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Traffic accident at main Mindemoya intersection prompts call for changes



VACCINE BUS A BIG HIT—The Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) mobile vaccination clinic rolled into two Manitoulin Island locations this past Saturday, July 24, in Gore Bay and Mindemoya. PHSD nurse Erin Ballantyne told The Expositor on Monday that there was an excellent turnout, with 141 people being vaccinated, about one-quarter of them having received their first vaccine. Just the day before, on July 23, Manitoulin District reported its first case of COVID-19 in many weeks, which reminded many Islanders of the importance of getting both doses of the vaccine to help keep the virus at bay.

photo by Tom Sasvari

Integrity commissioner finds no fault with Billings councillors after complaint

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—Two Billings Township councillors have been found to not be in contravention of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act (MCIA) and the Township of Billings' Code of Conduct. The investigation was completed by Expertise for Municipalities

(E4m), the integrity commissioner for the Township of Billings.

Shawn Mahoney of E4m presented the findings into the matters respecting Councillors Sharon Alkenbrack and Sharon Jackson at a Billings council meeting on July 19. An investigation began after the integrity commis-

sioner received correspondence directed to Mayor Ian Anderson on July 27, 2020, in which a member of the public alleged "that two members of council were in contravention of the MCIA and the Code of Conduct," said Mr. Mahoney.

"Our office contacted the member of the public and received a formal request for inquiry on September 8, 2020," he said. "The applicant is a member of the public and an elector under the MCIA and was therefore entitled to make an application for an inquiry under Section 223.4 and 223.4.1 of the Municipal Act."

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'State of emergency' declared in Little Current as plant fails

Unusual circumstances led to both water pumps failing

by Alicia McCutcheon
LITTLE CURRENT—A major malfunction with Little Current's water treatment plant pumping mechanisms Friday night and into Saturday caused the mayor to declare a state of emergency once the plant's reservoir of treated water was close to running dry. The declaration led to town restaurants having to shut down and residents to stock up on bottled water, which was supplied by the municipality.

On Saturday morning, the municipality issued a warning to Little Current residents and businesses that, due to two water pump failures, plant reserves were running dangerously low and to stop using water.

A second backup pump had been installed after the initial two failures, but it too failed to meet the demand required of it. Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson told The Expositor on Monday

that the issue with the pumps was twofold: a slight crack in the steel pipe that feeds that vacuum pump caused the pump to be unable to prime itself and one of the filtration system's filters had become slightly clogged. Mr. Williamson

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Salmon Classic starts Saturday

Major fishing tourney resumes, runs until August 15

MANITOULIN—Get your fishing rods and tackle ready, The Manitoulin Expositor Salmon Classic launches this weekend—although anglers will see an abridged version of the popular salmon derby this summer, covering two weeks from July 31 to August 15.

"We decided the timing was right to welcome The Manitoulin Expositor Salmon Classic back," said



organizer Dave Patterson, after having to cancel last year's event. He pointed out, however, all participants are expected to adhere to COVID-19 protocols.

This year's prizes will be based on ticket sales. First place will take 40 percent of the ticket sales home, 20 percent for second place and 10 percent for third place. The remainder

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Woman seriously injured at corner many citizens consider hazardous

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—A major motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Highway 551 and Highway 542 in the town of Mindemoya has left a Whitefish Falls woman with life changing head injuries and in an induced coma to help keep her stable. This accident, along with others in this same area just this summer and over past years (nearly 40 years ago, prominent M'Chigeeng artist Martin Panamick perished at the same intersection when his motorcycle collided with a vehicle), along with several near misses over the years has again

led to calls from local and provincial politicians as well as local business people to have the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) take action to try and prevent further serious accidents.

The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) report that on July 19, shortly after 6:30 pm, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP and the OPP's Technical Collision Investigation and Reconstruction Unit responded to a two-vehicle motor vehicle collision at the intersection of

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Central supports Old School proponents' funding application for Mindemoya artisan centre

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Friends of the Mindemoya Old School (FOMOS) got a boost from an unexpected quarter, as members of Central Manitoulin council held a special meeting to hear a presentation from the group on a funding proposal. Following the meeting and presentation, council voted unanimously to provide a letter in support of the \$750,000 funding application. The special meeting was required since the council is on hiatus for the month of July and the deadline for application was the following day.

FOMOS member Alison McAllister took council through a synopsis of the application to the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario. She informed council that FOMOS had received phase I approval to move ahead to the second phase.

Ms. McAllister noted that phase II involves a more detailed formula and that the funding is aimed at

a revitalization and beautification of the downtown core.

The proposed arts centre project would create a possible 13 local jobs during construction and a further full-time and one part-time job once the project was completed. Ms. McAllister said that the project was similar to a successful project built at the Gore Bay Harbour Centre.

Ms. McAllister said the project has already garnered letters of support from Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha and the Manitoulin Fine Arts Association.

Councillor Angela Johnston expressed concern that issuing the letter of support might lock council into a corner on the project, a concern echoed by Councillors Dale Scott, Steve Shaffer and Rose Diebolt.

Ms. McAllister assured council that the letter would not lock council into ongoing long term

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Early Deadline

As Ontario's Civic Holiday falls next Monday (August 2), the Expositor office is moving the deadline for classified ads to 4 pm this Thursday (July 29).

Display advertising customers are also asked to have copy to The Expositor by Thursday afternoon.

The Expositor office will be closed on Civic Holiday Monday. Thanks for your co-operation and enjoy the long weekend!

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UPCOMING COURSES 2021

Canadian Welding Bureau (CWB) Certification

CREDENTIAL: CWB Certificate*
*upon satisfactory assessment passing grade/mark

PROGRAM LENGTH: 4 months (16 weeks)

START DATE: Fall 2021 (Full-time status) with blended delivery schedule (will include hands-on practical techniques in class)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Fundamental procedures and principles are introduced, practiced, and refined. Techniques are developed for fillet and groove welds. Proficiency in flat and horizontal positions will be developed. Vertical/Overhead positions can also be learned depending upon student capabilities. On completion of the course students will test for CWB certification in SMAW and GMAW Flat and Horizontal**.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

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



- PROGRAM OF STUDY**
- Welding Theory
 - Welding Safety
 - Practical Operations (Shop)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Participants can enroll in the courses if they are 18 years of age (or older) or if they have earned an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (or equivalent) or pass our standard application and questionnaire required for acceptance.

TUITION FEES/COSTS
\$3,670.00 – Includes Welder Kits and Jackets

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

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RENOVATION TECHNIQUES – CONSTRUCTION CARPENTRY

CREDENTIAL: Ontario College Certificate

PROGRAM LENGTH: 1 year (2 semesters)

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

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

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

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

OSSD or equivalent, with ENG4C or ENG4U



In partnership with: CANADORE college

PROGRAM OF STUDY

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

TUITION FEES

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

OTHER FEES/SUPPLIES REQUIRED:

- Work Boots (CSA Approved, Steel Toed)
- Coveralls

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SHKI-MAAJIINAKIING: PATHWAY TO TRADES

CREDENTIAL: Certificate of Completion

PROGRAM LENGTH: 28 weeks (2 semesters)

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

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

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

TUITION FEES
FREE



In partnership with: CANADORE college

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

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

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PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER

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

Fall /Winter Semester – Online Delivery

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

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

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
OSSD or equivalent, ENG4C or ENG4U

TUITION FEES - \$3954.33 1-year certificate program

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

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CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

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

ADDITIONAL TRAINING PROVIDED

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

OTHER CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

- (enrolled students must provide to Program Coordinator or Registrar prior to first day of class):
- ✓ CPIC/VSS –required before admissions and before clinical (fee will be reimbursed with receipt provided)
 - ✓ TB Testing – before clinical in second semester
 - ✓ Scrubs (2 sets)
 - ✓ Hep B Immunization (if required for clinical)

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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder

Split Rail Brewing Company celebrates sixth anniversary!

by Tom Sasvari

with files from Michael Erskine

GORE BAY—In its six year history, Split Rail Brewing Company has certainly made a name for itself for producing a high quality product, one that a lot of beer drinking aficionados and reviewers have taken a shine to. And, as the company held a birthday celebration this past Sunday, there has been more to celebrate recently, one being a listing by Toronto Life as one of “Ten Ontario Breweries Worth The Road Trip.”

“One of our customers sent us the article,” said Barbara Erskine, acting general manager of Split Rail, last week. “It is awesome,” she said, noting “it is quite a compliment to the business.”

“Split Rail launched in 2015 as Manitoulin’s first brewery after a Kickstarter campaign and wild enthusiasm, sell-out

crowds at events, and expansions year after year to meet demand,” said Andrea Smith who, along with Andrea Charlton, are the co-owners of the business, “and the only women-founded and owned brewery in Ontario and possible Canada, as far as we know.”

“We are thrilled with where we are at, and are excited with the new development that has taken place recently in town with the opening of Finnia Chocolate in the same building we are and the opening of the New Grain Artisan Bakery and Kitchen,” said Ms. Smith. “And our team is grateful for all the help and support we received getting started and since we opened.”

With Split Rail, everything is made on Manitoulin. Every litre of Split Rail beer,

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Happy birthday! Split Rail Brewing Company in Gore Bay celebrated its sixth birthday in grand style this past Sunday. In photo, left to right, is Andrea Smith, Barb Erskine, Susan Snelling, Theresa Phiri and Eleanor Charlton.

photo by Tom Sasvari

Oakville hydro seeks extension on generating station lease with township

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—With aging generating station equipment that will require significant additional investment in refurbishment, the Oakville Enterprises Corporation (OEC) is requesting the Township of Billings negotiate a lease extension to cover a further 20 years. This would allow OEC to recoup costs and earn a reasonable profit over a longer period of time. The extension would benefit Billings by both lengthening the timeframe and increasing the likelihood (and probably the amounts) of rent revenue at no cost or risk to the township.

OEC also indicated its willingness to work collaboratively with the township to determine whether there are federal or provincial programs that could be accessed to fund a portion of the necessary refurbishment costs or other joint projects, said

Bill Touzel on behalf of the OEC, in his presentation to Billings council on July 19.

Mr. Touzel has been an independent advisor to OEC for the past two and a half years. He presented points from a letter previously sent to council by Patrick Gillette, vice president of OEC Generation. “OEC leases the generating station from Billings Township,” he said. “The lease forms the basis of the relationship between Billings and OEC and specifies that Billings receives rent of 23.5 percent of gross revenue. OEC is responsible for all aspects of operation and maintenance. The lease ends December 31, 2029 and has a provision for a one year extension.”

“The station is aging and in the last few years the costs of maintenance have been increasing dramatically,” said Mr. Touzel. “It is apparent that significant investments in refurbishment will likely be required to

extend the service life of the station. It will likely require a significant investment in the future. These types of hydro stations usually last 40 to 50 years. This station has been in place since the 1980s.”

Since OEC became the tenant in 2013, Billings has received rents of \$464,000, an

average of \$58,000 per year. OEC has netted less than \$50,000 in total, an average of approximately \$6,000 per year (this is after interest costs of the purchase financing but before any recovery of the purchase price). Mr. Touzel noted that OEC is prepared to

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Woman drowns in tragic accident

ASSIGNACK—A 64-year-old woman from Waterloo drowned the evening of July 19 at a camp on Manitoulin Island, according to Ontario Provincial Police.

“Investigation determined a couple was staying at a camp on Watersedge Lane,” police said in a news release. “Both parties went swimming when one of them went underwater and did not resurface. The person was recovered and transported to hospital in Little Current via Manitoulin-Sudbury Paramedic Services.”

The victim has been identified as Catherine Plomske, 64. She was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

The investigation is ongoing, police said. A post-mortem is scheduled at a later date under the direction of the Office of the Chief Coroner and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service.

Smoke from wildfires in Northwestern Ontario and western Canada bring hazy skies

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MANITOULIN—Most of Northeastern Ontario is currently blanketed with smoke from active fires in Northwestern Ontario and eastern Manitoba, leading to ongoing air quality statements from Environment Canada. In recent weeks, smoke from wildfires burning across western Canada, the prairies and the western United States has been drifting eastward, following the jet stream across the continent to the Atlantic Ocean. This has led to hazy skies, bright red sunsets and even a reddish-orange moon. In some locations distant from the fires there is a scent of soot in the air.

The air quality index for Sudbury (the closest available reading) indicates a low to moderate risk over the next several days. Winds typically blow the smoke eastward at a

fairly high altitude, between five and 10 kilometres, but that hasn’t been the case recently. NASA released satellite images of wildfire smoke clouds on July 23 that maps the concentration of black carbon particulates (soot) across North America. Soot is just one of several types of particles and gases found within wildfire smoke. NASA’s images indicated a significant amount of smoke lay below a two-kilometre altitude.

When the smoke remains at a higher altitude, the air may still appear hazy but ground level air quality measurements may show only low levels of pollutants, thus resulting in the low risk range. Conditions can change fairly quickly and may also be different in different parts of a community.

Environment Canada advises people to pay attention to

conditions and take extra precautions to reduce your exposure to wildfire smoke, warning that it is “a constantly changing mixture of particles and gases which includes many chemicals that can be harmful to your health.”

Wildfire smoke can contain 50 times the amount of small particulate matter than the World Health Organization recommends for safe exposure. Difficulty breathing is the biggest and most obvious health impact of wildfire, followed by coughing and irritation, asthma flare-ups and other breathing problems. These are short-term risks that usually go away when the smoke goes away. Research is still underway on long-term impacts of short-term exposure to wildfire smoke.

Many experts agree that it’s climate change changing

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Broadband project requests funding support from Island municipalities, First Nations

by Tom Sasvari

HURON SHORES—The Huron

Shore and Manitoulin Island Community Owned Fiber Infrastructure (H&M COFI) project is cautiously optimistic of government funding in support of their broadband project.

“We know our project has been shortlisted by the government for funding,” said Georges Bilodeau, chair of H&M COFI, when contacted by The Expositor last week. “We are now looking for input on the municipalities’ capability of being able to invest in the project.”

“We have sent out our sixth update to the municipalities on the project and are asking how many municipalities are willing to invest, and what they can afford to invest,” said Mr. Bilodeau. He pointed out \$375 million would need to be raised for H&M COFI to retain full ownership of the company.

“This letter is the 6th update I have provided with respect to the H&M COFI project sponsored by the municipality of Huron Shores and our partner, Whitefish River First Nation,” wrote Mr. Bilodeau. “We are moving forward and are cautiously optimistic regarding

any provincial and federal announcements in support of our broadband project.”

“Since creating the H&M COFI non-profit corporation, the founding board has been preparing documentation of its bylaws and a collaboration document for the municipalities, and First Nations and agencies in the catchment

area. We have also sought out advisors and organizations that will support us going forward. In particular Wishart LLP for legal services, KPMG for taxation and auditing service and investing advice, Northern Credit Union for banking services, and Elliot Lake and North Shore Corporation for business development for eco-

economic development advice. Together with our design, build and operating partner ROCK Networks Inc, we will proceed should a favourable funding announcement be made,” said Mr. Bilodeau.

Mr. Bilodeau explained, “the next phase for municipalities, First Nations and agencies is to determine the capacity to invest

financially in the project. We have raised the private equity capital to design, build and operate a fibre to home capability for all residences, businesses and institutions in the catchment area to ensure the project will proceed—a “backstop” so to speak, in the event of no community invest-

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Events on Manitoulin Island this weekend!

Buzwah Variety’s TikTok powwow goes viral

by Michael Erskine

BUZWAH—Buzwah Variety’s Rick Leedham was sitting on his computer one day and saw where Gordie Odjig had posted a short video of a dancer in regalia on the popular social media site TikTok when a sudden inspiration struck. With the community’s powwows cancelled for the second year in a row, why not go virtual and provide a way to uplift spirits too long away from the powwow arena?

“I thought to myself ‘what a neat idea,’” he recalled when contacted by The Expositor. He began setting up an event on his Facebook page when his neighbour Lisa Osawamick pitched in to help and sponsored a third place prize. From there things quickly began escalate.

“Wiikwemkoong Tourism called and said they wanted to help,” said Ms. Leedham. “Dustin Peltier set up an event page for it, he has been a huge help. I have never set up anything like this before.”

Soon chief and council got wind of the project and lent their considerable weight to the concept. “They really liked the idea,” said Mr. Leedham.

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August Long Country Jam hits stage Friday night

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—After many starts and stops along the way, Great Lakes Country is pleased to announce a semblance of normalcy with the August Long Country Jam this Friday, July 30 at the Manitoulin Country Fest grounds in Little Current. Co-organizer Craig Timmermans told The Expositor Monday that the event had that day been granted permission for up to 1,000 people to attend the one-day event.

Doors to the grounds open this Friday at 6 pm with the show getting underway at 7 pm beginning with the live music of Kelsi Mayne followed by Rivertown Saints and then headliner Jason McCoy. A fireworks show will end the night at approximately 11:30 pm.

Car passes are available with four passengers per car (the cost is extra for additional passengers) with walk-in tickets also on offer. For those who choose to drive in with their vehicles, they may bring lawn chairs with them to place around their cars, or sit in the truck beds of their pickups, Kelly Timmermans of Great Lakes Country explained.

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of Canada."

"who dares not offend, cannot be honest"

One Manitowaning Road

opinion

editorial

Little Current water woes highlight Northern issues

The recent declaration of an emergency when two pumps at the Little Current water treatment plant failed, threatening the town with a loss of treated water possibly for days, ended well, with the crisis averted before the water supply was drawn down. Had the water actually run out, the town would have undoubtedly been placed on a boil water advisory by Public Health Sudbury and Districts. Thanks to the diligent work of the town's water contractor, some frantic scrambling by all concerned and, very importantly, the relatively deep pockets available to a municipal water system.

The irony of the situation was not lost on many observers online, who commented how swiftly the issue was rectified while so many of our nation's First Nation communities continue to struggle with long-term water advisories—32 communities with 51 long-term advisories, according to the Indigenous Services Canada website as of June 16, 2021.

Although the same website notes that 108 advisories have been lifted since 2015, it remains a national shame that so many have gone without proper access to clean water for so long. Here on Manitoulin Zhiibaahaasing First Nation went 30 years before funding from the federal and provincial government, along with funds from the First Nation itself, finally placed a light at the end of that tunnel.

The federal government has maintained that the issue of inadequate First Nation water supplies is complex, but as the response of the Northeast Town has clearly demonstrated, where there is a will, people will find a way—provided the funds and expertise are applied in a timely fashion.

That water advisories have continued on reserves across the nation, even in arguably very accessible communities such as Zhiibaahaasing, remains a dark blot on our nation's soul.

The phrases "we can do better" and "we must do better" are nicely mouthed, but unless a real will takes the place of pretty words our nation will continue to fall far short of the mark.

These things take time, and great progress has been made over the past five years in ending water advisories, but to argue patience to those communities impacted by water advisories that have extended to decades goes far beyond patronizing. They have waited for the end of that tunnel for far too long already.

Canadians across our great nation want to feel our national pride is justified—but as long as there is no clean water with which to wash away the stain of First Nation water advisories upon our honour, nationalist fervour will continue to be muted by shame.

In the words of a certain cable guy, it's time to "git 'er done."

letters

It is time to end the need for fluency in both languages

The best person for the job should be chosen, if interpreter is needed, so be it

To the Expositor:

Can we please make an end for the need for people chosen for federal positions (like Governor General) to be fluent in both French and English? First off, what about Indigenous languages – are they not important enough to also be considered as official? Surely the best person available for any particular position should be chosen, regardless of

language abilities and, if an interpreter is needed to support that individual's public speaking in any given situation then so be it; provide one!

Sincerely,

Eric Balkind
Gore Bay

Manhattan Manitoulin author remembers Phyllis Turner

A woman of great presence and humour

To the Expositor:

In August 2019, when I stayed at dear Debby and Jib Turner's home as their happy houseguest, Debby and I went over to visit Phyllis Turner at her house, to say hello and chat.

I found her charming, open and gracious to this New Yorker! She had books in her library that she wanted to get rid of, and offered them to me. They looked interesting, but I politely declined, thinking about carrying them home in my suitcase to NYC. She smiled and said okay. We stayed about an hour laughing and joking.

We had driven in my rented car over to Phyllis' and then left back to the Turners.

I did not notice, until the next morning, how those three books had been put into my backseat. And oh, did I laugh! Was there a lesson?

With Phyllis I learned we both were addicted to silly jokes and puns on the internet, and when I got home, in August 2019, I began to send every silly joke to Phyllis online, and she sent her contributions to me,

and here she was, and I was, both of us, one slightly older than the other, enjoying this online email friendship, which endeared us to each other.

It was never a contest for the silliest joke, just sharing.

When Debby told me Phyllis was in the hospital I was able to phone and chat for a minute.

"Keep sending those jokes, Bonnie," she said. And I did, until I had news that she passed away. Phyllis was still smiling with her new friends.

I mourn her with great respect. Phyllis let me know the deep value of a Manhattan Manitoulin silly and wonderful friendship that began when Phyllis was 92 and I am still a Manitoulin learner.

Respectfully,

Bonnie Kogos
Manhattan, New York

Manitoulin Secondary School recognized for Go Green efforts

M'CHIGEENG—Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) has been recognized with a Go Green Globe award by the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) for 2021.

RDSB paid tribute to its dedicated employees and community partners with the 2020 and 2021 awards for outstanding contribution to the co-curricular program, community partnership awards, the Go Green Globe awards, awards for excellence, the Barbara Konarek Memorial Award and the William N. Roman Teacher of the Year award. Employees with 25 and 35 years of service were also recognized.

The annual board awards honour "esteemed staff and valued community partners who make Rainbow schools great places to be."

"These awards represent a rich tradition of honouring excellence in Rainbow schools," said board chair Doreen Dewar. "We are proud of all recipients for their commitment. On behalf of the board I congratulate all recipients for their outstanding achievement."

MSS received a Go Green Globe Award for 2021. MSS earned a platinum certification in 2020, the

highest level possible with EcoSchools Canada. Extensive renovations increased student access to the outdoors courtyard, home to fruit trees and garden beds filled with colourful vegetables grown by students in the Specialist High Schools Major in Agriculture. A bee colony helps local pollinators and honey production and the school's active greenhouses produce flowers, veg-

etables and herbs for the community.

Students collect weekly recycling from classrooms to divert waste from landfills. They host school yard cleanups each spring and fall at MSS, and extend their reach for Earth Day to include ditch cleanups across Manitoulin Island, and adjusted waste handling techniques for increased protection during the pandemic.

Used batteries and electronics are collected for recycling, and natural materials such as metal straws and wood tooth brushes are sold to reduce plastic waste.

Students also gained greater perspective on environmental initiatives at a local "Green" conference, and have taken part in water walks from all ends of Manitoulin Island to promote clean water.



The power of community volunteers

The roof on the Cold Spring Church was looking decidedly threadbare in recent years, much to the concern of Little Current's Gerry Bond. When Mr. Bond looked into the cost estimates received by the Northeast Town to repair the roof he was told they came in around \$13,000, well above the ability of the municipality to carry. "I checked on the cost of materials and found out they were about \$1,300," said Mr. Bond. That was something the town could meet, so Mr. Bond committed to supplying the labour. He gathered up a work crew consisting of Quinton Eade, Lorne Alston and Jordan Alston and in two-and-a-half hours the deed was done. "If you need a good carpenter, that young Jordan Alston is worth a call," said Mr. Bond. In the meantime, the historic old church now lies sheltered under a new metal roof thanks to the efforts of dedicated community volunteers.

Harold and Shirley Dewar

Shirley and Harold's charming, impressive log home that's nestled into Dewar's Lane sits just below the wake of the fourth hole of the Mindemoya Golf Course. An ancient pine tree shelters the back deck. The side of the home harbours a remarkable perennial garden in full bloom and immense crystal rocks, an exhibit on their own. A tiny tree frog, 'George,' enjoying the sun, blends into the back deck. Multiple bird feeders invite feathered friends, two of which, both robins, are currently building their nests in the rafters outside.

The interior of the home resembles a museum of memorabilia reflecting successful farming, musical and athletic pursuits. Harold stops to point out and explain the historic aspects of each display, highlighting curling achievements, the farming background and even 'Dewars Whiskey,' a popular tradition in Scotland. Upstairs, various farm implements and family quilts decorate the walls and rails. The kitchen boasts an authentic wood cooking stove that also heats this level of the house.

All three of us wear masks as we practice social distancing, and the story begins. A cup of tea and some tasty muffins add to the ambience. Shirley begins, "Paternal grandfather Archibald Cranston died when dad was just nine years old. They had two children, Grant, my dad, and Wilda. Grandmother Mae (McDermid) later married Spring Bay farmer Harvey Haner who bottled milk at Wagg's."

Maternal grandfather Wilburt 'Wib' and Anna Steele had a tourist business on the way to the lighthouse in Meldrum Bay. "They had four boys and four girls including my mother, Marion," Shirley adds. "Grandfather built eight cabins on Bass Lake. Most of his guests were Americans and they were served three meals a day, including a packed lunch. Hunting season was three weeks long and my dad was a hunting guide at the Steele Camp."

"I was born on October 18, 1943, the only child of Grant and Marion (Steele) Cranston. We lived in Sudbury at that time. I remember lots of fish when my parents came home after a successful fishing trip. I also remember the huge garden with the big strawberry patch, that I helped dad pick."

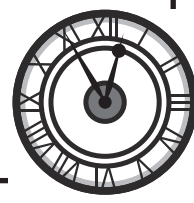
"Grandfather taught me to shoot safely. One day when I was about seven, while visiting on Manitoulin, grandfather rushed in, 'Hurry, there is a deer near the chicken coop.' I couldn't see it, but he had me shoot at a spot beside the chicken coop. We hurried to the spot and we found a dead deer. 'See, you got him! Good shooting.' I was excited at first, but soon realized the deer had met an earlier demise."

After Shirley finished at Landsowne Public School, she started high school and got part-time work at Kresge's. "I was just 11, in 1956, when my father, 39, died of a coal dust explosion at INCO. After that ordeal, both mother and I had to learn to drive a stick shift. At 13, I was contributing to our mode of transportation over the Espanola hills highway (now Highway 6) which was under construction at the time. I would master the clutch with my foot, so mother could better coordinate the clutch-brake-gas interaction on hills."

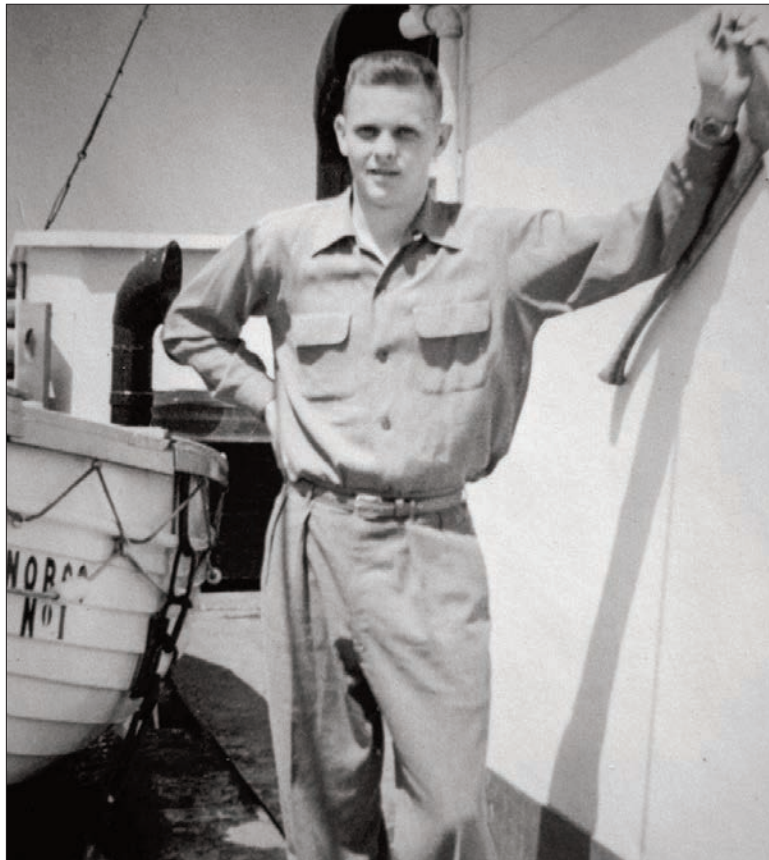
"Mother went back to school and found a job at the office of the chief engineer at Memorial Hospital. She was also a secretary at the Ministry of Education until her retirement. She never remarried." After high school, Shirley worked for two years at the Copper Cliff hospital, followed by a job at Dobson Insurance which lasted until Shirley and Harold married in 1967.



Now and Then
A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin
By Petra Wall



Mr. and Mrs. Dewar on their wedding day on March 11, 1967.



Harold, then 18, aboard the Norco.

"Harold and I met on a blind date. Harold's wife Diane, a nurse's aide, had died in a car accident right outside the General Hospital. The neighbour, looking after his son Clark, gave him two choices for a date. The other gal was my cousin, Linda Fawcett. Linda and I had planned a show night. After Harold and I were matched, I arranged a blind date for Linda with another cousin, Don Currie. She wound up marrying him a year later."

"Our first date, smelt fishing at Whitefish Falls with three other couples, was fun, if not romantic. The fish weren't running so we climbed up to the Red Dog Inn and the boys had a few beers. It was great getting to know him, but if Harold had not suggested I drive home that night, it would have been our first and last date."

"My maternal grandparents James and Alice (Cooper) Hopkin

were long-time residents," Harold shares. They lived where the Garden's Gate Restaurant is today. "Grandmother cooked at the hotel in Providence Bay and James ran the farm. Paternal Grandfather William Dewar was born here too, as was Grandmother Henrietta (Haddie) Kay Dewar."

Harold George was born on September 17, 1935, the first son of Reginald and Grace (Hopkin) Dewar. His mother admired the Royals and named him George. "Dad had learned some veterinary skills, so he looked after the animals and mother helped run the farm. After each meal, plates were washed and placed upside down on the table for the next meal. Once, I was allowed to walk on them, and it was fun, but I recall my Aunt Marjorie being flabbergasted. There was a more flexible attitude about guns too. Rifles hung on the wall and were

carried openly. Grandfather took me out for target practice."

"Grandmother taught me to shoot a .22 caliber rifle at six or seven years. Owls would kill the chickens in the coop and there was an owl nearby. Grandmother took me to the spot, asked me to creep up slowly, lie down and carefully aim the gun at the owl sitting on the fence. 'Line the sight up with the slot, squeeze the trigger, don't pull it,' she said softly. When I looked up, the owl had fallen from the fence. 'Good job,' she said."

"Grandfather taught me how to rake the fields. The horses, Dan and Vic, along with our dog Sport, helped. I was also allowed to go out on the lake alone in a special flat-bottomed rowboat that couldn't sink easily. Rowing was mandatory. I just needed my fishing rod and some dew worms. For the game of horseshoes, grandfather and I would take on Jim and Blair McDermid and hold our own. A tourist from Ohio showed me how to throw a shoe, one and a half turns. This technique helped me win a few tournaments."

"I was seven when I was asked to pick up my grandparents for dinner. A block on the clutch was needed to make it within my youthful reach to drive the one and a half miles. When I got my licence, years later, Mr. Nevills said, 'you have been driving your dad's car for a long time. Just give me two dollars for your licence'."



The Norco in 1954.

High school was in Mindemoya, and Harold's generation represented the first Dewars to attend high school. Harold boarded the bus in Providence Bay at his grandparents' place, where he contributed 50 cents a week for room and board. Unplowed roads made for a lengthy and bumpy bus ride. Heads often hit the roof over culverts. "One day we put John Alexander's lunch under him when we hit a culvert. He always had a paper bag. He came down hard and squashed it. If we did this twice, we had to share our lunch with him."

Harold remembers farm kids bringing in fertilized chicken eggs for the city kids. "When the chickens hatched, observing them and caring for them was part of the agricultural sciences program. One student, Irving 'Hoey' McDermid, would get the little chick to walk in a circle around his pencil, as he turned it. We both got kicked out every time he did this because I couldn't stop laughing."

In science class, Merla Caddle was the recipient of a paper funnel Harold had fashioned and placed in her pocket before he poured water into it. It seems Mer-

la got even with him by tossing a raw egg down his back one day and several eggs on his schoolbooks another day. For the first egg, Harold had to wash his clothes in the bathroom and wear an overcoat for the rest of the day.

During one recess, Harold defiantly snuck out to the water fountain after the teacher had forbidden such requests. He crawled back in, undetected but wound up under the ping pong table that the students were sitting around. His buddies wouldn't let him back up until the teacher noticed him. As punishment, Harold and his buddies, Doug Elliot, Hoey McDermid and John Alexander, had to write "I will not make the class laugh any more" 25 times on the blackboard.

One wintery day, Harold, inspired by the snow mounds around the window, reached out and made two successive snowballs which were subsequently launched by A. B. Oakes and flattened on the blackboard where they were sliding down nicely. This time, Mr. Fraser, the principal and an ex-boxer, dealt with the offenders. "This class will stay until someone confesses." All four buddies wound up in the principal's office where the latter made a worthy attempt to dissuade them from any future incidents.

"Thinking I would follow in dad's footsteps and farm, I finished high school after I turned 17. The main draw for me had been girls and sports." Harold was asked to take Ab Oakes' parents to Sault Ste. Marie to pick sailor Ab up. He had developed tuberculosis and had to be quarantined. When Harold got there, the Third Mate said they needed someone to replace Ab. "If you are in Sault Ste. Marie in four days, you get the job," he said.

Despite his parents' misgivings, Harold took the job and headed by

train for Sault Ste. Marie. "It all became real when I walked up that gangplank to the deck of the Norco, out of Green Bay, Wisconsin on January 12, 1952." Harold became a watchman. "We left the St. Mary's River heading at top speed for Lake Superior when we ran into Hurricane Hazel. That was in 1954. Racks to stabilize pots had been built to support the stove in the kitchen. Sadie McLennan from Manitowaning was one of the cooks."

"Waves were met head on, forcing the Norco to be steered into the troughs, but the boat still twisted from side to side in the high winds. Frying pans flew over racks and off the stoves, hitting the floor. The cooks locked the door to the kitchen and retreated to cabins. After Hazel subsided, three deck hands cleaned up the mess. The floor was so greasy you couldn't stand up. Even with tow-eled feet, one hand on the porthole and the other cleaning, cleaning was challenging. All the steaks, vegetables and towels used in the clean up were tossed out the port holes. 'The fish will eat well tonight!'"

"Green Bay, Wisconsin had the

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Island municipalities develop community safety and well-being plan

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter
With files from Warren
Schlote

LITTLE CURRENT—Although the development and adoption of Community Safety and Well Being (CSWB) plans is required by legislation for municipalities in Ontario, available data and stakeholder input reveal the need for a more collaborative approach by Island municipi-

palities and service providers to address the four priority risks identified through stakeholder engagement sessions facilitated by Investigative Solutions Network Inc. (ISN).

As of January 1, 2019 the province of Ontario legislated all communities in the province to create and adopt a CSWB plan, working in partnership with a multi-sectoral advisory committee that includes representation

from the police service board and other local service providers in health care, education, community and social services and children and youth services.

Following 10 community engagement sessions that were conducted with community agencies, municipal government representatives and members of the public, Island communities were able to create a collective plan. Eight of nine Island

municipalities took part in planning and stakeholder engagement sessions facilitated by ISN. Cockburn Island chose not to participate. Some 13 local representatives from the health care, social services, police and education sectors participated in group consultations or one-on-one interviews with ISN and 23 people attended the public consultation.

The resulting plan was approved by the Town of

Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) council at its July 13 council meeting. Other municipalities are still reviewing the draft plan. Alton Hobbs, chief administrative officer for Assiginack, said the draft has been circulated to council but he hasn't received any comments yet. He expects it will go through as is and any changes would be "fairly minor in nature."

Mental health and addictions, domestic violence, housing and seniors were identified as the top four priorities for Manitoulin Island. The areas often overlap. For example, a 2018 enumeration of homelessness in Manitoulin-Sudbury prepared for the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) noted that 55 percent of those living with absolute homelessness reported mental health challenges. Another report by the Canadian Mental Health Association stated that people with mental health issues were more likely to be victims of violence.

"Each community is unique and different," said Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin, but services and service agencies are shared across Island municipalities.

It is hoped that existing working committees can be

expanded to incorporate multi-sector planning. Existing services and programs within these sectors and agencies have already collaborated on initiatives that include rapid response situation tables, mental health crisis response teams and multi-sector leadership tables.

According to ISN, the goal of a CSWB plan is to address the root causes of crime and complex social issues by focusing on social development, prevention and risk intervention. The highest priority risk for Manitoulin Island was identified as mental health and addictions. Local data indicated that all partnering communities have been experiencing crisis occurrences as a result of mental health and addictions to some degree. Over the last five years, OPP calls for service from the Espanola-Manitoulin detachment area indicate that approximately 43 percent of calls for service were directly associated with the Mental Health Act. Within the same five-year period, approximately 50 percent of calls were drug and alcohol related offences.

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Manitoulin Island senior warns of local scam

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—A Manitoulin Island senior was lucky to recognize someone was trying to scam her out of money when she received a call on Thursday of last week from a man claiming to be from Las Vegas and telling her that she had won \$1.5 million.

"I was called by a man who said he was David Clark last night," the local woman, who wished to remain anonymous, told The Expositor. "He said he was from Las Vegas and that I had won \$1.5 million in a draw. So, I told him I didn't have any tickets for a draw." But she explained he had her name and number and reiterated that she had won a draw.

"I asked him if he could send me the money through the mail and he said he would, if I could send him \$500," said the Manitoulin Island woman. "I said, 'I think this is a scam.' The woman did not send the man any money, noting that the man hadn't even asked for her address to send any money.

"I figured I would call you at the paper and let people know of this scam," the woman told The Expositor. "It might save some people from being scammed and sending money."

This is not the only scam that is currently going around. The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) released a warning about a phone scam in the region that has been targeting elderly females in rural areas. The OPP released a warning last week detailing three elaborate and organized scams that occurred the past week throughout Ontario.

Police explain elderly women are called by a male who claims to be an officer and has been reporting that their grandson has been arrested. In all instances, bail money has been requested for the grandson whom the scammer claims has been arrested with drugs in the vehicle while on their way to get a COVID-19 test.

Police indicate that sometimes the scammers have gotten people to impersonate the grandson and to talk to their grandmother in a congested voice.

The scammers then get delivery services to pick up the money and in many cases will inform their targets to tell the bank from which they have taken the money that the money is to be used for renovations on their house.

The statement goes on to say that police will never

demand money to have someone arrested, released from custody, for payment of a fine or involve a courier company to transfer payments.

The OPP reports an 84-year-old female was contacted by a male claiming to be Corporal Matheson of (a police service). He stated that her grandson had been arrested after a minor vehicle collision with his friend where drugs were located in the vehicle. In order for him to be released, she had to provide \$10,000 in cash. The female spoke to her grandson who told her he was sick and was on his way for a COVID test when the accident occurred, explaining why he was stuffed up. The female provided the money which was picked up by a courier. The officer called back the following day and informed her the charges were dropped, but she would have to pay \$12,000 for his fine. She did as instructed and a courier picked up the money.

In a second incident, the OPP reported a 73-year-old female was contacted by a male alleging to be her grandson and that he was arrested after being pulled over in a vehicle that was driven by his friend, and drugs were located.

The female requested to

speak to the officer and a male identified himself as 'Constable Johnston.' She was directed to withdraw \$6,000 for bail, which she did, and the money was picked up by a courier.

The following day the 'officer' told her an additional \$9,000 would be required for the charges being dropped. The victim again obliged, reported the OPP.

In the third incident reported by the OPP an 83-year-old female was contacted by a male who identified himself as 'Corporal Matheson,' notifying her that her grandson was in custody as a result of a vehicle stop where drugs were located.

She reported that her grandson got on the phone and it sounded like him but that he was sick. He claimed he was on his way for a COVID test when the vehicle stop occurred.

The woman was directed to withdraw \$8,000 and leave it under her doormat and a courier would pick it up.

The 'officer' called for better directions to her house, at which time she said she was phoning her grandad. The male hung up the phone. The money was not picked up, reported the OPP.

Law & Order

Outstanding warrant for St. Catharines man

The UCCM Anishinaabe Police has issued an outstanding warrant for Mark Anthony Evans.

On July 5, 2021, the UCCM Police issued a release explaining, "Mark Evans is a 50-year-old male. He is described at 6' 1" tall, weighing 190 pounds and having a medium build. He has blonde hair and hazel eyes. He has tattoos on his right and left shoulders as well as on his chest. His community of origin is St.

Catharines, with his last known address being Silver Water. He is known to frequent Sheshegwaning and M'Chigeeng First Nations.

Mr. Evans is being encouraged to contact the police service and to speak with an officer to clear the issue.

"Members of the public are encouraged to contact their nearest police station if they have information pertaining to Mark Evans whereabouts," stated the UCCM Police release.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

You know, growing up Team Fergmeijer didn't have a lot of money. We had to use a hand-me-down calculator with no multiplication symbol on it. Times were hard. But these days we've started investing in stocks. First chicken, then beef, and now vegetable. It might be risky, but one day it'll pay off and we'll be billionaires!

Mayor Anderson and Council intend to pass the 2021 Budget at the August 3rd regular meeting of Billings Town Council. If you would like an invitation to the virtual meeting please email Todd Gordon tgordon@billingsstp.ca before 3 pm on the day of the meeting. A computer/tablet/mobile phone and internet connection, or a telephone, are required.

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

Very happy birthday wishes go out to Meredith C-N who turned 29 this week. Former Kagawongian and current Calgarian MBB is also celebrating this week. He travelled all the way back to Billings just to ensure he turned 29 this year! Last, but not least, Beth G, another former Kagawongian, is celebrating 29 this week. To all those celebrating, may your day be as special as a unicorn farting rainbows! Thank you to everyone who stopped by the Kagawong market and picked up a blind date with a book! The

Friends of Billings Library quickly sold out of the mystery books (that came with free coffee and chocolate care of Sugar Bush Coffee House and Manitoulin Chocolate Works) resulting in a great fundraiser for the library. Happy reading!

H&R Noble will be starting work at the outdoor rink at the Park Centre in the near future. Advertising along the new boards is available if you would like to be part of the fundraising efforts for this project. Contact the township office for more information or to donate. Charitable tax receipts are available for donations of \$20 or more.

Got big ideas? Have a vision for Billings Township? The Township will be engaged in the next strategic planning cycle (2022-2025) during 2021. Watch for strategic planning surveys and have your say! The more people who contribute ideas and comments, the better the process and the stronger the plan for the next planning cycle.

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

Lastly, we would like to remind everyone of how lucky we are to live in this part of the world, and to stop complaining about the local wildlife. Racoons are RESOURCEFUL. Skunks are INTELLIGENT. Squirrels are GOOD CLIMBERS. Owls are AGILE. Geese. Deer are GENTLE. Have a good week!

Silver Water Karen Noble

Ross and Lorna Hall are at the cottage on Silver Lake Road.

Max and Linda Trick are at their cottage.

Joe Addison and family are here for the rest of the summer. Iris, Keith and Hayden Clarke were at their cottage for the weekend.

Lisa Coburn spent the weekend visiting her aunt Gladys Duncanson and other relatives.

Lorna Cambria had her son Jon, his wife Tara and their children Colton and Carter for a visit.

Albert Meijer spent two days in southern Ontario and had a visit with Rebecca Stein. Rebecca and dog Buster arrived in Silver Water on Friday.

Gerard Binsfeld and family are in Silver Water for a while. We had a great turnout at the recycle bins with lots of liquor containers donated towards the fire department's side by side purchase.

The mini market was cancelled due to the weather. We will resume next Saturday if the weather cooperates.

Happy 90th birthday to Eleanor Steele on July 26th and happy 80th birthday to Pat Trick the same day.

Happy 25th anniversary to Glenn and Lorraine McDonald on July 27.

Happy 45th anniversary to Sylvia and Larry Pfeifer on July 30th.

Anyone who has greeting cards they would be willing to donate to the Silver Water UCW for Easter, sympathy, birthdays, anniversary, etc please contact me to arrange pick up.

Have a great Haweater long weekend!

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips by Larry and André Leblanc



Manitoulin Century Ride in August

The Gore Bay Rotary Club will be hosting its second century cycling ride on August 21 with a different route this year. There is a choice of two 'Bay to Bay' routes. The true century, 100 mile distance starts in Gore Bay and then takes you on a tour of our beautiful island. You will go through Spring Bay, Providence Bay, Tehkummah, Sandfield, Big Lake, Mindemoya, M'Chigeeng and then returning to Gore Bay. The metric century will be 100km and will be from Gore Bay to Providence Bay and back.

The registration fee is \$75 per rider and the proceeds will be divided up equally between two worthy causes. Half of the money raised will go to the Gwekwaadziwin Miikan Mental Health and Addiction Program and the remaining to the Gore Bay Medical Centre.

Rotarian Peter Carter said, "there will also be a community family fun/children's ride which will be free for families to take part in. The riders will start at the splash pad in Gore Bay, and ride down Lakeshore Road to the Janet Head Lighthouse and back. Light refreshments will be available at the splash pad after the riders come in."

Refreshments will be provided to the riders along the way as well as an after-ride party when everyone returns to Gore Bay. For information and registration please visit the Gore Bay Rotary Club's Facebook page.

Pick-up soccer in Prov

Every Thursday from now and through October there will be a pick-up soccer game starting at 7 pm at the Providence Bay Fair Grounds. The games go for an hour and a half or as long as you can last! Come on out to enjoy a great sport, meet some new people, get some exercise and maybe even enjoy some face-to-face socializing, and it is free!

Father and son win golf title

Congratulations to Warren Corbiere and his son Justice who took the Manitoulin Golf men's annual tournament in Gore Bay last weekend with a score of 131. The pair edged out the second place team of Troy Chatwell and Kyle Kauppi by just two strokes over two days and 36 holes with a 133.

Rainbow Ridge Men's champion

Meanwhile this past weekend at the Rainbow Ridge in Manitowaning, Sidney Stonepoint won the 2021 RRG Men's Open with a steady 75 - 75 for a score of 150.

Sportsnet interviews Islander

Jamie Campbell of Blue Jays Central interviewed former professional ball player Ken McKenzie who hailed from Gore Bay! As you may have seen posted on Facebook, Ken had an impressive record during his team's horrible season. During the 1962 season, the New York Mets lost 120 games. During all of that drudgery, the Mets only had one pitcher with a winning record, and that was Ken!

Sagamok Fastball Tournament

Sagamok (near Massey) has always been a hotbed of great fastball players and they will be showing off their game on the weekend of August 27 to the 29. Organizer KC Abitong is looking for eight teams with an entry fee of \$400. You can reach KC at (705) 862-1076.

Jumbo Bass Derby

If you are not up for fastball that weekend how about the 11th annual Jumbo Bass Fishing Derby. It is on August 28 and is centered at the M'Chigeeng docks. It will cost you \$50 per person and a chance to win the \$1,000 top prize (pending enough registrations). There is also a winner take all pike category for an additional \$25. For full rules and registrations contact Colleen Debassige at 705-348-0211 or Missy Corbiere at 705-968-0371. Earlybird registrations can EFT their entry fee to corrina.corbiere@amtelecom.net.

Cleveland changes team name, finally!

The major league baseball team from Cleveland, Ohio after years and years of pressure to change their racist team name has done just that. The team will now be known as the Guardians. Hopefully their will not be any old Chief Wahoo memorabilia walking around and for goodness sake, no 'tomahawk chop'!

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Olympic Odyssey: Week two of the Tokyo Games

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

by Mike Brock

Are you not entertained?!?!? An 18-year old Tunisian with the outside smoke swim to win the 400-metre freestyle. A Norwegian leaving everything on the course to win the gruelling men's triathlon. Penny, Maggie and the pool party. The results are all there in the history books, but it's the hearts and souls behind the numbers that you are going to remember. And the best part is, we're only halfway there. Here is what you can look for in the second week of the Tokyo Olympics.

Thursday, July 29

Gymnastics is a classic Olympic sport. It may not get a lot of attention most of the time, but every four years the athletes amaze, inspire and entertain. Simone Biles, the American superstar who was just recognized with her own Olympic GOAT emoji, will be the odds on favourite, but Canada has a contender too. This country has had a few stars in the gymnastics world, but they have never had a star like Ellie Black. In Rio, she was fifth in the all-around competition, and a year later, she became the first ever Canadian to win an all-around medal at the World Championships. Look for her to fly in the final.

The men tee off for the first round of the Olympic golf tournament. Canadians Corey Conners and Mackenzie Hughes are fresh off of great performances at this year's British Open, but they've been shooting low all year on the PGA Tour. There's more than a good chance that either of these men can contend for a medal.

Everyone has an idea of what rugby looks like, but Rugby 7s is a version of the sport that fewer are familiar with. The athletes are fast, tough, strong, skilled and the format promotes intensity and is built for an audience. Seven minutes per half. Seven players a side. This is a fast sport, and Canada is actually very good at it. The women's tournament gets underway today, and the Canadian team, winners of the bronze in Rio, are one of the medal favourites. Check it out, you will not be dis-

appointed.

The Canadian swim team could have a very big day today. The 4 x 200-metre final runs today. In Rio, Canada earned a bronze medal. They've got a good shot reach the podium again. Penny Oleksiak will be part of the effort, as will Summer McIntosh to the roster. Both swimmers will also have individual events today. Oleksiak will be looking to defend her 100-metre gold from Rio, while the youngster McIntosh will swim the heats of the 800-metre freestyle.

Friday, July 30

Athletics, arguably the biggest draw of the Olympic Games, gets underway today. Mohammed Ahamad is the 4th ranked 10,000 metre runner in the world, so he has a legitimate shot at the podium. Eight hundred-metre veteran Melissa Bishop-Nriagu has been at the top of the international field for years, and presents another solid medal chance.

As the track stars take centre stage, the swim meet finishes up over the next few days. One of the most inspirational stories under the Canadian flag is the return of Brent Hayden. He swims the heats in the 50-metre freestyle. Don't hold your breath (most of the swimmers won't for the whole race). It will last just over 20 seconds, but will be as dramatic as they come. The favourite will probably be Caleb Dressel of the USA. The 100-metre freestyle champ, and all-time leading Summer Olympic medallist from Canada, Penny Oleksiak, will be joined by training partner, and relay medallist Kayla Sanchez.

And, finally, trampolinist Rosie MacLennan starts her quest to become the first Canadian to win the gold medal in the same event three Games in a row.

Saturday, July 31

Andre De Grasse has been consistently one of the fastest humans on the planet for half a decade now, and he'll see if he can add an Olympic gold medal to his collection of hardware. First round of the 100-metre is today.

Jen Abel finished a heart-breaking fourth in both the individual and synchro 3m competitions at the 2016 Games. She won the silver on Day 2 of this year's Games in the synchro,

and today she'll try to match that in the individual 3m.

There is a more than decent chance that the rugby women will be playing for a medal today. They won a bronze in Rio.

While she's had more success in the 100-metre, Kylie Masse had a great swim in the 200-metre at Canadian trials, and will be looking to compete with the world's best in the longer event.

A new event in the sport of triathlon, the relay, makes its debut at the Olympics today. Four athletes from each team, two females and two males each complete a 300-metre swim, a 6.8km bike and a 2km run. Canada should finish in the Top 10.

Sunday, August 1

On the gymnastics schedule, Shallon Olsen is hoping for a medal in the vault. She was a world silver medalist in the discipline in 2018.

On the track, the 100 metre final could see two Canadians contend. Andre De Grasse would love to share the podium with Aaron Brown. Brown is one of only four Canadian men to go under 10 seconds.

It's the final day for the swimmers. The women's 4 x 100-metre medley relay will likely contend for a medal with Masse swimming backstroke, Tokyo gold medalist swimming butterfly and Olympic champion Penny Oleksiak swimming the anchor freestyle leg. Sydney Pickrem, who is a world medalist in her own right, to swim the breaststroke portion. Hopefully, Brent Hayden will be in the final of the 50-metre freestyle, too.

Monday, August 2

The leader of the Canadian gymnastics team, Ellie Black, qualified for the individual final on the floor, and while she may have a tough time dethroning Simone Biles, there's a good chance she could reach the podium.

The quarter finals of the beach volleyball tournament take place today. A real possibility for both of Canada's women's teams to be in the mix.

Tuesday, August 3

Even in a discipline that is dominated by African nations, Mohammed Ahmed has already established himself as a world class distance runner, and he's

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...Traffic accident at main Mindemoya intersection prompts call for changes

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Highway 551 and Highway 542 in the town of Mindemoya.

OPP investigation determined that a car was northbound on Highway 551 (Yonge Street) and failed to stop for a stop sign and collided with a pickup truck that was eastbound on Highway 542.

The rear passenger of the car, 51-year-old Larissa Moffatt (from Whitefish Falls) was transported to Health Sciences North in Sudbury having sustained life-altering injuries, the OPP reported. Ms. Moffatt was the only passenger in the vehicle that was seriously hurt. No one in the truck was injured, the OPP told The Expositor.

Ms. Moffatt had been at the beach in Mindemoya with her 17-year-old daughter and her daughter's friend when the car they were in collided with a pickup truck, said a member of Ms. Moffatt's family. The car had spun out and the 51-year-old was thrown to the side. Ms. Moffatt is the well-known proprietor at the Red Dog Grill in Whitefish Falls.

The accident has led to local and provincial politicians calling for action to be taken to make the intersection safe. Richard Stephens, mayor of Central Manitoulin told The Expositor, "there has been safety concerns with that intersection for years. We have provided a whole dossier of concerns and ideas to the ministry of what we would like to see done to that intersection to make it safer. He noted that the MTO did put up flashing lights at the intersection to help. "The main answer we have received over the years is that the ministry carried out a study on traffic volumes through that area and that there is no need for further action."

Steve Shaffer, Central Manitoulin councillor told The Expositor that after this most recent accident, "I spoke to MPP (Michael) Mantha." In his message to MPP Mantha Councillor Shaffer said, "this has been to both the roads committee and my safety, security and health committee. My committee met with MTO and OPP a couple of years ago, this resulted in the painting of the no parking areas, and about that same time they installed a flashing red light above the north and south stop signs. Sadly, these efforts haven't reduced the number of incidents or near incidents at this intersection. Personally, I fear a four-way stop may cause more of an issue. What I would very much like to see is three things, firstly a sign similar to this attachment (a sign that states cross traffic does not stop) installed on the north and south side. Secondly, a flashing amber and red light strung across the intersection, and finally more police presence in this high traffic area."

"This corner intersection has been a concern for years," stated Adam Smith, owner of Jake's Home Centre in Mindemoya, which



On July 19, a major motor vehicle collision took place at the intersection of Highway 551 and Highway 542 in Mindemoya, with a Whitefish Falls woman sustaining life changing head injuries and an induced coma to help keep her stable.

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has its location at the intersection. "No matter what is done it will probably cause confusion. There is no right or wrong solution. Everyone not familiar with the intersection assumes it is a four way stop currently."

"There is no easy solution," said Mr. Smith. "But something needs to be done." Before this accident, "there has been three significant fender benders already this summer (at the intersection). And we have near misses every day, you can hear the horns of the vehicles going off. It is definitely something that needs to be addressed. Anything would be a step in the right direction, anything that improves safety is needed and would be good."

MPP Mantha told The Expositor, "this has been an ongoing issue for many years. The Municipality of Central Manitoulin has been raising this issue for almost 20 years. There has been some modifications, and the MTO undertook a traffic study of the intersection about three or four years ago, but it was carried out in September, outside the peak tourism part of the summer season."

"The MTO needs to understand the influx of tourism traffic is here in mid-June through mid-August," stated MPP Mantha. "This is when we need to do a traffic study to justify the traffic volumes, and when the problems occur. When you look at the tourism traffic numbers, at this time of the year there are four or five times the population. To get a true reflection of traffic numbers a study needs to be carried out at the peak time of the year for traffic." He said he has contacted the MTO on these issues and concerns and has requested the OPP provide an incident report detailing the number of accidents that have taken place at the intersection over the year, but has not received this information as yet.

"And I want to talk to the adjacent business owners at that intersection. I want to talk to and hear from them about having experienced close calls, improve and addresses the hazards," said MPP Mantha. "Tourism in the area is important, we want to make sure people are welcome here and not deterred from coming to the commu-

nity, but public safety has to be at the forefront," added MPP Mantha.

Johnny Kulwartian, a friend of Ms. Moffatt, has organized a GoFundMe fundraiser to help support the family at this time. He explained, "Larissa sustained life changing head injuries and is currently in an induced coma to help keep her stable. There are more procedures to come when she wakes up. They are keeping her sedated to let her body heal."

"Larissa is the most thoughtful and hardest working provider for her daughter Paige through her restaurant the Red Dog Grill located in Whitefish Falls," wrote Mr. Kulwartian. "While the restaurant is closed during this difficult time, Philip Eadie, Paige's father, is managing while not being able to run the restaurant in Larissa's absence as she was the cornerstone. What we are going to be needing is financial support as Larissa heals from this. We know she's going to have to have a long road to recovery which means more time in the hospital."

"Larissa is a cancer survivor. We are praying that she will make it through this just like she did before," added Mr. Kulwartian.

Phil Eadie, ex-husband of Ms. Moffatt and co-owner of the Red Dog Grill told The Expositor on Wednesday of last week, "Larissa is the heart and soul of the place. We bought the restaurant together 15 years ago."

"I love her, she is my best friend," said Mr. Eadie. "She had a bad head injury, but the doctors are very hopeful." He said Ms. Moffatt was initially supposed to be in the coma for a couple of days, but more realistically it will be a week or more due to the swelling. As well, she has a few small brain bleeds that doctors are also monitoring.

More than \$22,000 was raised in the first day of the online fundraising



A major motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Highway 551 and Highway 542 in the town of Mindemoya last week has left Whitefish Falls woman Larissa Moffatt, left, with life changing head injuries and in an induced coma to help keep her stable.

campaign for the Moffatt family. Mr. Eadie stated, "the support that has been given on Gofundme is beyond expectations. It's incredible. Larissa just recovered from breast cancer, then COVID-19 hit." He will not be able to run the restaurant in her absence. "The funds raised will go toward paying the bills and keeping the restaurant afloat while it is closed and paying for expenses for Larissa's treatment and rehabilitation."

"The support has been overwhelming. I love the people up here," stated Mr. Eadie.

The OPP investigation into the accident is still ongoing. Further information will be released as it becomes available.

Jaclyn Lytle, communications coordinator for MTO's Northeast opera-

tions told The Expositor in an email Monday, "the ministry is aware of the safety concerns regarding the intersection of Highways 551/542 in Mindemoya. Although the issues are more significant during the summer tourist season, similar issues are present at this location year-round."

"The ministry completed operational reviews of this intersection in 2015, 2018 and 2019 to identify any major factors that contribute to safety and operational issues at this intersection," wrote Ms. Lytle.

"In 2018, the ministry installed oversized stop signs as well as red flashing beacons on Highway 542 approaching the intersection to make the stop signs more conspicuous," continued Ms. Lytle. "In addition, the ministry implemented a no parking zone regulation for all four quadrants of the intersection to enhance visibility."

Ms. Lytle told The Expositor, "the ministry is scheduling a fourth, comprehensive operational performance review to continue its investigation of options to further enhance safety at this intersection. The review will determine what additional options are available to address the ongoing issues at this location."

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...Integrity commissioner finds no fault with councillors

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relating to the opening of the Kagawong Market. The applicant further alleged the councillors contravened section 12 of the Code of Conduct, which prohibits the use of municipal resources for personal gain.

On June 15, 2020, Billings council considered and passed a resolution related to the Kagawong Market. The resolution, moved by Councillor Barker and seconded by Councillor Hunt, directed staff to proceed with planning for the 2020 Kagawong Market at the Old Church on the Hill/dog park area.

CAO/Clerk Kathy McDonald and Mayor Anderson advised the investigator that “the matter was considered by council more as a courtesy due to the restrictions in place related to COVID-19 and because the municipal emergency group had decided for public safety that the market could not open at the usual site due to construction, so an alternative site was needed if the market was to open. It was the recommendation of the municipal emergency group that the Old Church on the Hill/dog park area be the preferred site.” A decision to open would be made closer to the July 1 date and would be dependent on COVID-19 restrictions.

The market went ahead on July 1 and was attended by the applicant. “In the merchant area,” the applicant wrote, “I became aware that Billings Township Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack was selling loose leaf teas. Sharon Alkenbrack sells loose leaf teas under the business name Manitoulin Tea Company.” The applicant also alleged that Councillor Jackson was at the Kagawong market on July 1, 2020, “assisting her spouse in selling goods.”

The applicant wrote, “First of all, these are both legitimate businesses so, of course, I have no objection to councillors running private businesses. However, the MCI, R.S.O. 1990, cM 50 Section 5.1 outlines a clear expectation that pecuniary interest will be disclosed using a specific procedure if a councillor has a direct interest in a council decision. So I have questions. Why was pecuniary interest not declared by councillors and why didn't councillors remove themselves from decision-making?”

The applicant also referred to the municipal Code of Conduct, Section 12, which prohibits the use of municipal resources for anything except municipal business. “Why have councillors used municipal resources for private business? Why didn't councillors book themselves to participate in either of the two market spaces provided by business owners this year and avoid the pecuniary interest situation altogether?”

Neither councillor declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the market before, during or after the June 15, 2020 council meeting as neither believed they had a prohibited pecuniary interest at the time. The investigators determined both did have a pecuniary interest in the market. The question was when that interest arose.

The market coordinator confirmed that Councillor Alkenbrack contacted her one week after the council meeting to inquire about a booth. It was also confirmed that Councillor Alkenbrack had not previously participated in the market during its more than 15-year duration. The investigators concluded that Councillor Alkenbrack's pecuniary interest occurred on June 23, 2020.

Councillor Jackson did not contact the market coordinator until June 30 to inquire if husband Craig Jackson could have a booth at the July 1 market as they were both off work on that day. The investigators found that Mr. Jackson's pecuniary interest therefore materialized on June 30, 2020. When council made the decision on June 15, 2020, Councillor Jackson did not have a pecuniary interest in the matter.

The investigators also determined that because all potential vendors at the market would have had the same pecuniary interest as Councillors Alkenbrack and Jackson, it would be excepted under section 4(j) of the MCI. They would not be required to comply with section 5 of the MCI.

An additional complaint from the applicant was received on November 13, 2020 alleging the councillors failed to declare a pecuniary interest in the township's 'Christmas in Kagawong' event. Councillor Alkenbrack had a booth at the event in both years and Councillor Jackson's spouse, Mr. Jackson, had a booth in 2019. The event is organized by the economic development committee (EDC), of which Councillor Alkenbrack is chair and Councillor Jackson is a member. The investigators noted that members of the EDC who also sit on council have a pecuniary interest in matters that the EDC has a pecuniary interest in. Additionally, individual members may also have a pecuniary interest in matters before the EDC.

The applicant advised that Councillor Alkenbrack was a member of the EDC, that the EDC is responsible for planning and coordinating an annual Christmas in Kagawong vendor event, that none of the EDC minutes contained any declaration of pecuniary interest and that on November 16, 2019 at the Christmas event, Councillor Alkenbrack was selling her tea.

Councillor Alkenbrack did not believe she had a pecuniary interest with respect to the Christmas market and as such, did not make a declaration during the meeting. “The Christmas event is organized by the EDC, which is a committee of council,” Councillor Alkenbrack told the investigator. “There are seven members, six who vote. The committee organizes the event, does the decorating and whatever is necessary to make it a success. The event brings in anywhere from 1,000 to 2,000 people to the community in November at a time when our community is not very busy, so this event brings people here for the event and then people go to other shops in our village. This event is a big fundraiser for the church in the community and the museum and our library, who all benefit from the

event.” At an August 24, 2019 meeting, the EDC set the date for the Christmas event. At an October 10, 2019 meeting, the EDC resolved to request a \$400 budget from council for supplies needed for the event but did not establish vendor rates for the Christmas event nor did they make recommendations to council related to fees and charges for the event. The October minutes also reported 25 vendors had been confirmed. While both councillors were deemed to have a pecuniary interest, that interest would be accepted as an interest in common as per 4(j) of the MCI.

Councillor Alkenbrack was also alleged to have failed to report a pecuniary interest related to a September 9, 2020 EDC meeting and a September 21, 2020 council meeting. The investigators reported there was no additional information to substantiate an opinion other than, “Councillor Alkenbrack would have a prohibited pecuniary interest in the EDC decision on August 24, 2019 and other decisions related to the running of the Christmas Market, but her interest would be accepted as an interest in common as per 4(j) of the MCI.”

“Participating at events that have been hosted by the township does not trigger a contravention of this section of the Code of Conduct,” Mr. Mahoney read.

The integrity commissioner also considered whether to make an application to the courts for breach of the MCI and whether they had contravened section 12 of the Code of Conduct. While the integrity commissioner is given broad powers to investigate, they are not vested with the authority to make a final decision and the determination of whether to apply to a judge should generally be contingent on the outcome of the investigation. If the MCI has been breached, that should result in a decision to apply to a judge. If there is no finding of conflict, a court application should not be pursued.

“We will not be applying to a judge with respect to the allegations that Councillor Alkenbrack and Councillor Jackson contravened the MCI,” Mr. Mahoney said.

The lengthy inquiry process included interviews with the applicant, many township staff, councillors and the market coordinator. “The investigators found the witnesses and both councillors to be credible. They participated in the investigation, provided supporting evidence and cooperated with requests for additional information,” said Mr. Mahoney.

E4m did make recommendations that council adopt a formal complaint policy that outlines the process that will be used by the township when considering non-integrity commissioner complaints; that council adopt an expected behaviour policy that explains to residents council's expectations regarding their behaviour; and that council update and clarify their Code of Conduct.



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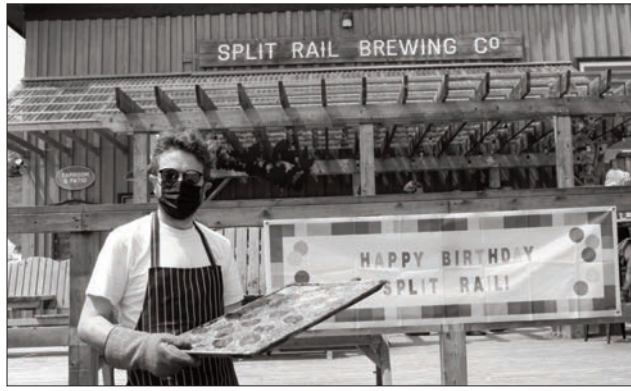
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whether purchased at a The Beer Store in Toronto or Little Current, is made and packaged on the Island, by people who live and are raising families on Manitoulin,” Ms. Smith explained.

“We are super excited about being one of the featured breweries in the Toronto Life article,” said Ms. Smith. She pointed out Split Rail has also been featured in The Brewers National, a national publication, a Toronto Star article and others.

In an article published on July 13, Kate Dingwall of Toronto Life writes, “Split Rail offers one of the more picturesque patios in the province, situated on the banks of Manitoulin Island. (Boaters can even indulge in dockside pickup.) When it comes to the beer, there’s something for everyone, from crisp, mildly hoppy pilsners to richer, roasty stouts. Food wise, well, you’ve got beer, beer and more beer; though they often partner with local bread makers to supply pretzels and mustard for those who get peckish.”

Split Rail includes local ingredients in their beverages, like hand-picked hawberries in their signature Hawberry Ale and Hawberry Black Cherry Soda, oats



Andrew Toman of New Grain Artisan Bakery and Kitchen holds up a delicious pizza he made for the sixth birthday celebration of Split Rail Brewing Company.

photo by Tom Sasvari

from LoonSong farm in their stout, and grapes and sumac in its Grape Sumac Soda.

Split Rail Brewing Company began as a kernel of an idea buried within a Lacloche-Manitoulin Business Assistance Corporation (LAMBAC) study produced in the year 2000, according to Ms. Charlton.

Lifelong friends, Ms. Smith and Ms. Charlton first met at Camp Pine Crest in Torrance, Ontario. “Andy was born and raised on Manitoulin Island and we knew each other since we were kids,” said Ms. Charlton. “We both went different places in our lives, but always kept in touch. In 2009 I bought the house next door to her and we worked together in the social work field for years. We found

that we were a great fit professionally.”

The duo looked for a project that would be different than what they had been doing in the social work industry, so they began casting about for something that they could work together on that would fit their personalities.

“We did a lot of research,” said Ms. Smith. “We took a look at the LAMBAC study that was done back in the year 2000. There were a lot of great business ideas in there.”

“It was around the year 2010 that we really started to talk about setting up a craft brewery,” said Ms. Charlton. “We knew it would be a great fit for us.”

The craft brewery business hit a lot of the key elements they were looking

for. “We enjoy working together and there is a lot of autonomy and creativity involved and, of course, we both like beer,” said Ms. Charlton.

Coming up with the concept was the easy part, however. Ahead lay a long road of research, discovery and experimentation, which involved a lot of the aforementioned creativity.

“We both went to Chicago to learn the craft beer industry,” said Ms. Charlton. “We lucked out there when we met up with Ian Stanners, he set us up with an introduction to Glenn Fobes.” Mr. Fobes, who hails from Oakville, has been in the brewing industry for decades and has brewed beer for many of the large labels across the globe.

Mr. Fobes helped guide the neophyte brewmasters through the shoals and

reefs of the industry and played a large role in getting the brewery to where it is today.

Those shoals and reefs included finding a home for the brewing facility. “We must have looked at every available building on Manitoulin,” said Ms. Charlton. “In the end we were very fortunate to have Manitoulin Transport let us use part of this building in Gore Bay.”

Ms. Erskine explained, “last year was our fifth birthday as an operating brewery but COVID-19 kind of squashed any celebration. This year we thought we would celebrate our 5 + 1 birthday.”

At Sunday’s well attended birthday celebration, Ms. Erskine welcomed everyone to the event. She noted that Split Rail first opened in 2015, and Ms. Smith and Ms. Charlton

became the first women in Ontario (and probably Canada) to open and own a brewery.

Split Rail was opened with tremendous support from the community and support through a Kickstarter fundraising campaign. “So this is really a people’s brewery,” said Ms. Erskine. “And it is a brewery that has grown quite significantly over the years.”

“It is our pleasure to be hosting this event today,” continued Ms. Erskine, who shared that an extra special ‘Spruce Tip’ smooth ale beer was produced for the event.

Delicious pizza and pretzels were provided for the event by New Grain Artisan Bakery and Kitchen.

Master of ceremonies for the day was Theresa Phiri of Life Online Radio Station.

...Buzwah Variety’s TikTok powwow goes viral

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“So many people have missed the powwows,” he said. “This is a way that we can experience again, just a little. It is a way to raise people’s spirits.”

The virtual powwow is now being brought by Buzwah Variety, Zaagidwin Counseling and Consulting, Wikwemikong Tourism and Wiikwemkoong chief and council.

Wiikwemkoong band members should be ready to get their powwow on by putting on their regalia to dance to the beat of the drum in Wiikwemkoong’s TikTok Cultural Dance Competition 2021.

Cash prizes will go to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each division, plus there will be random prizes given out just for entering—which means everyone will have a chance to win!

Submissions/TikTok video links must be shared to the event page which can be found under the Facebook heading ‘TikTok Cultural Dance Competition 2021.’ You can start submitting your TikTok videos starting July 26 and the powwow ends July 31.

Categories and prizes include: adult pair, 1st place, \$500; 2nd place, \$300; third place, \$200; adult single, 1st place, \$300; 2nd place, \$200; 3rd place, \$100; youth pair, 1st place,

\$300; 2nd place, \$200; third place, \$100; and youth single: 1st place, \$200; 2nd place, \$150; third place, \$100. There will also be participatory prizes to be won.

The contest rules are: the competition is open to all Wiikwemkoong band members; full historical or modern regalia must be worn the majority of the video; be under one minute in length; use appropriate sound such as music, original, etc. no profanity or inappropriate language; and appropriate skit/dance/appearance with no inappropriate gestures; and appropriate clothing.

Judging will be based on originality, visual appeal and the following of all guidelines.

Winners will be announced on Monday, August 2. Each entry must provide name, the age of each person participating and a confirmation the entry is from a Wikwemikong band member to qualify.

A TikTok page has been set up and participants are invited to use the hashtag #WikTok. Website savvy youth might consider stepping up to help elders participate as well.

So, Wiikwemkoong, get ready to get your powwow on and let’s do Chris Pheasant Baa proud.

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End the day by enjoying a spectacular sunset view

...wildfire smoke in Northwestern Ontario and western Canada bring hazy skies

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the nature and intensity of wildfires. In an earlier interview with The Expositor, Richard Carr of Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Fire Service said, "We've probably seen that over the past 10 or 20 years there have been more sustained fire seasons, probably lasting a bit longer. We've got bigger fires. We've got fires in areas that historically haven't had many fires."

Forest fires are heavily influenced by weather and the fire season is highly variable, a Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) spokesperson explained. Fluctuations in climate are basically measured in decades so because of this variability, it's difficult to connect any single fire season to the effects of climate change. Climate change, however, when combined with other factors is expected to increase the occurrences and associated overall risks of wildfires.

The current fires in Northwestern Ontario are a result of continuing unstable conditions across the province, the spokesperson said. Rainfall amounts to



Wildfires in western Canada and Ontario have sent masses of smoke across the continent and are impacting air quality in Northeastern and Central Ontario.

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date have not been enough to have a significant impact on the current fires and resulting smoke drift, meaning we will continue to see smoke drift in the communities close to the fires. Smoke drift from these fires as

well as from fires burning in western Canada and the United States will also remain detectable across much of the province.

To date over 3,000 members of several First Nations communities have been evac-

uated due to wildfires in northwestern Ontario. In a joint statement, Solicitor General Sylvia Jones and Minister Greg Rickford said, "As this year's wildfire season continues, we continue to support communities in the north, and remain ready to provide all necessary additional support as required. We are working closely with the federal government, which is responsible for the health, safety, and wellbeing of First Nation communities on-reserve. The province also continues to collaborate closely with affected First Nation communities, participating municipalities, the federal government, and the NGO sector to ensure that all necessary resources are deployed."

There are 151 active fires in Ontario of which 138 are in the Northwest and 13 in the Northeast. As of July 25, 2021 there have been 902 fires in the province compared to 457 for all of 2020 and almost double the 10 year average of 520. So far this year 520,134 hectares have been affected by wildfires in Ontario. That's a significant increase over the 6,416 hectares burned in 2020 and more than three times the 10-year average of 153,513 hectares.

...Oakville hydro seeks extension on generating station lease

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share detailed financial information with council in a confidential setting. "Given the financial realities," he said, "to justify spending significant amounts on maintenance and refurbishment, OEC needs increased certainty that the relationship will continue past 2030."

He estimated the cost of maintenance over a decade would be roughly \$750,000. "Why would we do that if the lease is going to end at the end of 2029?" he asked. "OEC is requesting that we negotiate a lease extension to cover a further 20 years. OEC can negotiate with council directly, with a sub-committee of council or with township staff, pending council's final approval."

"The dollar values were an eye opener for me," stated Billings Mayor Ian Anderson. "My first thoughts were why you wanted to continue but you're obviously looking long term."

"I've had a close relationship with the Lake Kagawong Resource Committee (LKRC) since my term on council began," Councillor Bryan Barker told Mr. Touzel. "I wanted to educate myself on how hydro generation impacts them and OEC has been very fantastic in sharing data and information. We were planning a public open house but then COVID hit."

Councillor Barker had questions for Mr. Touzel. "If the township wanted to take over the operation, could it be sold back to the community? If that is a plausible option, what would the township have to do for infrastructure, etc.? There's a lot of miscommunication."

"It is legally possible to have a local distribution company," Mr. Touzel said. "The most popular is Hydro One. Ottawa, Bracebridge and Renfrew own theirs. Generation is only half the scenario though. You would have to buy energy from your own station and apply for the right to send over the wires into homes. Small municipalities that have owned small stations have decided they should not be in this business. Costs (in the millions) were beyond the fiscal realities. So yes, legally it is possible but it is not practical." He also noted the municipality would need a way to collect the hydro payment from its residents.

Councillor Barker also asked how many third-party private owners there were in Ontario and how many would be willing to take over ownership of this plant. "Not many," replied Mr. Touzel. "I know of a couple municipalities. South River owns a station on South River and on private land. They pay for that, right? I'm not aware of any situations identical to Billings where the municipality owns the station and had someone else operate it."

Mr. Touzel said he would advise clients to, at the very least, bid low to justify spending the amount that it would

cost to make a go of it. "I don't want to present just doom and gloom. The generating station will last a long time if it is maintained and Billings is receiving almost one quarter of the revenues from the plant. It's kind of an unusual situation. This is an opportunity to extend the lifetime of our assets and Billings will continue to get rent for many more years which means keeping tax rates down."

"We have the Community Emissions and Energy Plan (CEEP) on the agenda. You talked about a partnership with the company you represent to work with us in making ours a greener township?" asked Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack.

"Absolutely," Mr. Touzel said. "OEC is municipally owned. For new infrastructure buildings they want solar, landfill, gas stations, etc. Patrick has said many times that a relationship with Billings would help both to access programs in a meaningful way."

Councillor Michael Hunt wants more open meetings with residents over their concerns with OEC. Mr. Touzel confirmed he would be happy to participate.

"Our municipality has a lot of interest in green power," Mayor Anderson said. "Regardless of who is running the station, it is producing green power. As a council we are committed to exploring all options. As Councillor Hunt mentioned, we should probably explore an open house. We will look at the costs and perhaps realities of what it takes to run a hydro generating plant. Perhaps three quarters of a million dollars for upgrades requires more thought and we'll do that."

"We'll have discussion at a later date," the mayor told Mr. Touzel.

...August Long Country Jam hits stage

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Some picnic table seating will also be available at the concert, first come, first served. Ms. Timmermans asked that attendees stay within their social bubbles while enjoying the live show and to wear their masks when dealing with staff or volunteers or if they are unable to maintain social distance.

Walk-in tickets are \$40 plus taxes and service fees with car passes \$139 or \$179 for up-front parking.

As of press time Monday, Ms. Timmermans was still unsure whether a beer tent would be available (so bring your ID just in case), but pop, water and other snacks will be available for purchase.

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Canada's first Indigenous governor general sworn in on Monday

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—It was an historic day at Rideau Hall on Monday as Mary Simon, an Inuk from Kuujuaq in northeastern Quebec, was sworn in as the nation's 30th Governor General and the first Indigenous person to hold that office.

Her appointment comes as the nation continues to struggle with the legacy of the residential school system and the ongoing discoveries of unmarked graves at the schools across the country.

"My view is that reconciliation is a way of life," said Ms. Simon in her address while praising Canadians' "selflessness" and vowing to use the power of her office to "bring people together."

"I have heard from Canadians who describe a renewed sense of possibility for our country and hope that I can bring people together," she said in her address. "Every day, inside small community halls, school gyms, Royal Canadian



**Governor General
Mary Simon**

Legions, places of worship, and in thousands of community service organizations, there are ordinary Canadians doing extraordinary things. As governor general I will never lose sight of this—that our selflessness is one of our great strengths as a nation. I pledge to be there for all Canadians."

She also promised to use her new position at Rideau Hall to work against climate change, advocate for mental health and to work toward reconciliation.

Her appointment comes during a time of reckoning in Canada's relationship with Indigenous peoples.

"My view is that reconcil-

iation is a way of life and requires work every day," Ms. Simon said. "Reconciliation is getting to know one another."

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Canada needs someone like Ms. Simon now. "You remind us that true leadership is not measured in the honours or distinction stacked up behind someone's name—

although today, you take on yet another title among many," he said. "Rather, true leadership is measured in what you do for those around you. It is measured in an ability to reach out and build a brighter future for all, not just a lucky few. In this moment of unprecedented change—of rebuilding from the pandemic, of fighting the climate crisis,

of walking forward on the path of reconciliation—we need your vision of a stronger Canada for everyone."

The new governor general has been criticized for not being fluent in French, which she said she was prevented from learning while in day school in Northern Quebec. She is, however, fluent in her native Inuk lan-

guage—making her bilingual in two of the nation's many languages—and has committed to learning to speak French while on the job.

Her Inuk name is Ningiukudluk, which she warned the prime minister means "bossy little old lady," promising some interesting days may lie ahead at Rideau Hall.

Man running 100 km to raise funds for residential school survivors

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—A M'Chigeeng First Nation man (who now lives in Sudbury) is running 100 kilometres (62 miles) to raise funds for the Indian Residential School Survivors Society (IRSSS).

Christian Kaiser-Fox told The Expositor on Monday, "I will be running 100 kilometres in Sudbury to raise funds for the Indian Residential School Survivors Society (IRSSS) based out of North Vancouver, British Columbia."

"The IRSSS provides services for residential school survivors in BC, and a world-wide crisis phone line for residential school survivors," said Mr. Kaiser-Fox. "My goal is to raise



Christian Kaiser-Fox is running 100km to raise funds for the Indian Residential School Survivor Society.

\$5,000." As of Monday, \$465 had been raised, with Mr. Kaiser-Fox's fundraiser to continue until August 2.

The run will either take place on

Saturday (July 31) or Sunday (August 1). "I haven't decided which of the two days the run will take place, but the one that is forecast to have the least amount of rainfall is the day I will be running," Mr. Kaiser-Fox told The Expositor.

Last year Mr. Kaiser-Fox held a 77.8 kilometre run, from Sudbury to Webbwood, to raise funds for the Ojibway Cultural Foundation in M'Chigeeng.

For anyone interested in supporting Mr. Kaiser-Fox on his fundraising run, you can go online to Canadahelps.org, look for the link 'fundraiser' and either type in Christian Kaiser-Fox or search 'running 100 kilometres for residential school survivors' and the link will come up to make a donation.

...Broadband project requests funding support from Island municipalities, First Nations

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ment. However, for this initiative to indeed be a community owned project, we require investment from our community partners."

Mr. Bilodeau explained, "the project is costed at \$150 million. We have submitted a grant application for \$75 million. The board members and our advisors felt that the appetite to raise \$75 million was not there, but working with in a public, private partnership structure, we could raise \$25 million. Going it alone would provide access to 100 percent of the net revenues, but raising a third of the cost, \$25 million, would allow us to access up to 50 percent of the net revenues along with a nearly 50 percent equity stake in the project. Hence at this time, the H&M COFI board is recommending that we seek to determine the level of investment interest within your community. We are in discussions with KPMG to create an investment package that they will present to community members. We have also discussed

the project with Northern Credit Union and other lending agencies that are willing to work on a case-by-case basis to discuss the availability of funds for investment of any community."

"The opportunity will be a once-in-a-generation chance to invest in a project financially supported in part by the federal and provincial governments, which are currently funding rural broadband projects," Mr. Bilodeau continued. If we are selected, there will be a short period to align all interest partners and raise our share of the required capital. Recall, this is a direct regional investment into a project that will provide real highspeed aspect broadband to 100 percent of our region and provide us with a return on that investment, which can be invested back into the participating communities. It is not an expenditure."

"As Georges (Bilodeau) stated, H&M COFI will be building the backbone, a new state-of-the-art high speed internet network," said Jo Anne Matheson, H&M COFI board member. "Internet service providers (ISP) would then subscribe

to H&M COFI to use this network to provide service to their customer base. You may have heard of some ISPs such as Eastlink, Bell, Vianet, Leepfrog, etc.

"We expect multiple ISP subscribing to H&M COFI to use this new network," said Ms. Matheson. "The ISPs would provide the service to the end users, providing invoices and setting prices for their services."

"The important thing to note is that ISPs servicing the rural North don't have a network that can support the service that consumers need now (as certainly pointed out with the COVID demands) and that will be able to be upgraded in the future as technology demands change. This proposed network will be able to accommodate upgrades/changes up to 30-50 years into the future," said Ms. Matheson.

Mr. Bilodeau provided a chart of what each municipality and First Nation is being asked to contribute, based on the percentage owned based on homes, option one at \$75 million and option 2 at \$25 million.

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Backyard BioBlitz a fun way to observe nature in your own backyard while contributing to science

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

MANITOULIN—From July 29 to August 2, Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is encouraging people to become a citizen scientist by observing nature in their own backyard or neighbourhood. The Big Backyard BioBlitz is “like a treasure hunt for nature,” said Esme Batten, NCC’s program director for mid-western Ontario, including Manitoulin Island. “You never know what you’ll find.”

Last year, 450 observers across Canada recorded almost 3,500 different species during the blitz. The 20,000 species observations made in 2020 included a number of plants from Island participants. “That’s incredible,” said Megan Bonenfant, a Manitoulin based conservation biologist with NCC. “The goal this year is to try and top that.”

It’s easy to participate in the Canada-wide project. The participant package that is emailed includes instructions as well as activity sheets for kids, fact sheets and resources to learn more about species identification. Participants will need to download the app iNaturalist and set up an account. During the blitz, people are asked to look in their backyard or neighbourhood and submit observations to the 2021 BioBlitz project on the app.

“iNaturalist is a pretty engaging and a little bit addictive form of social media for nature lovers,” said Ms. Bonenfant. “It’s a lot of fun to use. Just take a photo of any species you see out there and have other naturalists from around the world help you identify it. It’s a really great community building thing.”

Every contribution mat-



ters. The observations of community or citizen scientists helps researchers from across Ontario, Canada and the world by providing more eyes on the ground to help track species, Ms. Bonenfant said, using the spread of invasive species like phragmites or the emerald ash borer as examples. “The more people out there looking for these things and posting their observations, the more complete picture researchers have of the extent of these issues, which can help us develop plans for tackling them.”

For a long time, NCC worked with local naturalist clubs that understood what they were doing but the blitz is about supporting nature in a more accessible way, said Ms. Batten. Community scientists contribute to our overall body of knowledge. Citizen scientists can also help to expand the known range or confirm the range of rare and at-risk species through their observations.

“It might not give us population numbers but if we consistently have observations of a specific

species at a specific time in an area and then we no longer have those observations that could be a clue as to what’s happening with that species,” Ms. Bonenfant explained.

The BioBlitz is for plants, animals, insects, birds, reptiles—anything that’s alive. Ms. Bonenfant will be working during the blitz but does have the iNaturalist app on her work phone and frequently adds observations while she’s in the field. She finds the app helps her focus “a bit more on the common things around you that you take for granted and don’t necessarily pay attention to. One example for me: there was a bunch of buzzing going on near me in a milkweed flower. I thought,

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Orr's Valumart holds first Indigenous awareness event

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—In a first for the Loblaws national grocery chain, Orr's Valumart in Little Current hosted an Indigenous awareness day fundraiser complete with Indigenous vendors plying their wares in the parking lot of the grocery store and hand drumming—and yes, there was scone.

With the pandemic taking its toll on pow-wow events across Mnidoo Mnising (Manitoulin Island) for the second year in a row, there was a brisk business in scone, fish pie and blanketdogs at Gee Dah's Inspiration booth, one of the vendors taking part.

"This fundraiser is for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) hosted by the University of Manitoba," said Nina Jane Trudeau, who co-organized the event with grocery store owner Andrew Orr.

Ms. Trudeau explained that the NCTR has continued from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) initiative to collect stories and names of residential school survivors and all of the students who did not return home. "They are also partnering

with government and churches to release their records to the centre," said Ms. Jane, "to preserve the truth for future generations."

The NCTR also provides funding for community programs for memorials which survivors, Indigenous communities and other non-profit organizations across Canada are able to apply. "It benefits all of Canada," said Ms. Jane.

Armand Paul Anthraper, senior director for Northern Ontario with Loblaw Companies Limited, was on hand for the event, which he noted was the first for any of the company's locations. "It is something I hope will encourage other stores to follow in its footsteps," he said.

The occasion also marked the launch of new banner signage that will be placed on the entrance doors to stores across Northern Ontario welcoming customers in Ojibwe, Cree, French and English.

"Today we presented Chief Patsy Corbiere of Aundeck Omni Kaning a copy of the first of its kind 'welcome and thank you' signage which will be on the entrance

doors in many of our stores in Northern Ontario under the NGR banner, Loblaws, which includes Independent Grocers and Valumart franchisee stores," said Mr. Anthraper. "The signage will be inclusive of the Ojibwe and Cree languages, along with English and French to welcome and thank our diverse customers in the community for shopping with us."

"I think this is a very good opportunity to start educating people on the residential schools and what really happened there," said Aundeck Omni Kaning Ogimaa-kwe Corbiere. "Andrew Orr is a community builder and I am very proud of what he does," she said. "He helps a lot of people on Manitoulin. People really need to educate themselves on the residential school system and, as we have said before when we were dealing with the residential school system—it is time."

The NCTR derives its mandate from the TRC to preserve and care for residential school survivors statements and records of the residential school system and legacy for future generations. notes the organization's website. The NCTR's mandate flows from the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement which mandated the TRC to create a permanent archive for all of the statements, documents and other materials the TRC would gather during its years of operation.

The Orr's Valumart event raised \$2,093, but over the next few weeks the store will be holding more events. Store owner Andrew Orr said he was very pleased with how the event turned out, but that they were not sitting on their laurels. "We are going to hit the food drives hard for Thanksgiving and Christmas," he said. "Stay tuned."



Event co-organizer Nina Jane Trudeau joins Armand Paul Anthraper, senior director for Northern Ontario with Loblaw Companies Limited, Aundeck Omni Kaning Ogimaa-kwe Patsy Corbiere and co-organizer Andrew Orr, owner of Orr's Valumart in launching the new multi-lingual banner signs that will be placed on the entrance doors to Northern Ontario stores.

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those are bumble bees but then I looked closer and it was actually a bee mimic beetle. If you're just giving it a quick glance it looks like a bumble bee but if you look closer it's very different."

"We've seen a huge increase in people taking every opportunity to explore outside spaces since the start of COVID-19, which is great," she added. It's a great way for families or people of any age to spend time outdoors and reconnect with nature, which is beneficial for physical and mental well-being.

"The app is a whole new world that brings experts right to your screen to help you identify things right where you are. Observations show up almost immediately as soon as they're posted (as long as you have a strong enough signal)." If someone's cell phone signal isn't strong enough, photos and observations can be uploaded from a desktop or laptop computer. As soon as they're uploaded, the observation is there for everyone to see. Participants can zoom in



What To Look For

common jewelweed

Impatiens capensis

on Manitoulin Island (or any other area) to see what plant, animal or other species are being found in real time.

While the main goal of the blitz is to add to the existing knowledge base, it also helps to increase people's awareness and enthusiasm for nature. "First and foremost, though, it's a lot of fun" Ms. Bonenfant said. "I'm excited to see what everyone finds."

...Expositor Salmon Classic starts Saturday

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of the sales go toward advertising, paying weigh station employees and a host of other associated expenses.

As in previous years, the Salmon Classic will feature a live leaderboard at FishManitoulin.com, to help encourage live release.

"This year we are limiting our weigh stations to the two most popular spots—Providence Bay and South Baymouth," Mr. Patterson explained. This doesn't mean that anglers are limited to fishing in those areas, however. "You can still fish in the territorial waters of Manitoulin the

same as past years."

"We hope for a normal return for next year," said Mr. Patterson. "We know how much this derby means for those on the circuit and for those many businesses who benefit from the increase in traffic. We appreciate your patience over the last year's cancellation. It's been a long year for all of us, but it's time to get back out on the water."

Tickets for the Salmon Classic are \$65 and went on sale on Friday, July 18 at FishManitoulin.com, The Expositor Offices in Little Current and Gore Bay, Moxey's Bait and Tackle in Lively, Up Top Sports in Mindemoya and Ramakko's in Sudbury.

...Central supports Old School proponents' application

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financial support and that council could back out of the project whether funding was approved or not.

In response to the anticipated timeline, the funding approval would take place before the end of August and the entire project is anticipated to take a maximum of three years—FOMOS expects the project to be largely complete within nine months.

Councillor Derek Stephens has been among the most vocal of critics of previous FOMOS proposals and requests, but threw his

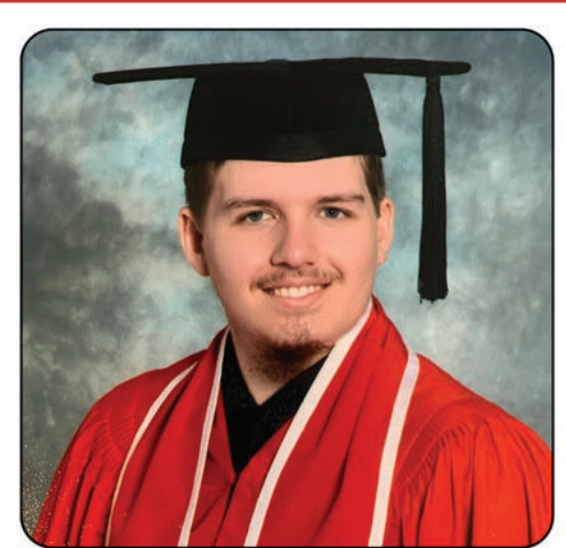
full support behind providing a letter of support for the funding proposal. "This is the only proposal I could offer my support," he said, noting the proposal contained sound planning and provided a well thought out plan to preserve the Old School building. "I support the proposal, not the building," he laughed, going on to add that the proposal would greatly benefit the community.

Council members continued to grill Ms. McAllister on any potential long-term burden for the municipality, with Councillor Diebolt

at one point asking what assurances could be offered. Ms. McAllister replied that she could only offer her word. She did offer the hope that council would see fit to contribute the \$150,000 it has set aside for demolition, but remained adamant that FOMOS intended to take the building off the hands of the municipality.

There were 235 members of FOMOS at the time of the meeting, with more coming on board as time goes on, noted Ms. McAllister in reply to a comment by Councillor Tribinevi-

cus. Councillor Tribinevicus and Mayor Richard Stephens provided comment on the historical significance of the building and its solid construction. Councillor Tribinevicus pointed out the building has stood for 100 years and would likely still be standing 100 years from now if the FOMOS project succeeds in preserving the structure.



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White pelicans make rare Island appearance in Gore Bay

by Michael Erskine
 GORE BAY—Pelicans are a ubiquitous sight on the eastern coast, especially on coastal waters around Florida, but those are brown pelicans. White pelicans are actually more likely to be spotted in western slues and the Lake of the Woods region. A flock of the white variety recently dropped in on Lake Wolsey where a few lucky birders managed to take some photos.

“People are likely more familiar with the brown variety that are common

to places like Florida,” said Island birder Chris Bell, who was disappointed that he had not been able to sight his binoculars on the rare birds. “The white pelican is found on prairie slues and around the Lake of the Woods. We have had reports of them in the early spring and summer, usually in Killarney Bay and now the Wolsey causeway.”

The American white pelican is described as a huge waterbird with very broad wings, a long neck and a

massive bill that gives the head a unique, long shape. They have thick bodies, short legs and short, square tails. During the breeding season, adults grow an unusual projection or horn on the upper mandible near the tip of the bill.

That mandible can be discerned in the photos taken by Gore Bay’s Judy Middaugh.

“I had no idea that they were here,” said Ms. Middaugh when contacted by The Expositor. “I thought I was seeing things.” But

she now has photographic proof of the existence of pelicans on Manitoulin.

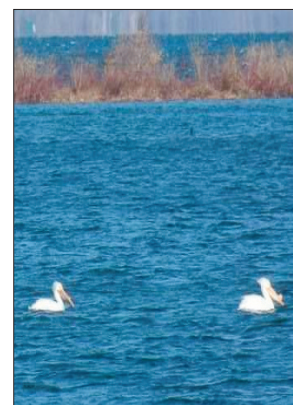
It was a lucky happenstance that she got to see the large birds, as she was driving and her brother spotted the pelicans on the water.

Ms. Middaugh noted that Gore Bay Terry Land also managed to secure photos of the pelicans. “I think his photos are better than mine,” she said.

According to the Cornell Lab birder source, American white pelicans feed from the water’s surface, dipping their beaks into the water to catch fish and other aquatic organisms.

They often upend, like a very large dabbling duck, in this process. They do not plunge or dive the way brown pelicans do and they are superb soarers (they are among the heaviest flying birds in the world) and often travel long distances in large flocks by soaring. When flapping, their wingbeats are slow and methodical. They are actually much larger than a bald eagle.

So when travelling around the Island’s water bodies, keep a sharp eye focused and your camera ready, you never know what you will see.



American white pelicans were spotted to the south of Michael’s Point, almost to Maiden Island.

photo by Judy Middaugh



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Exploring Manitoulin?

Gordon/Barrie Island: Two-beach bonanza

by Isobel Harry
GORDON/BARRIE ISLAND—Not far from Gore Bay yet worlds away are two very different sandy beaches nestled within the pastoral, agricultural landscape of nearby Gordon/Barrie Island. Often a little quieter, these beaches are a bit off the beaten path, just enough to feel like maybe you've stumbled upon a secret spot known only to a select few.



On the sand at Julia Bay, Gore Bay mom Jessica Clements keeps an eye on daughter Charlotte's antics on their Barrie Island beach afternoon.

The township of Gordon was surveyed in 1871-72 and amalgamated with Barrie Island (settled in 1878) in 2009; together they stretch along both sides of Gore Bay's v-shaped bay, into the surrounding large farmlands to the south, east and west onto Barrie Island over a causeway. The Town of Gore Bay is a separate entity, incorporated in 1890.

According to historian Pat Best in her excellent 'History of Gordon Township' (at the Gore Bay Library), settlers first

arrived in Gore Bay in 1869, landing on a "low and completely swampy" shore that was "wet and covered with undergrowth." Up the hill above the bay they climbed

"to dry, fertile land," slowly establishing themselves south of the growing town, in Gordon Township, as homesteaders on large, forested tracts of land granted by the Crown.

Along the way to the beach may be seen many of these agricultural lands, big farms, barns and pastures laid out in grids, cleared and settled long ago.

From Hwy 540 at Gore Bay, turn south onto Poplar Road; the farms start here, many still owned and operated by descendants of the original settler families. A unique stone silo at "the old Willett place," now unused, stands like a monument to perseverance, crafted by local stonemasons Stewart Clarke and his son, Stewart Clarke Jr., in the 1920s.

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Line on the right (we'll come back here to get to the second beach); take the promisingly-named Golf Course Road on the left. About halfway down this leafy, gently hilly road, go straight ahead when it turns sharply left, down a little lane called Ida's Road. You can see the water from here: Tobacco Lake Beach.

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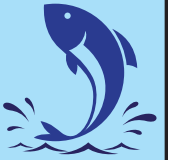
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Pets Galore pet store opens in Little Current

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—If you are looking for a new newt you might want to drop by Little Current's latest business, Pets Galore, which is located on the corner Highway 6 (Manitowaning Road) and Vankoughnet Street.

The new pet store not only offers a wide selection of pet foods and toys, but you can get just about anything you want in the way of pets except cats and dogs. Rabbits and Guinea pigs have been hopping out the doors in droves, while love birds, canaries, finches and other birds of a feather have flown the coop and the hermit crabs are hiding out in their tank. It's an eclectic menagerie, but if they don't have it, and it's legal (so no cane toads, but all sorts of other varieties can be ordered in), Pets Galore can likely source your new family member.

Owner Darlene Drayton said she welcomes special orders and that all pets are welcome to visit the store with their owners. "Lizards, crickets, snakes, rats, toads, you name it, a lot of toads—there are people on the Island who collect toads, believe it or not."

Ms. Drayton has always enjoyed people and animals, making the store just about the perfect solution for someone not yet ready to retire. "It really is the best part," she said, "meeting people and their pets really makes my day. This is kind of my semi-retirement. Pet store seemed like



Pets Galore owner Darlene Drayton hangs out a gecko. The store can source just about any kind of pet (that's legal) you might like, with the exception of cats and dogs which pet stores can no longer sell (but she does have plenty of cat and dog food on hand).

photo by Michael Erskine

a good fit, Little Current needed one. I have had a lot of positive response."

Ms. Drayton hopes to be adding grooming services to the store's mix sometime in August, but the escalating renovation costs due to the pandemic is proving a bit of a challenge, as is trying to launch a new business during COVID restrictions. "I am pretty sure we will be able to offer those sometime in August," she said.

In addition to all kinds of pet foods for all kinds of critters, Ms. Drayton has doggie lifejackets, collars and many other items.

Some items have been difficult to source. "Getting shipments in has been the biggest challenge, but it is the same for all retailers. You wouldn't believe it, but bird gravel has become really scarce—strange things like that. But the trucking industry is ramping up again and things are getting better."

The store is located on the corner Highway 6 (Manitowaning Road) and Vankoughnet Street and open Monday to Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm and orders can be placed by phone at 705-370-9477.

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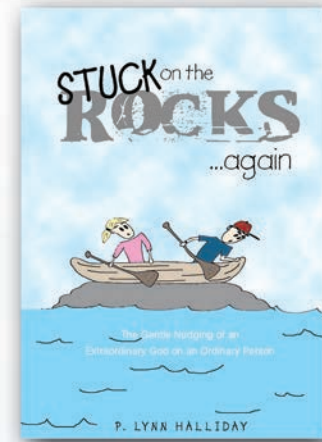
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...Gordon/Barrie Island: Two-beach bonanza on rural routes

...continued from page 19 both sides of the road were registered in the late 1870s and many are still being worked today by succeeding generations of the first owners. There are homes and barns and outbuildings that have stood the test of time here; the old stone schoolhouse, SS No. 4, was constructed by the Clarkes in 1926 on a farmer's donated acre at the corner of

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fun in this play-perfect place. Having moved with her family from west of Thunder Bay last May, Ms. Clements is rhapsodic about Manitoulin in summer; although, she says, "I love winter! I can't wait for Manitoulin winter!" To which we say, 'all in good time, Ms. Clements, all in good time.'

In 'One Tree on an Island: The Roots of Barrie

pers" of the Barrie Island Women's Institute in the early 1900s; the oysters "were purchased at the store in Gore Bay," she writes, thoughtfully includ-

ing the recipe for oysters dredged in cracker crumbs and deep fried.

Gordon/Barrie Island beaches sandily invite a lie-down, there perhaps to

entertain visions of barn dances and oyster suppers, or of nothing much at all.



The quiet sand beach at Tobacco Lake, maintained by the municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island and tucked in a serene spot off the Golf Course Road, features picnic tables by the warmer waters of this inland lake.

photo by Isobel Harry

Noble Sideroad (now private). This area was known as Foxey (no reason has ever been disinterred), with the Foxey post office, the last rural post office built on the Island, standing near here from 1911 until 1937.

The 7th Line meets Hwy 540 as it curves westward; turn right (east) here to find the second beach on the day's itinerary; a couple of kilometres up the road is the turnoff (left) onto Barrie Island.

If you haven't been to Barrie Island, you probably think of Manitoulin as a pretty peaceful place; well, of course it is, but to step onto this particular land mass is to experience peace of another order.

Known today primarily for its stellar bird watching opportunities (eagles, Sandhill cranes, grouse-mating rituals), the vast island's two commercial enterprises are comprised of the Northland Agromart outlet for agricultural equipment, supplies and animal feed, and the Gore-Bay Manitoulin Airport, built in 1947, with lighted runway and

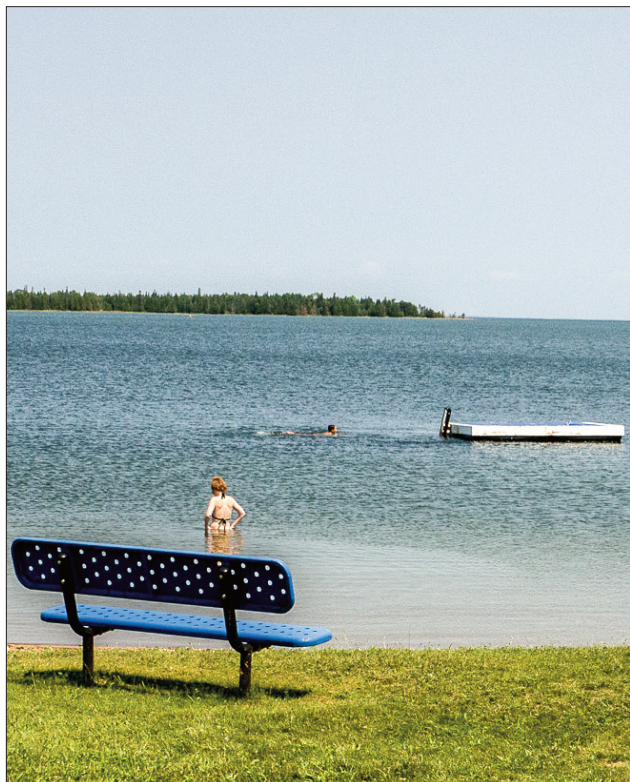
on concession roads and the far reaches of this vast, out of the way place; Barrie Island has only ever counted about 20 farms, making for a very bucolic setting for a bicycle or car tour.

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It is generally quiet here but can fill up on those hot afternoons; out on the dock a young lad dives over and over into the cool, calm water then comes in to hop on his bike to head home. On the sand, Jessica Clements and daughter Charlotte have come from Gore Bay to relax and have

Island' by Joe Ann Baker Lane Lewis, a fascinating 395-page hardcover tome (at the Gore Bay Library), the author notes the presence of the first summer home in about 1878, "a trend that continues today, as individuals have always loved to spend the summer months amidst the natural, rugged beauty of the land." Indeed, there are many homes and summer residences here now that have no farming ties except to their neighbours in the community.

Ms. Baker Lane Lewis offers a peek into daily life back then, the hard work and harsh conditions of settlement, the school, post office, annual Christmas concert, barn dances and the famous "oyster sup-



The beautiful expanse of Julia Bay is a highlight of the beach setting on Barrie Island, beckoning swimmers into the gradual slope of the sandy bottom and out to the floating dock.

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...‘State of emergency’ declared Saturday in Little Current

...continued from page 1 said that while this issue with the filter wouldn't ordinarily cause a problem, the failing pump created one.

"It all sounds relatively easy in hindsight, but when you don't know the source of the problem..." Mr. Williamson said.

"We declared an emergency to bring all the (community) partners to the table," Mayor MacNevin told The Expositor. A community control group meeting was held at 1:30 pm on Saturday afternoon comprised of municipal staff and management with invitations also sent to Manitoulin Health Centre, the Centennial Manor, Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board and the Ontario Provincial Police, as well as the water treatment plant contractor, OCWA. A state of emergency also ensures provincial involvement.

The state of emergency for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) was lifted a few hours later with a full return of water pressure by Sunday morning.

Mr. Williamson said the reservoir was down to four percent when the emergency order went out. He credited the residents and businesses of Little Current for reacting quickly, stopping using water in the nick of time. Should that tank have completely emptied, and with the resulting negative water pressure that



Extra technicians from Ontario Clean Water Agency were on the scene of the Little Current Water Treatment Plant Saturday.

would have followed, a boil water advisory would automatically occur.

"The community really stepped up," the CAO said. "We're truly fortunate."

The mayor said the municipality would be seeking a review from

OCWA as to why, exactly, this breakdown occurred.

Little Current historian Sandy McGillivray told The Expositor that he could not recall a similar total failure of the town's water pumping system since the town installed a municipal water

system in 1948.

"OCWA has full responsibility for this water system and I'm convinced they did everything they could to rectify this problem," Mr. Williamson said, who did say that the municipality would be having discussions with OCWA as to why they were not notified until 12 hours after the problem was initially discovered.

As Saturday was a rainy day, many resourceful residents quickly set out pails and other containers to catch rainwater from their homes' downspouts, filling bathtubs and laundry sinks in order to have this supply to flush toilets and for other non-potable uses, should the need have arisen.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SERVICE MANAGER FULL-TIME, PERMANENT POSITION

OVERVIEW:

Reporting to the Executive Director, the Senior Manager is responsible for the provision of mandates services to children and families within his/her service area in accordance with the Child, Youth and Family Services Act and other pertinent legislation, Ministry standards and guidelines and KGCFs policies, directives and procedures, as well as the agency protocols with member First Nations and community-based agencies.

The Senior Manager is responsible for a multidisciplinary team and ensures the delivery of excellent service in the day-to-day operations of all activities within the assigned service area through their reporting relationships with the Service Supervisors. The Manager will provide leadership to service staff through the management of team Service Supervisors. The Manager will also have responsibility for development of particular agency wide initiatives and practices as assigned.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Master's Degree in Social Work from a University of recognized standing combined with a minimum of three years' experience in social work within the field of child welfare; or
- Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from a University of recognized standing combined with a minimum of five years' experience in social work within the field of child welfare.
- Management and supervisory training and/or experience.
- A solid understanding of and sensitivity to the experiences of First Nations and Indigenous peoples in Canada, and the impact of the legacy of Residential Schools and the "Sixties Scoop" upon them is essential.

PROPERTY OFFICER FULL-TIME, PERMANENT POSITION

OVERVIEW:

The Property Officer is responsible to ensure effective and efficient asset management, lease management, inventory control, and building security. The Property Officer assists in the maintenance of all capital asset inventory records and works in conjunction with the Health and Safety team.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- A minimum of a two (2) year college diploma in Administration, Building Maintenance or related field of study is required.
- The traditional practices of the Anishinabek will expose staff to wood smoke and the burning of sacred medicines, also known as smudging; this includes the burning of tobacco, sweet grass, sage and/or cedar.

DEADLINE: THIS POSITION IS OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Applicants are encouraged to visit our website at www.kgcf.org/employment to review the job description.

KGCFs offers competitive wages, a generous benefit package and OMERS pension plan.

Please submit your application marked "Confidential – Service Manager or Property Officer."

Include in your application a **cover letter, resume, and (3) three reference letters - two (2) employment related from recent employers.** Please also detail in your application: education, employment experience, and cultural participation.

Applications are accepted in the following order of preference: by email, fax or in person, at

Human Resources – Confidential
Service Manager or Property Officer
Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
Main Office - 98 Pottawatomi Avenue,
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
Fax: (705) 859-2195
Email: hr@kgcf.org

KGCFs services is based on a highly specialized approach to the delivery of child welfare in our area. Preference will be given to Anishinaabe Candidates (please self-identify).

Miiqwetch for your application, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. As a condition of employment, the successful candidate will be required to submit the following: a satisfactory Criminal Reference Check (within three months of application date), Vulnerable Sector Check and Driver's Abstract.

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Registered Nurse (RN)

The Manitoulin Health Centre is looking for RNs to work at both its Little Current and Mindemoya hospital sites. Qualified applicants will possess a current Certificate of Registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario. Temporary Class members may also be considered. Preference may be given to those with recent hospital experience.

MHC meets the eligibility to provide nurses:

- MOHLTC Tuition Support Program
- Canada Student Loan Forgiveness Program

MHC also provides:

- In-House, cost-free training (BCLS, ACLS, NRP & LEAP)
- New Employee Incentives
- Orientation Incentive (paid shifts and accommodations)

Please apply to:
Human Resources Department
E-mail: recruitment@mhc.on.ca
Website: mhc.on.ca

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

"Manitoulin Health Centre is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas."



Municipality of Central Manitoulin

**Employment Opportunity
Fire Chief**

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is seeking applicants for the position of Fire Chief. Resumes will be received until **TUESDAY, August 3rd, 2021 at NOON** at the office below.

Please contact the undersigned for a description of duties and further information.

Ruth Frawley, CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Central Manitoulin
6020 Highway 542
P.O. Box 187
Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0

centralm@amtelecom.net
Phone: (705) 377-5726 Fax: (705) 377-5585

HELP WANTED

Casual worker needed for Mindemoya library to sub for holidays/sick days. Hours may increase in the Fall.

Please send resume to
Central Manitoulin Library
Box 210, Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0
or email bookworm@amtelecom.net
by August 15th.



Registered Practical Nurse (RPN)

The Manitoulin Health Centre requires Registered Practical Nurses to work at our Little Current and Mindemoya hospital sites. Qualified applicants will possess a current Certificate of Registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario. Preference may be given to those with recent hospital experience.

MHC meets the eligibility to provide nurses:

- MOHLTC Tuition Support Program
- Canada Student Loan Forgiveness Program
- Nipissing University RPN to BScN Blended Learning

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

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

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (3rd Posting)
PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER**

Department: Health Services
Classification: Community Services 1 (30,472 - \$39,405)
Employment Status: Regular Full-Time

M'Chigeeng Wellness Centre is an assisted living facility for independent individuals who require minimal assistance. At the Wellness Centre we provide services to those individuals who require additional home supports, such as daily exercise, hygiene care, meal preparation, light housekeeping and safety and security checks.

The MFN Wellness Centre is looking for an individual that has excellent communication skills, is self-motivated and demonstrates the attributes of a team-player! If this is you, we would love you to join our team!

Reporting Relationship

The Personal Support Worker will work under the direction of the Home Care Program Manager.

Position Summary

The Personal Support Worker will provide personal care and support services to clients in their daily living activities within the Home Care Program and in the community of M'Chigeeng First Nation.

Qualifications & Requirements

Preferred

Personal Support Worker Certificate with a minimum of one (1) year work-related experience.

Minimum

Health Care Aide Certificate with six (6) month's work-related experience.
Valid Ontario Driver's Licence

Other

- Caring, honest and trustworthy.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Excellent time management.
- Must have current First Aid/CPR Certification.
- Available to work shift work and flexible hours, as required.
- Experience working with the elderly is an asset.
- Knowledge of Ojibwe culture, traditions and the Ojibwe language is an asset or must have the willingness to learn.

A Vulnerable Sector Screening (dated within 30 days, original or certified copy) is required for the successful applicant.

Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (two work-related references from a direct supervisor/manager and one character reference) and education certifications to:

PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER
c/o Andrea McGregor, HR Manager
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980)

Miigwetch your interest is appreciated, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. For complete job description, please contact Andrea McGregor, Human Resources 705-377-5362 or andream@mchigeeng.ca.



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

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

Position Summary

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

Reporting Relationship

Teachers will work under the direction of the School Principal.

Essential Functions:

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

Qualifications & Requirements

Preferred:

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

Minimum

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

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2021 AT 3 PM

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

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

"Teachers"
c/o Andrea McGregor, Human Resource Manager
P.O. Box 333 M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0
Email: andream@mchigeeng.ca
Tel: 705-377-5362 Fax (705) 377-4980

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

Claire's Top 5 Picks

1. 'Beyond' by Mercedes Lackey
2. 'Fallen' by Linda Castillo
3. 'The President's Daughter' by James Patterson and Bill Clinton
4. 'The Dream Weavers' by Barbara Erskine
5. 'Applesed' by Matt Bell

'Beyond' – This is the No. 1 novel in the new series 'The Founding of Valdemar.' Within the Eastern Empire, Due Korda Valdemar rules a tiny, bucolic Duchy that focuses mostly on horse breeding. Anticipating the day when the Empire's exploitative and militant leaders would not be content to leave them alone, Kordas's father set out to gather magicians in the hopes of one day finding a way to escape and protect the people of the Duchy from tyranny. This book is full of good and dark magic and good and bad magicians and of course, the overpowering Empire.

'Fallen' – When a young woman is found murdered in a Painters Mill motel, Chief of Police Kate Burkholder is shocked to discover she once

News from the Mindemoya Library Book Mice

by Claire Cline

knew the victim. The young woman was a charming but troubled Amish girl who left the fold years ago and fled Painters Mill. Why was she back in town and who would kill her so brutally? Full of long-buried secrets that resurface and someone, the killer, doesn't want the past to come to light and as Chief Kate digs deeper, violence strikes again this time hitting close to home. A good read.

'The President's Daughter' – The first book written by past president Bill Clinton and James Patterson was titled 'The President is Missing.' It was excellent and was published in June 2018. Now this second book 'The President's Daughter,' I just finished and it was really good and also hard to put down. Someone abducts onetime Navy Seal and past president Matthew Keatings' daughter Melanie—turning every parent's deepest fear into a mat-

ter of national security. As the world watches in real time, Keating embarks on a one-man special-ops mission that tests his strengths: as a leader, a warrior and a father.

'The Dream Weavers' – In the grand Saxon halls of Mercia, King Offa rules with cold ambition. His youngest daughter Eadburh is destined for an arranged marriage, but her heart is lost to a Welsh prince—who is cruelly taken from her. Eadburh inherited her father's ruthless ways but it's the gifts passed down from her mother that are far more dangerous. This is a thrilling tale of lost love, betrayal and secrets that have lain buried over a thousand years.

'Applesed' – In eighteenth-century Ohio, two brothers travel into the wooded frontier, planting apple orchards from which they plan to profit in the

years to come. As they remake the wilderness in their own image, the long-held bonds and secrets between the two will be tested, fractured, broken and possibly healed. Fifty years from now in the second half of the twenty-first century, climate changes has ravaged the earth. Having invested early in genetic engineering and food science, one company now owns all of the world's resources. But a growing resistance is work-

ing to redistribute both land and power, and in a pivotal moment for the future of humanity, one of the company's original founders will return to headquarters, intending to destroy what he helped build. A good read.

Summer hours are now in effect finally so news books are here for you to browse through and computers for you to use. Our hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 am to 4 pm. We do ask that you please wear a

mask.

Now for those of you that may not know we have lots of large print books that are much easier to read because of the larger font and of course we do have audio books also.

It is so nice to see you in the library (not at the front door) and actually have conversations with you all.

Due to extenuating circumstances our children's weekly story and craft hour has been cancelled for this summer. But please feel free to bring your children to the library lots of new books for them too!

See you at your library!



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

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

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Level Two Operator duties include but not limited to:
1. Adherence to those policies, procedures, and instructions as stated in:
 - The Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Personal Policy
 - Protocol for Decentralized Water and Wastewater Systems in Ontario
 2. Assist, perform, delegate, and evaluate all operational and maintenance aspects of facilities, including:
 - Projects for approvals to maintain and upgrade facilities and processes
 - Develop and maintain the departments Maintenance Management System & Quality Management System
 - Ensure proper operation & maintenance of facilities & sub-systems in accordance with OEM Manuals
 - Maintain effective and efficient communications between the department and applicable parties
 3. Record and maintain records of:
 - Operations and maintenance of processes, equipment, and department facilities
 - Purchases of O&M and other related items
 - Results of treatment effectiveness
 - Applicable and relevant third-party monitoring
 4. Pursue and/or Continue Education
 - Maintain Level Two certification and licencing under Ontario Regulations 128/04 made under the Safe Drinking Water Act 2002 for the Drinking-Water Operator Certification Program and/or Ontario Regulations 129/04 made under the Ontario Water Resources Act 1990 for the Wastewater Operator Licencing Program
 - Attend job related training seminars and workshops as required

QUALIFICATIONS:

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

APPLICATION TO INCLUDE:

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

Please forward applications marked **CONFIDENTIAL** to:

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

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



**KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
Location: Manitoulin/Sudbury**

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

FINANCE SUPERVISOR - FULL-TIME PERMANENT

OVERVIEW:

Under the supervision of the Finance Administrator, the incumbent is responsible for providing supervision, administrative management, guidance, and leadership of assigned staff. The Finance Supervisor is also responsible to support the development and on-going implementation of financial systems of the agency's operation including employee benefits.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

- Master of Business or Certified General Accountant (CGA Designation), University Degree in Commerce, Finance, Accounting or Business Administration.
- A minimum of ten (10) years of work experience in financial/administrative management.
- Must have at least ten (10) years of recent and successful employment experience in an Indigenous work environment with exposure to financial processes and procedures.
- Experience with non-profit service sector agency and/or Board Governance.
- A minimum of ten (10) years of progressively responsible experience.
- A minimum of three (3) years in a supervisor role, preferably in a non-profit organization.
- Previous accounting experience for all aspects of an organization.
- Management experience of AP, AR, Payroll, Benefits, Bank Reconciliation and Audit.

FINANCE CLERK - FULL-TIME PERMANENT

OVERVIEW:

The Finance Clerk is responsible for performing financial, administrative, and clerical services for the agency's day-to-day operations under the direct supervision of the Finance Supervisor. The Finance Clerk will be trained to perform various tasks within Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Payroll, Benefits and Electronic Filing Systems. All KGCFs employees are expected to participate and respect the Anishinaabe culture and be committed to helping First Nation families strengthen and achieve a healthy level of well-being as part of adhering to the agency's mission statement, vision statement, and service principals.

EDUCATION - A combination of any three of the following:

- Bachelor's in Business Administration in Accounting.
- Business Administration Accounting Diploma from recognized/accredited College.
- Three Year Business Administration/Accounting Diploma: Office Administration & Management from recognized/ accredited College.
- Two Year Accounting Diploma from recognized/accredited College.
- Office and Payroll Administrator Diploma (non-accredited College).
- Business Administration Certificate.
- Canadian Payroll Association Training: Payroll I & II, Employment Standards, Year-End Procedures and Terminations.
- Computerized Accounting Software Training: Accounts Payable, Payroll and Purchase Orders.
- Microsoft Office Training - Word, Excel and Access.

EDUCATION - A combination of any three of the following:

- Minimum 6 years' AR/AP Clerk experience.
- Minimum 1 year Finance/Accounting Clerk/ Finance Assistant experience.
- Minimum 3 years' Payroll Clerk experience.
- Minimum 2 years' Office Management/ Business Purchasing experience.
- Minimum 3 years' Receptionist experience.
- Minimum 3.5 years' First Nation Child Welfare experience.
- Minimum 1 year Bookkeeping experience.

Deadline: Open Recruitment until Position Filled

Applicants are encouraged to visit our website at www.kgcf.org/employment to review the job description.

KGCFs offers competitive wages, a generous benefit package and OMERS pension plan.

Please submit your application marked "**Confidential – FINANCE SUPERVISOR OR FINANCE CLERK.**" Include in your application a **cover letter, resume, and (3) three reference letters - two (2) employment related from recent employers.** Please also detail in your application: education, employment experience, and cultural participation. Applications are accepted and in the following order of preference: by email, fax or in person, at

Human Resources – Confidential
Finance Supervisor or Finance Clerk
Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
Main Office - 98 Pottawatomi Avenue,
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
Fax: (705) 859-2195
Email: hr@kgcf.org

KGCFs We are committed to providing a barrier-free work environment in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Accommodations are available upon request for candidates taking part in the recruitment process. KGCFs services is based on a highly specialized approach to the delivery of child welfare in our area. Preference will be given to Anishinaabe Candidates (please self-identify). Miigwetch for your application, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. As a condition of employment, the successful candidate will be required to submit the following: satisfactory Criminal Reference Check (within three months of application date), Vulnerable Sector Check and Driver's Abstract.

...Community safety and well-being plan

...continued from page 6 published June 23, took an in-depth look at Manitoulin's opioid crisis: "According to coroner records, seven people died on Manitoulin Island last year from opioid related causes. That's nearly four times higher than in 2018 and 2019. In the Sudbury and Manitoulin areas over the past year, there were nearly four times more drug-related deaths than those from COVID-19."

Paramedics are responding to an increasing number of suspected opioid overdoses, from five in 2018 to 48 in 2020. In the first four months of 2021, paramedics had already attended to 19 suspected opioid overdoses in the District of Manitoulin. Island paramedics have administered naloxone, the overdose reversal drug, 13 times since 2018.

These are just statistics for opioids. Cocaine and other drugs have also been found on the Island. Substance use, especially alcohol, has increased across the country

since the beginning of the pandemic. Mental health issues of anxiety and depression are increasing as well.

"Municipalities generally don't have access to data for healthcare or mental health," said NEMI Mayor Al MacNevin. "The only information I get on overdoses is when a community member tells me or it's printed in the paper," he said.

The Manitoulin-Espanola OPP detachment recently implemented a mobile crisis program where a social service worker and an OPP officer work in partnership when responding to calls for service related to the Mental Health Act. The plan recommends engaging more partners in this initiative to ensure residents from all eight communities are receiving the same services and recommends including additional agencies from the police sector and health care sector across Island communities. It also identified a need for increased localized data sharing between sectors

and communities.

Domestic violence was identified as the number two priority risk, with approximately 41.6 percent of OPP calls for service being domestic disputes over the past five years; 25.5 percent of them were family disputes. A March 24, 2021 Expositor story shared statistics from Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services (MNVS), which showed a 60 percent increase in the numbers of people it had served in relation to incidents of domestic violence. Overall numbers of people helped between 2019 and 2020 only showed growth of nine percent, from 187 calls in 2019 to 204 in 2020. There were 80 domestic occurrence calls in 2020, which MNVS Executive Director Tanya Wall said was consistent with other groups that respond to domestic violence.

Housing may be a somewhat surprising choice as a priority risk for community safety and well-being on Manitoulin but there are a
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Mnaamodzawin Health Services EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Transition Facilitator (ITF) Full Time

Overview:

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

Required Competencies:

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

Qualifications and Work Experience:

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

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

Submissions:

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

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - 2nd Posting Post Secondary Navigator

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

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

Reporting Relationship

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

Position Summary

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

Essential Functions:

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

Qualifications & Requirements

Preferred:

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

Minimum

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

Other:

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

Deadline: August 6, 2021 at 3 pm

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

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

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

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Gwekwaadziwin

Land-Based Treatment Counsellor - Internal/External Posting

Position Description:

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

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Reporting to the Director of Operations
- Responsible for taking direction from the Team Leader and Clinical Director and implementing it within the program
- Continue to develop and implement model of care
- To deliver a Treatment focused Outdoor Experiential learning program; ensure group safety, teach wilderness skills, solidify course logistics, and maintain focus on the Anishinabek Culture and the therapeutic elements of the program
- Assist in development of client centred holistic treatment plans
- Assist with transition of participants to the live-in or community aftercare programs
- Assist in implementation of research projects
- Other related duties to support the needs of the organization across all three phases of the program

Qualifications:

- Minimum requirement is a diploma in a human service field or in outdoor leadership
- Mental health and addictions training
- Preference given to an individual of Anishinaabe ancestry with knowledge and understanding of Anishinabek history, clan systems, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions, and ceremonies
- Proven experience with management, program development, research, and outcome measurement
- Experience working in Mental Health and Addictions field
- Experience working with at-risk youth and young adults in a wilderness setting
- WFR or Adv WFA with experience managing backcountry medical issues
- Demonstrated superior interpersonal and communication skills (both written and verbal)
- Ability to prioritize multiple responsibilities and projects
- Able to participate in outdoor and athletic programming
- Mature individual who is able to work independently with preference given to individuals living a traditional lifestyle and being on a life-long journey in traditional knowledge

Requirements:

- Possesses a valid Ontario class 'G' driver's licence in good standing with access to a reliable vehicle, able to obtain an 'F' class Driver's licence with a preference given to those who already hold a class 'F' driver's licence
- Ability to work outside normal business hours as required
- Must have a relevant Diploma – with a preference for a designation with a regulatory college

Salary: \$ Commensurate with qualifications

Closing Date: August 4, 2021 at 4:00 pm

To Apply: Please submit a letter of application and resume

Complete applications must be emailed to mattm@gwek.ca.
Please reference email: Land-Based Treatment Counsellor - Application

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



KENJGEWIN TEG

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Responsibilities:

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

Job Requirements:

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

Qualifications:

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

Application Deadline: August 6, 2021 at 12 noon

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

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


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

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

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

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

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



Community Living Manitoulin

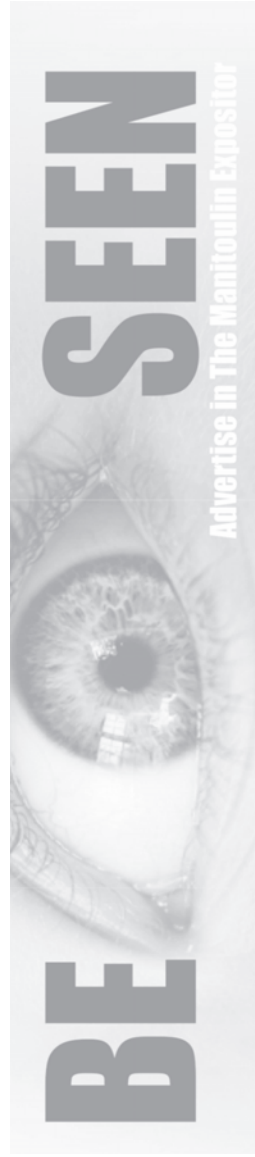

Community Living Manitoulin has immediate openings for permanent part-time and casual staff to work in our homes. Personal Support Workers and/or Developmental Service Worker diploma are the preferred minimum qualification for these positions.

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

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

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

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY 4th Posting

HOUSING MANAGER

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

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

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

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

Planning:

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

Financial Management:

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

Administration:

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

Interpersonal communications:

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

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

Preferred

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

Minimum


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

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

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

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

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

3 COWS & A CONE

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

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

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

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

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


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

Private classified word ads, like this, are \$8 for up to 25 words and 10 cents for every additional word, per week, plus HST. Pre-payment (VISA, MasterCard, cheque or cash) is required. Private sales only. Call 705-368-2744 to book your ad.

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.

Deadline for text ads, like this, as well as boxed ads is Friday at 4 pm.

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.



Frontline Shelter Worker

Temporary, six month contract

Manitoulin Family Resources requires one temporary, full-time Frontline Shelter Worker to support women and children in our emergency residence/shelter program. The 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, transitional housing support, 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 is a requirement. The successful candidate will also have excellent interpersonal, planning, and communication skills, experience with data entry and computer skills, and a 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, and Vulnerable Sector Screening are all required. Registration with the college of Social Workers and Social Service Workers is an asset, as is second language fluency in Ojibway and/or French.

Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the shelter including, though not exclusive to, nights and weekends. An additional \$4.00 per hour, COVID-19 related wage enhancement is currently in effect, at agency discretion.

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.

Deadline for applications: August 4, 2021

Please forward applications (letters of consideration and updated resumes) to:
Attn: Megan Gibson
Shelter Supervisor – Haven House
Manitoulin Family Resources
mgibson@mfresources.net



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - 3rd Posting PRINCIPAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

Qualifications & Requirements Preferred:

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

Minimum

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

DEADLINE: Friday, August 6, 2021 at 3 pm

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

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

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

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



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



The Township of Billings

Mayor and Council intend to pass their 2021 Budget at the August 3rd, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.



MANITOULIN PLANNING BOARD

40 WATER STREET - UNIT 1 - P.O. BOX 240 - GORE BAY - ONTARIO - POP 1H0
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NOTICE

ARE YOU PLANNING TO BUILD IN DAWSON OR ROBINSON TOWNSHIP?

Zoning By-law No. 96-01 is in effect in these two Townships, and all development within them must conform to this By-law.

ALL LANDOWNERS INTENDING TO LOCATE OR CONSTRUCT OR ALTER ANY BUILDING OR STRUCTURE, MOBILE HOME OR TRAILER, OR ESTABLISH ANY NEW USE OF LAND IN THE UNINCORPORATED TOWNSHIPS MUST CONFORM TO ZONING BY-LAW 96-01.

Section 48 of the Planning Act prevents any Ministry of Government, such as Hydro One, Public Health Sudbury and District, Ministry of Transportation, from issuing any licence or permit without proof of an approved ZONING CONFORMITY PERMIT as proof of compliance with the Zoning By-law.

Under Section 67 of the Planning Act any person who violates the Zoning By-law in effect may be liable to a fine of up to \$25,000.00.

Before you buy, improve or change the use of a lot, check to see that your proposal conforms with the By-law covering this area. For more information regarding conformity with the By-law contact:

The Manitoulin Planning Board
40 Water Street, Unit 1
P. O. Box 240
Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0
Phone: 705-282-2237

...Community safety and well-being plan in development

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number of homeless persons here and others are at risk. In fact, there were two homeless accommodation sites created on the Island last year, one for men and one for women. Manitoulin Family Resources was concerned about the 'hidden homeless' population with the initial stay-at-home order at the start of the COVID-19 lockdown and turned to the DSB for help with the issue.

DSB's homelessness report indicated 171 homeless adults, youth and dependent children in Sudbury-Manitoulin in 2018. Of these, 51 percent of the respondents were from Manitoulin Island. More than half were considered hidden homeless, which refers to people who don't have their own apartment or house or whose home is unsafe for them to return to. "They are largely invisible to service providers," the report said. Roughly 18 percent were considered 'absolutely homeless' and the rest were at risk of homelessness.

According to the report, "The top six reasons for homelessness given by people living with absolute and hidden homelessness were inability to pay rent or mortgage, unsafe housing conditions, addictions, abuse by spouse or partner, illness or medical condition and conflict with spouse or partner. The primary reasons given by people living with absolute homelessness were housing related—inability to pay rent or mortgage or unsafe housing conditions."

The final priority risk was identified as seniors. By 2021, there will be about 3,650

adults 65 years and older living in Manitoulin District, accounting for 26.5 percent of the total population. By 2031 that number grows to 4,660 and by 2037, seniors will account for more than 35 percent of the population when their numbers reach approximately 4,900.

Plan activities should address social isolation, caregiver support and elder abuse prevention as well as wellness programs and the provision of early interventions for vulnerable seniors.

Mayor MacNevin is cautiously optimistic about the plan. Part of the problem is all of the services dealing with the priority issues like mental health, addictions, housing or domestic abuse are all provided by different sectors and smaller municipalities aren't part of that process, he said. "When they announced that CSWB plans had to be put into place by municipalities I was surprised. Our knowledge of what goes on with these issues on a daily basis is fairly low as we don't directly provide any of these services."

The report offers some interesting approaches for committees but he's not sure how they are going to come together, the mayor added. "The service agencies are independent, arms length from anything the municipality does but the plan mandate and accountability is on municipalities. This report seems pretty ambitious for the next five years." He's concerned about the ability to coordinate sub-committees and meetings with the service providers who have the

knowledge and experience to ensure the plan is successful. "It would be great if we can make that happen but it's certainly going to require the cooperation of many groups, commitment and time."

There are lessons to be learned from COVID-19, he said. Throughout the pandemic municipalities have worked collaboratively with various sectors. "We've had actual weekly or bi-weekly meetings with the healthcare sector. They didn't need our expertise in providing care or vaccinations or testing but they needed the infrastructure or finances or volunteers to carry out the vacci-

nations. So, we were able as a municipality to offer some things to the sector that they needed."

The real benefit the Island experienced from COVID-19 was the ability to pull together, he said. "We put some pressure on the federal and provincial governments. We don't get the services that we need here. Our services are hubbed in Sudbury and it's difficult for a lot of people to take advantage of that. I think it's really helped us understand the shortfall across the Island in terms of services."

thank you

I would like to thank the Tehkummah First Responders, Mindemoya Ambulance and Hospital, nurses and Dr. Mitchell during my episode in the hospital.
Lonnie

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To my dear, amazing family, thank you for travelling to share in my bush/picnic 85th birthday! Thanks to all for your kind wishes and thoughtful gifts.
Love and hugs, Mom/Nana Shirley

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thank you

Thank you to my family and friends who made my 90th birthday so wonderful. A very special thank you to Tom and Debbie who made the day so good hosting the party at their home. Thank you for all your good wishes on beautiful cards and the telephone. Thank you everyone, I do appreciate and love you all.
Joan

11c

Death Notices

GLADYS CHRISTINA MARTHA BEANGE



In loving memory of Gladys Christina Martha Beange, 90 years young, who passed away surrounded by the love of many of her family members on Tuesday, July 20, 2021. Beloved wife of Grant Beange (predeceased), she left behind, Douglas (Joy) Beange, Nancy (Don) Boyer, Christine (Shawn, predeceased) Kirwan, Cyndi Beange, Randy (Sylvie Langlois) Beange, Richard (Beth) Beange, Vickie-Lynne (Larry) Beange-Prince and Sheri-(Lee) (David) Jewell. Predeceased by Shirley (John) O'Neil and Terry (Klauzina) Beange. She will be greatly missed by her grandchildren Thairn (Todd), David (Bonnie), Brooke (Yusei), Dawson (Jasmine), Jaya (Glenn), Troy, Tyler, Chloe, Jill (Ray), Seamus, Adam, Megan (Roger), Bryanna (Calvin), Bailie, Avery (Meckenzie), Benjamin, Tessa and Tori (Adam). She will also be sadly missed by her great-grandchildren Tanner, Dravyn, Jacob, Maija, Holden, Elliot, Gen, Ko, Rowan, Maeve, Leopold, Chi Lok Oaklan, Gavin, and the one on the way. Gladys was born in Burpee, Manitoulin Island to Leonard and Orpha Wright, raised by William and Charlotte Bracken. Beloved sister to Leone (predeceased Johnny) Dollar, sister-in-law Doris (predeceased Blair) Wright. Predeceased by Dalton (Anna) Wright, Norma-Jean Wright, Matthew Wright, Lawrence (Tilly) Bracken, Lyman (Clara) Bracken, Lenora (Norman and Harold) Wright, Ruby (Morley) Hebert, as well as many nieces and nephews. While nurturing her children to become successful adults Mom inspired and instilled in them her strong sense of giving back and service to others. She frequently volunteered at her church, worked at teas and bazaars, helped with Brownies, Girl Guides, Cub Scouts, and helped raise funds for the Women Auxiliary. In her workplace, of 27 years, Gladys organized fashion shows, sat on the Christmas Social Community, and organized reunion lunches for fellow retirees. In her retirement, Gladys continued her community involvement as President of the Nickel Centre Seniors' Bowling League and President of the Nickel Centre's Senior Club where she had initiated numerous innovations, improvements and events. In 2007, she received the Ontario Government Senior's Award for Volunteers. Due to her selfless, kind and compassionate demeanor, she was honoured in 2010, as a true Woman of Distinction. What we learned from Mom, Gramma and what she would want us to pass on to those who called her G.G? Where do we start? Her unconditional love has guided us in ways she didn't even realize. Her hugs said more than words, it said we could trust ourselves, as we made our way into the world. She gave us that solid foundation. Her strength showed us that standing up is the right thing to do, and excuses don't work, no matter how many we came up with. Success comes from trying, failing and trying again. Not everything has to be perfect all the time. Kindness counts more than getting ahead and even though time changes, the important things, like family don't. She always believed that no matter where we are, there's someone who cares and believes in us. She was our angel on earth. Rested at the Jackson and Barnard Funeral Home, 233 Larch St., Sudbury. (Friends called from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm on Friday, July 23, 2021). Funeral Service was at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 1114 Auger Ave., Sudbury on Saturday, July 24, 2021 at 2 pm. Facemasks and social distancing were mandatory. Interment in the family plot at the Park Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Calvin Presbyterian Church would be appreciated. For donations or messages of condolence, LoughheedFuneralHomes.com.

Laura W. Scott



Laura W. Scott went to be with her Lord on July 20, 2021, peacefully at home.

Matthew 19:26 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Psalm 23 - "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."
Cherished and loved by all.

Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Laura W's. Life will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Spring Bay Pentecostal Church or the Mindemoya Hospital as expressions of sympathy and may be made through SimpsonFuneralHome.ca.

Rosalie Young



Rosalie Young passed away peacefully at Marianhill Residence on Thursday, July 22, 2021 in her 90th year. Rosalie Young of Petawawa, beloved wife of the late Burton Young. Loved mother to Luanne Chaffee (Robert), Lori Law (Barry) both of Alberta, Christopher Young, MacDonald's Corners, Deborah Francis, Sudbury, Douglas Francis, Sudbury and Robin Young (Jennifer), Petawawa. Loving grandmother of Jordan, Karlee, Johnathan, Hannah, Scott and the late Bradley. Daughter of the late Ignatius and Julia Francis. Rosalie is survived by her brother Jonas Francis (Peggy), Charlotte, NC and many nieces and nephews. Respecting Rosalie's wishes, cremation has taken place. Final Interment in Birch Island, Ontario. The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to all the staff at Marianhill for the excellent and compassionate care shown to Rosalie over the past 6 1/2 years. Donations in memory of Rosalie may be made to the Petawawa Public Library. Arrangements entrusted to the Murphy Funeral Home, Pembroke.

Tony Jocko

December 21, 1952 - July 3, 2021



In loving memory of Tony Jocko, December 21, 1952 to July 3, 2021. We will be gathering to share our memories and stories of our adventures with Tony. The Celebration of Life will be held at the Anishinabek Nation Head Office, 1 Migizii Miikan, Hwy 17 West, North Bay, Ontario, at 1 pm, July 31, 2021.

Celebration of Life

Don Lloyd

Our family will be holding a Celebration of Don's Life, Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 12 noon at Lyons Memorial United Church, attached Robinson Hall, a light lunch will be served. Mercedes Hughes, Joel Lock or anyone wishing to say a few words in honour of Don would be appreciated. Looking forward to seeing you all. However, we are under COVID-19, any changes to date Celebration is being held will be announced in local paper.
Joan Lloyd and family

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Before

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Death Notices

CHARLES WILLIS HALLETT

November 11, 1952 - July 22, 2021



In loving memory of Charles Willis Hallett. Beloved husband of Cathy (nee Morphet). Proud and loving Dad of Nicole (Jeff) and Travis (Terry). Loving and devoted Grandpa of Spencer, Nolan, Wyatt, Logan and Kaileigh. Willis leaves behind his brother and sisters Nancy (Harry), Karlene (Rob), Kathy (Bruce), Rob (Tanya), Cheryl (Sean) and brothers-in-law Blair (Ann), Kevin (Barb) and John (Helen), as well as many nieces and nephews. He was a favourite son-in-law of Beverley Morphet. Willis was predeceased by his parents Carl and Vivian Hallett and his father-in-law Everett Morphet. Willis was a dedicated employee with an exceptional work ethic. He loved making maple syrup with Glenn, farming with Steve and John Deere tractors. Most of all he loved his family, parents, siblings, in-laws and especially his children and grandchildren. His sense of humour, integrity and kindness will be missed. He was simply the best, and how he was loved! Family and friends will gather at the Mindemoya Missionary Church on Friday, July 30, 2021 from 10 to 11:30 am. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to "Let's Emerg Together" in support of the Mindemoya Hospital, where Willis received wonderful care over the course of his life. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

...Now and Then: Harold and Shirley Dewar

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highest per capita pub rate in America. We like to think we were in most of them." One time Harold's raffle ticket won him a rifle, case and ammunition at Norm's Bar. Somehow, he got it on the ship and later to a post office where he sent it to his mother. The five sailors used taxis to get to and from the pubs. "My buddies decided this Manitoulin farmer should be a smoker like them. They gave me five cigarettes and I puffed on all five before we were banned from the taxi."

"At home dad had promised a Bulova watch for each brother who could get to age 21 without smoking. Two of three did, but all three brothers got a watch." All three also inherited a musical gene. Harold played guitar and the other two brothers played fiddles. "Our mother chorded on the piano. We would play at local events."

Harold and Shirley were wed on March 11, 1967, in Sudbury. Harold's brothers stood with him. The reception for 150 guests was at the Legion Hall in Copper Cliff. "We were to stay at the Cassio Hotel but booked the Mandarin Hotel instead," Harold discloses. "My brothers were banging on someone else's door at the Cassio. Much to their chagrin, they found out the next day that they had been banging on the door of a former radio personality for CKSO, also named Cranston." Soon the newlyweds were off to Florida for their honeymoon.

"We moved into the house on Simon Lake in Naughton, just east of Sudbury. Dad had helped to build it years earlier." Harold became a maintenance mechanic and later a millwright at INCO. "We went on strike many times for different issues, like getting a pension or finding measures to avoid breathing sulphur gas. We lost two to four months every three

years to strikes. Once we were locked out for five months. I worked a lot of overtime to get the money back."

Cheryl was born in December of 1969. As an adult, she worked at the Walden Day Care Centre until COVID hit and she was laid off. She and husband Rod now live in Mindemoya. "I am just helping her build a big deck for the front of the house. Son Clark, from the first marriage, was only five when his mother died years earlier. After high school, he and our neighbour's son set their sights on the west coast. He's in his early 60s now and he has been a framing carpenter in Vancouver for much of his adult life."

"In 1984, a cottage was built on Manitoulin and in 1992, we moved into it." Harold and Shirley continued to enjoy bowling, which Shirley excelled at. One time she scored a near-perfect game with 10 strikes in a row. In the last frame, the first strike was followed by a spare. It was a 429 game. She bowled for many years in the local house league and won numerous awards for bowling and curling."

Harold reached ice technician level three for Curling Ontario in 1995, and the Providence Bay Curling club always had optimal ice surface after that. "You had to keep the surface slightly pebbled so the stones could overcome the friction with the ice and move smoothly. Historically, for off-Island curling bonspiels, curling rocks were carried on the cow catchers of the train to keep them cold during the journey. Rocks weighed up to 60 lbs back then and curlers brought their own stones to play. Today those stones weigh 42 lbs." Doug and Fern Patterson became good friends. Fern was the principal in the public school, and she arranged ice time for the students to learn curling.

Harold retired from INCO after 36 years, with a

full pension. "When I started work there, we had 18,000 workers, and at the end, less than 6,000." The couple took over the coaching the Manitoulin Secondary School curling teams. Harold took on the boys' team and Shirley coached the girls. Both teams played out of Providence Bay for the North Shore, Northern Ontario and then provincial championships. Shirley was also a member of the Canadian Curling Association 'Teranet.' Late in the 1980s and early 1990s the girls had qualified to go to Thunder Bay. They had raised the \$2,000 and an eight-passenger van took their team to Thunder Bay. In 2001 both teams were at the high school provincials and the following year, the girls team qualified again. The Lions Club also supported youth curling and golf so all could play. Students were given a key to the curling rink so they could practice.

"In 2002, 20 of us rented a place in Panama City Beach beginning an annual trek. In the last four years we met in Hudson, 45 miles east of Tampa until COVID stopped us. Music has always been important. Before COVID, our 'Islanders' band played music in the nursing homes. We had started the band 30 years earlier at the Providence Bay Fair with Lyle, Darrel, Hal Love and me."

"Travels? We have seen 34 states and every province except Labrador-Newfoundland. Most important events? Our wedding, the birth of my son, our daughter, moving back to Manitoulin and building a retirement home. Favourite seasons? The fresh snowfall in winter and skating, tobogganing, ice fishing, snowmobiling, hockey and curling. The summer brings water skiing, fishing and camping with the kids. Hunting in the fall. Favourite collections? Antiques we



Mr. and Mrs. Dewar on their back porch.

have collected and displayed."

"Favourite shows? Netflix for Shirley, sports for Harold and The View for both. Strengths? We are both healthy and good organizers." Harold adds, "I was president of the Providence Bay Curling Club for eight years and we rebuilt the entire structure inside and out. Both of us are par-

ticularly good at fixing things that break. What would we still like to do? See Spain and Portugal and do a River Cruise in Europe."

What are you most proud of? Harold's gaze rests on Shirley, "I am proud and grateful for our marriage. We have always been stronger together, filling in for each other. Hope for the future? Being of sound

mind and body when I make it to 100. Less conflict in the world and getting our son back to the Island soon."

Would you change anything if you could go back in time? "No, we've had a lot of fun."

People who inspired you? Shirley adds, "My mother aptly dealt with all the changes in her life, and I learned a lot." For Harold, it was his dad's lessons.

"When we come over the bridge in Little Current, all three of us, including Nickie our pup, feel a weight has been lifted off. We all seem to be more relaxed. You take a deep breath and inhale the Manitoulin air. Rogers City in Michigan, across from Manitoulin, has similar terrain, but this Island is special. Here, we can enjoy refreshing clear water, watch a cat chase a deer around the bird feeder and a male cardinal feed his female partner. Seeing familiar friends at the curling rink or golf course is priceless. The rarified atmosphere and friendly folk make Manitoulin the place to be."



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soon to be joined on that list be Toronto's Justyn Knight. Knight, a recently graduated star at Syracuse University, is quickly making a name for himself. He is the second fastest 5,000-metre runner in North American history, behind only Ahmed. They both race the event in Tokyo.

In a race that is only four percent of that distance, De Grasse and Brown will both be on the starting lines for the heats of the 200-metre sprint, an event that saw De Grasse win a silver in Rio.

In the individual jumping event, Mario Deslauriers, with his horse Bardolina 2, will make his third Olympic appear-

ance. While there was a good chance that his daughter Lucy was going to represent the USA in this event, he will be competing against another famous person's daughter. Jessica Springsteen (yes, Bruce's daughter) will also be competing in this event.

If you are a fan of Spiderman, you will want to tune into the sport climbing event. Sean McColl and Alannag Yip will represent Canada.

Wednesday, August 4

It might be the truest test of athletics, and Canada has one of the best ever to do it. Decathlete Damian Warner was 5th in London and third in Rio, and recently achieved the fourth highest score

of all-time. He is definitely one of the favourite to win the event. He'll be joined by Pierce LePage, who has an outside shot at the podium.

Meaghan Benfeito, who lost most of her possessions, including her three Olympic medals, in a fire this past year is a medal contender in the 10 metre platform diving event.

Canada's greatest golfer of all time, Brooke Henderson, will begin play in her second Olympics. At 23-years old, she's already a 10-time winner on the LPGA Tour and is currently the 7th ranked golfer in the world. She'll be joined by PGA veteran Alena Sharp.

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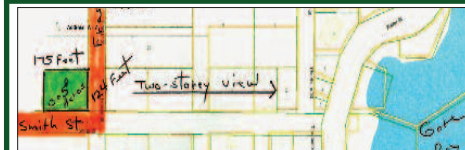
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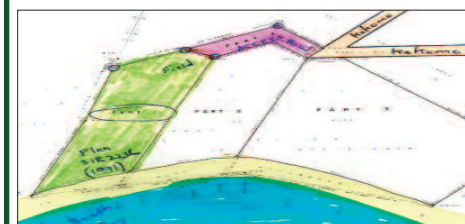
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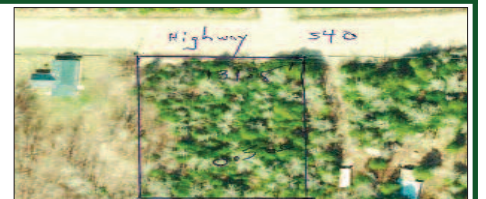
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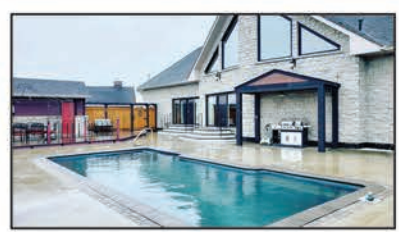
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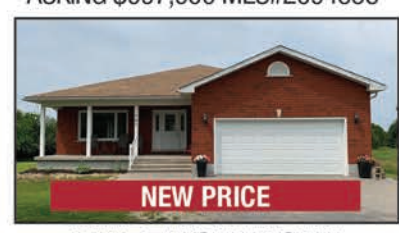
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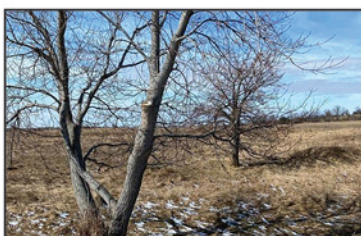
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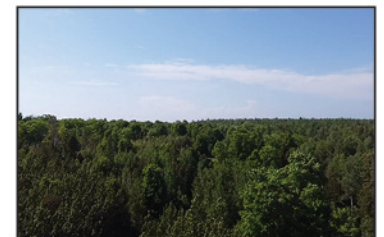
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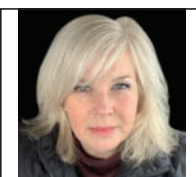
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