads the polls, there will be a new trustee on the board. Incumbent trustee Margaret Stringer has indicated that she will not be running in this fall's election.

"I've decided not to run for a second term as trustee," Ms. Stringer told The Expositor. "Jim (her husband) and I have a new grandchild and I want to be able to prioritize family moving forward and perhaps be able to travel a bit."

Ms. Stringer said "I've really enjoyed being a trustee for the last four years and I want to thank all of the people who gave me this opportunity. After all of my years in education, it was especially meaningful to spend this time as trustee supporting schools and families and doing what I could to make them better for students."

"I've loved having the chance to work with parents, watch students grow up over the years, and work with the outstanding staff in the system. It has truly been a

pleasure representing Manitoulin, and I hope that I made a difference," said Ms. Stringer.

"A final thought as I move on," said Ms. Stringer. "We need people to be involved in the democratic process, as voters, but also as candidates. I strongly encourage interested people to put their names forward for this important position of trustee." At present, one candidate is prepared to answer Ms. Stringer's challenge to participating. Lisa Corbiere-Addison has officially put her name forward for the position of Manitoulin Island trustee on the RDSB. "I am running for trustee now that I have retired as a teacher with the board," she told The Expositor. I am not ready to take a non-active role in education, so, I decided to run for the trustee position for the Manitoulin Island region, presently held by Trustee Margaret Stringer."

"I've had over 25 years experience in teaching and with not being employed by the RDSB now, it allows me to run for the position of trustee," said Ms. Corbiere-Addison. "My drive is to help the kids (students). There are a lot of issues I feel that need to be

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M'Chigeeng First Nation, Sheshegwaning receive funding for energy support programs

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Two Manitoulin Island First Nations, Sheshegwaning and M'Chigeeng, have each received funding toward energy support programs.

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has announced an investment of \$4.8 million to a total of 47 recipients through its Indigenous Energy Support Programs. The IESO is also launching the new Save on Energy First Nations Community Building Retrofit Program, which provides \$100,000 in funding to on-reserve communities for energy-efficiency projects.

The Indigenous-led projects receiving funding will help develop renewable generation, electric-vehicle charging, energy-efficiency measures, community energy planning as well as skills development and training opportunities for youth. These projects include M'Chigeeng First Nation. The funding will allow the community to conduct a technical feasibility study and legal due diligence assessment of a potential partnership with cement company Lafarge to explore a renewable project to offset diesel use on Manitoulin Island.

The Sheshegwaning First Nation has received funding towards installing 20 kW net-metered solar systems on two band buildings to reduce energy costs and reinvest savings back into community infrastructure.

Chris Savage, community energy champion for Sheshegwaning explained the 20-kW net-metered solar systems "will basically be going on the band office and the health centre building, with 10 kW each and 350 volts providing ample power back into the grid, so our energy costs will be reduced dramatically."

"Yes, the community will still be on the grid, but the amount of elec-

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Expositor Salmon Classic derby cancelled

MANITOULIN—It is with heavy hearts that The Manitoulin Expositor announces the cancellation of the 2022 Salmon Classic.

All those who have purchased tickets or graciously sponsored this world class fishing event will have their monies reissued in the coming days.

"With tickets sales down 87 percent this time year over year, and with the derby looming at just two weeks away, we had to think long and hard about how to proceed," said Expositor publisher Alicia McCutcheon. "At the end of the day, we felt we had no choice but to make this hard decision now and cancel the derby or risk



losing tens of thousands of dollars, which no small business can afford to do."

"We took a risk this year when we went with the big money format of the derby," said Salmon Classic organizer Dave Patterson. "We were asked repeatedly by the angling community to bring back the big prizes rather than a total payout of the tickets purchased.

In the end, because of circumstances beyond our control, it just wasn't feasible."

Mr. Patterson said he understands that purchasing a ticket, on top of the gas, lodging and food required

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Amateur radio operators are vital unsung heroes

Amateur radio operators have a long and storied history across the globe and are often referred to as "ham" radio operators. Defined as a "duly authorized person interested in radioelectric practice with a purely personal aim and without pecuniary interest (either direct or monetary or other similar reward) and differentiated from commercial broadcasting, public safety (such as police or fire), or professional two-way radio services (such as maritime, aviation and taxis or the like)."

But that strict definition belies an important truth, especially in these internet dependent times so amply demonstrated by the recent Rogers blackout. The ham radio operators are not internet dependent and function even when all other means of communication have failed. As such ham radio operators, like those members of the Manitoulin Amateur Radio Club who held their annual general meeting at Little Current's Low Island Park this past weekend, form a volunteer backbone communication system intricately linked with local emergency services when catastrophe strikes. As such, they are the unsung heroes of disasters not yet happened.

Normally, ham radio operators are a deceptively solitary lot, often sequestered in a hidden back room in the family home, usually somewhat older (something they would very gladly ameliorate if given the chance to engage a younger crew).

Many cut their teeth on crystal radio sets once found in the back pages of Popular Mechanics and other hobby magazines, spending hours of dogged concentration wiring up tiny components under magnifying glass to finally jump for joy as the buzzing sounds of Morse Code's dots and dashes could be faintly heard—gradually moving up the technological ladder to tinny voices. For many of those pre-digital "nerds" ham radio operation became a lifelong passion, and many ham radio operators can be identified by the call signs that appear on their custom vehicle licence plates, the vessel names on

their boats floating in the marina or a plethora of T-shirts, coats or baseball caps.

Today's amateur radio sets are as far away from those early hobby kits as a soapbox racer is from a Formula One race car and just about any operator can chat for hours on the nuances of atmospheric skips and the influence of sunspots, if you let them. But make no mistake, these seeming relics of a bygone age contain within their skillset the ability to link the world.

Whenever a global disaster, hurricane, typhoon, earthquake or war engulfs a region, amateur radio operators often become that region's soul connection to the outside world—providing a crucial link to life-saving rescues and support.

Because of that solitary, stuck in the basement/attic domain, where many amateur radio operators ply their skills, they remain out of sight and out of mind of nearly all of the general public—but when that moment comes—they spring into action as the heroes of the day—and thank goodness for them.

Manitoulin Amateur Radio Club members can sometimes be seen assisting in marshalling parades in Island communities during the summer months, when you do meet or see one of these elusive creatures, take a moment out to thank them for being them and maybe, if you think you might be interested in learning more about amateur radio, find out how you can enter the hobby. Someday the community may depend on your skills and connections.

Most practitioners are gregarious, if sometimes garrulous, but don't be put off. One of the more interesting aspects of the hobby is connecting with other radio operators across the globe and boasting of rare and remote connections is one of the great joys each shares with their colleagues with pride. That's what amateur radio operators are doing in those back rooms, attics and basements—connecting with people, OG-style.

letters

Plastic bag regime looks like another scam on ordinary people

Never let mankind's influence get to you—it leads to the road of darkness

To the Expositor

I keep hearing about single use plastic bags banning and I am seeing the government is going the wrong way about it. They are going after the ordinary citizens to do it. How come they are not going after these big companies who are making these plastic bags to stop forcing ordinary citizens to pay more for the plastic bags they use because stores are making you pay for the plastic bags? Should think about that, so what the heck is going on between these big companies and the government is it one of these dirty tricks again on how to make more money off an ordinary citizen?

I still see a lot of plastic products around, even in our packaged goods

and plastic is being used and always ends up in the landfill site. Citizens just do not have that kind of money to pay more when this stupid government is not helping enough, then giving handouts to these businesses in the millions of dollars, who do not need the help (high tech, big corporations and mining companies) because fighting climate change is not going to work the way they are going about it.

I believe I'm much closer to mother nature than anybody else because I never let mankind's influence get to me. It leads to the road of darkness. I would rather live in the light of life. Something to think about.

Ronald Osawabine
Wiikwemkoong

Six benches donated toward A.J. Wagg Memorial Park

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—Six benches have been donated toward the A.J. Wagg Memorial Park.

"It's gorgeous in the park and the trails and these benches will enhance this," stated Marcus Mohr, a member of the A.J. Wagg Memorial Park trail committee and community development/outreach coordinator for the municipality of Central Manitoulin. "It's just incredible. Other places would kill for a park like this in the middle of town."

"We're trying to enhance the area with sustainable practices," added Mr. Mohr.

Mr. Mohr explained, "we had six benches donated to the park. We have two six-foot benches and four four-foot benches. Two benches have been installed already, the first donated by Jake's Home Centre in memory of Kevin "Jake" and Don Mackan, and the second bench donated by Madeleine Wagg Becks. She is the fifth of five children born to A.J. and Effie Heron Wagg."

Mr. Mohr explained that the Love family of Cedar Cove Farms, with the inscription 'Pioneers Since 1884,' has donated one of the six-foot benches. "Two benches have been donated by the Island Animal Hospital with the inscription 'Rest and Enjoy the Beauty of Nature,' and the second 'Love Comes in Fur and Paws.'"

A sixth bench has been donated by Finn's Gas Bar, in M'Chigeeng. "Finn's has been looking to give back to the community as they have received so much support from our local community," said Mr. Mohr.

"We are currently assembling the remaining four benches for installation," said Mr. Mohr. He explained, "all of the benches are plastic, made from recycled milk jugs." All the benches are being installed on the accessibility



Six benches have been donated toward the A.J. Wagg Memorial Park. In photo, left, Dale Scott and John Diebolt, members of the trail committee display one of the benches.

ty trail, so they are accessible to everyone.

Mr. Mohr said, "we also had a geologist in, Brenda Koziol, with her husband, to identify features of the park. Ms. Koziol is an interpretive science expert and they identified geological features for interpretive signage. We are waiting on that information before we lay in the alvar trail."

"We have a trail committee and John Diebolt and Dale Scott, along with Marcel Beneteau who was the president of the Mani-

oulin Nature Club, were all instrumental in getting the park and trail in, along with Wendy Wiggins, Al Tribinevicius and Katie Gilchrist," added Mr. Mohr.

The municipality acquired the parkland in the 1990s and A.J. Wagg, for whom it is named, is remembered for establishing Wagg's Creamery in Mindemoya and serving as reeve of the municipality for over 10 years.

Obituaries

Cecil King February 22, 1932—May 4, 2022

Boy From Buzwah educator left an indelible mark on generations of teachers

by Michael Erskine

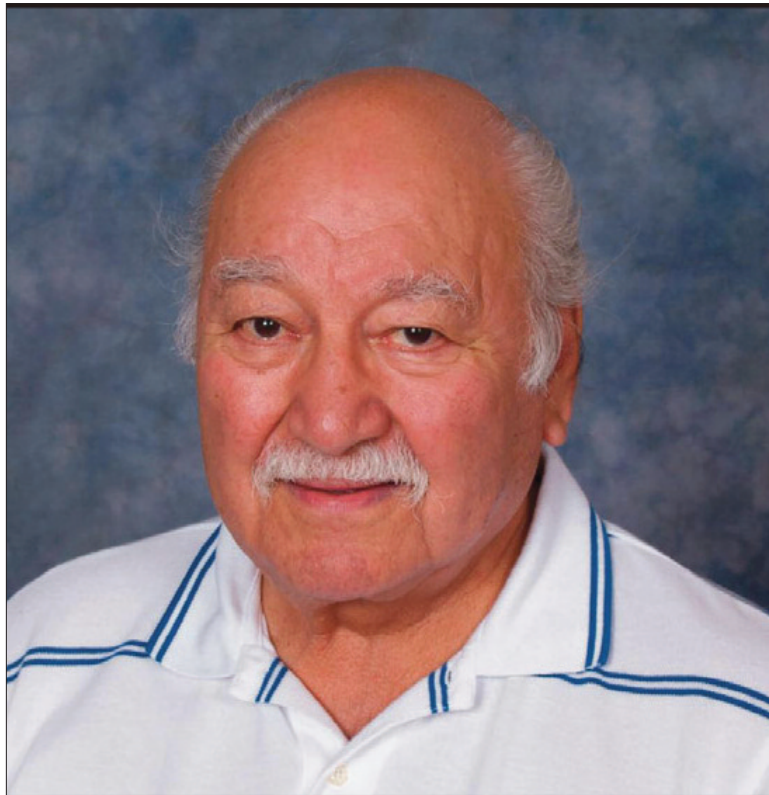
Most of us hope to leave some positive wake behind us as a legacy as we bide our time here on Turtle Island, but few can dare hope to match those countless ripples that emanate from the 90-year passage of Wiikwemkoong born educator and Anishinaabe knowledge keeper Cecil King. More than 60 years of that passage was spent teaching, primarily teachers, in how to approach Indigenous education through an Indigenous lens.

Dr. King transcended the challenges of the residential school system to reach the highest levels of education in the Western system, while retaining his language, his culture and a passion to pass that knowledge on to those who follow.

“His legacy in blazing a path towards achieving educational goals is without parallel,” said Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Duke Peltier. “He played an important role in promoting and preserving our language. His legacy is something his children and grandchildren, our entire community of Wiikwemkoong, can be proud of.”

Born in Wiikwemkoong to David and Adeline King, Dr. King’s siblings included Don and Elizabeth (predeceased) and sister Loretta. His humble beginnings are chronicled in his recently published autobiography ‘The Boy from Buzwah: A Life in Indian Education’ from Regina University Press (available at The Expositor book shop in Little Current).

Dr. King has secured a place in the history books as the first Indigenous candidate to secure a doctorate and among his many accomplishments was the creation of curriculum that connected with the Indigenous worldview. Throughout his life, he developed First Nation language courses used in elementary and secondary schools, founded the Indian Teacher Education Program at



Dr. Cecil King was a mentor and pioneer Indigenous educator who overcame the challenges of the residential school system to not only excel, but to forge a path for many of those who were inspired to follow in his footsteps.

the University of Saskatchewan and was the first director of the Aboriginal Teacher Education Program at Queen’s University.

But to Dr. King’s mind, his children noted, those accomplishments paled in comparison to the role he played on the ground in education, assisting those seeking improved success in educating Indigenous students.

His daughter Anna Lea King, herself a university professor, described her father as “a very gentle, kind man” whose dealings with others encompassed “the utmost diplomacy.”

“It was because of my father that I became teacher myself,” she said. “My father was my childhood hero.”

That sentiment extended to his

compatriots at the University of Saskatchewan where he spent much of his career. “He walked on water” and rippled on to so many others who went on to choose a career in education.

Wiikwemkoong educator Dominic Beaudry, a former director of education at the Wiikwemkoong Board of Education recalled the influence Dr. King had on his own life and career. “He was a teacher and administrator—so we heard a lot about his role in education and wanted a similar career as an educator,” he shared. “I went to Queen’s University and took part in the program he was a part of, the Aboriginal Teachers Education Program, that program gave me a career in education. We honoured Dr. King

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years ago at one of our education conferences at Wiikwemikong High School and we presented him with a lifetime achievement award.”

Order of Canada recipient Jeanette Corbiere-Lavell also considered Dr. King a mentor.

Daughter Alanis King, a storied playwright and author, is also a teacher, although in the arts. She has followed her father’s footsteps along her own path.

She recalled her father’s gentle humour and grace in dealing with people. Ms. King recalled her father’s love of woodworking, likely borne out of his early work at residential school as a set designer.

“He did the sets for HMS Pinafore while he was in residential school,” said Ms. King. “He created the floats for the school parades, even a huge Paul Bunyon for the head of the parade.”

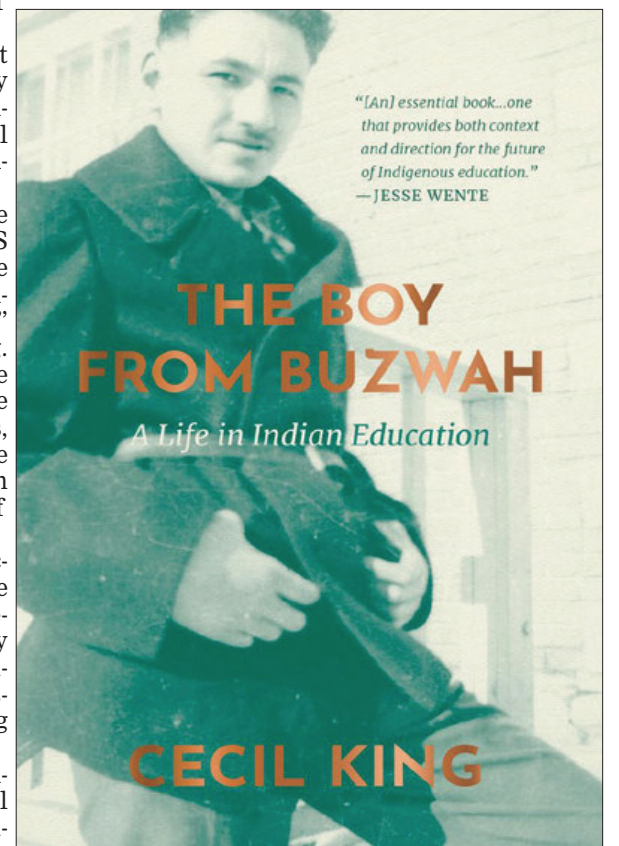
While he recognized the challenges presented to many by the residential school system, Mr. King transcended those challenges to excel in higher education. “He always said that he did not regret his time in residential school,” recalled Ms. King. “It helped make him who he was.”

Mr. King passed at age 90 at the Royal University Hospital in

Saskatoon.

Mr. King had five children, Denise predeceased (2002), Daryl (Gladys) of Buzwah, Anna-Leah of Regina, Alanis (Bitsy/Elizabeth) of Ottawa and Shoo-Shoo (Troy) of Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He is survived by his beloved wife Catherine and will be remembered fondly by his many nieces and nephews.

Mr. King’s wake for Cecil was held at St. Mary’s Parish Hall on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, from 1 pm to



One of Dr. Cecil King’s books is proving to be a popular resource for educators.

Wednesday, May 11. His funeral service took place at St. Mary’s Parish on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 1 pm.

Larry Killens March 14, 1947—July 6, 2022

A pillar of Manitoulin community and relentless gadfly of the system’s status quo

by Tom Sasvari

WHITBY—A pillar of the Manitoulin Island community, Larry Killens passed away at the age of 75 on July 6.

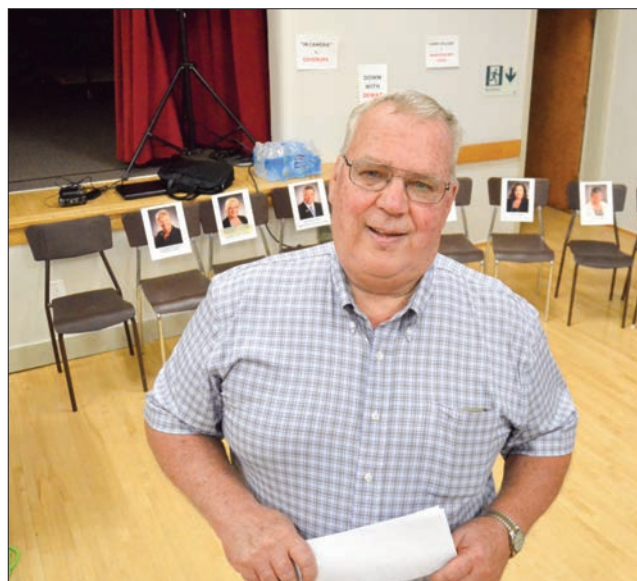
“I was shocked when I heard of Larry’s passing,” stated Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasung. “I understand Larry passed away while visiting Manitoulin Island, having moved to Whitby in 2021. “He loved Manitoulin Island.”

“Larry never shied away from controversy,” said MP Hughes. “He always fought for justice and I know as a school board trustee or in helping someone in the community, he never shied away. He was a pillar in the community.”

“He loved his family and friends,” said MP Hughes. She wrote on her Facebook on Larry’s death, “gone, but not forgotten. Extending my deepest condolences to Larry Killens wife, Shelley and family and to his extremely wide circle of friends and colleagues. Larry dedicated much of his life fighting for the rights of others and for justice. Even those who may not have been of the same view knew that his heart was always in the right place. I am honoured to have had you as a friend and am very grateful for the help you gave me during election campaigns and events. RIP my friend.”

His daughter, Melanie Killens, told Sudbury.com her father’s passing was “very sudden and unexpected,” but peaceful.

On February 28, 1966, in Sudbury District headquarters, Larry enlisted in the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) as a civilian radio operator. He joined the regular force on June 3, 1968 and was assigned to the Red Lake detachment. He was moved to the Tillsonburg detachment on March 1, 1972. Larry was reassigned to the St. Thomas detachment on July 7, 1975 and was transferred to the Manitowaning detachment on January 10, 1977. Larry was assigned to the Parkhill detachment on May 6, 1985. He moved to the Traffic and Marine/Field Coordination branch on January 22, 1986.



The late Larry Killens pictured here during an event he hosted following his censure by the Rainbow District School Board.

photo by Michael Erskine

Larry then moved to the Gore Bay OPP detachment on July 25, 1988, and after 30 years of service, he resigned from the OPP on September 30, 1996.

Graham Lloyd, a retired OPP staff sergeant detachment commander with the Manitoulin OPP told The Expositor, “Yes, Larry and I worked together on the force. He was very sociable, and fair to everyone on his job. At that time, we also had Wiikwemkoong as part of our authority and Larry got along with everyone there as well.” “Larry was a good guy,” stated Mr. Lloyd. “He was a Lions Club member in Manitowaning. He was involved in a lot of things in the community. He was great with the public and he would go out of his way to help people.”

Ron Golden, also a retired OPP staff sergeant, worked with Mr. Killens on the Manitoulin OPP. “While he was in Gore Bay, he became the community services officer. He always had the public interest at heart. He was a good officer.”

Larry was always involved in the community serving not only as a volunteer but also as a trustee on the Rainbow District School Board for four terms, finishing his last term in 2018.

Bob Clement, current chair of RDSB said, “During his 15-year tenure as a trustee, Larry Killens was a proud representative for Manitoulin Island and a strong advocate for community schools. Rainbow District School Board extends its deepest sympathy to his wife Shelley, family and friends.”

Margaret Stringer, a trustee on the RDSB, wrote on her Facebook timeline, “Jim and I are deeply saddened and shocked to hear that our former trustee Larry Killens passed away while visiting Manitoulin this week! Our thoughts and prayers are with Shelley, Melanie, Ashley and family at this difficult time.”

Larry and his wife Shelly moved to Whitby last spring to be closer to his grandchildren but always considered Manitoulin Island their home.

Although he made his home on the Island for many years, Larry wrote in a letter to the Manitoulin Expositor in early 2021 that he and his wife Shelley had chosen to move to southern Ontario to be close to their children in their retirement years.

The family reprinted that letter in The Expositor as his obituary, saying that although he had moved last year the letter was, “his final goodbye on July 6, 2022 from his favourite place on earth, Manitoulin Island.

“Thank you for the love you gave under all the different hats you wore: police officer, school board trustee, husband, grandpa, brother, uncle, dad and friend,” the family said.

Don't get hung up on 'vulnerable' as the registry could be a life saver in an emergency

by **Lori Thompson,**

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MANITOULIN—The Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR) is meant to provide peace of mind in the event of a large-scale emergency for persons with vulnerabilities, such as mobility issues or hearing loss. People tend to get hung up on the word 'vulnerable,' says VPR Coordinator Amanda Sheppard. The registry is confidential, there's no cost, there's little risk and people on the list will be helped during a large-scale emergency.

A person qualifies as vulnerable for the registry if they have: any vision vulnerability that's not fixed by glasses; any sort of hearing difficulty; any sort of mobility issue or someone who is bedridden; any sort of developmental intellectual issues or cognitive impairment; or any sort of severe mental health issues. Being on any life-sustaining equipment that requires electricity, such as home oxygen or dialysis equipment, also qualifies. "It's a pretty lengthy list," said Ms. Sheppard. "It's all self-qualifying, so there's no need for a doctor's form."

The Manitoulin VPR is just another layer of emergency management preparation, so if a municipality ever had to evacuate, or there was no power for several days, or a blizzard or a flood, for example, the township would be able to pull up a list of the most vulnerable people in the community to be better able to help and assist them during those large-scale emergencies. Ms. Sheppard explained.

The VPR first started in Sault Ste. Marie. It was motivated by the tragic death of Lewis Wheelan, a former resident of Sault Ste. Marie who was wheelchair bound and reliant on air conditioning to control his body temperature following a 2001 workplace accident. He was living in southern Ontario during the 2003 blackout. None of his family were able to check in on him to see if he was okay and he wasn't part of any service program. He passed away due to being without electricity.

Mr. Wheeler's family, the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre and the City of Sault Ste. Marie worked to create the VPR program, which first launched there in 2011. It

expanded to other areas in 2019 and now covers north to Wawa, White River, all of Algoma, Manitoulin and the North Shore, and areas of Sudbury East, like the French River.

"We've been working with the community of Killarney as well," Ms. Sheppard said. Killarney didn't have VPR in place during the 2018 wildfire and this would have been absolutely perfect at that time, she said. "They were very excited to get the VPR in place."

The VPR is simply a list of names of vulnerable persons, shared with a township's emergency management coordinator, who would make the decisions on when to reach out to individuals. Ms. Sheppard manages the list itself, adding names and ensuring the information is current.

"The information is housed in our secure database and we give the emergency management coordinators of each township access to the information," she explained. "We require them once a month to get that information, print a copy of it to have a hard copy safe somewhere, so if there's ever an emergency and they can't access the internet, they have the information and can do whatever they need to do with it."

The VPR expanded into the Manitoulin area in 2019 but has not received many registrants yet. It's been hard to reach people during the pandemic, Ms. Sheppard said. "Even the Soo registry that for all the years maintained a consistent number dipped down quite a bit during COVID. We're now starting to get those numbers back up."

There are currently only about 10 persons registered from Manitoulin and they would like to see more. Outreach activities have restarted with advertisements in The Manitoulin Expositor, and Ms. Sheppard will be reaching out to townships in the coming weeks. "We'll see how that goes and also try other things and see how it's best to reach Island community members," she said. "I know everybody reads the paper."

The VPR also works for seasonal residents. The registry has the ability to 'lock' or hide somebody from the list while they are away. As long as they let Ms. Sheppard know,

she can hide (lock) them during the winter months and 'unlock' them during the summer months when those residents are back on the Island.

Lori McDonald, marketing and communications coordinator with the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre, said outreach has been hard for the past two-and-a-half years during COVID. "Now that things are opening up a little bit, we want to really share the stories about VPR, what it's doing for the registrants and how the service can make all the difference in the world in the event of a large-scale emergency," she said.

Adding your name to the VPR is completely free, noted Ms. Sheppard. "There's no cost to register. The townships don't pay anything. It's funded through the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board."

"There's literally no risk in people signing up," added Ms. McDonald. "It's completely confidential. The information provided to Amanda at the time of registration is not public whatsoever. The only time that information is shared is with the responders in the event of an emergency or where Amanda would have to make phone calls and connect with these people."

The term vulnerable doesn't sit well with some people, Ms. McDonald said. "Even to the point where we wondered if we should keep the word vulnerable."

Someone might be doing fine and live on their own and not want to sign up for something called a vulnerable persons registry, but they might be a little hard of hearing, she added. "They don't consider themselves vulnerable, but they are able to sign up for this registry, and if a fire alarm's going off, maybe they can't hear it but responders will have that information that so and so is hard of hearing."

Essentially, the purpose of the VPR is to try and increase people's safety by ensuring somebody is there to help during those emergency situations. For more information or to register for the Manitoulin VPR, contact Amanda Sheppard at 705-942-7927 extension 3041 or by email to info@soovpr.com.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Team Fergmeijer loves watching programs about lakes and rivers on the Internet. Anything water-related, really. In fact, as we write this column, we are watching a live stream! Going with the flow of this theme, this past Sunday was the annual Marine Service and Blessing of the Boats at St. John's Anglican Church. The church has deep ties to the marine history of the area, and Sunday's service was well-attended.

The Iced Ts (Ethan, Chris and Arik Theijsmeijer) will be performing Friday, July 22 at the pavilion. You've likely seen these talented gentlemen perform separately at the Christmas concert, with the Island Singers or even at the weekly markets, but this is your chance to see them perform live together for the first time! Show starts at 7 pm; admission is by donation with a portion of the proceeds supporting the library. Bring your own blanket or chair for maximum enjoyment! In case the weather doesn't cooperate, the Iced Ts will perform on Saturday evening. Check in with the Kagawong Facebook page for updates (www.facebook.com/kagawong1).

Stock up on reading material this Saturday at the library's annual book sale. From 11 am to 3 pm, browse a huge collection of books at the market pavilion. Don't forget to grab some Burt Farm smokies and hotdogs hot off the BBQ while you are there. All proceeds go to support the library. For an added bonus, Canadian author Kathryn Recourt, will be on-site signing books and giving readings from her award-winning 'Sir Archibald Droolsalot' series of children's books! Readings will be at 11:30 am and 1:30 pm, but kids and parents are welcome to visit with her any time throughout the event.

Also on July 23rd is Manitoulin's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, from 1 to 4 pm. Collection depot for our township will be the Mindemoya Roads Building (7 Lakeshore Road off highway 542/551 in Mindemoya). Due to cuts in the education budget, they've decided to simplify the alphabet, reducing it to just two vowels and one consonant. But don't worry, everything's going to be A-OK! Speaking of budgets, the township will be hosting a special meeting of Council on Monday, July 25th at 7 pm to pass the 2022 budget. If you would like to attend by Zoom, contact Kathy McDonald at kmcdonald@billingstwp.ca before 3 pm on the day of the meeting.

We have a handful of birthdays to share with you this week: MBB, Jen C, and Arik T are all celebrating their big days this week, turning 29. Ethan T is also celebrating, but he has not yet hit the 29 mark. Remember that with age comes wisdom...and random hairs that grow in weird places. Happy birthday to you all!

Mary and John Buie recently celebrated a major milestone - 50 years of marriage! Family members travelled from far and wide to commemorate this momentous occasion. Congratulations to you two crazy kids!

Team Fergmeijer grilled a chicken last night. Still no answer on why she crossed the road. Perhaps it was to get to the market? Our little market is exploding with over 50 vendors showcasing amazing, creative, delicious, and practical things. Be sure to check it out (Wednesdays 10 am to 3 pm through July and August). There's lots of parking available at the Park Centre.

History Day in Kagawong is back! Join historian David Saint-Pierre, army historian Ron Millar and the 2022 Salva-

tion Army band on Thursday, August 11th to learn more about The Sinking of the Empress of Ireland - Canada's Titanic. There are two opportunities to attend that day: a matinee event at 3:30 pm, or evening event at 7 pm, both at the Park Centre. Admission is by donation and supports museum projects. Contact the Old Mill Heritage Centre at 705-282-1442 or oldmillheritage@billingstwp.ca for more information.

Team Aelick is Strolling for Liver again this year. You can support the Canadian Liver Foundation by donating online or by joining Team Aelick on Sunday, August 28 for the 5 km stroll through the village.

Singing in the shower is all fun and games until you get shampoo in your mouth. Then, it becomes a soap opera. Have a good week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Art Displays across Manitoulin last week. Here in Meldrum, Paul and Tracy McAllister on Lighthouse Road had their place open. We sat and had tea and chatted for a while. There was artwork in the form of photos and paintings as well as other creations. I bought a t-shirt that they had printed a logo on themselves. I loved the colour and when I put it on the next day the fabric was remarkably soft. I highly recommend them.

On Saturday we also stopped at Karen's and Albert's in Silver Water for their usual Saturday morning yard sale with the neighbours. Coffee and goodies were there and at 11 am we enjoyed hamburgers and hotdogs. All proceeds went to the Medical Centre in Gore Bay. Well done, Karen.

Thanks to Dr. Shorthouse for his many interesting articles in the Expositor. I really enjoyed the one about the yellow roses. I had no idea they had so much history to them. They are scattered around Meldrum and are so pretty. Out in a field there will be a yellow rose growing and it is the marker of the hopes and ambitions of former households who had a farm there.

We have enjoyed walking. Karen in Silver Water has a walking group. They are very committed. We are less so. When we go regularly, we say how much better we feel, how much better we sleep, how much better our clothes fit. But it is so easy to let other things creep in. We did enjoy two nice walks this week. One of our regulars was away. Two days out of seven though doesn't get a passing grade in the fitness world. This week will be different.

On Monday night of last week, the movie was Philomena. Everyone enjoyed it. It is based on a true story. I am told that the next time it will be a comedy. That will be next week because this week is quilting at the hall, with the making of disaster relief supply bags.

The McDonald's were leaning on their truck near Pat McDougall's place. We stopped to talk to them, and they had just finished cutting her whole lawn which is large. It was a really nice job too. They are a real help to Pat.

At cards on Friday there were five full tables. High lady was DonnaKay McDonald with 82 points and she took home the money jar with \$51. High man was Keith Clarke with 66 points. Ladies' lone hands went to Myra Duncanson with three. Men's lone hands went to Brian Lavallee with three. Most euchres was won by Jan Joyce with nine. Juice went to Lynn Reiss. Congratulations to all.

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Family and friends gathered for the wedding celebration for Fiona Miller and Ben Perry on June 10th in Ottawa. Fiona is the daughter of Sandy and Jim Miller and granddaughter of Oliver and Barb Runnalls. The wedding was outside at Central Park with the reception at The Orange Gallery. Following their honeymoon in Quebec City, the couple will make their home in Ottawa.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Gladys Duncanson and I had a short visit with Sharon Addison and John Lloyd on our way-out Valhalla Road for our swim last week.

Rebecca Bender and Gwen Binsfeld joined us for the swim on Friday.

Albert Meijer had an accident involving his lawn mower and a ditch on July 10. We found out this past week that a spine bone is broken. Monday, we go to Sudbury for a back brace to be worn for the next six weeks. Thank you to everyone who called, stopped to visit, offered to help and is keeping Albert in their prayers. Thank you to Doug Carter for finishing mowing Dad's lawn, Chad Chevette for mowing our lawn, John Jagt for running the BBQ on Saturday at the market and all the other people who have helped out so far.

Jim Noble (Dad) is still in the hospital in Little Current and goes to Sudbury on Monday for a procedure. He and Albert were at the CT Scan department at the same time on Thursday so we had a short visit.

Doug and Brenda Carter were away in North Bay for the weekend with their motorcycle club.

Jim and Linda Wagg and their family were at the cottage for two weeks and left on Friday. Colleen and Eric Julseth arrived Saturday for their vacation.

On Saturday, the township had the "big bin" clean-up day at the fire hall. The bin was about half full when it left so there will be a discussion about skipping next year altogether at the next meeting.

I attended Bernadette Walker's funeral last Friday and Phyllis Cook's funeral on Wednesday.

There were 14 people out to euchre last Thursday in Silver Water and 20 on Friday in Meldrum Bay.

There are plans being made for a lasagna dinner in August in Meldrum Bay and the beef roast on July 30. Watch the advertising for details.

The west end UCW ladies ran the cake and coffee booth at the market in Gore Bay on Friday and did very well.

There were lots of people out to the market in our yard on Saturday. Thank you to everyone supporting the local vendors and helping raise money for the Gore Bay Medical Centre.

We had a lot of residents out to recycling day on July 11. Thank you to John Jagt for helping me. The next date is July 23 from 1 to 2 pm for recycling.

I had Tom and Linda Rumley, Keith and Iris Clarke and Myra Duncanson in to play six-handed euchre on Saturday night. The women surged ahead in the last few rounds and won. Have a great week.



Caught Being Active!

Once again, the Quackenbush family is getting kids, their own and others, out and getting some engaging exercise! Sarah and Ben having finished their own Youth Mountain Bike group has remained active in the very supportive cycling family. Their latest efforts included taking a small group, off-Island, to the Walden Mountain Bike Club's Ionic Mountain Bike Tour over the weekend.

In the 10km event, Greyson Brewer-Case came first, Xavier Coleman was right behind in second and teammate Isaac Quackenbush was 4th.

Then, in the 5k sprint distance for boys, Nathan Quackenbush broke the tape for first and Rachel Quackenbush took fourth in the girls' division.

Now, will the Island crew be up for the Bush Pig Open, Random 6 Hour Relay on August 7? If you are interested, visit the WMBC website to register or to even help out by volunteering! www.waldenmbc.ca/events/bpo-2022-random-6-hr-relay

Manitoulin Pickleball!

Following the exciting announcement last week of the medal haul by Manitoulin Pickleball members at the Canadian National Pickleball Championships the club thought that it might be a good time to put the call out for new members. I talked with volunteer extraordinaire George Ballantyne and he was generous to give us a primer on the sport and reveals a new opportunity for everyone to check it out.

He proposes that if people consider even the top-five reasons why pickleball is the fastest growing sport among adults you will too. Number 1: it's easy for new players to "pick up" the basics! Within an hour of instruction you can be hitting balls back and forth over a net on a court. 2: It's fun to play! It requires concentration and you will quickly forget about everything but the "here and now." A terrific stress reliever! Many adults make the comment after playing. "I haven't had this much fun since I was a kid." 3: It's a great workout! Mind and body at the same time. Imagine having fun while you burn calories. 4: It's a great way to meet people and socialize! The game attracts players from a variety of backgrounds. All with a common interest—pickleball! 5: It's very inexpensive! A paddle, a ball, a pair of running shoes and you are all set to go. The equivalent of a couple of rounds of golf would more then cover the needs of an entry level player.

George continues with, "Anyone who wants to get out of the house and do something should consider giving Pickleball a try. To that end, the Manitoulin Pickleball Group is preparing to launch free "Introduction to Pickleball" sessions starting Haweater Weekend, Saturday, July 30. They are inviting all interested "adults" in NEMI (Little Current) and surrounding areas of the Manitoulin Island to come out and play. The session will last between an hour to 90 minutes. Weather permitting, the gatherings will take place on the outside Pickleball courts behind the Arena. More specific information about booking a "time slot" will follow in the next article. Stay tuned!

Pike Masters!

The Wiikwemkoong Anglers latest Pike Masters event this past Saturday. Taking home \$480 was the team of Aaron Recollet and Lesley Recollet thanks to their 68 inch, total, two-fish total. Brian Stapleton and Jay Heins took second, missing by 2 1/2 inches. In third, only two inches behind them was the boat of Elizabeth Tyson and Phil Fogal. Follow the Anglers for all their great derbies, still to come.

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The ladies are the champs

Manitoulin Golf held its annual ladies open tournament recently. Allison Idle and Sheila Bray took first place in the championship flight with an 18-hole score of 73. Norma Ense and Roxie Recollet were the winners of the second flight. In photo left is Sheila Bray, Jess Hayden of Manitoulin Golf, and Allison Idle.

Denis Audette wins Rainbow Ridge men's tournament

by Tom Sasvari

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Local golfer Denis Audette has had a particularly good summer thus far!

Mr. Audette, from Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK) First Nation, became the first player to win the Rainbow Ridge Golf Course (RRGC) men's open championship for the third time earlier this month. Previous to that, he had qualified for the 2022 Senior All-Ontario Championship.

Mr. Audette, who won the RRGC men's championship flight tournament in 2017 and 2018, did it again this year in the two-day, 36-hole event held July 9-10. "I fell apart during the 2020 tournament," he quipped. "I definitely had nerves coming down the stretch."

Mr. Audette posted a total score of 147 (three over par, 72-75), to win.

Other flight winners at the RRGC men's open included Scott Madahbee in the first flight, Shane Corbiere in the second flight, co-winners Peter Bond and Matt Johnson in the third flight, Ronnie Odjig in the fourth flight, Mike Badger in the fifth flight, Trevor Esquimaux took top spot in the sixth flight and Travis Tremblay was the winner of the seventh flight.

Earlier this summer, Mr. Audette had placed seventh overall in the Ontario senior men's championship qualifier held in Lindsay, Ontario. He posted an 18-hole score of 78 (six over par). He explained, "I qualified for the all-Ontario senior championship at the qualifier, held at the Lindsay Golf and Country Club. This will be the first time I have played in this tournament. When I retired, I promised myself I would work on my game."

"I'm looking forward to the All-Ontario championships," said Mr. Audette. "This year was the first time I've tried to qualify. I tried to get a practice



Denis Audette, right, is presented with the Rainbow Ridge Golf Course men's championship trophy by John Dube.

round in at the Lindsay course, especially since I had never played there, but I couldn't, so I went in blind. The greens were superfast and at one point we all had to face 50-plus kilometre winds."

"I made an eagle on the 10th hole, to go to minus one on the day," said Mr. Audette. "But then the nerves and the wind got me, and I had a few bogeys, and finished with a score of 78." The top 18 in the tournament qualified for the All-Ontario championships (where Mr. Audette will represent RRGC) on July 25-27 at the Sarnia Golf and Country Club.

"Hopefully, I will do well (at the All-Ontario championship)," said Mr. Audette. "After the first two days, the cut will be the top 60. Hopefully I will make the cut, that is my goal. It would be nice to win, but I'm sure my nerves are going to be pretty high." He noted, "they are allowing fans to the event and everyone will have a caddy."

"No, I've never played in an event like this before," said Mr. Audette. "If I can keep my nerves under control, I should do okay."

Manitoulin Golf Mens' 2022 open champions crowned

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON—The Troy Chatwell and Kyle Kauppi team have won the Manitoulin Golf Mens' open championship for the second time. They won the championship flight with a two-day, 36-hole score of 128 (63-65), winning this flight by five strokes over their nearest competitors. The annual tournament was held this past weekend.

Cheryl Deeg, clubhouse manager, said at the award ceremony, "I would like to thank everyone for coming out to play in the tournament this weekend. I would like to



Troy Chatwell and Kyle Kauppi formed the championship flight winning team at the annual Manitoulin Golf mens' open championship, held this past weekend. They posted a two-day, 36 hole score of 128 (16 under par).



The team of Gord Reid and Marcel Leclair were the second flight champions at the Manitoulin Golf mens' open championship.

thank Dan (Marois) (who handled the scorekeeping), all the volunteers who helped out and my staff for all their hard work."

Ms. Deeg noted there were hole-in-one prizes provided by Pat Noble Lumber and McQuarrie Motors, while The Island Remax

(Jordan Chandler) provided the door prize.

"Thanks to Dave Carr and the grounds crew for having the course in great shape for the tournament," said Mr. Marois.

The second flight winners were the team of Marcel Leclair and

Gord Reid who had a total score of 141 (71-70). They have each played in all 42 mens' open tournaments. The third flight was won by Andre Corbiere and Todd Fox who had a total score of 146 (73-73). The fourth flight was won by Josh Bigras and Yves Poirier who had a score of 151 (77-74). The fifth flight first place team was made up of Carson McLeod and Kyle Nodecker with a total score of 152 (80-72).

Special prizes were presented to Aaron Assinewai for longest drive, Warren Corbiere for shot closest to the pin on the 11th hole and to Gord Reid for shot closest to the 15th hole.

The annual tournament hosted a total of 120 players.

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Matt Bonin's multiple sclerosis swim of North Channel ends, raises more than \$20,600

by Diane Sims

Editor's Note: When journalist Diane Sims learned of Matthieu Bonin's plans to swim around Manitoulin Island this summer to raise awareness for people living with multiple sclerosis (MS) she leapt at the opportunity to report on Mr. Bonin's motivation and progress as she was diagnosed with MS at age 17.

LITTLE CURRENT—With a last tired, but mighty stroke, Matthieu Bonin's Manitoulin Island swim for Multiple Sclerosis ended at 4:17 p.m. July 17 at the Harbor Vue Marina in Little Current where he had begun his journey July 1 to increase awareness of the debilitating neurological disease and to raise funds

into finding a cure.

"He's happy to be done!" laughed Jess McShane, a photographer aboard Matt's accompanying Zodiac boat over a quick telephone call as everyone was climbing into vehicles heading home to Sudbury and points beyond.

His last day of 26 kilometres stretched body and soul but he was determined "to bring it home." And with that, he's raised \$20,602.10 for the MS Society of Canada.

"Most of the day was perfectly calm but then Matt was fighting some heavy cross-currents closer to the swing bridge," Ms. McShane added.

"A world without MS is achievable. The MS Society

of Canada is inspired and grateful to Matthieu Bonin's efforts. On behalf of the 90,000 Canadians living with MS, we thank Matthieu," stressed Heather Saba, senior director, community, Central Canada.

Although Matt was too sleepy to speak with me Sunday evening I spoke with Karlie Greatrex of Elliot's Restaurant who served Matt and crew a celebratory meal before they headed home.

"He seemed enthusiastic and really pleased with what he'd achieved," recalled Ms. Greatrex, adding, "he was really exhausted but in very good spirits."

And what did the swim-



Swimmer Matt Bonin is one happy distance swimmer.

photo by Jess McShane

mer enjoy his first meal ashore?

"Caesar salad, fried chicken and an iced tea," Ms. Greatrex laughed!

Matt set out to swim the circumference, 350 kilometres, of the Island. Indeed, he made it through four-to-six-foot waves, accomplishing 47 kilometres in the first four days. Then after rounding the large peninsula of the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, Matt hit a wall of 45F Lake Huron water.

He suffered mild hypothermia that occurs when the body is exposed to water temperatures 40F and below. With an exhausted and worried crew Matt announced on Facebook he was abandoning the swim. I also took that announce-

ment hard because I have end-stage MS and cheered him on in my heart.

However, as Matt wrote on Facebook "Mother Nature had spoken" and it wasn't the year, or perhaps the month, to take Lake Huron head on.

Yet Matt has much of which to be proud. After a few days of rest, relaxation and good nourishment he and the crew (primarily composed of Christine Arsenault, Mélanie Boyer, Greg Erickson and Rick McLean), regrouped and relaunched July 11 from the Meldrum Bay marina. This was so Matt could swim the North Channel back to Little Current with its primary

ly westerly winds and warmer water temperatures. This would tack on another 104 kilometres.

Matt stressed throughout our many messages, interviews and emails how overwhelmed he and the crew were at the heartfelt kindnesses of Islanders and especially the First Nations communities from Wiikwemkoong to M'Chigeeng to Zhiibaahaasing.

"I am grateful to the wonderful people of Wiikwemkoong. I owe my life to their compassion, generosity and hospitality. This is a beautiful land with beautiful people," he said after first stopping the journey there.

Each day Matt would thoughtfully dedicate the swim to someone he had met along his Island journey. Matt contacted me early the morning of his swim from Zhiibaahaasing to Barrie Island saying he was dedicating it to me. I was touched to tears.

Miigwetch Matt for helping all of us with MS.

(Donations can still be made to the MS Society of Canada through the website msmanitoulinswim.com or cheques can be mailed to Sandy Stretch, #109, 884 Regent St., Sudbury, Ont. P3E 6C7.)

Award-winning drama 'Molly Sweeney' returns to Gore Bay Summer Theatre

by Michael Erskine

GORE BAY—Following the rave reviews received by Gore Bay Theatre's 2020 production of 'Molly Sweeney' during the QUONTA theatre competitions, many were left disappointed that they were unable to make one of the few performances possible during the pandemic. Well, weep and wail no more, the theatre company is mounting the play in repertoire with Norm Foster's comedy 'On a First Name Basis,' itself a not-to-be-missed production.

Unlike the comedy, however, 'Molly Sweeney' is a drama, and what a drama at that.

Written by famed Irish playwright Brian Friel and co-directed by Walter Maskell and Andrea Emmerton, the play tells an engaging story that keeps its audience spell-bound throughout.

QUONTA adjudicator Annette G. Procnier was effusive in her praise for 'Molly Sweeney' during the competition, noting "I never once saw an actor on stage—I saw characters telling a story from three different perspectives."

Ms. Procnier also had nothing but praise for the directors whose interpretation of the work is out-

standing. "Irish storytelling at her best," she said. A seasoned adjudicator of 45 years, and author of 'Do You See What I See,' Ms. Procnier is not known as one to pull punches in her assessments.

Lead Tara Bernatchez delivers one of her most outstanding performances in 'Molly Sweeney,' stretching her already considerable talents onstage above and beyond what should be humanly possible. Her performance secured top honours for Outstanding Female in a Leading Role.

Mr. Maskell and Ms. Emmerton took home the Richard Howard Award for Outstanding Direction. The play also secured an Outstanding Visual Performance Award.

The competition in the 2020 QUONTA season was intense, otherwise 'Molly Sweeney' might well have swept the lists that year.

This year a medical emergency forced a cast change, with director Maskell stepping into one of the male roles, but as an accomplished and veteran actor in his own right, his contribution to the ensemble is well worth catching.

Those wanting to experience live theatre with the best the North has to offer should head out to the Gore

Bay Community Hall on July 22, 23, 27 and 29 to see for themselves. They will not be disappointed. Doors open at 7 pm, curtain at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 advance and \$22 at the door and are available at the Gore Bay municipal office or by calling 705-282-2120 extension 3. Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

Hawater Chas Chatwell is a member of winning Ryder Cup 2022 team

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—A Hawater was one of the members of the Lively Golf Course team that won the regional Ryder Cup tournament, held earlier this month in Sudbury. The annual tournament pits the best players from each of three golf courses, Lively, Timberwolf and Idylwylde Golf and Country Club.

Chase Chatwell, originally from Gore Bay, was part of the winning Lively team. The Lively Golf Club team (made up of eight players) started the second day of the tournament in third place with three and a half points and had already assured themselves no worse than a play-off berth. The team rallied on the last day of the event, leaving them at nine points. Leaders heading into the last day with 4.5 points, the Idylwylde team was at eight points, needing Ward Kyle to defeat Jay Jewett of Timberwolf on the very last hole of the event to force a playoff.

Sitting solidly in second with four points in the opening two days, the Timberwolf side had added only another deuce to its total, with the Jewett victory still leaving them in third. The Lively crew were ecstatic when their Timberwolf counterpart split the hole with Kyle, with captains Brian Caesar and Max Kallio and team winning the cup for the first time since 2017. Marcus Strom was among the five Lively players to win their head-to-head matches on the last day of the tournament, joining Brian Caesar, Jean-Luc Lacelle, Alex Watier and Chase Chatwell with Max Kallio earning the half. Justin Karcz and Carson Frattini rounded out the Ryder Cup winning team.

The last round took place on the Idylwylde course.

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...Heaven's Gate officially opens: LaCloche property firmly protected

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River First Nation. "Every piece of land that EBC acquires has a history and we must commit to learn that history in order to properly implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report," she

amazing that people really got on board. It was a project that really captured people's imagination." At the end, there was a more than \$300,000 contribution from the Greenlands Conservation Partnership, he added. "We

sunset," he said, "It's the silhouette of the Heaven's Gate mountain that we look at. To me, there's nothing more beautiful to look at than that." Mr. Thoburn said the odds of reaching the fundraising goal were

which contains some steeper slopes but also offers the payoff of stunning views over the North Channel at the lookout; or the five-kilometre Gorge trail, with more gentle uphill climbs. One Arabella hiker was a visitor to Manitoulin Island who was intrigued after seeing an advertisement in The Expositor; others were avid hikers, already familiar with the trails. The preserve contains old growth forest, three lakes, two mountains and numerous wetlands in a Canadian Shield landscape. If you're lucky, you may see one of the more than 12 species at risk that are found at Heaven's Gate.

Following the hikes, there was a reception at Whitefish Falls Community Centre to end the day. "We really appreciate everybody's help," Mr. Barnett said. "For hundreds of years to come, maybe thousands of years, Heaven's Gate is protected, thanks to all of you."

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Those on hand for the official grand opening of the Heaven's Gate trail take a celebratory hike and take in the beautiful surroundings.

photo by Lori Thompson

said, adding that EBC aspires "to protect the land in a good way in the spirit of reconciliation."

The 2,100-acre property was purchased from the estate of the late Harry Albrecht for \$1.65 million, following a whirlwind 90-day fundraising blitz by EBC members. Many years ago, EBC founding member and Executive Director Bob Barnett began talking to (Manitoulin Island realtors) Jim Bousquet and later Steve Bousquet about the Albrecht reserve. "Harry Albrecht bought this land and set it aside so it wouldn't be developed," Mr. Barnett said. "He called it the Skyline Nature Reserve. It was always part of the Heaven's Gate trail."



Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy founding member and executive director Bob Barnett, left, and Chair Saba Ahmad address the crowd.

Following the deaths of Mr. Albrecht and his wife Virginia, the family approached EBC once again. "They said, Harry always wanted you to have the land. We're willing to sell it. The price is \$1.65 million and we need the money in three months," Mr. Barnett said.

The fundraising effort was spearheaded by founding member and EBC Treasurer Ted Cowan, and was greatly helped by Bay of Island Community Association (BICA) members and some very generous donors, both individuals and corporate. "This project wouldn't be happening without them coming and helping us. It's just

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shoreline. The deceased has been identified as Joseph Whittall, 46, from Hanmer.

The office of Chief Coroner and Ontario Forensic Pathology Service is assisting and a post-mortem examination will take place in Toronto at a later date.

really appreciate that." It was "nothing short of a miracle," he continued. "Roy Jeffery spent 200 hours exploring the land and laying out trails. He was helped by a number of people in the community. I couldn't believe all the effort. Roy and Stan Ferguson made a parking lot here so we could actually get the cars off the road. It wasn't just money, it was a lot of effort."

The Bay of Islands community that lies adjacent to Heaven's Gate contains only a few hundred properties, but community members are bound by their love of the place, said Patrick Thoburn, who spoke on behalf of the community. "We talked today about what an important environmental preservation it is," Mr. Thoburn said. "We're sequestering carbon forever in this beautiful, pristine forest, and that's amazing. We're protecting flora and fauna. Through this preservation we have an incredible new hiking trail connecting adjacent properties."

That's important, he said, but there's something more. The quartz mountain makes the area unique from anywhere in the world. "When we watch the

steep in the beginning, but rumours of a quarry or a potential subdivision proved to be a great motivator. "We got fired up," he said. "So many members of the community made phone calls, sent emails and went door to door."

He offered thanks to the Bay of Islands community members who participated and who made donations, and on behalf of the community he thanked "everyone who participated through their actions, through their donations and made this dream a reality."

He made a special mention of Roy and Cathy Jeffery's incredible leading donation and effort and Mr. Barnett for his leadership, ending with a shout out "to that individual who lit the fire in the beginning, got us motivated, got us organized, Mr. Ted Cowan."

After the speeches, the sunny July afternoon was not wasted. The star of the day was not EBC but Heaven's Gate preserve itself. Most of the dozens of people who came to the opening ceremony came prepared to hike. Two options were provided: the more challenging, six kilometre Arabella loop,

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Northeast Town public library offering innovative tech leg-up

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—There is much being said these days about the gig economy and side hustles made possible by major technological advances that are changing how we work. But many find themselves on the outside looking in when it comes to these new opportunities due to a shortfall in the skillset that matches up with those opportunities.

Thanks to a new program at the NEMI Public Library and a host of high-tech equipment, individuals can now learn or upgrade those skills.

The Technological Skills Development (TSD) program funded by the Ontario Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development is geared toward a "hands on" approach to building a 21st Century skillset that

will enable participants to start a new career or enhance advancement in the career they are already in.

"All you need is a library card and the TSD program will give you access to the technology and the materials you need to learn," said Technical Skills Program Facilitator Robin Duncanson. Ms. Duncanson, who recently retired from her career as an elementary school teacher with the Rainbow District School

Board, said she jumped at the opportunity to head up the TSD program. "When I saw how the program worked, I was really excited," she said.

At first Ms. Duncanson thought the program might be an overlap with what is offered by satellite community college programs on the Island, but a visit to local campuses soon disavowed that thought. "This was something completely different," she said. "The program is designed to be

flexible and to help overcome obstacles like time challenges, childcare, or transportation problems that may hamper your ability to get the training you need to build your skills."

Ms. Duncanson said that the program will adjust access times (within reason) to accommodate participants availability.

The program is tailored to meet local needs as well. "Local employers have been canvassed about the skills their employees will need

and how the TSD program can assist," she said. "Businesses and other stakeholders are asked to complete the survey they received in the mail in early July, or to simply complete an online survey." That survey can be accessed at nemi.olsn.ca/tsd-survey.

Among the equipment available to participants are a fully enclosed 3D printer, a laser engraver, a powerful iMac computer and an Alienware computer (a true gamer's delight) that is capable of operating animation software or just about any other program currently on the market. The equipment is set up in a makerspace so that participants can fabricate their designs and a lending library offers equipment



The famous Mississagi Lighthouse has been closed to the public for several years.

...Mississagi Park closed

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nation Manitoulin Island (DMI) board, last week. "Until we find a group to take it over, it will remain closed."

"It needs major repairs," stated Mr. Stephens. "COVID did not help. Until someone takes it over and repairs are done not much is going to happen," he said, noting, "I wouldn't want to put a dollar figure on the cost it would take to make the repairs."

Mr. Stephens explained, "I took a tour of the lighthouse about a year ago and it is beautiful. However, it's the infrastructure that is around it that is not," stated Mr. Stephens, noting, "I actually hold the lease for the building for DMI. Everything is on hold until COVID is gone and work is done. It is dilapidated."

Jarred Noble, plant manager of the Lafarge/Holcim, which owns the road that allows access through their property to the lighthouse and campground told The Expositor, "Basically it is owned by DFO (Department of Fisheries and Oceans) and is leased by DMI. We don't have any control over whether the buildings and campground are open."

The access gate to the property is closed, said Mr. Noble. "We can't have it open if no one is back there managing the property and buildings. There are a lot of renovations that need to take place." He explained that some people think they can access the property even if the gate is closed. "We have signs up indicating the locked gate, and signs that people are not allowed to access the property through our gate, and signs posted that trespassers will be charged if they cross."

Mr. Noble said "some of the people that have gone on the property have been caught more than once," noting, "it is a liability issue for us. We are doing our best to keep access to the property closed. It has to remain closed if no one is operating the facilities."

Visitors and potential visitors to the lighthouse and campground, along with others, have voiced their frustration that they are not allowed on the lighthouse and campground property. "People want to go to the lighthouse, or they go and come back from going to the lighthouse and they are ticked off because they can't get on the property," said Rick Nelson, curator of the Old Mill Heritage Museum in Kagawong. He said many people express frustration to him about the situation with the lighthouse when they visit the museum in Kagawong. Mr. Nelson and Bill Caesar are co-chairs of the Manitoulin Lighthouse committee.

Mr. Nelson told The Expositor he talked to a member of the DMI board, "and I told them that they need to confirm that the lighthouse and campground are closed and to put out a press release to let the general public know. If you go to the DMI website, there is nothing there explaining that this is the case. This is the third season that it has been closed since the pandemic hit."

"I've heard that Lafarge has had to escort people off the property," continued Mr. Nelson. "I've been begging DMI to put out some type of statement to let people know what is going on, but they aren't responding to any of my messages anymore," continued Mr. Nelson. "They initially responded to my inquiries but for a long time now they have gone silent."

Mr. Stephens told The Expositor the lighthouse site is still owned by the DFO. "There are some grants out there (for needed repair work to be carried out) and we (DMI) have applied for them, but haven't heard any response yet."

"For now, it is a case of hurry up and wait," said Mr. Stephens. "This is the third year the lighthouse and campground have been closed. Last year I was up there on a tour of the facility with a couple of the (DMI) board members. "The lighthouse is beautiful, but looking at it and its condition, we can't let the public in there. There was a group from Silver Water who indicated they would like to take it over but I don't know where the talks are on this."

...COVID-19 outbreak closes Manor

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has been declared in outbreak," said Manor administrator Don Cook. "We are working closely with public health to control virus spread and adhere to infection prevention protocols."

"We continue to test all residents and staff throughout the home," continued Mr. Cook, "and at this time, six residents have tested positive."

According to Mr. Cook, universal masking and PPE requirements continue to remain in place at the nursing home and have been further enhanced. "Visitation remains ongoing for essential caregiver family members and all visitors and staff are actively screened for symptoms before entering the home," he said. "Residents are being monitored closely and receiving enhanced supports from our care team." Mr. Cook noted that COVID-19 continues to circulate in communities across the

province. "We remain vigilant to ensure resident safety and will continue to provide regular updates to our community of families, residents and team members," concluded Mr. Cook.



A sign on the front door alerts visitors to the Manor that the facility is experiencing a COVID-19 outbreak.

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...Help control phragmites on Manitoulin, learn more during Phragmites Week

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 come off it, similar to a corn stalk. A cattail, she demonstrates, is more like a green onion, with leaves coming off the base. Phragmites blooms from the middle-to-end of August through September, so anything on the road right now that's already bloomed is not phragmites. "There's a lot of tall grass in the world," Ms. Jones said. "Fortunately, it's not all phragmites. We're seeing a lot of this on the road right now, big tall stands of it. It's not phragmites. (This' is called canary reed grass. It's phragmites number one lookalike). We don't have to worry about it."

When they're both small, however, the plants are hard to tell apart by sight. When they get older, reed canary grass is much smaller and more delicate than phragmites, and it's soft. In the fall when it dies, it falls over. Phragmites has a hard stalk and in the fall when it dies, it remains standing. Phragmites is also a larger plant. The phragmites sample Ms. Jones has with her has a red stem, but the plant does not always have a red stem. There are two species of phragmites, she explained. One has a red stem and one doesn't. One has a shiny stem and the other has a rough stem. The European strain is the more aggressive one although sometimes the American strain acts invasively, even though it is considered to be an indigenous species.



Phragmites is so aggressive it will quickly wipe out any vegetation that dares grow in its path.

photo by Lori Thompson

When American phragmites is in its natural habitat, it behaves as a native species in balance with the rest of its ecosystem.

Ms. Jones walks the group across the highway to where a patch of American phragmites is acting in an invasive manner. "I know this is the American strain because we had it genotyped in 2019," she said. "So I know this is the American strain acting in an invasive manner. There are some times when we manage this one but sometimes we don't."

What happens is this plant is so aggressive and

grows so thickly, it basically wipes out the other vegetation around it. "What the implications are," Ms. Jones said, "are it will cover up all your shallow water where the fish spawn. It will cover up beaches and turtle nests. It'll cover up beaches that you like to walk on and swim on. It will impact your own property values and aesthetics and enjoyment of the shoreline, and also infrastructure, because it can block the ditch flow. If it's in a sewage lagoon you can have a really costly problem."

That's why phragmites has been called Canada's

most invasive aggressive plant, because it is so aggressive and because of the implications for economics and for human usage of things, Ms. Jones added. She talked about some techniques for helping to get rid of it. "Number one, if you cut all the stems in water, you reach down all the way to the bottom and cut it as far down as you can go," she said. "You can drown the roots because the roots don't get any air. You have to cut the dead ones too because they're like straws."

They get about a 75 percent reduction in one year

which is pretty good, she noted. "It's not a one shot deal. None of these techniques are. You have to come back the next year and get that other 25 percent and then the following year if you've got a few stems, no big deal right? That's the number one thing we like to do is cut in water and drown." If you're a landowner just starting out, she suggested you do a little bit at a time, even just to contain it. "That's a very valid thing to do, just cut around the outside of it so it doesn't keep marching out."

She recommends pruners for cutting the plant stalk underwater, or a raspberry cane cutter, which can be easier on your back. On dry land, she demonstrated a spading technique. It doesn't cut out all the rhizomes but helps to slow the spread. "It's really hard to kill it because it has an extensive root system and you could never dig it all out because it would be useless."

It's a slower technique than drowning, Ms. Jones said, but over a few years it knocks the density back for sure. The size of the patch may stay the same but it will become less and less dense over time. "It's something you would do as a control technique as opposed to a quick eradication. But on your own property it's a long term project but it works

The third thing they use is herbicide. It's a weapon of last resort, she said. "We

only do it in dry situations. We never do it in water. Nobody should use herbicide over water. We use it when it comes down to a question of natural habitat or use of herbicide. Either we're going to save that natural habitat or we're not going to use a herbicide and it's going to grow."

The stand Ms. Jones shows the group is an example of a stand that should be sprayed. It's on dry land and there's a big wetland behind it. "I wouldn't want to see that entire wetland turn into a phragmites patch," she said. "Also, it's better now that they've developed this trail but before machines were just driving through it. We were cutting it back just to keep them from spreading it. It's dense enough now that if I sprayed it, I wouldn't have a lot of ground kill underneath. Whatever's under there would probably survive. When they're sparse there's a little bit more by-kill when you spray. This one is really dense, one of the 110 stems per square metre. When this is in shallow water you can imagine, this is the end of the fish habitat."

Ms. Jones was also hosting two phragmites removal work bees, at Julia Bay on Monday and further west, at Pristine Point on Tuesday. The Manitoulin Phragmites Project is on Facebook and has a YouTube channel or you can contact them at manitoulinphrag@yahoo.com

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The rebirth of the family reunion

by Mike Brock

For most, the pandemic meant the forced separation of families around the world. Birthday parties became drive-bys, or crazy neighbor shouts from the sidewalk. Thanksgiving dinners over Zoom taught us all how to sneak an extra dollop of gravy without being seen by the camera. And, when the family part of the family dinner got to be too much, there was always the option of mysterious wifi problems popping up right when the conversation got a little too heated, or the Leafs game was going into overtime. But, as the lifting of restrictions continues, you have no more excuses, and there is a decent possibility that you will have to see your extended family this summer. That's right, for better or for worse, family reunion season is wide open again.

Every family has its own traditions, values, and recipes but the dynamics of a family reunion are pretty universal. Now, the bigger the family - and the more generations involved - the more likely you're going to have some real fireworks. You're usually going to see

mixed families, step families. I've identified some of the characters that you'll find at every family reunion:

The "Aunt". She's not really your aunt - she might not be an aunt to anyone - but you were told to call her your aunt when you were 8, and now that you're 50, you're still calling her an aunt. Either way, you've never really understood if she's your mother's cousin, you're grandfather's niece-in-law, or a friend of Betsy's from down the street who dropped in unannounced at the last reunion, and now she's invited to everything. Heck, if her Bundt Cake is that good, she's welcome anytime.

The Quiet Uncle. He's one of my favourites. Stands in a corner of the porch, and drinks Coors Light. Laughs at your jokes, and asks questions about your outboard motor. He is an island of refuge in the sea of chaos. A rock, who won't overreact to kids running with scissors, or freak out when someone spills grape juice on the deck. He might grumble if the beers aren't cold enough, but that is under-



A Brock family reunion meant matching shirts.

standable.

The Precocious Toddler. Star of the show. Old enough to communicate, and do most things on their own, this weekend will be the highlight of their life so far. Importantly, too, it will be the highlight of the Precocious Toddler's parents' year. They'll be able to pawn this ball of bombastic energy, and dirty underwear onto aunts and uncles and older cousins for a few days. Sure, at some point this kid will make everyone laugh. On the way home, though, everyone will separately agree that "kid is a handful. I'm glad we don't have to deal with that every day."

The Camp Director: Typically someone who has

actually been to summer camp, but has never actually been a director at summer camp. Usually a member of the second generation, and probably the host, or offspring of the hosts. Someone has to plan. And, while everyone will show appreciation - perhaps a toast at dinner on the first night - no one will really understand how many dietary considerations, t-shirt size changes, sleeping arrangements, and truly stupid questions he or she has had to answer via email over the last 6 months

The Engineer. I say engineer, but this could be anyone without an iron ring, too. It's the thinker, the scientist, the figurer-out-of-things. If there's a problem getting the barbecue started, or a new tent needs to be assembled, this is the person everyone will give space and time and authority to. Usually, if things go right, they'll end up getting more praise than the Camp Director - even so far as to be named the "MVP OF THE REUNION FOR SAVING OUR HOT DOGS!!!!". The Camp Director will

notice this, and never forget it.

The Young Athlete. There's always a superstar athlete. Maybe an average hockey, or softball, or soccer player during the school year, but at the family reunion, it doesn't really matter. This teenager has more skill, hand eye coordination and competitiveness than most everybody else put together. They will guide whichever team they're picked on to victory, be it volleyball, bocce or horseshoes. And the older generation will ooh and aah, and clap and squeal with every deke and long throw. The entire weekend is a moment of shining glory for the Young Athlete, who is likely to get out of doing dishes, but also will be asked to do every stitch of physical labour needed. As in, "Can you please bring the 14 cases of Diet Coke from the car please, Junior?". If the Young Athlete says no to this, then they know their status as the Young Athlete is in immediate peril, so they do it. With a smile on.

The Old Athlete. Oh, man. This is the end of the road for the career arc of an athlete. When a new "Young Athlete" is crowned (and there's one in every generation) the Old Athlete, despite every effort, just becomes Old. While they may put up a good effort, and try to keep up with the Young Athlete, this usually ends up in embarrassment, injury, or both. Best to just let sleeping dogs lie, and tell stories to all the kids and

cousins about what it was like "when I was younger." The Old Athlete is quickly relegated to the Barbecuer/Bartender.

The Grandparents. This is the pinnacle for those who have put decades into starting and building a big family. The work is done, except for the judging. This is the ultimate judging opportunity for the patri-archs and the matriarchs. The cooking? "Not the way I would have done it. We never needed a sous vide." The disciplining of kids? Yes, things have changed, thankfully. Starting the lawn mower? "You prime 4 times. I don't care what it says on the manual. Engines haven't changed that much since they knew how to make 'em." The bartending? "I think you missed the gin in mine." But under all that gruff, and all those false complaints is what it's all about. Love. Pride. Contentment for what is to come and what you've left behind.

Family reunions are for everyone. For new additions by birth or marriage. For old faces you haven't seen in years. For cousins who you only talk to on Instagram. Family helps us all get stronger, and if you have to put up with the quirks and jerks for a weekend, grin and bear it. Because in the end, it's all relative.

The bottom line is, look after each other, have fun, and make sure you put enough gin in Grandpa's cocktail.

...library offering innovative tech leg-up

...continued from page 14 and training materials so you can learn at home.

Program participants set goals for themselves when they sign up for the program and will have access to supplies and training materials as well as mentorship, peer group opportunities and monthly information and resource support meetings.

Among the skills participants can learn are basic computer skills, graphic design, web design, fabrication, video editing, photography editing, social media management, textile skills, culinary skills, laser cutting, molding, modeling and just about any other skill that can be shoehorned into the program. "Flexibility is really the key," said Ms. Duncanson.

As for the best part, the program and its materials are basically free. "All you really need is a library card and to register with your goals," said Ms. Duncanson. "Library membership



Technical Skills Program facilitator Robin Duncanson shows off a cool pencil holder being used by the library, one of her creations with the new 3D printer available through her program.

photo by Michael Erskine

is free to all NEMI residents and a library card only costs \$30 a year for non-residents." Ms. Duncanson adds the caveat that although the program is open to library members of all skills and abilities, participants must be 15 years or older by at least March 31, 2023.

The program officially runs until March 31, 2023

(as of writing), but after the official program ends the equipment will still be available at the library.

Those wishing to learn more about the program are invited to visit nemi.olsn.ca/skills or contact the program at skills@nemilibrary.ca, or by phone: 705-368-2444.

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..Birch Island, Whitefish Falls Sportsmen join forces in support of walleye hatchery

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will be assuming the role. Whitefish River First Nation (WFRN) came on board about four years ago, although they've been working with their own hatcheries for longer than that.

Mr. Nahwegahbow lifts his net. He's got two tiny walleye on it. They're about three inches long and quite feisty. He puts them in a pail of water. Each pail will hold about 500 fingerlings that will be transported to the North Channel for release. They're only allowed to put walleye in the North Channel as that is where their eggs come from.

The fish are there, Mr. Nahwegahbow says. He points into the water. "Look at all the little ones. They're just hard to catch. I think we grew them a little too long this year. They're feisty."

"They're beautiful," added Mr. Perfetto. "If we get 30,000 of those, it'll be something."

"Walleye are carnivorous," he added. "If there's no food available they'll start eating each other. It doesn't make sense now because there's lots of food available. Timing is very important for this kind of work. It's all temperature dependent, when to start. It's never the same day each year. It's always different."

This batch of fingerlings is from the Ministry of Natu-



Whitefish Falls Sportsman's Club President John Perfetto, left, and Whitefish River First Nation's Keith Nahwegahbow use a dip net to scoop feisty walleye fingerlings.

opens."

He'd like to see more protection around the river itself, just to give the spawning population an extra chance by helping them spawn before they're fished out. "This is the reason why we're doing this," he said. "We want people to fish. All our efforts in the past 20 years have been keeping up with fishing pressure. We've seen no changes or drastic changes in the population of walleye, but what would happen if we stopped doing all this? We don't want to find out, so we'll just keep doing what we do."

He wants to do more habitat assessment in Whitefish River itself in the future. That's the main spawning bed. The walleye swim up the river and spawn at the base of the falls. Future work is being planned to quantify that spawning habitat, he said. "If we're going to release a million walleye per year in that location, how much can actually spawn there? We want to maximize our effort. If we find that stocking them is useless because we're stocking way more than the system can handle, then we can put efforts into protecting them somewhere else, doing habitat

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The walleye hatchery, at the base of Willisville Mountain, is a labour of love for both groups tasked with the raising of the fingerlings.

ral Resources (MNR) but WFRN actually catches and raises their own as well. They catch walleye in the river to gather eggs that they raise in their four micro-hatcheries. Mr. Nahwegahbow coordinates the micro-hatcheries as well as the walleye release program. The micro-hatcheries probably have the potential to raise successfully 1.6 million walleye, although this year, they were only able to do about 25 percent of that due to weather and other unforeseen issues.

Mr. Nahwegahbow, environmental technician Muskoka McGregor and consultation coordinator Stephen McGregor also drive the boat. Everyone else is a volunteer. It takes roughly 120 days for the two men to get through the process to be able to release the walleye into the North Channel. "We're not allowed to take any days off," he said. "We have to care for them every day."

It's hard work, Mr. McGregor said. "It's not easy. There's a lot of man hours involved, a lot of time in the water and a lot of physical labour." But the work has its rewards. When he's out fishing and reels in large walleye, or sees another fisherman do so, there's satisfaction in knowing "I could have grown that."

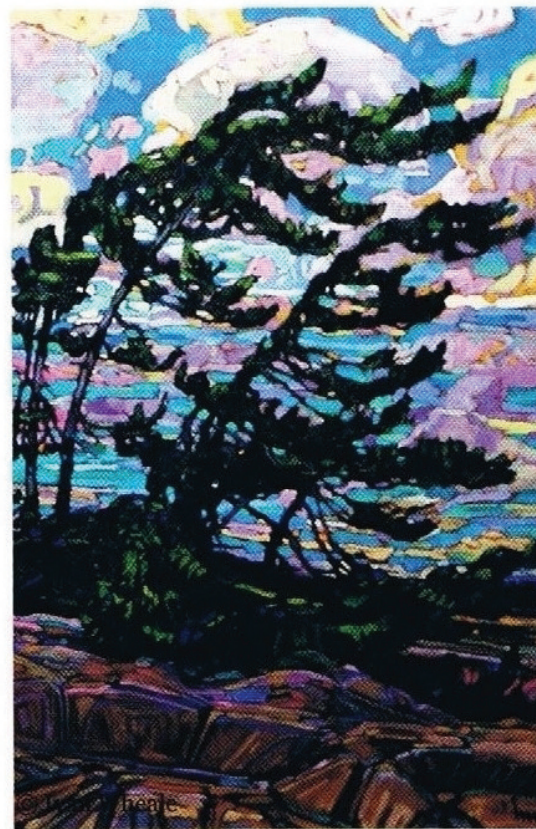
"That's the part people don't see," added Mr. Nahwegahbow. "We put a hundred days of effort into this. Today is fun, but people don't see the effort."

During previous employment as a fish technician, Mr. Nahwegahbow studied the river. "We've been collecting data since 1999," he said. "Our data shows that the walleye is a healthy population but they are missing certain healthy population traits. There's a very high ratio of male to female, which is concerning. The females are the main contributors to the population."

He explained this could be due to a number of factors but attributes much of it to trophy fishing. "Females are the biggest fish," he noted. As a recreational angler or a sportsfisherman you're allowed to catch your one big walleye, which is typically female. Other reasons could include overpressure on the spawning population, fishing pressure, climate change, all these are factors.

"What I notice about climate change is that it's changing the timing of everything," said Mr. Nahwegahbow. "Normally walleye spawn in late April, mid-May. Due to climate change, it's been pushed back a couple weeks. Now they're spawning into mid-May and the May long weekend. They're still spawning when fishing season

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...in support of walleye hatchery

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enhancement or we could work on different species of fish if the walleye is good."

It's really up to the community where his efforts are directed, he said. "They want an effort on walleye so I'm working on that but if they would like me to work on something else I would do that."

WRFN Chief Franklin Paibomsai stopped by. He said he looks forward to this day every year. "Water is life," he said. "That's your story. It's not the walleye. When I was growing up here, we heard about the walleye." He remembers his uncle's stories of catching walleye this big (he demonstrates with his hands far apart). "He didn't have to go far to get them, and then they evaporated," he said.

John Perfetto agreed. "They're gone," he said. "When I came here in 1988, there wasn't, I couldn't get any. Then we started this."

It was like the Sasquatch, Chief Paibomsai explained: often talked about, seldom seen. "That's what it was about walleye. Everybody was bass fishing and pike fishing. You know what wasn't happening? We weren't building relationships. It's about relationships: relationships to the land, relationships to the water, relationships to our spirit, relationships to our insides, our inner being."

It's also about relationships with others, he said. With people like Bill Strain of the Little Current Fish and Game Club, and Rolly Frappier, who brought the micro-hatchery program to Shawanosowe School. "Rolly Frappier, his work continues. He's retired now and says 'Frank, I'm still committed to this. I still love doing this.'"

Chief Paibomsai invites people to volunteer in this or any other environmental program. "Join our hands, we have open hands here," he said. "Ask us how do I start something, or how do I do something in my school? We need everybody, right? This is not a spectator sport. We need everybody, because it's too beautiful for us just to let it go. It's far too important for our young people."

One year there was a community meeting on the fishery, Chief Paibomsai said. "I told them we can be the generation that said we ended it or we can be the generation that says, we're beginning it. That night they said, let's begin. Let's begin. That's the fundamental message."

A family has joined in the fun, and a visitor from Sagamok. "Look at them," Chief Paibomsai said. "They're all big kids. They're having a blast. And why not on a Saturday? The mining company should be investing in this. Where are they? Vale is doing speckled trout. They should put some in here as well. Look at the habitat here. The turtles, the snakes. Look at that snapping turtle, right in front of us. This is a rewarding opportunity."



Fingerlings are scooped with a dip net before being released to Charlton Lake and the Bay of Islands water system.



One of Endaa-aang's beautiful new lakeside summer cabins was revealed to the public recently.

Endaa-aang recently celebrated the grand opening of two new cabins, the Eagles Nest and Crows Peak.

"We started with some acknowledgements followed by a ribbon cutting by Elder

Elaine Nahwegahbo, Councillor Debbie Francis and tourism manager Gladys King," said tourism operator Paula Kakekagumick. "Moving forward we now have six cabins for rent here

at Endaa-aang Tourism."

Following the ribbon-cutting grand opening attendees had a light lunch followed by a game of Texas horseshoes, engaged in a make the bed challenge race put on by the housekeeping staff, as well as free popcorn, games and prizes.

Endaa-aang Tourism has been in operation for over the past 22 years, explained Ms. Kakekagumick, starting out with five cabins on Bedford Island but have since moved operations permanently to the mainland.

Endaa-aang Cabins can be contacted Gladys King at (705) 368-0548 or by email: endaaaang@aokfn.com. Their website is www.aundeckomnikaningfn.com.

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2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Magic Show – Stefano Presentza

5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Gore Bay Rotary Club Fish Fry

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Manitoulin Island Stops and Shops Guide



Nestled along the side of Highway 6 in Sheguiandah is Ferguson's Cottage Supply Co., the brainchild of Lee-Anne Ferguson and her husband Jim Jr. Lee-Anne and Jim Jr. have curated a store with beautiful home décor, drinkware, and clothing. Store clothing features the Manitoulin Deer Gear logos, available exclusively at Ferguson's. There is a wide variety of drinkware from BruMate and Corkicle which can be custom engraved on site.

"I try to carry Ontario brands such as KT Inspired, Old Soul Soap Company, Declan and Riggs and HilBrand Co.," explained Lee-Anne. "We also carry a lot of Canadian brands such as Chilly Moose coolers." Ferguson's is a proud official dealer of Old Hickory Buildings, as well as Island Pads inflatable islands.



10741 HWY 6, Sheguiandah
705-368-3346

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manitoulindeergear.ca



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Little Current and Mindemoya: Mon to Thurs & Sat, 9 am to 5:30 pm, Sun 10 am to 2 pm. Manitowaning closed Sundays.
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Island Home Outfitters is the lifelong dream of Ashleigh and Jennifer Moffat. Their inspiration and love for decorating comes from their mother Mitch. The sisters wanted to encourage people to explore Central Manitoulin, offering a place to shop for the perfect gift, Manitoulin gear or home/cottage décor.

The store features many local and Canadian makers. In addition to handmade goods, you can also find drinkware from Swig, luxury lifestyle line Business and Pleasure Co., PopUp Docks, Sun Bum products and Pura Vida jewellery, to name just a few. Ashleigh and Jennifer bring rustic décor and modern apparel to both their neighbours and visitors of Manitoulin Island. Visit them at the heart of the Island in downtown Mindemoya.



6130 King Street, Mindemoya
705-377-4433

Mon-Fri 10 am to 5:30 pm, Sat 10 am to 3 pm, Closed Sundays
islandhomeoutfitters.ca



Island Oasis is a tranquil nail salon located in downtown Little Current. Owner and esthetician, Marilee Harasym, has 10 years' experience in the industry and opened the doors to her own spa last year.

"I wanted to create a space where people can feel relaxed and pampered," Ms. Harasym explains.

Island Oasis offers a full list of services including manicures, pedicures, Apres Gel X Nail Extensions, nail designs, waxing and eyebrow tinting. The salon's nail tech, Joey Nahwegahbow, brings his artistic skills to the team whipping up unique and intricate nail designs.

The salon also has two additional staff members, Holly and Krista. If you are an area resident, or visiting Manitoulin, be sure to make an appointment to enjoy one of Island Oasis' amazing services.



35 Water Street East, Little Current
705-603-0770

Tuesday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm, Saturday 9 am to 4 pm
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610 Main Street, Kagawong
705-282-0961

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During July and August, she will be helping out with her husband's food trailer at events, so she urges you to call ahead to make sure she will be there.



705-210-0565

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KAT'S PET SUPPLIES

Kat's Pet Supplies in Mindemoya offers pet supplies for dogs, cats, birds, small animals and aquatic species.

"I started the store 10 years ago because I wanted to open a business and I saw a need for quality pet food and supplies on the Island," explains owner Kathy Jewell. Over the past 10 years the store has earned the reputation of being your #1 stop for your furry, scaled or feathered friends on Manitoulin. Kat's carries trusted brands like Blue Buffalo, Nutram, Royal Canin, Fromm, Natural Balance, RC Pets, Canada Pooch, Doggie Q, and KONG (among many others). Repeat customers can also take advantage of the locality programs available for a variety of pet food.

If you're visiting the Island and want a souvenir for your furry friend, Kat's carries Manitoulin bandanas, in addition to the large selection of collars, leashes, harnesses, life jacket and toys.

You and your fur-ever friend won't want to miss this shop on your Manitoulin adventure!



2222 Highway 551, Mindemoya
705-377-4744

Monday to Saturday 9 am - 5 pm
Visit Kat's Pet Supplies on Facebook



The Fish Store is located behind the Beer Store in Little Current. The Fish Store carries local catches from the Manitoulin area.

You can find both fresh and frozen fish including perch, pickerel, whitefish and rainbow trout. Please keep in mind that availability varies on stock and season. Looking for something special? The Fish Store often has special offerings such as frozen pickerel cheeks and frozen freshwater smelts.

Have you tried Purvis Fisheries Smoked Fish Dip?! If not, be sure to pop in and pick up some, just be careful because you might be back for more the next day.



54 Vankoughnet Street East, Little Current
705-368-3755

Summer Hours (until September 3)
Tues-Thurs 9 am-3 pm, Fri 10 am-5 pm and Sat 10 am-2 pm
Visit the Manitoulin Trout Farms - The Fish Store on Facebook



2020 Manitoulin Art Tour showcased the Island's many talented artists and galleries



Little Current artist Cliff Jewell is all smiles after selling his very first abstract work. "Someone bought my drip sheet," he laughed. "Of course if you look really close at most paintings you can see some abstract painting."



Karen Rodgers displays her paintings at the Inn at Gore Bay, during the Manitoulin Art Tour.



Mary Anderson displays her beautiful fibre works at the Art Tour. She has a studio located in the Gore Bay Harbour Centre.



Artist at work! Gail Meehan sits in her work space in her Honora Bay studio surrounded by her works and those of her daughter Patricia.



Artist Christy Smith stands in front of a collection of her works.



Paulette Stewart and a young budding artist enjoyed painting outside, in front of the Pavilion Gallery and Gifts. Ms. Stewart was born in Matachewan. She has always enjoyed art and now spends much of her time painting the wonderful gifts that nature shares with her. She takes much pleasure in spending time outdoors and plein air painting is one of her passions. She prefers to work with oils but also paints in acrylic and watercolour.



Linda Jack and Beth Bond-McCullagh shared Ms. Jack's studio space for this year's art tour. The two accomplished artists were an engaging pair and great hosts.

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HOW TO TALK TO YOUR FRIEND OR LOVED ONE ABOUT ADDICTION

Addiction can have an effect on everyone in a community

If we decrease stigma and increase our knowledge, together we can all play a role in wellness and recovery of our loved ones. The Centre for Addictions and Mental Health offers a **FREE** online course we invite individuals to take;

Empowering Families Affected by Substance Use Problems

URL: <https://moodle8.camhx.ca/moodle/course/view.php?id=11>

Addiction: We need to talk about it

Sometimes people don't recognize the negative impacts of their substance use. Start the conversation with your friend, family member or neighbour to show you care.

- Show concern
- Listen
- Be patient
- Keep an open dialogue
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- Make a list of the good things in their life

Let's work together to decrease stigma by changing the language we use.

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Drug use	Substance/drug use Substance/drug misuse	Substance/drug use Substance use disorder/opioid use disorder Problematic [drug] use [drug] dependence

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- Environment
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Sources:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/substance-use/talking-about-drugs/help-friend.html>
<https://cpsa.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Changing-how-we-talk-about-substance-use.pdf>
<https://www.camh.ca/en/health-info/mental-illness-and-addiction-index/addiction>

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Perivale Gallery proprietor and curator Shannon McMullen, left, and art tour featured artist Lauren Satok, right, chat in the gallery with visitors.



Sharon Alkenbrack displays her works at the Pavilion Gallery and Gifts, in Gore Bay. Ms. Alkenbrack sells popular hand-painted bird cards and paintings of tree and animal spirits.



Artist Jola Kilm is a multidisciplinary artist working with both three and two-dimensional forms of fine art. She makes one-of-a-kind pots for everyday use and raku objects of art for display only.



Gwendolyn Goulet is a self-taught artisan who enjoys both the challenge of learning new techniques and honing the skills she has already acquired.



Helen Siksek displays gelli plates printing, at the Pavilion Gallery and Gifts, in Gore Bay. Ms. Siksek is a full-time working visual artist, mixed-media and intuitive painter.



Artists Sue Cairns, Penny Bois and Marian Barnett shared space in the Anchor inn downstairs meeting room.



Melissa Laporte-Alexander displays one of her works at her booth at the Pavilion Gallery and Gifts, in Gore Bay.



Lynne Gerrard of Ravenseyrie Studio and Art Gallery, in Gore Bay, displays one of her works, this one a painting of Nicole Wepler, at the art tour. Ms. Gerards' multifaceted media of painting, poetry and calligraphy are offered up year-round in her gallery.

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Anong Migwans Beam, Spring Bay, Menonite Farm, 2019, oil on canvas 54" x 84"

Southeast Lions Summerfest was a stellar hit for all ages



Tie Dye by Jordyn shows the entrepreneurial flair of Island youth with colourful abandon. Hippies of the world unite! Jordyn's got your colours.



Lion President Lisa Hallaert congratulates Chris White and Joe Graham competitors and best buds. Mr. Graham won the smash-up derby, with buddy Mr. White coming in a close second.



There were plenty of youth taking part in the parade helping to distribute goodies to the kids on the side.



Payton, Lucas and Oliver show off their yo-yo skills following the parade. Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes was distributing the toys during the parade.



Chris White and Joe Graham go trunk to trunk during the final heat of the annual South East Lions smash-up derby.



Carver, left, and Jase, right, show off their lazer tattoos. The laser tattoo booth was one of a number of vendors offering their wares.



Volunteers Buck and Brian wave as they collect the entry fees from Summerfest attendees.



The Assiginack Horticultural Society 150 float featured some period costumes. Yes, that's Councillor Hugh Moggy in the top hat.



Les and Delmer Fields were having a great time during the parade.

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A powerful fit

Manitoulin Fitness Center manager Kerrene Tilson accepts a cheque for \$5,000 from the McLeans Mountain Road Use Agreement Fund from fund committee members Mayor MacNevin and Councillor Boyd. Missing from photo is fund committee member Albert Lewis of Northland Power.



Hoist the banners!

Comrade Linda Bowerman accepts a donation cheque for \$500 from the McLeans Mountain Road Use Agreement fund from fund committee members Mayor MacNevin and Councillor Boyd. Missing from photo is fund committee member Albert Lewis of Northland Power.



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94 Calls to Action

Released in 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada identified "94 Calls to Action that speak to all sectors of Canadian society." The Calls to Action aim "to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation" (Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, 2015).

Leading up to September 30th – Orange Shirt Day and The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – Noojmowin Teg Health Centre will be highlighting each of the Calls to Action. Noojmowin Teg Health Centre affirms its dedication to supporting former residential school students, their families, and communities of Mnídoo Mnising. **Kina Binoojiinh K'chipiitendaagozi, Every Child Matters.**

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CALL TO ACTION #46

We call upon the parties to the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement to develop and sign a Covenant of Reconciliation that would identify principles for working collaboratively to advance reconciliation in Canadian society, and that would include, but not be limited to:

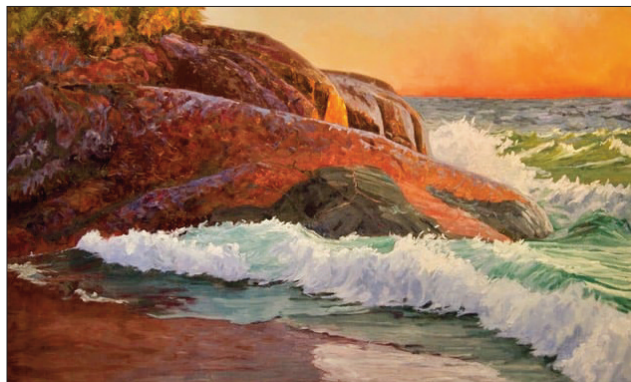
- i. Reaffirmation of the parties' commitment to reconciliation.
- ii. Repudiation of concepts used to justify European sovereignty over Indigenous lands and peoples, such as the Doctrine of Discovery and terra nullius, and the reformation of laws, governance structures, and policies within their respective institutions that continue to rely on such concepts.
- iii. Full adoption and implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as the framework for reconciliation.
- iv. Support for the renewal or establishment of Treaty relationships based on principles of mutual recognition, mutual respect, and shared responsibility for maintaining those relationships into the future.
- v. Enabling those excluded from the Settlement Agreement to sign onto the Covenant of Reconciliation.
- vi. Enabling additional parties to sign onto the Covenant of Reconciliation.



Source: www.nctr.ca

Perivale Gallery's 8th annual 'In the Spirit of Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven Show' begins this Saturday, July 23

PERIVALE—Since 2015, Perivale Gallery has annually challenged each of its over 50 artists and artisans, as well as invited guest artists, to produce one piece of work inspired by the Group of Seven for a show originally entitled 'In the Spirit of the Group of Seven.' This challenge was readily embraced by the gallery's many artists, including a number of invited guest artists, and the resulting exhibition proved to be a great success, not only for the gallery, but for tourism on Manitoulin Island in general.



'Shield,' a 40"x60" oil on canvas by Mark Hope is just one of the works in this year's exhibition.

"We found that many of our visitors had travelled to Manitoulin Island for the first time precisely to see the show," says Perivale Gallery curator Shannon McMullan. "Given the resounding success of the first exhibition, it was decided that this would become an annual event, but would embrace as well, the inspiration of the iconic artist, Tom Thomson. Hence, 'In the Spirit of Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven' has become the name of the show which is held annually and enjoyed during the last week of July and the first week of August at Perivale Gallery."

Since 2016, Ms. McMullan has been a member of Northeastern Ontario Tourism's Group of Seven Product Marketing Team. Provincially, the Group of Seven is seen as a cultural asset to market as a tourism experience. The team explores and develops initiatives with that Group

of Seven theme.

In Canada in the early 20th century, a colonial mindset determined that, in general, European art, particularly Dutch art was superior. "It was almost impossible for Canadians to find artistic reflections of their own natural environment!" Ms. McMullan says. "A Dutch pastoral scene would be much more likely to figure prominently in a Canadian art collection of substance than works reflecting our unique and distinctly beautiful rugged Canadian landscape."

Canadian artists had previously been strongly influenced by their European counterparts and had limited themselves to those styles. First, Tom Thomson broke free of those colonial constraints, later followed by the Group of Seven and developed a distinct painting style to express a nationalistic feeling. Their artistic works, inspired through direct contact with nature, have come to symbolize what is the distinctly Canadian identity that we now celebrate today.

In addition, Perivale Gallery also offers popular summer art workshops such as 'Paint like Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven.'

In recent years Perivale Gallery has won Destination Northern Ontario's Tourism Innovator of the Year Award and Northern Ontario Tourism's Leader in Marketing and Communications Award as a direct result of the success of this annual show.

'In the Spirit of Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven' show opens on Saturday, July 23 at the gallery at 10 am and runs daily from 10 am to 5 pm until August 7.

Images of all of the works in the show will be available online as of 7 am on July 23 at perivale-gallery.com/in-the-spirit-of-tom-thomson-and-the-group-of-seven/

Perivale Gallery is located at 1320 Perivale Road East, Spring Bay.

For further information or questions please contact Ms. McMullan at 705-210-0290.

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Watersedge Pub and Restaurant opens in Gore Bay to much fanfare

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—The Watersedge Pub and Restaurant in Gore Bay has had a great response from both locals and visitors since its grand opening on Canada Day. Under new management, the location was previously home to 1890 Restaurant and is the dining room associated with the Inn of Gore Bay.

“The support we have received from locals and tourists has been amazing,” said chef/operator Mike Lockhart. “Since we are going to operate 12 months of the year, without the local support we will not make it.”

Most recently, Mr. Lockhart was head chef and kitchen manager at Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre in Little Current, for nearly two years. Prior to that, he was an assistant cook/chef at GG’s Diner in Evansville. He worked at the Deerhurst Resort in Muskoka for about two years, starting around 2010. He is not a fully licenced chef, he explained, “I’ve got everything but my chef ticket. The problem is getting enough hours working with a licenced chef.”

He learned a lot from Joyce Benoit at GG’s, he noted. “She was awesome to work with. I learned a lot from her on the cooking side of the business and at the Manitoulin Hotel, I learned a lot more about the management side of things. Both places set me up to do this at Watersedge.”

Mr. Lockhart is joined in

the kitchen by Liam McIntyre who he hired from the Manitoulin Hotel. “He (Mr. McIntyre) is so calm in the kitchen, no matter how busy it is. He is a great addition here.”

The menu at Watersedge Pub and Restaurant offers a variety of high- and low-end priced food ranging from appetizers and salads to sandwiches, wraps and burgers and an extensive offering of entrées. In addition to Asian steak stir-fry, local Odawa rainbow trout, liver and onions, bacon-wrapped pork tenderloin, wild game bangers and mash, a 10 ounce ribeye steak or a whitefish dinner with whitefish from Purvis Fishery, there are several pasta selections available.

“The bacon-wrapped pork tenderloin is very good, as is the almond citrus crusted rainbow trout,” said Mr. Lockhart. “We are doing as much as we can to offer home-style cooking using local producers’ products. We prepare it all and making everything homemade and using locally raised products makes a real difference.”

The restaurant also uses local ground beef, and eggs from Morley Runnalls, who has the only certified egg grading station on the Island. Mr. Lockhart hopes to add more local options for steak and roasts over the next year.

One of the most popular menu items so far is the Watersedge plate of dips, Mr. Lockhart said. “When we were putting the menu together, we wanted to

include normal, affordable items that people enjoy along with more high end items, but all are reasonably priced. We want a menu that is friendly for everyone.”

The restaurant and licenced pub will be open six days a week, Monday and Wednesday from 11 am to 8 pm and Thursday to Sunday from 11 am to 9 pm. The kitchen won’t be shutting down one hour before closing time and people who arrive at 9 pm will “definitely be served,” Mr. Lockhart noted. Watersedge will be closed on Tuesdays with the exception of parties and special events. “If someone has a big birthday party planned for a Tuesday, we can work something out if the group is big enough,” he said.

“We want to encourage people who are having a wedding, birthday or any other major function to call us. We would love to accommodate them,” Mr. Lockhart added.

The Watersedge main dining area is licenced for 150 patrons, the pub can hold 40, and the patio can accommodate 40 persons. The downstairs room area can be used for conferences. Perry Patterson continues to operate the co-located Inn at Gore Bay.

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Among Migwans Beam: Exhibition of dazzling work features artist's own handmade paints on now at OCF

by Isobel Harry
M'CHIGEENG—An important exhibition of the art of Among Migwans Beam has travelled from Campbell House in Toronto, where it was first shown in the fall of 2020, and the Woodland Cultural Centre in Brantford, to the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation (OCF) in M'Chigeeng First Nation.

Entitled 'Among Migwans Beam at Campbell House,' and featuring large-scale oil paintings among a few smaller ones and several watercolours, the original exhibition in Toronto was also titled 'Gathering Colour,' acknowledging the artist's use of natural elements to make her own oil paints in her M'Chigeeng studio—Beam Paints—that are now sold internationally.

To enter the soaring atrium of the OCF is always an uplifting experience, now enhanced by Ms. Beam's large canvases encircling



The artist Among Migwans Beam with her painting 'Mennonite Barn, Spring Bay' 2020, currently on display at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation until September 24.

photo by Isobel Harry



Among the large scale paintings by Among Migwans Beam currently on exhibition at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation in M'Chigeeng are, from left: 'Ghost Moose and Camp' 2019, 'Mountain Lake' 2018 and 'Camp Cadillac' 2018.

photo by Isobel Harry

the room and spilling into the museum space, oozing organic lushness, richly depicting flora and fauna that almost seem alive in the luxuriant forest air.

It was opening night last week, and elder and language instructor Leona Nahwegahbow offered a prayer of thanks to the Creator "for having Among Migwans Beam bring her talents to this place."

Touring the exhibit with the artist, it quickly becomes apparent that the landscapes are much more than views of the surrounding scenery. Two of the paintings feature a kind of quintessential cottage reflected in a lake, steeped in nostalgia for easier times, signifying being at one with the wilderness, a simple cozy cabin the only thing between you and the vast, mysterious country beyond.

But the artist imbues more layers of meaning to the paintings by virtue of her background and personal experience. The cottage is taken from a painting by renowned Scottish Canadian painter Peter Doig, an artist Ms. Beam greatly admires, entitled 'Camp Forestia.' She offers an homage to him: "It's an honorific, a tip of the hat to an artist who has influenced me."

But there's more to it still. As the daughter of internationally recognized

with them however I want!" 'Camp Cadillac' (2018) features not only the Doig cottage but a monstrous car, a 1970s Cadillac, in the foreground. "Cars have most often been painted by men—horses, cars, boats, those were their territory. Painting a car is very particular, like painting a person; the car is a metaphor—for speed, mobility, status—like the cottage is a metaphor representing an intergenerational experience. The painting is framing the myth."

'Ghost Moose and Camp' (2016) shows the cottage again dominating the scene, with a small white moose in the foreground, another icon of Canadiana, disappearing behind a suspect red cloud of dust.

There is something somewhat ominous in the paintings—the colours of 'Red Mangrove' (2016), 'Mountain Lake' (2018) and 'Beaver Dam Overflowing' (2018) a little unreal and foreboding, darkness on the periphery, like a storm encroaching.

Ms. Beam also finds inspiration in the works of Edvard Munch, Tom Thomson and Nancy Friedland. 'Mennonite Barn, Spring Bay' (2020), resembles a piece of American Gothic, but with a riot of colour and feeling; there's a pheasant, there's

a speeding vintage car, and a frog hiding in the grass. It's all so bright and dripping with colour, we want to be in that car racing toward the centre, perhaps recapturing a sentiment we didn't know we had.

The scenes are not only beautiful but seem also to remind of the reality of environmental threats, of climate crisis, that in fact it is no longer possible to

speed along oblivious, while at the same time depicting nostalgia for a world that can never be reclaimed.

Ms. Beam explains that the underlay on this painting is the red of the big, prosperous-looking barn; she just let the underlay come through. "I find the red underlay really does something to the energy of the piece. That's the kind of fun I have!" laughs the artist.

Using all her own handmade paints in a project for the first time, the artist feels "an incredible circuitry from Baie Fine near Killarney, then painting that same scene with those

rocks that are now paint!"

In her artist's statement, Among Migwans Beam adds: "These paintings are emerging to reclaim images of where I live, and to relate them back to me. It's strange to live somewhere and be of a place so fundamentally, but seeing it depicted only in a way that isolates my culture.... It is just immensely pleasurable to rectify this even if it is just in my paint-world."

'Among Migwans Beam at Campbell House' is on until September 24 at the OCF, 15 Hwy 551, M'Chigeeng. Hours are Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4 pm; Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm. Admission by donation.

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Jack Whyte Art Auction a rare treat for fans and collectors of maverick artist

by Isobel Harry

GORE BAY—Norm Morrell has been an auctioneer for 44 years, bringing his gavel down on successful bids for everything from farm equipment to entire estates, cars, boats, and all manner of antiques and collectables since 1978 yet he's particularly thrilled about the next one, this Saturday, July 23, in Gore Bay.

The Jack Whyte Art Auction marks the first time Mr. Morrell has done "an auction of just art," he says. "Ninety-six pieces made by the prominent and beloved artist Jack Whyte, who lived and worked for many years out of the studio that was his home in Gore Bay. Very exciting!"

To art lovers, artists and creative types of all stripes, Manitoulin Island is an overflowing cornucopia of artistic delights. "There are more world-renowned artists per capita on the Island than anywhere else in the world," notes Mr. Morrell. To the artist Jack Whyte (1939-2018), Manitoulin was a rich, unending wellspring of inspiration during the entire span of his prolific career.

Mr. Whyte loved summers spent at his parents' cottage in Gore Bay in the 1940s. The budding artist was marked by his first trip to Manitoulin. "I had never experienced such a landscape with its pock-marked limestone pavements, glacial boulders and clear skies There was no electricity and the nights were black." He built his home studio in 1970, across the driveway from his parents' place, tucked into a cedar grove inside the town's limits.

This is where he began developing his singular approach to artistic invention, pursuing new outlets in all media with his wide-ranging imagination. Best-loved for his line sketches, drawings, paintings and painstakingly precise collages of Manitoulin town and country scenes, powwow dancers and disappearing landscapes and ways of life, his popularity as an Island artist swelled through the decades; his annual solo exhibition at the Gore Bay Museum became a highlight of the Island's cultural calendar.

But Jack never just stopped there: he was a passionate experimenter who produced graphite drawings, photographs, birch bark mobiles, stained glass panoramas, graphic magazines, all made in studio and displayed in the windows, affixed on the walls, floors and ceilings and stacked on every surface of every room. Embedded in the furniture and crockery were examples of Jack's virtuosity; all manner of found objects found their way into his quirky 'Assemblages'; no square inch of his home studio was left without his ingenious touch.

Mr. Whyte's son Dylan Whyte and partner Ashley Whyte, freelance artists with backgrounds in graphic design and independent publishing, have organized some of Jack Whyte's art into 96 lots that



'Skeletal Barn' by Jack Whyte is one of many pieces up for auction this Saturday.

Island art," say the Whytes. "It's a testament to the fact that Jack could do anything. He was always practicing art; he lived his life in art. He regarded himself as his own art experiment and he always wanted to be surrounded by art."

The Jack Whyte Art Auction takes place on Saturday, July 23 at the Gore Bay United Church, 19 Meredith Street, Gore Bay. Viewing of the art begins at 9 a.m. and the auction starts at 11 a.m.

To view all the art pieces online visit www.theauctionadvertiser.com.

For questions and to place reserve bids, call Mr. Morrell at 705-282-2430.

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will go under Norm Morrell's hammer this Saturday. Widely known for their Manitoulin Colouring Book series, the two are also the managers of Jack Whyte's collected works

"Jack's life was bigger than any space could contain," says Dylan Whyte. "He always worked with what he had - a colander, razors, caps, pens, broken objects - everything became part of a story."

The family "had no resources," Dylan continues. "There was not a lot of paint in the studio, so Dad cut up magazines to make his collages - he loved the LCBO magazines because they used really good quality paper." Taking apart a magazine, Jack first arranged the subtle colour gradations into a palette on a light table, then sliced the paper with the razor-like blade of an exacto knife, each fine cutting laid out to form what would look uncannily just like brushstrokes in a painting once he was finished.

"Many of the ideas Jack Whyte explored were political," says his son, whose home was his father's studio. "He communicated his feelings on the threat of development in Carter Bay, for example; he commented through his art on the destruction of the environment, on poverty and the North, and on the horror of Indigenous children taken from their families; he painted the blank, lifeless faces of people stripped of their identity in urban settings."

"Jack felt that the identity of 'artist' was discriminated against, there was no status accorded to the profession of artist, so he could identify with the dispossessed; he considered himself different, displaced, a rebel. His more challenging works were not as readily accepted, but he was committed to making art that was not just beautiful but communicated the depth of his thinking and feeling."

Amongst the varied art works of paintings, sketches and painted furniture at auction are the only two watercolours he ever made, his first collage - half-finished, on cardboard - looking down at Honora Bay, and some of the 'Assemblages' made during the last two years of the artist's life. "And there are Renaissance-style portraits in oil that could be forgeries of the great masters, such was his skill!" exclaims Dylan.

"Norm Morrell has been receiving reserve bids. There are no minimum prices set in the auction," adds Ashley. "Anyone can afford a piece of Jack Whyte's art!"

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KING JAMES BIBLE CHURCH, worships every Saturday Sabbath, 10 AM - Noon, Providence Bay. 705-348-2229.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING Alcohol, addiction, anxiety, children, depression, drugs, faith, grief, illness, marriage, PTSD, salvation, sin, etc. Free, Confidential. King James Bible Church Manitoulin 705-885-8951 cc.manitoulin@gmail.com

wanted

Donate your old car or truck or farm tractor, etc., or even an old metal boat to our church. We can send a truck right to you to pick these up, and in return you will receive an income tax receipt for the scrap value of your donation to St. Bernard's Church, Little Current. Please, no smaller items such as fridges, stoves, hot water tanks, etc. Contact Tony Ferro at 705-368-3066 or Jim Griffin at 705-859-2289.

17tfn

yard sale

Multi-Family Yard Sale, Saturday, July 23 from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Rockville Hall. Something for everyone.

7-9c

Yard Sale/Bake Sale in the lower hall of the Trinity United Church Manitoulin in Mindemoya, Saturday, August 6 from 9 am to 1 pm.

9-11p

Two-Family Yard Sale, Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23 from 8 am to 2 pm at #12 and #46 Hawberry Lane, White's Point Road, Little Current.

9p

Family Yard Sale, Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23 from 9 am to 3 pm. All sorts of goodies, brand new boys' clothes, Christmas all in original boxes, not opened or used.

9p

Multi-Family Yard Sale, Saturday, July 23 from 9 am to ?, 96 Wellington St., Manitowaning. Clothes, toys, books, home décor and more.

9c

lost & found

Found: kayak, Helen Bay. Call 919-928-6011 to claim.

9c

Lost: John Deere umbrella for a tractor. Lost between 308 Poplar Road and Kagawong on Saturday, July 16. Call 705-282-2169.

9c

Want a reprint of a photo you've seen in the Expositor?
Phone 368-2744
Visa and MasterCard accepted

for sale

FOR SALE
2006 Trophy Boat & Trailer



2006 Trophy boat and trailer priced to sell today! This beautiful well-kept vessel is equipped with a brand new colour matching 2020 175 Evinrude Etec with 10 hours only outboard motor with warranty remaining. Comes with 2006 Karavan VST-5000 trailer. This is a 21'7" vessel with 8'1" beam. Dry weight approximately 3,500-4,000 lbs. Asking \$49,900.

If interested, call Steve Farquhar 705-499-2216.

for sale

rentals

Apartment in Mindemoya, one-bedroom, 750 sq ft with stove, fridge and parking. No smoking, no pets. Available August first or sooner. \$800 per month, plus hydro. Call 705-377-5050.

6tfn

Looking for long-term tenant, unit available with one-week notice. All-inclusive rental unit fully furnished. Geared for professionals/tradespeople coming to work on Manitoulin Island. Double occupancy maximum. Sorry no pets, no smoking. Text or call the landlady for more information, please leave a clear message, 705-348-1111. Will be requesting a verbal confirmation of the Manitoulin employer. Thank you, Miigwetch.

8-9p

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Attention Contractors and DIYers

This Saturday, July 23
8 am - 3 pm

ONE DAY ONLY
Ryan McNabb's
"No Junk" Surplus Sale

Save big on laminate flooring, waterproof vinyl plank, premium carpet tile, ice and water shield, cement mix and more!

9685 Hwy 6, Little Current (formerly Manitoulin Flea Market)
THIS IS NOT AN AUCTION SALE | TERMS: CASH ONLY

Jack Whyte Art AUCTION

96 ORIGINAL WORKS
Manitoulin Paintings, Collages & more!

Saturday July 23
Gore Bay United Church
viewing 9am - starts at 11am
Norm Morrell Auctioneer
morrellnorm@gmail.com 705-282-2430
Sneak preview at theauctionadvertiser.com

Possible to place absentee bids

i coming events

Mini Farmers' Market from 9 am to ? at Beard's Farm, 39 Townline Road, Tehkummah (off Hwy 542). Weekly on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays (or whenever we are home). Organic produce in season. Also yard sale items and crafts. Everyone welcome! 705-859-2604.

7fn

Bingo, Summer Fundraiser, Sunday, July 24 with a start time of 1:30 pm at the Tehkummah Seniors' Hall. Regular games, specials and jackpot. Regular games, \$20; special games, \$50; jackpot, \$500. Admission is \$20; 50/50 draw and raffles. Canteen will be open, light lunch. Bring your own bingo chips. Sponsored by the Tehkummah Seniors' Triangle Club.

8-9c

Assiginack Horticultural Society Flower Show, July 27 from 12 noon to 2 pm at the Assiginack arena, 59 Vankoughnet St., Manitowaning. Admission to the show and luncheon is \$8. Penny table draw.

8-9c

Mirror Mirror on the wall, fundraiser mirrors for sale. If you are interested in buying preowned mirrors please contact Regina Beaudin via phone or text, 705-348-1111 to set a mutual time and date to go and see the mirror fundraiser. Proceeds will be sent to Temerty Faculty of Medicine, Office of Advancement, Toronto, ON. Re: Polycystic Kidney Disease Research Fund.

8-9p

i coming events

Bigger, Better Birthday Bash! Don't miss the 2nd annual Community Picnic celebrating the Mindemoya Old School. Saturday, August 13, 10 am to 3 pm at the Mindemoya arena and the schoolyard. Bring a picnic lunch and something to drink. There will also be hot dogs, sausages and drinks for sale if you prefer not to pack a lunch. Bring a chair and your stories to share with old friends. There's More! Final chance to bid on the silent art auction. Winning bids will be announced. Norm Morrell will auction off a few other treasures. Games for kids; live entertainment; line dance demo and lessons; numerous local vendors with lots of fantastic items. Don't miss this fun-filled day put on by FOMOS. All proceeds will go to the revitalization of the Old School.

9-11c

The Little Shoppe Around the Corner at Knox Church in Manitowaning is open for the season; Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Like-new clothing and various treasures.

Tfn

Legion Events

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 Little Current Wing Night, every Thursday, 4 pm to 8 pm. Wings: four for \$5 or a wing family pack (20 wings) for \$23. Sauces for wings: salt and pepper, sweet chili, sweet and sour, honey garlic, first, second and third degree, parmesan cheese and pepper and cajun. Also cheese balls, six for \$4 or a family pack of 20 for \$12. To order please call 705-348-0123 or 705-368-2661 after 3 pm on Thursdays.

Tfn

Legion Branch 177, Little Current presents live music with Mike Trudell and Band, Saturday, September 10 from 9 pm to 1 am. \$20 advance, \$25 at the door. For tickets call the Legion, 705-368-2661; Kari, 705-348-0850; Ruth, 249-997-0062; Leslie, 705-210-0135. Age of Majority only. A light lunch will be served.

7-16p

Legion Branch 177, Little Current Haweater Steak Dinner, Friday, July 29 from 5 to 7 pm. Serving steak, baked potato, coleslaw, bun and ice cream for dessert. \$18 a plate and take-outs are available.

9-10p

i coming events

AUCTION SALE

Estate of Harold Temple
117 Lighthouse Rd beside Gore Bay
Water Treatment Plant

Thursday, July 28th, 6:30 pm

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

**COMPLETE HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS
NICE NIGHT AUCTION**

**Norm Morrell Auctioneer
MORRELL AUCTIONS
705-282-2430**

Terms: Cash, pre-approved cheque ID Owners
Email: morrellnorm@gmail.com
www.theauctionadvertiser.com/NMorrell/

Estate/Auctioneer not responsible for accidents and/or losses day of sale



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Passport photos are taken Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm at the Expositor Office. \$20.50 including tax. **No appointment necessary.** 705-368-2744.

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The Expositor Office can meet your various printing needs: wedding invitations, invoices, letterhead, business cards, rubber stamps, envelopes. Call 705-368-2744, ask for Dave.

**The Cutoff for
Boxed
Display Ads is
Friday**



**Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Board Vacancy
Off-Reserve Representative**

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

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

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

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

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

Pre-requisites:
Please submit the following:

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

Send "Confidential" to: Attn: Linda Debassige, Board Chair
c/o Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Rd., Postal Bag 2002
Little Current, ON POP 1K0
Ph.: 705-368-2182 ext. 204
705-368-3922
linda@noojmowin-teg.ca

Deadline: Posting is open until filled

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Water Treatment Plant Operator Level II
Classification Level: WWTPO Salary Grid (\$51,300-\$62,700) + pension and benefits
Employment Status: Regular Full time
Department: Infrastructure
POSTING CLOSING DATE: July 25th, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Position Summary:
Under the supervision of the Overall Responsible Operator, the Water Treatment Plant Operator will monitor and operate computerized control systems and related equipment in water filtration and treatment plants and to regulate the treatment and distribution of water. Monitor and operate liquid waste plant systems and related equipment in wastewater and sewage treatment and regulate the treatment and disposal of sewage and wastes. Shall effectively test the quality of our First Nations communal drinking water and recreation areas, based on water quality monitoring developed by the Environmental Health Officer.

Essential Functions:
The Water Treatment Plant Operator will perform operations and maintenance activities with respect to the centralized and decentralized of water systems and operations and maintenance activities with respect to the M'Chigeeng Wastewater System.

Level II Operator duties include but are not limited to:

- Operate and monitor computerized control systems and related equipment in the water treatment plant to regulate the treatment and distribution of water
- Monitor and inspect plant equipment and systems to detect equipment malfunctions and to ensure plant systems are operating normally
- Read flow meters, gauges, and other recording instruments to measure water output and consumption levels, bacterial content, chlorine levels, etc.
- Collect and test water samples for chemical and bacterial content, analyze test results and instrument readings and adjust plant equipment and systems to ensure quality control
- Monitor water quality testing for all potable private water systems not connected to the communal system
- Provide verbal or written instructions for process control changes to waterworks system to ensure water produced meets standardized quality requirements
- Perform security checks in plant and on grounds

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

Qualifications:

- Level II Water Treatment & Water Distribution (certified and in good standing) with two (2) years' work-related experience
- Level II Wastewater Treatment & Level II Wastewater Collections Certifications
- Ontario Secondary School Diploma with two (2) years' work-related experience
- Valid Class G Driver's Licence, willing to obtain Class DZ Driver's Licence
- Confined Space Entry Certification an asset
- CPR, First Aid, Working at Heights (Fall Arrest) Certifications an asset
- WHMIS (Safety Chemical Handling) Certification an asset
- Willing to take on-going/additional training as needed and to receive Continuing Education Unit (CEU)

Other:

- Good understanding of Water Treatment plant operations
- Ability to operate daily Water Quality monitoring systems accurately
- Responsible and pays close attention to detail
- Prompt and efficient in the performance of duties
- Independent and Self Starter
- Proficiency in computer software
- Excellent at job task planning and organizing
- Critical thinking skills and strong decision-making skills
- Works well with others and can work independently
- Effective oral and writing communication skills
- Excellent numeracy skills
- Ability to work non-standard work hours - availability for on-call shifts
- Knowledge of Anishinabek culture, traditions, and practices
- Understanding and fluency in Anishinabemowin or willingness to learn
- CRC requirement must be thirty (30) days current original or certified copy upon hire

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

CONFIDENTIAL: Water Treatment Plant Operator Level II
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980) or to employment@mchigeeng.ca
Miigwetch to all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Manitoulin Group of Companies with their Head Office in Gore Bay, Ontario is looking to fill a variety of positions including Customer Service, Dispatch, Pricing, Billing, and more!

We have opportunities for both In-Office and Remote work, and we are accepting applications from all across Ontario!

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Excellent Customer Service skills
- Ability to work independently as well as part of a group
- Motivated and capable of adapting to the needs of individual customers
- Ability to work under pressure and with some time constraints
- Proficiency in Excel would be considered an asset
- A willingness to learn new tasks and skills
- Work with little supervision
- Attention to detail

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

Please email your credentials to apply@monarchr.ca or visit our website at manitoulintransport.com/careers.



The Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team *is seeking motivated and experienced individuals to join our health care team:*

Medical Administrative Assistant (Full-Time, Permanent)

Qualifications:

- Community College level courses or equivalent
- Previous experience with customer service, answering the phone, booking appointments and computer applications such as Microsoft and client databases

Experience:

- Providing administrative support for a multidisciplinary team
- Working in a health care setting

Registered Practical Nurse (Part-Time, Permanent)

Qualifications:

- Current College of Nursing of Ontario Certificate of Competence
- Registered Practical Nurse certificate
- Completed injection course
- Completed Pharmaceutical course
- Current CPR
- Knowledge of Microsoft and client databases

Experience:

- Working collaboratively with physicians and other members of a team to provide primary care for clinic patients
- Working in the health care field

Cleaner (Part-Time, Contract)

Description:

- Two hours per evening, alternating two to three days per week
- Cleaning clinic exam rooms, offices, bathrooms, kitchen, and waiting room

Effective date: as soon as possible

Applications for the above position, including resumes and references will be accepted until July 20, 2022.

Send To:
Attention: Judy Miller, Director
PO Box 549
Little Current, ON POP 1K0
Fax: 705-368-1259 OR Email: jmiller@nemfnt.ca



Manitoulin
Family Resources

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Frontline Shelter Worker Casual/Relief

Manitoulin Family Resources requires casual Violence Against Women Shelter Workers to support women and children in our emergency residence/shelter program. The Frontline Shelter Worker provides supportive counselling, crisis intervention, and advocacy to women and children residing at the shelter, as well as telephone counselling and support through crisis line coverage. As a single-staff model of operation in a residential environment, responsibilities pertaining to health and safety in a fast-paced atmosphere and household duties such as cooking and cleaning are required in addition to the provision of individual counselling, in-house client workshops, safety assessments, and linkages to other services.

The successful candidate will have

- Relevant post-secondary education (degree or diploma), and training/experience working with victims of woman abuse
- Familiarity with provision of client-led, trauma informed services and harm reduction philosophy
- Excellent interpersonal, planning, and communication skills
- Experience with data entry and computer skills
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity, cultural competency, and anti-racist/anti-oppressive frameworks
- Current CPR/First Aid certification, Food Handler's Safety certificate, valid driver's licence, clear Vulnerable Sector Screening, and proof of education
- Registration with the college of Social Workers and Social Service Workers is an asset, as is second language fluency in Ojibway and/or French.

This position is a bargaining unit position. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the shelter including, though not exclusive to, nights and weekends. Shifts will be pre-scheduled, though occasional call-ins will occur as needed, per the Collective Agreement.

Deadline for applications: Ongoing

Start dates in July and August, with possible advancement to other positions

Please forward applications to: Tara Bailey, Shelter Supervisor
Manitoulin Family Resources
tbailey@mfresources.net

Manitoulin Family Resources welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

We thank all applicants for their submissions, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



Nakiwin Azheyaaksin Employment Opportunity Director of Finance

SUMMARY

The Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory is seeking applications from qualified individuals to apply for the position of Director of Finance. Working under the supervision of the Director of Operations, the Director of Finance will oversee the day-to-day operations of WUTs Coordinated Finance Unit.

JOB DUTIES

Participate in the provision of effective strategic, financial and information systems by:

- Providing financial advice and guidance to the Director of Operations
- Participating in strategic financial planning
- Researching, preparing and managing the annual budget
- Preparing detailed reports on financial, information systems and administrative matters

Provide controllership functions in order to ensure finances are managed according to legislation, policies and procedures and generally accepted accounting principles by:

- Managing accounting and financial systems and maintaining full and accurate accounting records
- Analyzing and interpreting financial data to maximize overall financial performance
- Ensuring compliance with financial legislation, policies, and procedures
- Managing relationships between WUT and banking, insurance and investment groups including but not limited to obtaining quotes, competitive bids and establishing lines of credit
- Overseeing the preparation of tender documents and supervising contract administration
- Working with auditors and WUT Coordinated Financial Services Unit to ensure audit is accurate and on time

QUALIFICATIONS

- University degree in Accounting, Commerce or Business Management/Administration
- Minimum 5 years' experience in a senior finance management position
- Experience in writing proposals, policies, procedures and reports
- Experience in conducting financial analysis and risk management
- Experience in working with Indigenous organizations
- Experience in a supervisory capacity leading a team in change management
- Advanced knowledge of Excel
- Knowledge of Anishinaabemowin and culture and committed to continual learning and development

Closing Date: August 2, 2022 at 2:00 pm

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

Confidential: Director of Finance 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.

Manitoulin Health Centre changes COVID screening protocols

MANITOULIN—With changes in guidance from the Ministry of Health (MOH), the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) will be implementing policy changes effective Monday, July 18 at both the Little Current and Mindemoya hospital sites. These changes are in place for patients, visitors and designated care partners.

“When arriving at MHC: please review signs and symptoms of COVID-19 as identified on signage at each entrance to the MHC sites; all patients, visitors and designated care partners going to MHC must wear a MHC issued mask at all times as an added step to reduce the spread of germs and protect vulnerable patients (masks will be available at entrances); eating or drinking by visitors is not permitted in patient care areas; wash/sanitize your hands when entering the building and also frequently during your stay

and when leaving; and to visit a patient, you will be required to sign a visitors’ expectation sheet upon entering the unit confirming you understand these expectations.”

The MHC release cautions visitors to “please note, there may be specific unit or department level restrictions on hours and duration of visits as each unit or department is unique with its physical layout and patient population. Adequate space for physical distancing and other safety practices are taken into consideration.”

“Remember that if you are showing signs and symptoms of COVID-19, have been instructed to quarantine by public health officials or in accordance with federal travel guidelines, please do not visit any patients at the MHC,” the release continues.

For more information and to see the latest visitor

guidelines, visit the MHC website at www.mhc.on.ca.

“We ask those in attendance at the hospital or health care clinics across

Manitoulin to continue to be kind and patient with those staff who are there to help and protect you.”



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Employment Options Clerk

- ⌚ Part-time
- 📄 Job Number: 20-00243
- 📅 Application Deadline: July 29, 2022, at 12 p.m.

For further details, visit cambriancollege.ca/jobs

The Township of Burpee and Mills Employment Opportunity


For the Contract Position of
Office Assistant (3 Month Contract)

Closing date: July 28, 2022

For Position details, visit our website at www.burpeemills.com or contact us:

Municipal Office
8 Bailey Line Road
Evansville, ON POP 1E0
Phone/fax 705-282-0624
Email: burpeemills@vianet.ca

We appreciate all responses, however, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CHILD AND YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS COUNSELLOR

Classification Level: CS-4 (\$61,200-\$74,800) + pension and benefits
Employment Status: Regular Full time
Department: Mental Health

Position Summary:
Under the supervision of the Mental Health Clinic Manager, the focus of the Child and Youth Mental Health & Addictions Counsellor will be to provide counselling to children and youth to support mental wellness by assisting with emotional regulation and resulting behavioural management. The Child & Youth Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor will provide services through a trauma-informed lens with a focus on addressing intergenerational trauma inclusive of grief & loss. The position will be responsible for providing services that include Traditional ways of Healing.

Essential Functions:

- Assess and understand the child or youth's mental health needs through a developmental and trauma informed lens and formulate methods of intervention in collaboration with the team
- Working knowledge of mental health and addictions
- Work within MFN elementary and secondary school environments when required
- Develop and implement the delivery of workplan initiatives
- Provide client needs assessments and develop treatment plans
- Provide direct counselling to children and youth
- Provide Trauma Informed Care services
- Assist team with prevention, intervention, and promotion workshops/activities/awareness within the community, inclusive of both traditional and western approaches
- Provide appropriate referrals to other services
- Provide aftercare services and supports for children and youth
- Maintain a case management system utilizing the Electronic Medical Record system
- Participate in regular intake meetings and case management reviews
- All other duties as assigned

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

Qualifications:

- College Diploma in Social Services or related field of study (i.e. Addictions & Mental Health Diploma, Social Services Worker Diploma, Child & Youth Care)
- 3 - 5 years' work-related experience in the field of child & youth mental health
- Knowledge and skills in mental health, alcohol and/or drugs addictions awareness and prevention
- Excellent public speaking and facilitation skills
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training and Mental Health First Aid Certification an asset

Other


- Have working knowledge of Harm Reduction Philosophy
- Excellent time management and organizational skills with ability to prioritize and handle multiple tasks simultaneously
- Role model both during and after regular work hours
- Working knowledge of Outlook, Microsoft Office, and general office procedures
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills (written and verbal)
- Must obtain and keep current First Aid and CPR Certifications
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe
- Understanding of Anishinaabe language, culture, traditions as it relates to traditional healing
- A strong advocate of M'Chigeeng First Nation's goals and objectives along with its mission and long-term vision
- Must have own transportation and valid Ontario Class "G" driver's licence
- Must be willing to work flexible hours and weekends
- COVID-19 Vaccinations (at least first two doses)
- Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) requirement must be 30-days current and must be an original

Closing Date: July 22nd, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

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

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

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS DEPARTMENT MANAGER

Ka Naadimaadimi Wii Minamaadiziying
Salary Range: \$70,000 - \$95,000
Employment Status: Full Time Regular

Position Summary:
Under the supervision of the Enaagdenjged, the Mental Health and Addictions Department Manager will be tasked with the leadership and development of the new Mental Health and Addictions Department for the M'Chigeeng First Nation. This will involve the management, development and creation of programs and services included within this Department such as: Peer Support, Outreach, Crisis Response, Prevention, Counsellors, Detox Centre, Administration, Culture and Language, Systems Navigators, Low-Barrier Emergency Shelter Program and Transitional Housing Program. The position will also be required to secure funding for each of these programs as well as create, develop, and implement additional services that best fit the needs of M'Chigeeng First Nation.

The Ka Naadimaadimi Wii Minamaadiziying will help MFN continue to develop their services to meet client and community needs with a focus on:

- Mental Health and Addictions program development and management
- Community partnership and relations
- Supporting the day-to-day operations of Mental Health and Addictions team

Essential Functions:

- At all times works to ensure the client experience of the Mental Health and Addictions system is seamless and through-care is planned and coordinated
- Foster growth, development, and opportunities within the new department
- Organize the restructuring and development of mental health and addiction services in M'Chigeeng First Nation
- Advocate for core funding and control of mental health and addictions services
- Develops appropriate policies and procedures in accordance with M'Chigeeng First Nation policies
- Provides leadership and accountability to and on behalf of the Department
- Provides advice, leadership, and direction to the Enaagdenjged on all matters related to mental health and addictions
- Demonstrates a positive relationship with all partners – local, provincial, and federal
- Supervise and provide guidance to the program managers and employees in accordance with the vision of M'Chigeeng First Nation, along with coordinating team efforts to provide best care and support to MFN community
- Ensure funding for the Department is secured and manage the Department budget accordingly
- Works in conjunction with the financial manager to ensure that the fiscal management of the department is in order

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

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Human Services Related Field (i.e. Health, Public Health Management, Social Work)
- At least two to five years in senior management in health, project management and experience managing staff
- Knowledge and experience of Workplace Health & Safety procedures
- Strong Understanding of Decolonizing Approaches and Indigenous Ways of Knowing
- Strong Knowledge of Mental Health and Addiction Services inclusive of laws and policies
- An Understanding of related and relevant systems such as Child Welfare, Justice, Healthcare, and Housing
- Knowledge of current issues in First Nations mental health and addictions services

Other

- Have contemporary knowledge of current key issues in First Nations Mental Health and Addictions Services
- Have a strong understanding of ongoing colonialism and its continued impacts on Anishinabek People
- Have a sound and thorough understanding of Addictions and Mental Health Challenges as they relate to First Nations communities
- Knowledge of Anishinabek culture, traditions, and practices
- Understanding and fluency in Anishinabemowin or willingness to learn
- Valid Driver's Licence and access to a reliable vehicle
- Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) requirement must be 30-days current and must be an original
- Confirmation of COVID-19 vaccination (at least two doses) upon hire

Closing Date: July 22nd, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

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

MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS DEPARTMENT MANAGER
c/o Human Resources
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M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
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Gore Bay street market hours extended by one hour

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Shoppers at the Gore Bay street market are going to be happy to hear that the market has been extended by one hour each Friday, during the balance of the summer.

At a Gore Bay council meeting last week, consideration was given to a request from the street market group to expand the hours for the Friday weekly market by one hour, to 1 pm, instead of the current 12 noon.

“The street market group is requesting the market be open for an additional hour, to 1 pm,” said Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne. From what I’ve seen during the first two weeks of the market, there are still a lot of people around the market at noon, and some are just getting there.”

“The market crowd seems to really pick up at 10:30 am, and is really busy from 11:30-12:00,” said town treasurer Mike Lalonde.

“There are a lot of people

on the street and the more people the market has attending will mean even more vendors,” said Mayor Osborne.

Council passed a motion to approve a request from the street market group to allow the weekly event to be open an additional hour, to 1 pm, every Friday.



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United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnising COMMUNITY JUSTICE WORKER

Location: United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnising Tribal Council
– M'Chigeeng First Nation

Duration: Full-time pending funding (3 month probation period)

The United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnising Justice Program is an Anishinaabe Community Justice Program. Under the direct supervision of the Justice Manager, the Community Justice Worker is responsible for working directly with clients, panel members, victims, and police; organizing and facilitating Justice Circles; and assisting individuals with completing their Plan of Action from the Justice Circle.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Establish and maintain working relationships with Indigenous and mainstream community partners.
- Review court docket to identify candidates for diversion, meet with Crown Attorney to discuss candidates.
- Meet with candidates to explain program, complete consent and client intake form.
- Contact panel members to participate in justice circle, copy and provide Crown Brief to panel members, prepare circle outline, arrange time, date, and location for justice circle.
- Discuss justice circle with victim(s), victim support person, offender(s), and offender support persons.
- Facilitate justice circles.
- Supervision and conduct follow-up based on disposition (plan of action) from circle.
- Facilitate presentations and guest speaking for large audiences, conduct workshops and seminars for justice personnel, UCCM Anishinabe Police Services, and outside agencies on the operation of the program.
- Maintain accurate, complete, and confidential records on each case heard by the diversion program.
- Provide quarterly activity and statistical reports to Justice Manager for funding bodies.
- Participate in Justice Program staff meetings and Strategic Planning sessions to further develop the UCCMM Justice Program.
- Attend court, training, and information sessions at various locations.
- Conform to ethical standards of practice and to exercise client confidentiality.
- Regular to continuous computer usage for reports, correspondence to clients, and search for court-related information.
- Work with people who could potentially become violent, hostile and work in stressful situations.
- Able to work evenings, weekends or extended hours and ability to travel.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Post-secondary degree or diploma in law or social services discipline or at least two years' experience working in Anishinaabe justice in Ontario.
- Knowledge of UCCMM Justice principles; knowledge of local Anishinaabe history, clan systems, teachings, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions, and ceremonies.
- Knowledge of local Indigenous and non-Indigenous services and resources.
- Ability to speak the Ojibwe language is an asset.
- Knowledge of relevant criminal court procedures, Criminal Code and Youth Criminal Justice Act.
- Ability to manage a database; complete financial forms; produce clear and concise workplan activity, statistical reports, and correspondence.
- Must possess a valid Ontario Driver's Licence, a reliable means of transportation, and able to travel.
- Must provide a clear current Criminal Records Check.
- Must provide a clear current Vulnerable Sector Screening if selected.
- Must possess excellent work habits and ethics and able to work independently.
- Must support Anishinaabe red road teachings, promotion of positive role models and healthy lifestyles.

Remuneration: \$50,000 + benefits

Closing Date: July 29, 2022

To Apply:

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

- 1) cover letter
- 2) resume
- 3) copy of valid Ontario driver's licence
- 4) three work-related letters of reference including at least one from a supervisor/manager

Incomplete, emailed or late packages will not be considered. Thank you for applying, but only those candidates who are selected for an interview will be contacted.

Mark "Confidential-CJW" to:

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

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UNITED CHIEFS and COUNCILS OF MNIDOO MNISING

INDIGENOUS RE-INTEGRATION AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM

Location: United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnising Tribal Council – M'Chigeeng First Nation
Duration: Full-time Permanent (pending funding)

The Indigenous Re-integration Supportive Services (IRSS) Program worker provides support to the Manitoulin Youth Justice Services Probation Officer with respect to Indigenous youth aged 12-17, at the time of the offence, who have been found guilty and are currently on probation, conditional supervision or community supervision. Through this program, services will be provided to youth primarily from the six UCCMM member First Nations, as case management directed, and any off-reserve First Nation population in the District of Manitoulin.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Meet regularly with the Youth Probation Officer and the UCCMM Justice Manager to discuss clients, cases, community supervision plans, evaluation of progress and develop treatment plans for youth;
- Work closely with home communities of clients in developing re-integration plans, case management conferences, and ensuring all potential community supports are secured before discharge;
- Liaise with community service providers (i.e. Elders, Social Service and Health Service providers, cultural programs, youth programs, UCCMM Justice Program) to identify resources for youth on Probation;
- Develop community profiles which highlight existing supports and resources, gaps and plans to develop programs and services for youth;
- Maintain client files, database, and quarterly activity, statistical, and financial reports;
- Follow all monitoring directives as laid out in the service contract;
- Maintain strict confidentiality of client identity and information at all times;
- Develop an evaluation tool to solicit feedback from Youth Justice Services, and resources utilized within the six First Nation communities and justice stakeholders (UCCM Anishinabe Police, Manitoulin OPP, Courts, and service agencies, etc.);
- Provide the following supports to youth, as referred by the Youth Probation Officer: Mentorship, Anger Management, Community Service Hours, School Support, Re-integration Support;
- Participate in the Child and Youth Service Providers' Network of Mnídoo Mnising;
- Organize and co-facilitate activities and programming related to the U-Turn Program;
- Other related duties as required.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum Child and Youth Worker diploma, or equivalent in a helping field;
- Minimum of two years' social services work experience with Indigenous youth;
- Must have knowledge of local Anishinaabe teachings, culture, communities, history, elders and local issues facing Indigenous people;
- Must follow Anishinaabe red road teachings, promotion of positive role models and healthy lifestyles;
- Must have ability to maintain administrative instruments (workplans, reports, files, correspondence);
- Must have knowledge of services available in the Districts of Manitoulin/Sudbury/Algoma for Indigenous people;
- Available to work evenings and weekends as required;
- Valid driver's licence (proof must be provided with application) and access to a vehicle;
- Up-to-date and clear Vulnerable Sector Screening check if selected.

Remuneration: \$42,000.00 + benefits and \$7,700 (Uturn contract)

Closing Date: July 29, 2022

To Apply:

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1. cover letter
2. resume
3. copy of valid Ontario driver's licence
4. three work-related letters of reference including at least one from a supervisor/manager.

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Thank you for applying but only those candidates who are selected for an interview will be contacted.

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

New economic dev. officer hired to move Western Manitoulin program forward

by Tom Sasvari

WESTERN MANITOULIN—The Western Economic Development Economic Development Program is once again operating after a couple of years hiatus due to the pandemic. A new economic development officer has now been hired to move the project forward.

"This is the continuation of a project that started pre-COVID," Mike Addison, general manager of Lacloche Manitoulin Business Assistance Corporation (LAMBAC) told The Expositor. "We are excited to announce that Annette Clarke has been hired and is taking on the position of EDO." Ms. Clarke is the recently retired CAO of the Town of Gore Bay.

"Annette is excited about it as well," said Mr. Addison. "Looking forward, she has some very good ideas, and with her experience and knowledge on funding programs and working with municipalities and First Nations, she will be a big asset. She knows all the players on Western Manitoulin and will be contacting all the municipalities and First Nations to find out if their interests have changed."

"We are pleased that we were able to get an extension on the program funding from FedNor for the Western Manitoulin Economic Development position," said Mr. Addison. "As you know, Brad Hawke, the previous economic development officer, had left the position for another job offer and then there were office closures due to COVID-19, so it prevented us from finding a replacement or continuing the program. Now that things are getting back to normal here at LAMBAC, we are moving forward with the project."

Mr. Addison said that funding from FedNor has now been provided until the end of 2025. Among the partners in the program



Annette Clarke is the newly-created Western Manitoulin economic development officer.

are all Island Western Manitoulin municipalities including Billings, Gore Bay, Gordon/Barrie Island, Burpee and Mills, Dawson and Robinson unorganized townships and Sheshegwaning First Nation. At this point, Zhiibaahaasing First Nation has not indicated the community will be part of the project.

In a letter to municipal and First Nation councils, Mr. Addison explained, "as of Monday, June 27, Annette Clarke will be starting as the new economic development officer for the project. Annette brings with her a lot of ideas and experience in economic development, project management, funding applications, municipal structure and event organization and she is looking forward to reaching out to all of you to get things moving. We will bring Annette up to speed with all of the activities that Brad had completed prior to his leaving so she can hit the road running."



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES (2) REGISTERED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS Closing Date: July 22nd, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Department: BINOOJINH GAMGOONHS (Early Learning Centre)
Classification Level: ECE Salary Grid (\$39,380 - \$48,130)

* With \$2.00 Hourly Wage Enhancement (subject to approval year to year) + Group Benefits and Pension

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Position Summary

The RECE is under the supervision of the Childcare Supervisor and is responsible for children in all aspects related to the development of their academic learning skills, hygiene, health, well-being, and safety. The RECE will oversee the planning and the implementing of age-appropriate programming for children ages newborn to 12 years of age.

Essential Functions:

- Promote the health and well-being of all the children
- Provide high-quality care and learning environments by drawing on specialized knowledge, education, and diverse perspectives
- Demonstrate caring and compassion for all children through responsive and reciprocal relationships
- Maintain and follow internal routines and procedures for child's health and safety
- Plan, organize, and lead daily activities designed to stimulate physical, social, cognitive, and emotional growth of children and encourages cooperation and participation
- Maintain knowledge, skills and self-awareness needed to keep abreast of new and diverse competencies of the position

**For a complete job description, please contact: andream@mchigeeng.ca

Qualifications & Requirements

- Early Childhood Education Diploma and registered with the College of ECE
- Additional specialized training to support young children of diverse needs, varying abilities, and their families would be an asset
- At least two-five (2-5) years' work-related experience
- Ability to work effectively individually and within a team environment
- Knowledge and experience with the culture, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe people
- Fluency in Ojibwe would be an asset or the willingness to learn
- Valid First Aid and CPR or willing to obtain
- Excellent interpersonal skills

Conditions of Employment:

1. Police Vulnerable Sector Check
2. Proof of TB tests and medical clearance
3. Proof immunizations
4. Proof of COVID-19 vaccinations (at least two doses)

Interested applicants must submit cover letter, resume, three (3) current references and applicable certifications and diplomas addressed to:

CONFIDENTIAL: "RECE POSITION"
c/o Human Resource
M'Chigeeng First Nation
P.O. Box 333, M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
andream@mchigeeng.ca

Miigwetch for your interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RESOURCE & CULTURAL FACILITATOR

M'Chigeeng First Nation - BINOOJINH GAMGOONHS
(Early Learning Centre)
Classification Level: CS-2 (\$43,650 - \$53,350)

Position Summary:

Under the supervision of the Childcare Care Supervisor, the Resource & Cultural Facilitator is responsible for providing program facilitation related to the Anishinaabe cultural teachings for a culturally enriched learning environment through language, play and various formal and informal activities delivered to the children, parents, staff of M'Chigeeng Binoojinh Gamgoonhs and the MFN Community. The Resource & Cultural Facilitator will work collaboratively with the Child and Family Support Coordinator.

Essential Functions:

- Support early learning programming by developing specific programs that build upon and strengthen responsive adult to child relationships and child exploration, play and inquiry
- Model early literacy expectations enriched with the culture
- Coordinate with parents and caregivers on discussions about child development, parenting and nutrition; pre- and post-natal support programs; and targeted outreach activities
- Consult with community to identify and implement potential programming for families, children, and adults
- Consult and work in collaboration with Elders and language knowledge keepers, community partners who will support cultural programming within the Centre
- Perform related duties that support child, parent, and community such as extra-curricular activities, parenting workshops, etc.

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

Qualifications:

- Diploma in Social Services or related field with 1-2 years' work-related experience
- Knowledge and understanding of Anishinabek language, culture, traditions, and customs
- Fluency in Ojibwe would be an asset or the willingness to learn
- Proficiency of computer software (i.e. Microsoft Office)
- Working knowledge of office procedures
- Valid First Aid and CPR or willing to obtain

Other:

- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Flexibility to work occasional evenings
- Ability to collaborate and integrate programs and services with community and external partners
- Excellent time management and organizational skills, with the ability to multi-task
- Ability to demonstrate tact, diplomacy, and professionalism

Conditions of Employment:

1. Police Vulnerable Sector Check
2. Proof of TB tests and medical clearance
3. Proof immunizations
4. Proof of COVID-19 vaccinations (at least two doses)

Closing Date: July 22, 2022 at 12:00 pm

Interested applicants must submit cover letter, resume, three (3) current references and applicable certifications and diplomas addressed to:

CONFIDENTIAL: "Resource & Cultural Facilitator"
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
employment@mchigeeng.ca

Miigwetch to all interested applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE (2) NEW RECRUIT OFFICER Full-time - Permanent

Position: Recruit Police Constable
Location: Wikwemikong Unceded Territory
Responsible to: Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting applications for a New Recruit Constable. Applicants will be required to successfully complete any additional training deemed necessary by the Ontario Police College as a condition of employment. The New Recruit must attend and successfully pass a 13-week Basic Recruit Training course at the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, Ontario, starting September 2022. All new hires are expected to have a valid and completed OACP certificate and medical forms as per attached OACP link www.oacpcertificate.ca.

Summary: The New Recruit Police Constable will be responsible to the Chief of Police and will maintain law and order in a community-based setting within and around the Wikwemikong Territory.

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

- Preserve the peace, prevent crimes, other offences and providing assistance and encouragement to other persons in their prevention;
- Assist victims of crime;
- Apprehend criminals, other offenders and others who may lawfully be taken into custody;
- Lay charges and participate in prosecutions;
- Execute warrants and perform related duties;
- Perform the lawful duties that the Chief of Police assigns;
- Respond to calls for service;
- Successfully complete prescribed training;
- Commitment to Community-Based Policing principles and practices;
- Display cultural competence when interacting with members of the community;
- Perform 12-hour shifts (days and nights) including weekends and holidays;
- Participate in community events and cultural gatherings;
- Assist in the development and implementation of projects, acting as a resource to team members and other Units;
- Undertake assignments, including traffic point duty and crowd control, as required.

Basic Requirements:

- Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada of at least 18 years of age.
- Must possess an OSSD or equivalent.
- Diploma in Police Foundations or Degree in Law and Criminal Justice an asset.
- Current Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) certificate or OACP certificate equivalency.
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario Driver's Licence.
- Possess current First Aid/CPR Certificates.
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook and Office.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Be physically and mentally able to perform the duties of the position.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST.
- Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Be of good moral character and habits.
- Pass a detailed background check that includes security clearance checks, credit, and reference checks.
- Provide proof of double Covid-19 Vaccination certificate from the Ministry of Health.

Employment packages are available for pickup at the WTPS office or can be emailed to those interested. Interested applicants are to forward a completed employment package, letter of interest, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates, and three work-related reference letters to:

Mail in/Deliver to: "Employment Opportunity - New Recruit Constable"
Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service
2074 Wikwemikong Way - PO Box 27
Wikwemikong, Ontario
POP 2J0

Email applications to: gregory.mishibinijima@wtps.ca

Deadline to apply: July 29, 2022 at 4:00 pm

MHC continues to provide patient services without struggles other hospitals are facing

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—While hospitals in many areas of Canada are experiencing crowding, limited beds and a diminished workforce in emergency departments, the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) has been able to continue to provide services without similar struggles, so far at its Little Current and Mindemoya sites.

“We were fortunate to secure travel nurses through the summer,” stated Paula Fields, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of MHC, last week. “It comes at a cost to hire them to help out during the summer, but it allows our hard-working staff to be able to take holidays, days off and breaks from work.”

“And our physician group has been able to secure locums to fill-in for the doctors during the summer,” said Ms. Fields. She explained, “the Ministry of Health (MOH) has also come through to pay stipends for the locum sector for the summer. We have coverage of all our emergency department services.”

However, while things are fine at the MHC currently, that could change quickly, said Ms. Fields. “One COVID-19, or an outbreak, and we could have some difficulties.”

“We are working on emergency department closure protocols,” said Ms. Fields. “So far, we have been fortunate. We have an extremely dedicated and committed staff

who does whatever it takes to make sure our patients are safe and are provided the best care. That is because this is a rural area, and this is not only their job, but it's their community and people they are protecting.”

“I have heard of incidents and problems that are occurring at hospitals and emergency departments in places like Newfoundland and Hay River,” said Ms. Fields.

Earlier this month, Ontario Premier Doug Ford called on the federal government to open its wallet and deliver more health-care spending to the provinces. But Ontario's opposition party puts the blame squarely on the premier, arguing his penny-pinching policies caused the problem in the first place.

“It's not all about money,” said Ms. Fields. “It is also about building resources. There needs to be more incentive for enrolment in medical and nurse shortages. And a nurse, for instance, can start an education program this September and not be ready until four and a half years of study before they can fill a job position as a nurse). We are doing okay, but that could change quickly.”

Ms. Fields added that the Rogers outages that plagued Ontario did not affect MHC. “We were fine. We were able to operate all our phone systems,” she said noting that, “our services are through Bell.”



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Heavy Equipment Instructor

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Job details

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Job type: Fixed term contract

Qualifications

- Teaching: 1 year (Preferred)

Requirements:

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- Diverse communication skills and ability to work respectfully with others
- Experience working in cross-cultural environments
- Leadership skills
- Computer skills
- Class G licence with drivers abstract
- Must be fully vaccinated

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Ensure policies and procedures are adhered to: curriculum training, safe equipment operation, equipment and site maintenance, industry and legislative safety standards
- Operate equipment for demonstration of tasks to students
- Conduct student evaluations (marking and grading) and complete comprehensive student progress reporting
- Identify and communicate any safety concerns through training, site inspections and assessments
- Consistently demonstrate a professional code of conduct

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION

Expected start date: August 29, 2022

POSTING CLOSING DATE: July 22nd, 2022 @ 12 p.m.

Three (3) Full-time Teachers

Salary Based on Years of Teaching Experience – Health and Benefits included

MFN are seeking enthusiastic and driven teachers who are looking for an enriched experience and want to be part of M'Chigeeng First Nation (MFN) student success. Teachers will be responsible for supporting and developing MFN students, while focusing on the delivery of exceptional educational methods to the students.

Qualifications & Requirements

- Bachelor's Degree with 1-2 years' teaching experience and a valid Ontario College of Teachers Certificate
- Qualifications for Primary/Junior/Intermediate Levels
- Must have knowledge and understanding of the Anishinaabe culture, tradition, and history
- Understanding of the Ojibwe language is an asset or must have the willingness to learn

1 – Full-time - Anishinaabemowin Teacher

Salary Based on Years of Teaching Experience – Health and Benefits included

The students' ability to speak, write, and read the Anishinaabemowin and make cultural connections to Ojibwe traditions are strengthened by the instruction associated with this role within the school. The Anishinaabemowin Teacher is responsible for effective instruction and evaluation of the progress students are making in the language.

Qualifications & Requirements:

Preferred

- Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Bachelor of Education, Program of Teacher Education
- Prior teaching experience instructing in the language and understanding and fluency in the Ojibwe Language
- Valid Ontario College of Teachers Certificate
- Qualifications for Primary/Junior/Intermediate Levels
- Great understanding and experience with the culture, tradition, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe people

Three (3) Term - Teacher Assistants

\$29,400 - \$44,100 Annually with Health and Benefits

The Teacher Assistant will work under the supervision of a lead teacher, providing additional assistance and instruction to students. Teacher assistants may also work one-on-one with students to help them understand and apply principles taught by the classroom teacher.

Qualifications & Requirements:

- College Diploma in Educational Assistant, Autism and Behaviour Management or Developmental Services Worker or Youth Worker Program, Early Childhood Education, or Social Services
- 3-5 years of work experience in a school setting
- Must be caring, loving, compassionate and enjoy working with children

Seven (7) Term - Tutor Escorts

\$32,630 - \$39,880 Annually (pending funding)

The Tutor Escort will work one-to-one with a student(s), with the support of the lead teacher and the Special Education Resource Team.

Qualifications & Requirements:

- Completion of Secondary School Diploma or equivalent; and work experience in a school setting
- Must be caring, loving, compassionate and enjoys working with children
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe people
- Understanding and fluency in Anishinaabemowin is a strong asset; or must be willing to learn the language

Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT REFERENCES and applicable certifications and diplomas addressed to:

CONFIDENTIAL: "INDICATE POSITION"

c/o Human Resources

M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333

M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0

employment@mchigeeng.ca

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (MAT LEAVE REPLACEMENT)

The Executive Assistant will support and assist the Band Manager in carrying out the organization's mandate by providing a wide variety of support functions. Support functions include: reporting on various data; preparation of reports and correspondence; communications with a wide variety of internal and external contracts; answering, screening and directing calls; and coordinating meetings, travel, conferences, and other activities.

KEY JOB FUNCTIONS

- Assist Band Manager with recording, tracking, reminder systems for regular leadership tasks, appointments, meetings, and deadlines on a daily, weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly basis and communicate relative information to other staff;
- Compile and maintain a computerized and manual document management system for formal documents including WRFN Policies, Laws, By-Laws and established Codes;
- Assist the Band Manager in completing follow-up work as assigned at Band Council meetings, including correspondence, memos, and drafting of Band Council Resolutions (BCRs);
- Maintain a harmonious, motivational working environment for all staff;
- Schedule and confirm appointments and special meetings for Band Manager and maintain Band Manager's schedule;
- Attend other meetings as requested by Band Manager and record meeting minutes;
- Prepare the agenda and packages for the Program Managers meetings and distribute packages to Program Managers; and responsible for the minute taking of Program Managers' meetings;
- Assist in maintaining the Whitefish River First Nation website and social media sites;
- Setting up teleconference calls, including the use of MS Teams or Zoom;
- Setup and operation of webcasting of Chief and Council Meeting as well as any Community Events as assigned;
- Assist with travel arrangements for Band Manager and reconciliation of expense claims;
- Coordinate and organize special events as assigned;
- Maintain a high level of confidentiality.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- Demonstrated organizational and time management skill with the ability to multi-task and set priorities
- Attention to detail and demonstrated verbal and written proficiency and communication

QUALIFICATIONS

- A minimum of 1-3 years of experience providing administrative support.
- Diploma in business administration or related field OR an equivalent combination of education and recent relevant work experience.
- Must have computer skills in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Access, Outlook, Internet, Dropbox, and Adobe Acrobat Pro.
- Must be familiar setting up conference calls, and Zoom.
- Must be familiar with all office machines including photocopiers, fax machines, phone systems, etc.
- Must have a valid Class G driver's licence and access to a reliable vehicle.

The successful applicant will be required to provide an updated Police Check from their local police agency before commencing employment.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please apply by submitting your resume, cover letter, copies of diplomas and certificates and (2) two current work/professional reference letters and contact information to:

CONFIDENTIAL – EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Human Resources

Whitefish River First Nation

17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188

Birch Island, ON POP1A0

Or e-mail: applications@whitefishriver.ca with the subject line "Executive Assistant"

The position will stay open until filled.

We would like to thank all applicants who apply; however, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

M'Chigeeng First Nation council approves creation of new outdoor spaces, play areas

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—M'Chigeeng First Nation council has given its approval on a proposal that will see outdoor spaces being developed that will benefit the community and children.

On June 30, M'Chigeeng Chief and Band council gave its approval to a proposal, submitted by Ogimaa Kwe Linda Debassige, to invest in outdoor spaces.

Approval has been given for a large playground structure for children aged 18 months to 12 years old at the downtown beach area on West Bay. The structure will create a total of 3,750 square feet of play space. In addition, approval was given for the construction of a large and small, gazebos along with work being done towards the remediation of the downtown beach area and fixing up what has been eroded due to the high water levels.

A splash pad is to be constructed at the youth centre/ball park area in M'Chigeeng. For Ogaa Park, a small play struc-

ture will be constructed and put in place for smaller children to enjoy while visiting and/or staying at the park.

As well, approval was given for a small outdoor fitness area and continued remediation of the Johnny's Park beach area.

Ogimaa Kwe Debassige explained in a letter to community members, "the products are now on order, and we are now awaiting a project timeline. We anticipate these investments will be in place this year. We will be working with the supplier to install the play structures, fitness area and splash pad."

"The chief and council supported the proposal

unanimously and look forward to the revitalization of public spaces within our community," wrote Ogimaa Kwe Debassige. She added that the estimated cost of the work without in-kind contributions is \$808,977.12. The expenditures come from various pots of funds available. These funding pots include (but are not limited to) COVID-19 funding, tobacco quota surcharge fees (paid by M'Chigeeng First Nation store owners), a Noojmowin Teg grant for community spaces, Family Wellbeing, a health transfer surplus and community reinvestment."

Manitowaning Mill HELP

Home WANTED

Office Clerk & Inside Sales Associate

Experience with purchase order entry, receiving and filing an asset. Flexible hours.

Contact Larry Karn with resume.
manmil@amtelecom.net | 705-859-3105



**Manitoulin
Family Resources**

P.O. Box 181
Mindemoya, ON
POP 1S0
t: 705.368.3400

Shelter Supervisor, Haven House – Full Time Violence Against Women Prevention Program Manitoulin Family Resources

Manitoulin Family Resources requires one full-time Shelter Supervisor to lead and guide the frontline team at "Haven House" emergency shelter, to meet the needs of the women and children fleeing violence. The ideal candidate will have strong and compassionate leadership skills and extensive background in delivering services in the field of gender-based violence. Responsibilities include scheduling and supervision, supporting shelter operations, and ensuring the health and safety of the shelter residents and staff, and participation at local tables and in public awareness activities. Haven House Shelter, as part of the Violence Against Women Prevention Program of Manitoulin Family Resources, works within a harm reduction, feminist and intersectional framework, following the vision, mission, and guiding principles of the agency.

The successful candidates will have:

- Degree in a related discipline, with work experience in the field of gender-based violence
- Registration with the OCSWSSW or CPO
- 1-3 years' experience in a management capacity or significant field experience
- Strong interpersonal, coaching, and supervisory skills
- Current First Aid/CPR certification
- Financial management skills
- Expertise in conflict management and creative problem-solving skills
- Valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle, clear VSS, and insurable driver's abstract are requirements of the position, and conditions of hire.

Work will generally be performed between the hours of 8:30 and 4:30, Monday to Friday, from the main office located in Mindemoya. Flexibility of hours to meet program needs is required, as is on-call availability for emergencies, in coordination with the management team. Attendance at the Mindemoya location is required, though a flexible work schedule can be proposed. A comprehensive benefits' and vacation package is extended to all full-time positions, and this position currently qualifies for a pandemic-related wage enhancement of an additional \$4/hr. This position is part of the management team of MFR and outside the bargaining unit, reporting directly to Senior Management.

Closing date: Wednesday, August 03, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Please forward application with updated resume to: Denise Leblanc
Executive Programs' Assistant
Manitoulin Family Resources
dleblanc@mfresources.net

Manitoulin Family Resources welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

We thank all applicants for their submissions; only those selected for an interview will be acknowledged.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CHILD & FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM COORDINATOR

M'Chigeeng First Nation - BINOOJIIINH GAMGOONHS
(Early Learning Centre)
Classification Level: CS-2 (\$43,650 - \$53,350)

Position Summary:

Under the supervision of the Childcare Care Supervisor, the Child & Family Support Program Coordinator will promote and enhance the control of program design, delivery and accessibility of culturally relevant programs and services, including Anishinabemowin for the children and families within the community and at the M'Chigeeng First Nation Early Years Learning Centre; and to maintain good community relations to facilitate the Centre's mission, philosophy, goals, and objectives. The Child & Family Support Program Coordinator will work collaboratively with the Resource and Cultural Facilitator.

Essential Functions:

- Assist with the planning and implementation of quality programs for children; ensuring all age groups (0-6 years) have equal access to programming
- Responsible for the daily operations of the Resource Centre
- Ensure high quality early learning programs for children, parents and caregivers including planning and implementing playroom activities and parental workshops
- Maintain improvements aiming for healthy childhood development, parent and family supports, and support parents/caregivers to pursue employment & training opportunities
- Collect all statistical information related to programs and services for reporting purposes
- Prepare quarterly reports for the Ministry of Education as required
- Maintain good working relationships amongst all staff, students, and volunteers
- Provide leadership and support to new staff
- Plan and conduct orientation for new staff, student placements and parents
- Provide orientation, supervision and evaluation for student placements and volunteers

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

Qualifications:

- Early Childhood Education Diploma, or a Human Services Diploma in a related field
- 2-3 years of direct work-related experience in a childcare setting
- Working knowledge and good understanding of Early Years Learning rules and guidelines
- Proficiency of computer software (i.e. Microsoft Office)
- Working knowledge of office procedures
- Knowledge and experience with the culture, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe people
- Fluency in Ojibwe would be an asset or the willingness to learn

Other:

- Ability to collaborate and integrate programs and services with community and external partners
- Excellent time management and organizational skills, with the ability to multi-task
- Must possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and public relations
- Ability to demonstrate tact, diplomacy, and professionalism
- Valid First Aid and CPR or willing to obtain
- Excellent interpersonal skills

Conditions of Employment:

1. Police Vulnerable Sector Check
2. Proof of TB tests and medical clearance
3. Proof immunizations
4. Proof of COVID-19 vaccinations (at least two doses)

Interested applicants must submit cover letter, resume, three (3) current references and applicable certifications and diplomas addressed to:

CONFIDENTIAL: "Child & Family Support Program Coordinator"
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
employment@mchigeeng.ca

Miigwetch to all interested applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Type of Position: Permanent, 0.5 FTE

Location: Manitoulin Island (Work from home office)

MANDATE:

4elements Living Arts [4e] is a non-profit corporation with a mission to nurture community engagement in experiencing land-based arts on Manitoulin Island.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Executive Director will report to the Board of Directors and will oversee the day-to-day operations of the organization, including but not limited to: responsibility for development and delivery of land-based art experiences, consultation with community stakeholders, and human and financial resource management.

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS:

- Post-secondary education or equivalent experience in Arts Administration or a related field.
- Administrative experience including: applying and reporting to funders, program development and evaluation, budget management, supervision of staff.
- A passion for creating and sharing land-based art experiences.
- Good interpersonal and communication skills and a desire to collaborate with people of all ages and cultural backgrounds.

Salary Range: \$23,000 - \$25,000 for 0.5 FTE position, commensurate with experience

Start Date: August 22, 2022 (negotiable)

Deadline for application: Interviews will begin August 8, 2022 and continue until the position is filled.

CONTACT: For full position description &/or send resume and cover letter to info@4elementslivingarts.org.

Regional Chief Hare congratulates re-elected premier Doug Ford

TORONTO—Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare congratulated re-elected Premier Doug Ford and cabinet members on forming another majority government and encouraged the premier to work with First Nations leadership to address their mutual priorities.

"I wish to congratulate Premier Ford on his re-election and all new and returning members of his cabinet who were sworn in on June 24. Over the past several years, the Ford government has worked diligently to enhance and strengthen Ontario's relationship with First Nations," said Ontario Regional Chief Hare. "I am eager to continue our important work."

In May, the Chiefs of Ontario and First Nations leadership developed Creating a New Legacy: Building a Strong Foundation for Future Generations which outlines some of the socio-economic priorities for First Nations in Ontario. Creating a New Legacy was delivered to each leader of Ontario's major provincial parties with a request for a commitment to work with First Nations leadership to implement these priority items.

"On the campaign trail we heard many promises from the Progressive Conservatives to deliver on high-priority items for Ontarians including affordability, housing, and

health care-but they offered very few promises specifically for First Nations," said Chief Hare in the release.

"Creating a new legacy for Ontario's economy requires full participation, consent and partnership with First Nations and Treaty rights-holders across the province," said Chief Hare. "With this renewed start at Queen's Park, I call on the Ford government to work in full partnership with First Nations leadership to address our mutual socio-economic priorities, as outlined in the Creating a

notice

Gore Bay United Church Food Cupboard is open every Thursday from 12 noon to 3 pm. Come to the church side door (facing McQuarrie Motors). You will be invited into the Food Cupboard to choose your food items. If you don't have a bag, there are some available. Please wear a mask. If you have questions, please call 705-282-2011. Messages are checked daily. Everyone is welcome. Tfn

A reminder that Knox Church Rummage Sale in Manitowaning is closed for the remainder of July and will re-open in August. We would appreciate if donations are held back until August as there will be no one there in July to process them. 8tfn

New Legacy: Building a Strong Foundation for Future Generations document."

"I look forward to meeting with Premier Ford, Minister (Greg) Rickford, and his Cabinet as soon as possible to continue our

vital work advancing our shared priorities in critical areas such as justice, economic development, health and well-being, and prosperity," stated Chief Glen Hare.

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TENDERS TO PROVIDE
WINTER SAND #2022-07
SURFACE TREATMENT #2022-08

Sealed tenders clearly marked with Tender Name will be received by the undersigned until the closing date:
Friday, August 12th, 2022 @ 4 pm

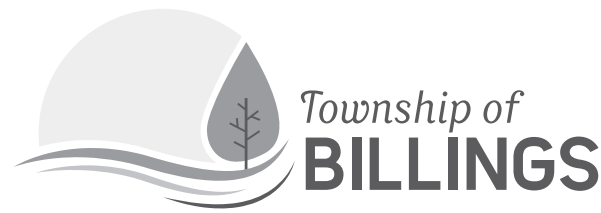
Awarding of tender will be made by Council at the regularly scheduled meeting:
Tuesday, August 16th, 2022 @ 5 pm.

The tender form can be located at:
www.assiginack.ca/rfp-tenders

All tenders to be presented on forms contained in this document to:
TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK
C/O RON COOPER, PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT
BOX 238, 156 ARTHUR STREET
MANITOWANING, ON, POP 1N0
(705) 859-3196 – MUNICIPAL OFFICE
(705) 859-3780 – MUNICIPAL GARAGE

IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT:

*LOWEST, INCOMPLETE or ANY Tender NOT necessarily accepted
*Also that FAXED or EMAILED Tenders are NOT acceptable



The Township of Billings intends to pass its budget during a Special Meeting of Council on Monday, July 25th, 2022 @ 7 pm.

If anyone is interested in a zoom link for the meeting, please contact Kathy McDonald by email at kmcdonald@billingstwp.ca.



The Corporation of the Township of Tehkummah

NOTIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR TENDER 2022-03

Supply and Stockpile of Winter Sand
Salt to be supplied by the Township

CLOSING DATE: Friday, July 29, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Documents can be obtained from the municipal office located at:

456 Highway 542A, Tehkummah, ON POP 2C0, on the website www.tehkummah.ca, by calling 705-859-3293 or email to clerk.administrator@tehkummah.ca

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PRODUCTION MANAGER

Full-Time

Basic criteria:

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

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

Remuneration is commensurate with qualifications and experience.

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

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

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



FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

LOGISTICS MANAGER

Salary: \$58,597 - \$71,460
(depending on education and experience)

The Logistics Manager will organize and coordinate the administrative staff duties and office procedures. The Logistics Manager will ensure the smooth running of the administration office and help improve day to day operations.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Develop a strong rapport and relationship with Managers, Supervisors and employees, allowing for open and constructive communication and achievement of WRFN goals and objectives;
- Coordinate all IT acquisitions, repairs and maintenance;
- Supervise administrative staff;
- Maintain office efficiency including coordinating and organizing work spaces;
- Assist with WRFN project management, requirements and deadlines;
- Oversee employee and community communications content;
- Asset management for administration;
- Participate in the health and safety committee; and
- Other duties as assigned.

KEY SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES:

- The Logistics Manager will be able to identify and analyze issues and problems in administration areas, recommend and implement solutions and/or changes;
- Able to manage office functions economically and efficiently, organize work, establish priorities and maintain good interpersonal relations and communications with staff and program managers;
- Display excellent supervisory and leadership skills. Demonstrate the willingness and ability to delegate.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Post-Secondary diploma/certificate in office or business administration (or comparable);
- 3-5 years' experience in an office setting;
- Management experience would be considered an asset;
- Knowledge of general office procedures;
- Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook);
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Strong organizational and planning skills in a fast-paced environment.

Applications will be accepted via email, fax and mail or in person to the attention of:
CONFIDENTIAL:

Tricia Podlatis, Human Resources Manager
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

Applications must be submitted by August 5, 2022 by 4:30 p.m. and must include the following:
Cover letter, current resume, and 3 work-related reference names (with contact information).

We thank all who apply, however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Death Notices

COREY BONIFACE JR. ASSINIWE "Nimkii Denh"

Sunrise February 6, 1987 - Sunset June 25, 2022



In loving memory of Corey Jr. Assiniwe, who passed away at Sabes-Spanish River Township, in Massey, Ontario on June 25, 2022. Beloved father of Annika, Jenna and Benjamin. Special friends, Kristen Wemigwans and Katelynn Abel. Beloved son of Judy and Adolphus Wemigwans and Boniface Shigwadja. Cherished sister, Melissa Joan Assinewai and brother, Nathan Ominika. Grandson of the late Josephine Assiniwe, Bella and Paul Shigwadja (both predeceased). Loving nephew of Donna, Sylvia, Clifford (Camilla), Carol (Ken), Donald (Connie), Richard (predeceased), Linda (Noel), Sharon (Wayne), Cindy (Jacob), Starlee, Christine (Ronas), Roseanne, Clara and Wayne Osawamick, all of Wikwemikong. Special friends are Mitch Peltier, Jonathan Eshkawkogan, Rossie Peltier, Edwin Toulouse, Naomi and Dalton Cooper, Marshall Odjig and Theresa Pelletier. Corey had many loving friends. Corey was a champ of all games he played, poker, cribbage, 10,000 dice game and the list goes on. Corey was an avid Toronto Maple Leafs Fan, Toronto Raptors and Toronto Blue Jays Fan. Corey loved spending time with his children, making funny faces, etc. He worked at Naandwechige-Gamig Wikwemikong Health Centre. Corey was the life of the party or any events he attended, always joking around as the true jokee he was. Corey will not be forgotten for his sense of humour and his handsome smile. Rested at Buzwah Ignatius Church for visitation on Saturday, July 2, 2022 at 12 noon. Funeral was at Holy Cross Mission Church on Monday, July 4, 2022 at 11 am, cremation followed.

PHYLLIS ELLEN JEAN COOK December 18, 1939 - July 9, 2022



With great sadness, the family of Phyllis Cook announces her passing peacefully at the Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya in her 83rd year. Devoted daughter of Ted and Jean Cook (both predeceased). Dear sister of Sam Cook. Aunt of James Cook (Darlene) of Sault Ste. Marie and Cynthia Bloemsma (Allan) of Glendale, California. Great-aunt of Sean Cook (Natalie), Alicia Cook, and Sierra Bloemsma. Phyllis will be greatly missed by her family and friends, but many wonderful memories will be cherished. Friends and family were invited to visit the Simpson Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 from 10 am to 11:30 am, where the funeral service was held at 11:30 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Manitoulin Health Centre 'Let's Emerge Together', Mindemoya and may be made through SimpsonFuneralHome.ca.

MATHEW MERVYN

December 23, 1984 - July 9, 2022

In loving memory of Mathew Mervyn. Loving son of Lyla and James (predeceased) Mervyn. Loving brother of Ruthann (Ivan), Doug, Howard (Kim) and Andrew (Crystal) Robinson. Loving uncle of Jayme-Lee McMurray, Nathan, Josh, Riley and Addison. Predeceased by his loving grandparents Carl and Ruth Robinson and Howard and Frances Mervyn. Mathew will be missed by many aunts, uncles and cousins. Mathew was the best gift his mom had ever received. He was the life of the party and had a smile that would light up the world. There will be no visitation. A graveside service took place at Burpee-Mills Cemetery on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 11 am. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

Celebration of Life

PERRY CHRISTOPHER CUOMO

March 2, 1984 - January 21, 2022



The family would like to announce that a Mass will be held to honour Perry's life on Saturday, July 30, 2022 at 11 am at the Island Funeral Home. Leave your sadness at the door...but rather bring your stories, pictures and laughs as we Celebrate the Life of this unforgettable man.

DENNIS MARVIN VAN HORN September 23, 1946 - July 11, 2022



In loving memory of Dennis Marvin Van Horn who passed away at Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Monday, July 11, 2022. Son of Catherine (predeceased) and Melvin (predeceased). Dennis is survived and much loved by his wife and best friend, Susan; his children Linda, Marvin (Cathie), Mel (Sherrie), Jack (Sally) and step-children Dawn (Michael), Ted (Kim), Sherri (Slade); 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Loving brother of Judy, Dale (predeceased) (Donna), Ian (predeceased) (Sharleen), Kim (Donna); brothers-in-law Don McIntosh (Betti) and Ron McIntosh (Val). Dennis is also survived by many nieces and nephews as well as best friends Gabby and Ginger. Dennis was a friend to everyone who crossed his path, never turned down a call for help or a favour. He loved operating heavy equipment and working on the roads, at which he was an absolute pro. Donations in Dennis' memory and in lieu of flowers may be made to 'Lets Emerg Together', Mindemoya Hospital. Cremation has taken place and a private family gathering will take place at a later date as per Dennis' wishes.

MORGAN ALAN TONGE



Morgan Alan Tonge of Whitefish Falls, formerly of The Village of Brill, England and Merthyr Tydfil, Wales, passed away peacefully at the Espanola Regional Hospital on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at the age of 89. Beloved husband of Evelyn Maud Tonge of Whitefish Falls who left us on Dad's birthday in 2006. Loving father of Julian Alan Tonge and father-in-law to Cynthia Tonge, both of Whitefish Falls. He will be sadly missed by grandchildren Joanna and Elizabeth, Samantha and David Ramage, Boston and Bryce Thibault. Cremation with a memorial service will be at the Bourcier Funeral Home, Espanola on Thursday, July 21, 2022 from 1 pm until the time of service at 2:30 pm. If so desired, donations to the Northern Cancer Foundation would be appreciated. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd, Espanola.

RHEA DIANNE SMELTZER



Rhea Dianne Smeltzer passed away peacefully at the Owen Sound Hospital on July 12, 2022, in her 72nd year. Rhea is survived by her brothers Lonnie Smeltzer of Sarnia, Chester Smeltzer of Tehkummah, her sister Valerie Smeltzer-Opper of Edmonton, Alberta, her uncle Wayne and aunt Pauline Martin of Tehkummah and numerous cousins and their families. Longtime friend of Mabel Williamson and of neighbours Gord, Joanne, David and Andrew Staples. Predeceased by parents Melvin and Girda (nee Martin) Smeltzer, brother Robert Smeltzer, brother-in-law Mervyn Opper, and sister-in-law Eileen Smeltzer. Rhea loved teaching and had a stellar career in Ontario schools in Wikwemkoong on Manitoulin Island, Gogama in Northern Ontario, Cape Croker near Wiarton, at Strathcona in Owen Sound and at Derby Public School near Owen Sound. She travelled extensively in Canada, USA and Europe and returned home in summer to Tehkummah where afternoons with family were always fun. Rhea enjoyed keeping up on current events, doing puzzles, reading, and learning new things every day. A private graveside service will be held at a later date at Greenwood Cemetery, Owen Sound. Please accept this as your personal invitation to attend a casual gathering of food and drinks to be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 from 2 to 4 pm at Joe Tomato's Restaurant, Owen Sound. Memories and stories will be shared at 3 pm. Memorial donations to a charity of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Tannahill Funeral Home, 1178 4th Ave West, Owen Sound, 519-376-3710 with memorial online at www.tannahill.com.

BERT DONALD "BLAKE" OMINIKA

Sunrise, May 21, 1981 - Sunset, July 12, 2022



In loving memory of Bert Donald "Blake" Ominika, aka Blakeeos to his family and friends and Uncle Bear to his nieces, nephews and little cousins. Birth Place was Little Current, Ontario. The family of Blake of Wikwemkoong is saddened to announce his passing on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at the age of 41 years. Blake will be dearly missed by his son Dominic Jeremiah Bell, who he lovingly referred to as 'The Dominator'. Blake will be lovingly remembered by his partner Darlene Osawamick. He will be dearly missed and lovingly cherished by his family; especially his mother Joanne Ominika-Abel, his stepfather Lawrence Shawangonabe, who he fondly called 'Pops', his father Richard Shawana and his siblings Dawn (Peach), Kristine (Stephen), Amie, Joe (Seraphine), Zack (Justine), Wusto and Wiidasseh and his fur brother Carlos. Predeceased by his maternal grandparents Agillius and Julie Ominika (nee Trudeau), paternal grandparents Rebecca and Nelson Shawana and his Godmother Bertha Trudeau. Blake will be lovingly remembered and missed by his great-aunt Marjorie Trudeau, also Vera, Ursula and Rita. His aunts Mary Lynn, Cathy, Glenda, Joanna, Janet, Rose, Veronica, Regina, Kimberly, Loretta, Crystal and Amanda; his uncles Sonny, Nicky, Howard, George, Peter and Paul, as well as his many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He will be dearly missed by his Godfather Donald Trudeau, his Godchildren Ashtin Ominika, Delani Trudeau and Kai-Phoenix Ominika-Turner, his special cousins Dana and Ruby and his bestest of buddies Johnny 'Miikanote' and Matthew 'Smelly Cat'. Blake was a sweetheart, he was a kind, gentle, loyal, humble and sensitive man. His smile would light up any room he entered. He excelled in volleyball, basketball and baseball. He loved his scratch tickets, lotto and poker. His favourite pastime was to play cards and dice for hours with his family and friends. To all little ones, he was Uncle Bear and they all loved to hang out and visit with him. His laugh was so infectious, so much so that he loved laughing at his own cheesy jokes. He was always giving his mom a helping hand, whether it was mowing the lawn, playing cards, scrabble or having morning coffee. Mom and Pops knew they could always count on him. No matter who needed help he would be there for them. He was a fighter and had a strong determination and dedication that when he set out on a goal, he would do it; he knew he wanted to finish high school and was so proud of himself when he got his GED. Blake loved giving the longest biggest bear hugs and never forgot to say 'I love you!' 'We love you too Blake!' Baa-maapii, Miinwaa Kaawaabmin visitation was Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 1 pm at Saint Ignatius Church. Service was Monday, July 18, 2022 at 11 am at Holy Cross. Burial to follow at Upper Cemetery. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

WILLIAM EARL MANDIGO August 23, 1933 - July 9, 2022



It's with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of the patriarch of our family, William (Bill) Earl Mandigo, lifelong partner of Phyllis Mandigo. Father of Terry Mandigo (Chris Bowerman), Bill Mandigo (Beth), Allen Mandigo (Peggy) and Ernie Mandigo (Kim Bailey). Bill had many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Bill was the youngest of seven children born during the Great Depression in 1933. Bill joined the Canadian Armed Forces and served from 1956 to 1959 in the REME Corps as a mechanic. After leaving the Canadian Forces Bill worked full-time at Domtar in Espanola until he retired. Bill was an avid hunter and loved to show his draught horses at the Massey Fair and local competitions. We would like to thank the staff of the Wikwemikong Nursing Home for making Bill's final days restful and peaceful. There will be a ceremony of life in honour of Bill at the Lee Valley Community Centre on Saturday, July 16, 2022 from 11:30 am to 2 pm.

Burial Notices

MICHAEL GOLDER

Friends and family are invited to a graveside gathering at Cold Springs Cemetery, Manitoulin Island on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 1:30 pm.

MERVIN YASCHUK

Burial Service and Celebration of Life for Mervin Yaschuk will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2022 at 11 am at the Kagawong Cemetery. Lunch to follow at the Park Centre in Kagawong. Everyone welcome.

+ in memoriam

BOWERMAN--In loving memory of a dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather, William (Bill), who left us suddenly 20 years ago on July 23, 2002. Memories of Dad... We do not need a special day to bring you to our minds; The days we do not think of you are very hard to find. Each morning when we awake we know that you are gone, And no one knows the heartache as we try to carry on. Our hearts still ache with sadness, and secret tears still flow. What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know. Our thoughts are always with you, your place no one can fill. In life we loved you dearly; in death we love you still. There will always be a heartache, and often a silent tear, But always a precious memory of the days when you were here. If tears would make a staircase, and heartaches make a lane, We'd walk the path to heaven and bring you home again. We hold you close within our hearts, and there you will remain; To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again. Our family chain is broken now, and nothing seems the same, But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again. Lovingly remembered by your daughter Marilyn, son-in-law Jim, grandchildren Marilee, Mallory and Mitchell, and great-grandchildren Landen and Hailee

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thank you

The Assinwiwe/Shigwadja families would like to send our deepest and heartfelt thank you to the following people: Sagamok Fire Chief Bruce Southwind, Sagamok Emergency Crisis Team, Ontario Provincial Police, North East Regional Canine Unit, OPP Aviation Services, North-Shore Search and Rescue, Manitoulin/Sudbury Paramedics Services, Underwater Search and Recovery Unit (Orillia), Espanola Constable Adam Root, Wikwemikong Tribal Police, Emergency Crisis Team and Ontario Works, Island Funeral Home. Chi-miigwetch to the pallbearers, cross and flower carriers, Father Paul and the readers during the funeral mass. Roger Pheasant for making the cross, cooks/feast (Marlene Shawana and crew), firekeepers, drummers/singers, musicians Robbie Shawana and Joe Osawabine, Kerry-Lynn for the beautiful eulogy, Robin for the beautiful slideshow, food and monetary donations. Special and loving Chi-miigwetches to our families and friends for their outpouring of love, support and help during this difficult time in our lives on the loss of our son, brother, nephew and dad. Your kindness will forever be cherished in our hearts. May the Creator bless you all.

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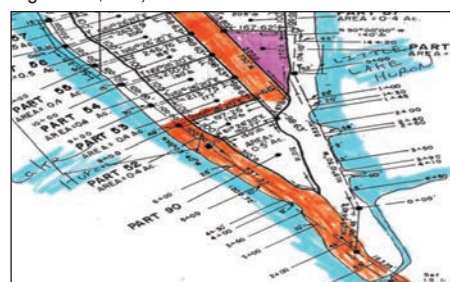
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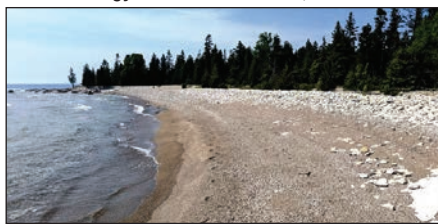
Maple Ridge Cottage w/gorgeous Mudge Bay views next to Kagawong. Treed lot, w/150 ft. of small stone frontage leading to a sandy bottom, w/ year round access, a private septic system & municipal water. Bungalow 935 sq. ft. w/dining porch, kitchenette, living room, bunk room, spacious bedroom, 4 pc. bath & bunkie by the water. Decks, dock & most contents included. North Channel cottage life. \$399,000 #1571



189 McKinley Rd. on one acre w/a one room converted school of 971 sq. ft. in a pastoral setting w/many improvements including wood lap siding, foundation support, generator hookup, newer windows & partially completed 3 pc. bath. Most contents including propane appliances & Pacific Energy wood stove. \$210,000 #1556



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Silver Water Farm for homesteading or recreation w/4 season buildings. Appealing 99 ac. w/about 60 ac. of open grassland & balance in mixed bush. Cottage 384 sq. ft. w/2 beds & open kitchen living dining area & a detached bedroom w/3 pc. bath. Magnificent, insulated, heated, garage 768 sq. ft. & 12x16 shed. Groomed surroundings & all contents. \$429,000 #1568



Nameless is a motorless lake, exclusive to property owners including membership in a Preservation Association & its 200 ac. Lot 19 is available if you are ready to build. It is a large 3.3 acres w/258 ft. of frontage w/western exposure. Search this area at www.timberstone.com The forested lot is hardwood & mixed bush. The road is year round & hydro comes from submersible cable. The lot is partially developed w/walking paths & clearing work. Several well constructed outbuildings are completed including a small cabin w/loft, 2 sleeping camps, storage sheds & a privy. These valuable structures will serve you well once you have built your home. \$469,000 (1573)



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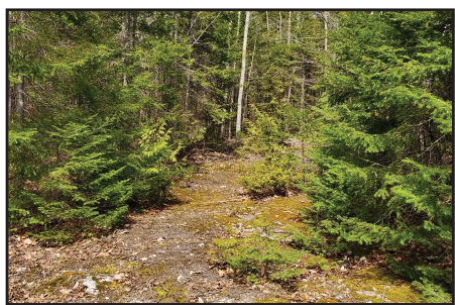
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by Heather Marshall

Southwestern Ontario must be emptying out if the influx of residents from the region who've moved to the Island is any indication. Sandfield, alone, has had at least three families settle into houses within a half kilometre of each other in the village over the past few years. Many newcomers have chosen Central Manitoulin as their new home, but few have ventured as far west as Sarah and Kit McEvoy who left behind their lives in Amherstburg to both literally and figuratively set down roots in Silver Water.

Kit is a native of Windsor who held jobs in a wide array of fields. He studied travel and tourism at St. Clair college but ended up in industries ranging from recycling to working in a plastics factory, to being a business courier, to the construction and hospitality sectors. He also started a t-shirt printing business and worked in an employment centre helping people to find jobs. Nothing really sparked his interest. "They all paid the bills, but nothing truly drove me. I was still trying to find my direction when I met Sarah."

Originally from Brownsburg, Quebec in the Laurentians northwest of Montreal, Sarah left her rural home to complete Grade 13 in Ontario. On a whim, she moved to Windsor in 1994 at a time when the city was booming. "The Big 3 automakers were going strong, and the city had just opened a casino, so jobs were plentiful," explains Sarah. She worked for years in the food and beverage industry in the city where she met Kit.

When the boom went bust after 9/11, the pair worked together in construction for a short while. However, like Kit, Sarah was reluctant to pursue her dream until 2005 when she became a regis-

tered massage therapist (RMT). Even with a rewarding career, the 2008 financial crisis along with the deaths of beloved family members at roughly the same time got her and Kit thinking seriously about what they wanted to do with their lives long-term and the importance of their own health, especially the impact of healthy eating.

"As we became increasingly aware of how com-



Sarah and Kit McEvoy

mercial food is prepared and offered to us, we decided to move out to the county near the town of Amherstburg where we found a house with a plot of land that fit our needs. I wanted to learn how to grow our own food and Sarah knew how to do canning and preserving. And that's when I finally found my calling – market gardening – now my passion and life's purpose," says Kit.

"We wanted to implement a 'clean eating' lifestyle and started out small with a garden just for us but quickly found people interested in buying produce and starter plants grown with organic methods," inserts Sarah. "We had a lot to learn about commercial gardening but, once we saw the need for healthy eating, our whole purpose was to learn how to garden in a way that allowed us to make a living and have our own food security."

By 2011, they had started a CSA – consumer supported agriculture – with a growing list of customers to whom they would deliver fresh produce each week. Business was going extremely well, but Kit and Sarah wanted to move away from an urban area to live

in the North. Regular summer trips to Tobermory eventually led them to Manitoulin, where they camped at Oakes Cottages and Trailer Park

The experience left them convinced the Island would become their home. "On day one of our road trip to

find a home in the North, we reached Sandfield and knew that Manitoulin Island was it. We continued through to Sault Ste. Marie and Chappleau but knew the Island was right for us. After 22 years together, the couple married in 2018 at the Oakes property where they made a fortuitous connection to real estate agents (and wedding officiant) Shannon and Tim Fennerty. That conversation set the wheels in motion to find a place to live by the spring of 2020. When the time came, however, COVID-19 had struck and countless other city dwellers had the same idea, snapping up any and all available Manitoulin properties.

They found their new home in Silver Water and moved in on their second wedding anniversary in late September 2020, unbeknownst to them buying the house and land of the late Danny McKay, which he and his family had run as a homestead. In spring 2021 they had a small garden of their own and used the garden of their neighbour, Ardith Cull, who volunteered the use of her land. By summer, they began selling their produce at Karen



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experience and we feel really blessed. We are at home here and are so happy to be able to serve the community."

The couple plans to continue expanding their gardens and food offerings to provide fresh food security for the West End of the Island – news that has been well received by their many senior neighbours in Silver Water and Evansville and as far away as Meldrum Bay, as well as Sheshewganing and Zhiibaahaasing

First Nations.

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

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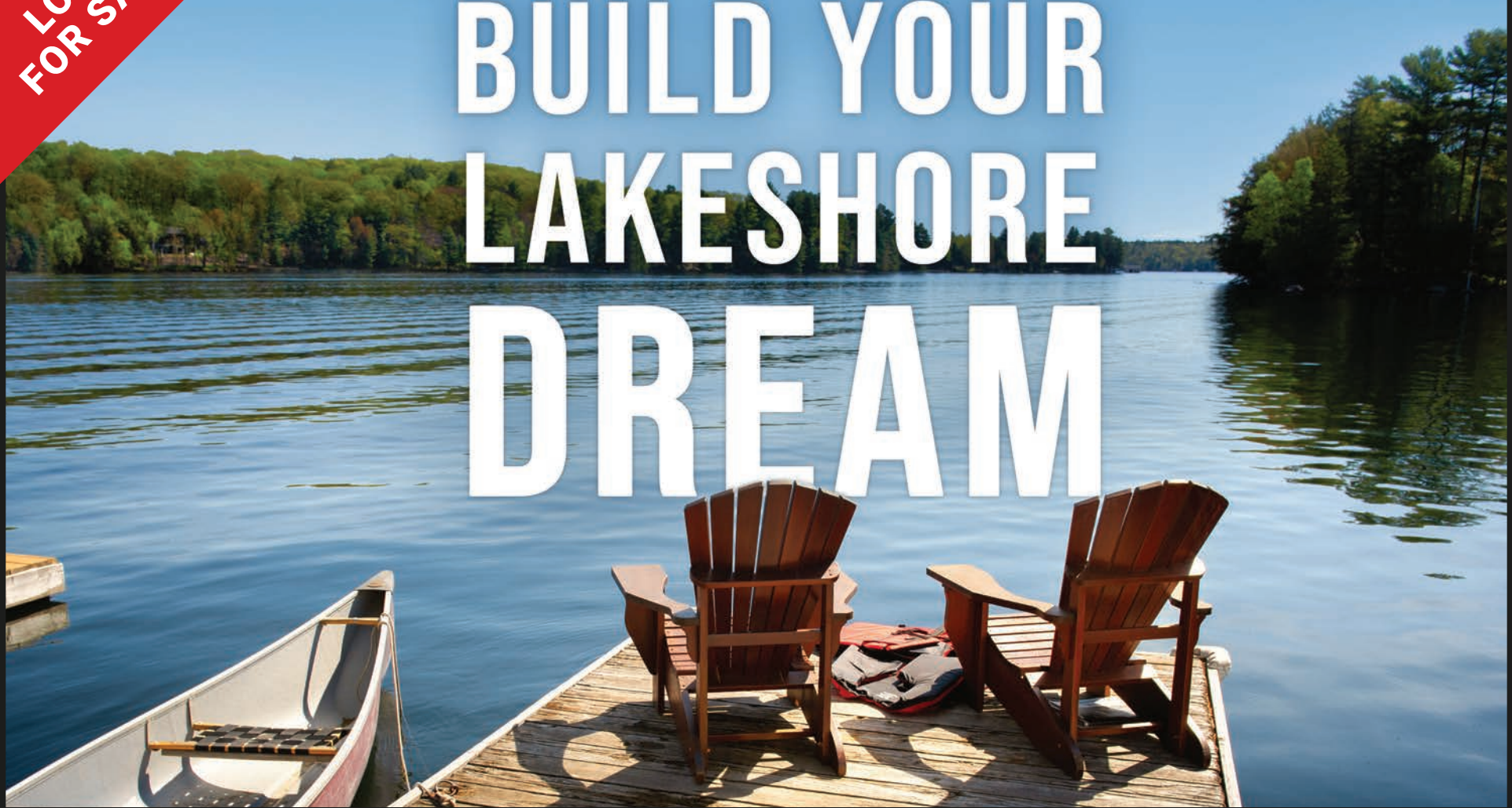
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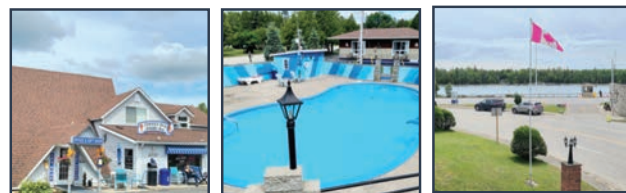
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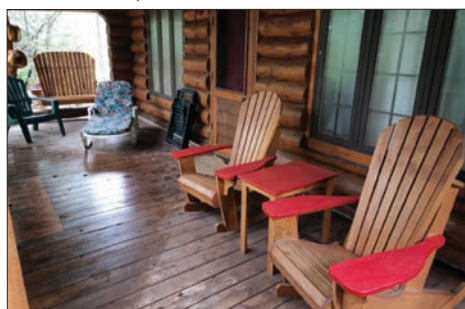
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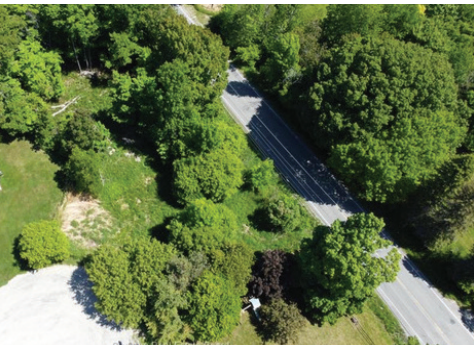


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