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Snowdusters Snowmobile Club has new prez, full executive Club will carry on

by Lori Thompson
LITTLE CURRENT—The Manitoulin Snowdusters Snowmobile Club has a new president. Director Wayne Williamson stepped up at a meeting held at Café in the Woods in Honora Bay on Wednesday, June 27.

Sudbury Trail Plan District 12 Vice President Richard Bleskie attended and chaired the meeting on behalf of the Manitoulin club. The reason for the meeting, Mr. Bleskie explained, was the unfilled president position following the resignation of Doran McVey at the annual general meeting in May.

Without a president, the club was in danger of dissolving.

"If we don't get a president, the club can continue to run temporarily," said Mr. Bleskie as he explained available options. "Rick (Bond, club vice president) can act as temporary interim president until someone steps up. If he doesn't want to, the club will have to cease to exist somehow."

If the club dissolved, the corporation would be dissolved and trails on the Island closed permanently.

Mr. Bleskie acknowledged the work outgoing President Doran McVey has done over the years and noted, "Doran is willing to help out as much as possible. He will still work on new trails and sit on the executive. He's still here."

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Snowdusters President Wayne Williamson



CANADA DAY CUTIES—Patience and Harmony hold their Canadian flags high during the Assiginack Canada Day beach activities on Sunday. Fun activities celebrating the red, white and leaf were held across Manitoulin all weekend long. For more great Canada Day coverage, see Page 12A in the second section.

Archery program promoted for schools

by Alicia McCutcheon
MANITOULIN—Neil Debassige of Lakeview School and Fuel the Fire TV fame, along with wife and fellow educator Dianne, recently gave two Island elementary schools a treat with an introduction to archery through the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP).

The Debassiges are both registered instructors in the program and hope to see the sport grow in popularity on Manitoulin. It is acknowledged as an option in the Ontario elementary physical education curriculum, one that Lakeview School has embraced. When Lakeview students return in August, physical education teacher Amy Mavec will be teaching all students in Grades 4 through 8 the sport.

NASP is an initiative of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and while its purpose is not necessarily to get children interested in hunting, the OFAH hopes that should an interest arise, it will also mean a keen interest in conservationism as "hunters are the best conserva-

tionists," Mr. Debassige says.

During their last week of school, 120 students at Central Manitoulin Public School and Charles C. McLean Public School were treated to instruction from the Debassiges. Substitute teacher Ken Wright remarked on how much the students learned in just one hour of instruction from

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Bridge study seeking input

Future of Island's land link now under formal review

by Alicia McCutcheon
MANITOULIN—The Ministry of Transportation notice of study on the future of the Little Current Swing Bridge is underway and Islanders are encouraged to have their say. The study is being done by Stantec Consulting Limited.

"The existing bridge is nearing the end of its service life," the notification, found on Page 6 of this newspaper, states. "The purpose of this study is to identify a Recommendation Plan that addresses current and future transportation needs at the bridge crossing."

Last June the swing bridge experienced a number of mechanical failures stemming from one of its 'wedge assemblies'—a piece that helps support the bridge when it is closed to allow traffic to cross. The broken piece followed by repair time meant that the regular on the hour, every hour swing was thrown into flux, leaving boaters, and travellers by rubber tire, to carefully plan their journeys. While the bridge was under repair, bridge workers manually opened and closed the over 100-year-old mechanical marvel.

The broken bridge was the talk

of Manitoulin during late June and early July 2017 with voices protesting the aging structure and calling for a new bridge while others said that the government must do everything in its power to protect the heritage site. All those people will now have their say.

The notice explains that the study is a Group A project under

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Demand for treaty fund hike awaits judge's ruling

by Michael Erskine
NORTH BAY—The final arguments have been delivered by the lawyers for the Robinson Huron and Robinson Superior First Nation annuities cases and now the decision lies in the hands of Justice Patricia Hennessey.

At issue in both cases is the interpretation of an augmenta-

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Lights! Camera! Action!

Weengushk Film Institute hosting Island film festival

by Michael Erskine
M'CHIGEENG—Weengushk Film Institute (WFI) has come a long way from its nascent beginnings as the dream child of storied Anishnaabe actress and filmmaker Shirley Cheechoo. WFI is celebrating its 15 year of operations with a film festival and gala starting Friday, July 13.

"We are very excited about the incredible progress our students have made and where we are

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today," said Ms. Cheechoo, who took on the role of chancellor of Guelph's Brock University last year. WFI is currently affiliated with Brock and the film institute offers an accredited course in conjunction with Brock.

The Friday agenda begins at the AOK Four Directions Complex at 5:30 pm with Pat Cheechoo serving as master of ceremonies and welcoming remarks from Aun-

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Northeast Town councillor concerned with OPP staffing complement, Staff Sergeant says all is well

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—At a council meeting of the Northeast Town held June 19, Councillor Bill Koehler questioned the level of service the municipality is receiving from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) considering a reduction in officers due to retirement or leave.

After a review of the Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC) minutes, included in the council's agenda package, Councillor Koehler asked about the loss of four officers through retirement or transfer and others who are off on leave for various reasons.

"How can we expect them to fulfill the duties to our community when we're down maybe seven officers?" the councillor asked. Councillor Koehler suggested the Northeast Town renegotiate its contract with the OPP.

Mayor Al MacNevin explained that the Northeast Town does not follow the contract model with the OPP, but rather pays per household service and instances, but that the contract model is an option. From a cost perspective, CAO Dave Williamson explained, there's no major difference.

"How can they justify their fees when they are down seven officers, plus amalgamating with Espanola," Councillor Koehler asked. "This kind of concerns me, and I think the rest of the municipality should be concerned too."

Mayor MacNevin said, in fairness, if four officers have retired, they likely have been replaced in some fashion.

Councillor Bruce Wood, the Northeast Town's representative on CPAC, told council there is a minimum of officers that must be main-
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Bluegrass in the Country organizer honoured by donation

A donation of \$1,750 was made to Manitoulin Special Olympics in honour of Kim Corbiere, a Bluegrass in the Country organizer, who passed away last year. The money was raised by the seasonal campers at Uncle Steve's Park and Cabins by hosting a Christmas in July event last summer. Robbie Shawana provided the music for the event. Thank you to Steve, Becky, Brock and Brenda Chisholm. In photo is Glen Corbiere, Denise and Robbie Shawana, Brenda and Brock Chisholm and Randy Corbiere.

photo by Denise Shawana

Cancer Care Ontario aims to improve First Nations cancer care with Aboriginal Cancer Strategy

by Lori Thompson

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Patrick Madahbee, former Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation, was appointed to the board of directors of Cancer Care Ontario (CCO) in March 2017 and was instrumental in bringing the board to Manitoulin Island for their June meeting. The organization tries to hold at least one meeting per year in a location other than Toronto. It only made sense, said Mr. Madahbee, whose home community is Aundeck Omni Kaning, to bring it here.

CCO President and CEO Michael Sherar was very keen for the board to visit the Island. "I've been to many communities across Ontario," he said. "I personally feel that I learn a tremendous amount every time I do that. It's so critically important. We take it (what we learn) back and continue to work with that information."

"All of our work is aimed at making our



Members of the Cancer Care Ontario board of directors join the Corbiere family in front of the pink excavator dedicated to family members Vicky Lynn Corbiere and Kim Corbiere, both of whom were lost to cancer.

photo by Lori Thompson

health care system better," continued Mr. Sherar. Their goal is to ensure a health care system that works well for everyone in the province, no matter their background or socio-economic status. "We know that many First Nations, Inuit and Metis communities face challenges with respect to access to care and health outcomes, in some respects in a much greater way than the general population. We, as a provincial agency, are committed to working in partnership to find ways that work for those communities with respect to access to excellent health care – including prevention. We had a special strategy aimed at doing that."

CCO's Aboriginal Cancer Strategy III 2015-2019 (ACS III) builds on the success of previous cancer strategies by continuing to work towards health equity and well-being

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Billings Connections Trail Canada Day launch celebrates community, environment, heritage and art

by Lori Thompson

KAGAWONG—Canada Day was an appropriate day to celebrate the official launch of the Billings Connections Trail, a challenging year-long collaboration between multiple partners to commemorate Canada's 150th birthday through heritage plaque and creative sculpture installations throughout the community.

The Kagawong Folk Collective, consisting of Chris Theijsmeijer, Heather Theijsmeijer and Marcel Beneteau, kicked off the event with songs in French and English, then led attendees in a trilingual

version of O Canada in perfect harmony.

Emcee Todd Gordon (economic development officer for the Township of Billings) welcomed everyone to the official launch of the Billings Connections Trail.

"The Connections Trail is one large component of our Canada and Ontario 150 celebration," explained Mr. Gordon, "a multi-faceted project undertaken through a partnership between 4elements Living Arts, The Billings Museum and Heritage Centre, Billings Recreation Committee and the township proper.

The project was funded by both the Canada and Ontario Celebration 150 programs."

The Connections Trail refers to a series of 35 historical plaques located throughout the municipality. The series includes three previously existing plaques at the Old Mill, the lighthouse and the Kagawong Cedars Cemetery as well as the seven sculpture series located around the hamlet.

"This project was ambitious and complex, and would not have been possible without the many, many, many hours invested by community volunteers, 4elements

Living Arts, our Indigenous partners and municipal staff. It would also not have been accomplished without the will and support of

council," said Mr. Gordon. He noted that approximately half of the plaques are currently installed,

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New leaner Ontario "People's Government" cabinet sworn in

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—Ontario Progressive Conservative leader Doug Ford was sworn in as Ontario's 26th premier with a much smaller cabinet than his Liberal predecessor. The new cabinet, which also clipped out most of the new-age style labels that were favoured by the previous government, consists of 20 ministries, down from 28.

"I will never forget why I'm here: to work for the people of Ontario," said Premier Ford in a news release announcing his government as the "First ever government of the people." He went on to add that "I promised the people that I would help make our great province the best place in North America when it comes to business, creating jobs and raising a family and I am going to keep my promise."

"My feelings are that we are very well represented in the North," said Jib Turner, who ran for the Progressive Conservatives in the recent provincial election. "This is the first time since Floyd Laughren that we have a finance minister from Northern Ontario (North Bay MPP Vic Fedeli)."

Mr. Turner described the Ford Team as "very capable, well versed in the municipal side as well."

As for Greg Rickford, the new Minister of Energy,

Northern Development and Mines, as well as separately designated as Minister of Indigenous Affairs, "he has taken on a very big role," said Mr. Turner. "It is very important that we have someone of that calibre working for us in the North. His parliamentary secretary is Ross Romano. We are quite well served up here. As for the rest of cabinet, it is strong group of individuals. I am pleased with the choices Doug made."

The rest of that cabinet includes Peter Bethlenfalvy, President of the Treasury Board; Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility; Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; former leadership rival Christine Elliott, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and Deputy Premier; Victor Fedeli, Minister of Finance and Chair of Cabinet; Doug Ford himself as Premier and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs; Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities; Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; Sylvia Jones, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport; Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services and Minister Responsible for Women's Issues; Monte
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Linda Willson standing in for Algoma Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha, Diane Fraser, Charlene Chambers, Austin Hunt, Richard Lathwell and Mike Free standing in for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes, at the trail launch.

photo by Lori Thompson

Grand Council Chief Glen Hare congratulates Ontario Regional Chief RoseAnne Archibald

NIPISSING FIRST NATION—Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare congratulates Ontario Regional Chief RoseAnne Archibald, the first female in the role at the Chiefs of Ontario level, who was elected during the 44th Annual All Ontario Chiefs Conference hosted by Nipissing First Nation. "We at the Anishinabek Nation congratulate our new leader, RoseAnne Archibald, who is the first woman leader at the Ontario level," says Grand Council Chief Hare. "That gives us a good picture of where our governance is going in our



Ontario chief Roseanne Archibald.

photo by Laura Barrios
communities. There are more female leaders in our communities and that's so awesome to see.

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Little can stand in the way of determined people

The campaign to secure Willisville Mountain from Sudbury's smelting furnaces is well underway and fundraising efforts are fast closing in on the goal thanks to the determined efforts of a group of very diverse people whose hearts have been captured by the iconic vistas that have been immortalized in the works of countless artists, including Canada's famed Group of Seven.

It has been estimated that the cost of purchasing the property for a land trust aimed at keeping the mountain intact will come in just shy of \$200,000, and an online fundraising site has secured \$55,000 of that goal, supplemented by many cheques and cash donations coming in by snail mail. This is a laudable cause that has an important impact on our entire region and is well worth consideration for a donation or gift in the name of that loved one who is so hard to buy for.

The campaign to save Willisville Mountain came about when ordinary folk out and about for a hike noticed surveying taking place in the area and, upon further exploration, they discovered that the mountain was part of a quarrying licence. It seems the minerals which make up the mountain act well as a flux in the smelting of nickel and other valuable metals. The mountain's owner is mining giant Vale, whose purchase of the former INCO included the company with the rights to quarry that stone from the area.

Thanks to a concerted effort by a small group of people, and the thankfully receptive ears of an international corporate giant, Willisville Mountain was removed from Vale's quarrying licence.

This is one example, of which there are many, where a small but determined band of like-minded people can come together to make a

tremendously important impact on the larger world around them. There are many other examples where volunteers weld their passion to a cause that has benefit on each and every one of us, not the least of which is the ongoing work on the Cup and Saucer and Misery Bay Park here on Manitoulin.

Many of these volunteers are people who make their summer residence in our region. Perhaps a multi-generational camp owner from McGregor Bay or the Bay of Islands, or someone who simply happened upon our blessed Island in their travels and became enthralled with its stunning natural beauty. Each coming together with those whose ancestors settled in this region, or upon whose traditional territories these natural gems are to be found.

So much of our world is caught up in the pursuit of economic advancement. Like Mordeci Richler's Duddy Kravitz, too often we gaze upon breathtaking beauty and see its potential in dollar signs, and end up destroying that which originally captured our heart's eye.

As we look outward in a world that seems intent on reducing everything to a zero-sum game of trade wars and when all about us there seems to be only businesses engaged in a tragic game of brinkmanship against Mother Nature herself, it is immensely gratifying to know that there are many here among us whose eyes can see the majesty of the beauty that stands before us and whose passion leads them to preserve that majesty and beauty for eyes yet unborn.

To those passionate volunteers whose efforts are aimed at making ours a better world and to preserve our natural wonders for posterity it can never be said enough: thank you.

letters

Rainbow District School Board students do the board proud

"A pleasure to be with from start to their departure"

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a letter sent to Kathy Wachnuk, superintendent of schools for the Rainbow District School Board, from the curator of the South Baymouth Museum and Historical Society, Loretta Mucha, and has been reprinted here at the author's request.

Dear Mrs. Wachnuk:

I write to you in my capacity as curator for the South Baymouth Museum and Historical Society.

I am a retired nurse and certainly am familiar with government goals, plans, and expected level of performance for our various ministries we are employed by, yours in education. (Our most precious commodity, our children).

Having said that, I wish to assure you the Rainbow District School Board is in good hands with your staff here on the Manitoulin Island and wish to explain my reasoning for this comment.

On Wednesday, June 21, we hosted and received 40 elementary students from your board at our community museum accompanied by your

staff. Each student left with small hand crafted tokens made by our members in appreciation of their visit.

Having said that, Mrs. Wachnuk, please be assured your staff, your students were a walking billboard of "How to" in behavioral exemplars of elementary students.

Not only did the students come prepared to learn, they conducted themselves in a better manner than some adults do. A pleasure to be with from start to their departure.

In closing please, on behalf of our community, on behalf of our members, share our admiration and appreciation for "setting the mold," if you will, of well-being and world class education of our future generation/citizens. What a great promise to our future. Please share with your staff.

With appreciation,

Ms. L. Mucha, curator
South Baymouth Museum

Island newspapers extolled for reporting on pesticide concerns

Citizens need to express their concerns by every means possible

To the Expositor:

Kudos to The Recorder on its report last Friday covering the Central Manitoulin Health and Safety Committee discussion on pesticides. Both the Recorder and the Expositor have shown exemplary journalism in reporting on the Manitoulin public's concerns about unnecessary pesticide use and spray technicians not following clearly documented safety procedures risking the safety of the public and animals.

In the Central Manitoulin Health and Safety committee meeting last Tuesday, committee members expressed various personal concerns they had about pesticides use, but finished up asking applicant Petra Wall to develop a petition and circulate it through Central Manitoulin before they made a decision. Petra of course agreed to do this, even though she was aware that petitions had been circulated Island-wide last year; and one in particular with more than 500 signatures had been sent to the incumbent Minister of Environment and Climate Change via MPP Michael Mantha.

While the Ontario government back in 2009 took away any decision making on pesticides away from municipalities via the Cosmetic Pesticides Act, it cannot stop those same municipalities expressing the concerns of their citizens via statements on the record that they wish to be pesticide free. Thanks to the efforts of Pat Hess in Billings, Billings council put such a statement on the record. Assinack council declared itself opposed to pesticide use back in 2002, and I understand from a member of the current council that utilities appear to have respected that position since. Zak Nicholls has been patiently waiting for NEMI to schedule something similar; once Hydro One has time to appear to make its case. George Kopylov and a group of 30-plus individuals are waiting to approach Tehkummah council to present their concerns about a subcontractor to the MTO who appeared to be spraying pesticides while not following MoECC procedures.

The trouble is, during the latter part of her government, retiring premier Kathleen Wynne was forced to replace the minister several times following resignations of several prominent Liberal politicians leading up to the election, and this important concern was pushed down in priority while other political fires were fought. And of course, now we have a brand new government and who knows what its attitude will be towards tighter controls on pesticides use.

So, what do we plan to do, and what can others do, in these circumstances?

First, we will continue to inform interested parties and gather support via petitions etc. Second, with municipal elections coming in October, we will be contacting all candidates to find out what their position is on tighter controls on pesticides use and what their position is on asking the provincial government to re-establish municipalities

authority to control this within their own jurisdictions. Third, we will ask councils to raise this issue via AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) to premier-designate Ford's government in a concerted effort to rebalance the sharing of authority. Fourth, we will resubmit our petition to the incoming Minister of the Environment when he/she is appointed. What follows are key points extracted from what we sent to the then Minister:

"...At that time, the Minister permitted some phasing of the current controls. 1. Hardware outlets and golf courses were permitted a 4 year phase in period to run down inventories and change practices. Nine years later, it is still possible to purchase banned pesticides like Round Up at hardware stores. It is not clear that golf courses have ceased using these products in their course maintenance practices; 2. Utilities like Hydro One and Bell (including MTO and MNRF) appear to have incorporated herbicide use as standard practice into their vegetation management practices on their rights of way, to reduce labour costs, rather than using pesticides only as last resort and only on noxious plants; 3. The strategy of replacing multiple municipal pesticide ban bylaws with a single "one size fits all/render inoperable" clause in the Pesticides Act is leaving municipalities with no means to respond to citizens' concerns or to use their local knowledge to focus/limit use only where absolutely necessary. This must change! Municipalities are being forced by their citizens to declare themselves "Pesticide Free Zones" - even though the Pesticides Act has withdrawn any power they have to enact bylaws specific to pesticides controls of bans; 4. Meanwhile, evidence is mounting from all over the world that use of pesticides is causing serious health problems all the way up the food chain, including in agriculture, which was also exempted from many limits imposed by the current Pesticides Act. Other jurisdictions have already responded to these new revelations. [The EU has imposed a total ban on neonicotinoids, which kill bees. Health Canada is now reviewing its approvals for some currently approved pesticides.]; 5. The federal and provincial governments should develop a pan-Canadian accord on tighter controls on Pesticides use based upon the most current scientific evidence; and 6. First Nations communities are extremely concerned about what they claim is indiscriminate aerial spraying of pesticides on forest lands in their territories.

In summary, citizens need to express their concerns by every means possible. Pesticide manufacturers are very powerful and individually, we have little influence. But together, we can move our elected representatives to make sure they do the right thing!

Paul Darlston
Kagawong

Manitoulin Secondary School celebrates graduating class of 2018

by Lori Thompson

M'CHIGEENG—Family and friends gathered at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) on June 28 to celebrate and congratulate the Class of 2018. Students have worked hard over the past four or five years and graduation was a night for their achievement to be recognized and honoured.

Emcees Shan Keatley and Mike Zegil, both MSS teachers, welcomed parents, family and guests. An honour guard (OPP Sgt. Mike Patterson, Constable Steve Redmond, Community Safety Officer Marie Ford and piper Rebecca MacDonald) led in the procession of graduates. Following the singing of O Canada, Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) First Nations Trustee Grace Fox offered a prayer and congratulations for the graduating class.

Other guests and speakers on stage this year included MSS Vice Principal Jonathan Bird, Director of Education Norm Blaseg, RDSB Chair Doreen Dewar and MSS Principal Jamie Mohamed.

Chair Dewar thanked MSS staff and families before offering words of wisdom in the form of story. "For the past four years, the staff at MSS has devoted countless hours in providing you with the wisdom to make good decisions, the academic knowledge on which to base your decisions and the strength of character with which to make the right decisions. Your visions have been their missions and on behalf of the RDSB I thank them," she said.

"Your parents, family and friends have been beside you and for their support, the board thanks them," continued Chair Dewar. "They are to be congratulated as they share in the pride and accomplishment that we all celebrate tonight."

"Once, there was a King who received a gift of two magnificent peregrine falcons, the most beautiful birds he had ever seen. He gave the precious birds to his head falconer to be trained. After several months the falconer informed the king that while one of the falcons was flying majestically, soaring high in the sky, the younger bird had not moved from his branch since the day it had arrived.

The king summoned healers and sorcerers but no one could make the bird fly. Having tried everything else the king thought to himself, 'Maybe I need someone more familiar with birds to understand the nature of the problem.' A farmer was quickly located and he agreed to try to get the falcon to fly. The very next day the king was surprised and thrilled to see the second falcon soaring high above the palace gardens. The farmer came and stood before the king and the king asked, 'how did you make that falcon fly?' With his head bowed the farmer said, 'It actually was very easy. I simply cut the branch on which the bird was perched.'

MSS Mustangs, we are all made to fly, to realize our incredible potential as human beings. But sometimes we sit on our branches clinging to the things that are familiar to us. As you receive your diploma, be proud of what you have accomplished here at MSS. You have fulfilled the requirements for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma and you have learned many life lessons along the way. Graduates of the class of 2018, MSS is an experience that will stay with you forever. But don't stop here. In the days, months and years ahead, I challenge each of you to move off the comfortable branch that you may be clinging to. And like the falcon you too can fly as high as your dreams will take you. Congratulations," she said.



The traditional throwing of caps as the 2018 graduation ceremony comes to a close.

Principal Mohamed also offered his congratulations to the graduating students and commended them on their achievements. "Today is the end of one chapter

best at your work but do not let it come between you and a reason for living. Find the thing that you are most passionate about and wherever possible, live it. Try to



Emcees Shan Keatley (centre) and Mike Zegil (right) laugh along with 2018 valedictorian James Scott as he shares memories from the past four years.

of your life and the beginning of another," he said. "Today is when you leave behind your childhood ways and step into the shoes of adulthood. Today is above all a day for celebrating your accomplishments. Today is a day when you can say, 'I did it! I graduated.'"

"When you leave here today you will also be leaving behind a part of your life that was special," he continued. "You'll be leaving behind friends who shared your laughter. You'll be leaving behind teachers who took a keen interest in you. You'll be leaving behind a world where, in many cases, someone else made decisions for you. From now on you will have to make your own choices. That means you'll be making some mistakes. Of course that also means you'll be learning from some of those at the same time."

"Your friends and family, they still care about you. Greatly, of course. If you were wise, you would listen to their advice. They have, after all, been around a few blocks, a few blocks more than you have, and they know a thing or two. Now obviously, I can't let you leave here this morning without giving you a few words of advice, so today I will tell you to take care of your bodies. They need to last you a long time. Get lots of exercise and fresh air. Speaking of which, do recycle and reuse because the world is running out of resources."

"Today I'll ask you to remember that strangers are only friends you have yet to know. Make friends wherever you go because they will enrich your life. Having said that, of course, the best friends of all are those you have shared these few years with, so do keep in touch with your classmates. Make time in your lives for others too. There is a great need for generous, caring people in our society."

"Always remember to do your

make your passion your life's work. Regardless, keep making that thing that you love a part of your life everyday."

"Make time to help local groups and charities. By doing so you will enrich your own lives. Maybe you see a need or a want in society. If so, don't wait for others to do something about it, do it yourself. Whatever you do or wherever you go, always remember that you are a past student of Manitoulin Secondary School. Today we are sending you out, young men and women filled with enthusiasm and hope. All the advice (and people are going to give you advice), it comes down to this: All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten, by Robert Fulghum."

"Graduates," concluded Principal Mohamed, "tonight is finally your night. I'm proud of you. I wish you the best for the next phase of your journey. My hope is that you'll continue to educate your mind, body and spirit."

Following an honour song by Aundeck Omni Kaning women's hand drum group, diplomas were presented by Director Blaseg with Vice Principal Bird and Principal Mohamed with Chair Dewar.

Mr. Zegil introduced class valedictorian James Scott to much laughter. "Inspired by faith, family and friends, James has achieved a balance in managing life's priorities: family, friends, church, sports and school," noted Mr. Zegil. "After working this summer at Camp Aush-Bik-Koong bible camp James will head to Redeemer University in Ancaster, Ontario to study a four-year program in health sciences.

"During his high school career James has proven his zeal to academic excellence by consistently earning top marks in most of his classes and has earned the Manitoulin Transport award for aca-

demical excellence on two separate occasions. While at MSS James has also participated and excelled at numerous sports including 3-pitch, cross country, volleyball, skiing, basketball, track and field and badminton, to name a few. His athleticism has been shown in his participation in OFSAA on nine different occasions."

"Other noteworthy accomplishments James has managed to fit into his schedule have been the lead role as Jud Fry in the school play, Oklahoma, as well as the lead role in the play, Once Upon a Mattress. Make way for your class valedictorian, James Scott."

After being presented with a valedictorian plaque, James took to the podium. "You guys are probably wondering how did a ginger celiac rapper end up as valedictorian," he began. "Well, the last four years of my life may have lacked gluten but have contained fantastic memories and great friends and I'm really thankful to be here. It's a great honour to be here. Also I'm here because I told these kids at lunch that if they voted me in, I would make a box and they could put in their suggestions (for best memories) and I would give them a shout out in the valedictorian speech. Predictably 57 percent of the suggestions were not acceptable. Out of all that, we've got ten." Lots of laughter and knowing nods ensued as James proceeded to reveal the ten memories.

"I'm going to try to pass on a little bit of wisdom," he continued. "It's been awesome being part of the Mustang herd with all of you. Whether you choose to continue your education, whether you become a Griffon, a Panther, a Voyageur, or whatever, I would encourage you to get involved. Take part in clubs, intramurals and social events. Live your life and make fantastic memories in the process. Be bold and make the most of the opportunities that arise for you. For those of you who are joining the work force right away: run wild, live free, love strong. You and me and everyone else here are excited to see you guys grow and reach your potentials as you join the field. I hope that whatever all of you do in the

future, that it will bring you joy and that you all do the best with your God-given capabilities, because the world needs more Manitoulin Islanders. I would like to close off by giving a big thanks to staff, parents and everyone else involved for giving us a great four years at MSS. So thank you so much for all your hard work and to the graduating class of 2018, I say this: Mustangs, keep it real."

Members of the 2018 Manitoulin Secondary School graduating class are: Shanelle Abbott, Brooke Addison, Brandon Anwhatin-Lewis, Grant Assinewai, Trevor Bailey, Cheyenne Barnes, Steffen Barnes, Olivia Behm, Brandon Boyle, Nathan Bush, Jackson Carr, Jennifer Case, Chandler Clarke, Hannah Corbiere, Savannah Corbiere, Alayna Cranston, Daryl Dakin, Brandon Debassige, Kyle Debassige, Shelly Deforge, Clay Dickson, Tyler Disley, Bryce Draper, Grace Duncanson, Dillon Dunlop, Maggie Eadie, Brett Ense, Cole Foster, Jacob Genereux, Mason Golder, Isaac Gosse, Alyssa Green, Morgan Hall, Ashlyn Hare, Nicholas Harper, Carissa Holliday, Tyler Hore, Ezra Hovi, Kendra Jordison, Zackery Kategiannis, Jonah Kennedy, Cassandra Kuntsi, Denver Leeson, Matthew Lockhart, Benjamin MacDonald, Victoria MacDonald, Bryce Mack, Miranda MacKay, Jess Madahbee, Madison Madahbee, Delaney Madore, Alex Martin, Jacob Maxwell, Madisen McAllister, Gregory McGauley, Jadah McGraw, Dustin McKenzie, Niihge McLeod, Sam Middleton, Cassie Moggy, Megan Moore, Nekoma Naokwegijig, Marley Neill, Karly Newton, Joshua Noble, Mikayla Noble, Eric Orford, Emily Patterson, Lyric Peltier, Jaidyn Quinlan, Darrion Robinson, Milana Sabzali, Audrey Sampson, James Scott, Patrick Smith, Patrick Snowdon, Carter Stoneypoint, Matthew Swihart, Joel Trudeau, Hannah Tustian, Joe Van Kesteren, Bethany Wesno, Alicia Williamson, Chandler Yaschuk-Middaugh and Christian Young. Rachel McDowell, Emily Moggy, Carly Murphy-Rankin and Alex White were awarded a Certificate of Accomplishment.



Sandi Kuntsi receives her diploma from Principal Jamie Mohamed and RDSB Trustee Grace Fox.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sandi has done a great job writing our 'Kids in the Hall' column for the past four years. The Expositor congratulates Sandi and wishes her the best on her new journey.



Procession of students into their 2018 graduation ceremony.

photos by Lori Thompson

OPP and Northeast Town launch 'safe trade site' in Little Current

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—The World Wide Web has revolutionized trade between companies and individuals, connecting people who want to sell or trade items like never before, but that connectivity has a dark side—a rise in assaults and theft connected when those trades connect in the real world. The most recently famous of those crimes was the case of Tim Bosma, who was murdered by a pair of men who responded to Mr. Bosma's online advertisement to sell his truck. Every day hundreds, if not thousands, of less heinous crimes take place, most notably the snatch and grab of cellphones from

unsuspecting victims meeting to complete an online transaction in person.

The Manitoulin-Espanola OPP detachment and the Northeast Town have charted a proactive course to combat online trading crime with the unveiling of Manitoulin's first Project Safe Trade site—located in the parking lot of the Little Current OPP detachment building.

"There is always someone here," noted Detachment Commander Staff Sergeant Kevin Webb as he joined Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson, Community Services Officer Constable Marie Ford and OPP summer student

Kylie Cranston in unveiling the Safe Trade site in a brief ceremony held on Thursday, June 28.

Detachment Commander Webb noted that even the savviest of online buyers and sellers can be taken by unscrupulous thieves relating an example of an experience of a close acquaintance who fell victim.

"She was standing outside a store waiting for the person she had made arrangements with online looking at her phone when a man approached her," he said. "The man shoved her backwards, grabbed the phone out of her hands and took off."

A far less tragic outcome than the Bosma case perhaps, but one that is being repeated with alarming frequency all across the globe.

"Now people have a safer place to meet people they have connected with online," noted Constable Ford. "You still need to be cautious when making online arrangements, but it is a lot safer to meet them here just outside the



Manitoulin-Espanola OPP Detachment Commander Staff Sergeant Kevin Webb and Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson are joined by OPP summer student Kylie Cranston and OPP Community Services Officer Marie Ford in opening the Project Safe Trade site located in the parking lot of the Little Current OPP Detachment building.

Assiginack Council Notes

Councillors' corner

Councillor Leslie Fields began the June 19 meeting by commending Assiginack Museum curator Kelsey Maguire on doing an "amazing job" with a recent Junior and Senior Kindergarten visit to the museum.

Councillor Hugh Moggy agreed that Mr. Maguire had the kids happy and engaged.

Councillor Moggy also commented on how good the municipality's grass was looking. He also queried after the spruce tree at the new parkette on Queen Street that appeared to have a lean, asking whether it was possible to straighten through staking etc. Staff said they would look into it.

Board of Health minutes

Following a review of the minutes of the Board of Health for Sudbury and Districts, Councillor Fields noted the provincial funding increase that was promised by the province to public health, but questioned whether this would still be the case with a new Progressive Conservative government and wondered if this would mean a further download on municipalities. Mayor Paul Mofatt cleared his throat and exchanged a look with Councillor Fields.

Accounts for payment

Council approved the following accounts for payment: general, \$117,555.24; and payroll, \$20,492.04.

Application for consent

Assiginack council reviewed a notice of application for consent from the Manitoulin Planning Board involving Colby Brill, Aaron Baillie and Brandon Hambleton to provide for the creation of two new lots in order to dissolve joint ownership of Part Lot 6, Concession 17 in Assiginack (along the Lower Slash Road).

Council agreed, with the following conditions: 1. That the property condition be restored to a state that is in compliance with property standards Bylaw 12-09 and to the satisfaction of the Bylaw Enforcement Officer; 2. the entrance to each lot be permitted from Lower Slash Road; and 3, a one-foot reserve on the east side of the proposed properties along Indian Point Lane be conveyed to the Township.

Solar system payments nearing completion

Following a review of the monthly energy production statistics from Vigor Clean tech for the solar panel installation located on the public works garage, Councillor Reid asked if Assiginack was almost complete on its payment to the company for the purchase and installation of the panels. CAO Alton Hobbs said they were and the municipality would likely be finished payments by the end of the year.

OPP changes to reporting

Council received some correspondence from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) regarding its latest initiatives.

In the correspondence, it was explained that as of July 1, motor vehicle accident reports to third party requestors, such as municipalities or the Insurance Services Bureau of Canada, will be directed to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and away from the OPP.

"This change in process will result in a reduction of the total revenue collected by the detachments on behalf of municipalities as these requests will no longer be processed by the OPP."

Both councillors Fields and Moggy said they found it confusing. Mr. Hobbs said he has seen no correspondence with complaints to the new change.

While on the topic of the OPP, Councillor Fields said she was pleased to see the radar sign fixed and placed on Cardwell Street.

station."

There is no cost associated with the Safe Trade site, aside from the addition of a sign designating the site and a painted emblem on the parking spot designated for the site.

"It's all about keeping

people safe," said Staff Sergeant Webb. "This is really a no-brainer," agreed Mr. Williamson, "we were happy to help make this happen."

The site will be available at all hours, but the OPP caution people to remain

photo by Michael Erskine
vigilant and cautious when dealing and meeting with people they only know through an online connection. "It really is a lot better to be a little bit safe than a lot sorry," said Constable Ford.

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT PLANNING, PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study, GWP 5268-14-00

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **Stantec Consulting Ltd.** to undertake a Planning, Preliminary Design, and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge located in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands in Northeastern Ontario. The bridge provides year-round highway access between the community of Little Current and Manitoulin Island and mainland areas of Northern Ontario. The existing bridge is nearing the end of its service life. The purpose of this study is to identify a Recommended Plan that addresses current and future transportation needs at the bridge crossing.

THE PROCESS

This study is a "Group A" project under the *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* and includes undertaking environmental and engineering field investigations and seeking input from stakeholders, external agencies, Indigenous communities and the public. This study will review existing conditions and conduct a Transportation Needs Assessment to determine the scope and extent of crossing requirements. A *Study Design Report (SDR)* will also be completed and will be made available for public review. The purpose of the SDR is to confirm the project Need and Justification, define the study area, assess alternative crossing types (Alternatives to the Undertaking), and document the Class EA process including consultation.



The study also includes developing and evaluating alternatives for the preferred crossing type, identifying appropriate improvements, and outlining environmental protection/mitigation measures. A Recommended Plan will be confirmed and a preliminary design completed at the end of the study.

Three Public Information Centres (PICs) are planned, and notices of the PICs will be advertised in local newspapers and sent to the project mailing list. Upon completion of preliminary design, a *Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR)* will be prepared and made available for public review.

COMMENTS

You are encouraged to participate in the study and to provide comments in writing to the project team. If you wish to have your name added to the project mailing list or have questions about the study, please contact:

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You are encouraged to visit the project website, swingbridgestudy.ca, where project information including study notices, background information, PIC displays, the SDR and the TESR will be made available as the study progresses. You can also submit comments to the project team on the project website.

If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above. Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and, with the exception of personal information, may be included in study documentation and become part of the public record.

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



17th annual Mindemoya Classic!

In one of the most amazing weather events for the Mindemoya Classic a solo racer was once again posted the fastest time for the 5.5 km run, 3km paddle and 13km cycle race. **Mike Banks**, in only 1:15:11 nearly matched the stellar time posted by **Alex Anstice** last year! In the next fastest division, were the **Verlaminals** in the 2 person relay class just behind in only 1:18. In second were the **Faster OPS** in 1:23 just ahead of **OPS 1** in 1:34.

The next fastest division was the four person, family category was the **Redmond/Ford** team named the Fearless 4 and a half in only 1:20. In second were the **Panininis** in only 1:28. In third were the **Mara/Alberti**, Waterview Otters clan in just 1:33.

In the next fastest division was the four person relay was the "In it for the t-shirt" team of **Alex Anstice** and **Banks** team in just 1:22. The team **Four Wheels Bad, Two Wheels Good** featuring **David** and **Susan Johnson**.

In the next fastest division, was the two person relay class with **Annie** and **Pauli** who finished in only 1:21. **CL Performance Training** took 1:31 to finish and the **Ben** and **Sarah Quackenbush** team of **QuackenTrax** duo a couple of seconds behind for third.

In the 4 person Corporate division winners was **Hill Construction** in 1:57! The 4 Person endurance category.

In the four-person endurance class were two, three person teams. Taking the top prize and in only with three people were the **Wing Walkers** in 2:29 and family foes the **pedal Pushers** in only 2:35. For complete results you can visit www.mindemoyaclassic.com

Island swim!

It is so amazing when a new athletic event is established on Manitoulin! The newest is the 1.3 km **Island Swim**.

The goal is to swim to a marker in front of **Fanny Island** and back from **Manitowaning beach** and only about 1.3 km coming up on **Saturday August 25th**, with a start time of 10 am and a registration of 9 -10 am.

The fee is only \$20 to register, although organizer **Jackie White** is hoping that most people will pre-register through the **Assiginack municipal office** or online.

For those who are new to this type of endurance race Jackie will be hosting training sessions every Tuesday from July 3rd to August 21st from 6:30-8 pm. This great opportunity is open to the public and at no cost at the **Manitowaning beach**. Hmmm, what an amazing chance for triathletes.

Event will be timed. Age categories determined at race time.

Special Olympics Track and Field Meet

Hats off to the Manitoulin Special Olympians who competed in **Sturgeon Falls** for their Regional meet on **June 23rd**. In total, with just 13 athletes, the team came home with 24 firsts, 13 seconds and three thirds and every athlete did their personal best in almost every event.

Congratulations to: **Matthew Bedard, Kelsey Mellan, Austin Featherstone, Mark Dokum, Allan Francis, David Kennedy, Yuri Clayton, Keith Mead, David Gagne, Bruce VanHorn, Norm Daoust, Michael Cormiere** and **Aaron Nickol**.

Island 3-Pitch Tournament

Congratulations to **Greg Lockeyer** who has been the driving force to get the Mindemoya ball fields into **MLB** shape. He has always been a key player in the annual **Pearson Cup** event but just started an elementary school version a couple of weeks back.

It was a hugely popular event with the town filled to capacity. Congratulations to the following teams. In the 7 to 10 age division: A Final had **2 Can's Clan of Espanola** over **The Outsliders** (Mindemoya area).

In the 7 to 10 age division: B Final had **The Mini Hazards** (Mindemoya) over the **Water Bombers** (Combine team).

In the 11 to 14 age division: A Final had **The Chiefs** (M'Chigeeng and area) over **The Hittin Hillbillies** (a combination team).

In the 11 to 14 age division: B Final had the **Mindemoya Seagulls** over the **M'Chigeeng Thunderbirds**.

In all there were 17 teams (as one team dropped out at noon on the Friday) with over 200 male and female players participating and huge crowds to watch the three day event. In addition, they held an exhibition T-Ball game on Sunday with 18 players taking part.

This has potential to be a great annual event (look at **Pearson Cup** just finishing year number 36) but it will only happen if more volunteers get involved. Everyone wants their kids to play, but very few parents want to help.

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Kelly Babstock has just been signed to the National Women's Hockey League's Buffalo Beauts.

photo courtesy of the National Women's Hockey League

Kelly Babstock signs with NWHL's Buffalo Beauts

BUFFALO, NY—Wiikwemkoong's own Kelly Babstock, a two-time National Women's Hockey League (NWHL) All-Star, has been signed to the NWHL's Buffalo Beauts.

According to the NWHL website, the 26-year-old Ms. Babstock joins the Beauts after totaling 50 points in 49 regular-season games during the last three seasons with the Connecticut Whale, adding four goals in five Isobel Cup Playoff games.

"I am excited to have this opportunity to play for the Buffalo Beauts in such a great city," Ms. Babstock told the NWHL. "Next season is going to be a great one and I am excited to contribute to this organization. The fan base has always been passionate and I am excited to play in front of a great crowd."

Ms. Babstock led all NWHL skaters in the 2017-19 season with 71 shots on goal and tied for the Whale's team lead with four goals in 14 games,

ranking second among all Connecticut skaters with nine points, according to the NWHL.

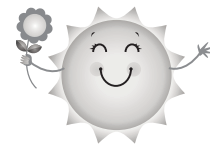
Before signing with the NWHL in 2015-16, Ms. Babstock scored 203 points in 147 games at **Quinnipiac University (ECAC)**, "finishing her collegiate career as the Bobcats' single-game and career leader in every offensive category," the NWHL states. "Her 59-point freshman season earned her the 2011 ECAC Player of the Year and ECAC Rookie of the Year awards." Ms. Babstock was also unanimously named **Quinnipiac University's Female Athlete of the Year**.

Ms. Babstock's mom **Donna** is incredibly proud of her daughter, as well as her talented son **Jeff Shattler**, 33, who just led the **Saskatchewan Rush** lacrosse team to claim another **National Lacrosse League** championship. He was also named league MVP for his efforts.

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M'Chigeeng man overcomes personal obstacles, becomes professional strongman

by Lori Thompson
M'CHIGEENG—Matt Corbiere might be Manitoulin's first professional strongman. "I'm the only one I know of, at least from M'Chigeeng, to compete," he said. He is a member of ACAFA/CAASA (Alliance Canadienne des Athlètes de Force Amateur), Canada's sanctioned strongman body.

The mission of CAASA is to offer all strength athletes a Canadian structure to guide them towards organized competitions and help their development. Strongman (and strongwoman) competition and training is expanding as a sport of interest on an international level.

"It is difficult but it's not out of anybody's grasp," said Mr. Corbiere. "It is a very difficult sport and I think it's probably one of the more dangerous ones. In strongman you're usually lifting heavier weights either for maximum repetitions or maximum amount of weight or you're lifting or carrying a heavy object for a distance for weight or time or a combination."

It is no easy feat to do what he's done, in the short time span since he began training. The events are difficult, using oversized, awkward implements and heavy weights. Practice is difficult as implements are uncommon or custom built items and can be expensive. "For strongman, everything is kind of oversized and everything is built awkwardly," said Mr. Corbiere. "It makes every lift a lot harder to do. The implements would be a specialty bar such as an axle bar. That's a two inch bar whereas a standard bar is 28 mm."

Farmer handles are a common implement. "That's like carrying two really heavy suitcases on either side," he added. "Hundreds of pounds per side. The last event that I did was the Toronto Pro Show. I lifted two hundred pounds per hand and carried it for 120 feet."

There is a yolk walk, called a super yolk. "It's almost like carrying a squat rack on your back, but you're not squatting. You're carrying that rack that weighs 500 pounds for 60 feet as fast as you can."

Mr. Corbiere's first sanctioned competition, the Wally's Classic, was held at Carleton Place in Ottawa. He was nervous. "The first event was called a frame carry. The frame was maybe the size of a picnic table but you stand inside and it has handles. You have to walk carrying the 400 pound frame," Mr. Corbiere said. "I was extremely nervous for that one. I was coming off of a hand injury. I had to hold on to this frame for 100 feet going as fast as I can. There was another man next to me carrying a heavier frame. I was trying to be conservative but I didn't want him to beat me."

Another event was the 600 pound tire flip. You have to flip the tire as many times as you can in 75 seconds. "I had no idea how I was going to place," he said. "I didn't have access to a 600 pound tire to train with. All I did was watch YouTube videos and read articles. I did my best to practice in my head and when it came time, that methodology worked, just by

miming out the moves." With the larger tires technique is important. Mr. Corbiere managed seven flips while another competitor "blew out a bicep."

Mr. Corbiere placed fourth in his second competition. "I was pretty proud that I was one of the smaller guys and I was able to get through. I was conservative in a few of the events because I didn't want to risk injury. I've always been conservative in my form and my training just to make sure I'm safe because I want to keep going. When they said I was in fourth place I was really happy with that. It really isn't about winning for me, it's not about placing. It's about trying to get as good as I can as safely as I can so I can look back at myself from the future and be proud of myself."

Strongman is a dangerous sport. When someone is injured right before it's your turn to compete that can be intimidating. Mr. Corbiere maintains his focus by blocking everything out and using visualization techniques. "I don't look at anyone," he said. "Everyone becomes a background noise. I just basically listen to what my body is doing with the lift. I have a picture in my mind of what I'm going to do and then I do my best to do that the way I pictured it. I know it's going to go good when my hearing goes a little weird. You absolutely have to maintain that focus and form. You might be defeated if you get too scared and let that get into your head."

Prior to joining the CAASA, Mr. Corbiere and partner Kim Pahpeguish both competed at a gym in Elliot Lake. "I was very nervous and didn't do well at all," he said. Ms. Pahpeguish did well, lifting about 265 pounds in her first competition attempt.

"The implements we use would mimic something from the turn of the century, where you would have to carry hay bales or a heavy yolk for a distance, or how they used to haul water," said Mr. Corbiere. He talked about being able to carry a deer downhill while hunting and how strongman training has made that possible.

Ms. Pahpeguish liked how an announcer explained not only how dangerous the sport was but also related it to life in the past. "He talked about how hard our ancestors worked. There's no reason why we can't tap into that again, why we can't be doing that (hard work)."

"In the competition setting I'm absolutely terrified," said Mr. Corbiere. "I think being extremely stressed out in that situation and then following through with the event and completing that event - after being so stressed out I think that's almost like training for real life. When stressful events happen I'm already tough enough because I've already been in situations to make whatever happens less stressful."

"I've been in a lot more stressful situations so when stressful situations happen in my life they're easier to deal with. It carries over, the strength training and putting yourself in stressful situations and voluntary hardship. It does a lot for a person's mental health."



Matt Corbiere performing a circus dumbbell lift at Toronto Pro Supershow.

photo supplied

"People don't realize the importance that the correlation physical activity has with mental health," added Ms. Pahpeguish. "It's not just about physical health." She tags her online activity with #mymentalhealthfix. "It also helps keep us on point, considering where we both came from in our lives." They were both taking medications for depression and anxiety.

Mr. Corbiere's fitness journey began when his father had a heart attack. "What scared me was my doctor was telling me I'm at a high risk," he said. "I was overweight. I had a sedentary job, a stressful job, and I was an alcoholic. I did a lot of drinking. The doctor told me that so I thought I might as well try getting into better shape so I picked up kettlebells. I learned through books and a podcast, and then I added deadlift. There was another podcast and more reading. I found I was good at deadlift. As my strength started to increase I noticed I was drinking less."

Unfortunately, he had difficulty dealing with some stressful situations while he was living out west. He was having family problems and gave up on trying to be healthy. He gave up on himself and just drank, a lot, and didn't really know what to do. He lost his licence after being caught drinking and driving and that made it difficult to do his job as a journeyman crane operator in the oilfields out west.

"My whole identity was

staked on being a crane operator who makes lots of money and once that was taken away from me, I became nothing; I became a child again. That's a really big contrast to what I do now. I don't have any money but I'm very healthy and I think I can handle any situation. I think back to the way I used to be and I can't even imagine being that weak again, or materialistic."

"He's very humble," said Ms. Pahpeguish. "We have very little but we have more."

Mr. Corbiere would now rather be the guy at home who challenges himself and inspires some of his friends

"I didn't have any direction in my life and I was in a rough spot; then I remembered I was able to lift some heavy stuff a little while ago. Then I was able to remember back in my childhood working with my dad and seeing him lift some stuff. I always respected him because he was strong. I thought, okay, I'm not doing anything, just drinking. I'm not really going anywhere. I've got no job. I'll just start lifting."

He wanted to be intelligent about it so through reading and following programs he found myself doing primarily strength training but adding unconventional twists, like pulling a heavy sled. His strength started increasing and he was able to let go of the bottle.

"As my strength went up it was a lot easier," he

explained. "I was able to feel better about myself, have a meaning in my life. I thought, I can chase this goal down and the addiction started to get easier to let go of. Drinking was the furthest thing from my mind. I was able to quit drinking recreationally. By recreationally, I mean buying more than I need and calling it fun."

Strength training led him to compete. He was trying to live better and wanted to make sure he was doing it right. "I wanted to test to see if my methods worked. I was able to let go of antidepressants and blood pressure medications. My blood pressure is nice and low. All those meds I used to take are all gone. My only medication now is going to a gym and getting strong," he said.

Mr. Corbiere and Ms. Pahpeguish met online through Healthy Active Natives, started talking to each other and then met at the gym in M'Chigeeng.

They work out at Mr. Corbiere's outdoor gym now and encourage each other. "She really helps me," said Mr.

Corbiere. "I got really good at lifting because I was teaching her how to lift."

Ms. Pahpeguish agreed. "When you are coaching someone it helps you to understand it better."

Ms. Pahpeguish is a child and youth mentor with Atikameksheng Anishnawbek First Nation. Last year she started a youth powerlifting group and Mr. Corbiere went on Fridays to assist. "There were mainly girls and one boy," she said. "Five at a time. We got them inspired."

"I always hear of victim mentality with regards to First Nations and that drives me," said Mr. Corbiere. "I want to prove we're not victims. A person can change their situation so they can never be a victim as long as they don't give up on themselves. If I can do it, and give up drinking, anybody can."

Strongman is a good analogy for life, he feels. "You confront extreme difficulties under disadvantageous circumstances. You can feel really frightened by it but rise above it. I think that's my favourite part."

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by Sandi Kuntsi
Public Relations, M.S.S. Athletic Association

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Ayriell has always had an athletic side to go along with her easy-going personality. While she was a student at C.C. Maclean Public School, she competed in soccer, track, basketball, volleyball, flag football, baseball, and X-country. Ayriell has participated in many sports in her first year at MSS, demonstrating her determination. She has participated in basketball as the point guard; track, running sprints and the relay team; badminton in girls' doubles; and volleyball as the libero. Ayriell made it to NOSSA for track this year, competing with her relay team: Malia Leighton, Hailey McGillis- Prior, and Amber Wivchar. Ayriell also made it to NSSSA with her basketball team and her badminton partner Bailey Yaschuck. As Ayriell looks forward to her future experiences at MSS, she spends her time outside school practicing volleyball, basketball, and her running.

Ayriell is going to go to college and join a career in the medical field. Her favourite class in high school is art, and she enjoys her time at school learning with her friends. Sports take up a lot of time, but Ayriell enjoys them because she loves the feeling that she gets after a win. She loves watching her hard work pay off. Her favourite sport is volleyball because she enjoys the teamwork that has to come into play. Ayriell is inspired by her mom, who is strong and caring. She hopes that someday she can be the same woman as her mother.

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...Cancer Care Ontario aims to improve First Nations cancer care with Aboriginal Cancer Strategy

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for First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples. The first two strategies established six relationship protocols with aboriginal groups across Ontario; developed aboriginal cancer plans and hiring of aboriginal cancer leads and patient navigators; and gained new knowledge of cancer in aboriginal communities and the creation of programs to increase cancer awareness.

With the implementation of ACS III, CCO is committed to staying focused on building productive relationships, research and surveillance, prevention, screening, palliative and end-of-life care and education.

"We saw this trip as a terrific opportunity for our board to gain a better understanding of why partnerships are so important," Mr. Sherar said following a visit to the Wikwemikong Health Centre. "We want to make sure our health system works extremely well for all First Nations populations regardless of the circumstances, culture and values of those communities. Our understanding of these challenges is extremely important in terms of finding the best solutions. The only way to do that is by coming to the communities, not just sitting in Toronto. We have to partner, to understand and to listen so that together, we can develop a health system that does work for First Nations communities."

Mark Hartman is CCO regional vice-president, Northeast Regional Cancer Program (NERCP). The NERCP provides planning, care access and improvements in the Northeast Ontario region that spans from Wawa to Mattawa, from Parry Sound to the James Bay coast. The organization has developed a regional cancer plan that is specific to what's relevant and important in this region.

Mr. Hartman also felt it was beneficial for the CCO board to hear what is being done in the Northeast region in relation to First Nations cancer care. "It gave us the opportunity to hear about community challenges such as transportation and access to services and the need for culturally competent providers to help patients feel safe in receiving care."

CCO provides online training resources which were developed for care providers but are available to all (see elearning.cancercareontario.on.ca). There are 12 modules in the Aboriginal Relationships and Culturally Competent Training program that provide history and help providers understand issues faced by First Nations. Content also addresses the health-related elements mentioned in the Truth and Reconciliation report.

One focus for the Northeast region has been on improving cancer screening rates, in particular for colon, cervical and breast cancer screening. A lot of that is comprised of developing promotional materials for health centres and primary care providers to use to help them encourage participation.

Health Sciences North in Sudbury is one of three provincial hospitals participating in a pilot project in screening for lung cancer in high risk people using a low dose CT scan. CCO is working with health care providers and primary care Aboriginal health care access centres to really promote the screening project to people who might be in the high risk group.

Cancer rates in First Nations, Inuit and Metis populations are at similar or higher rates than the rest of Ontario. "What is more concerning," said Mr. Hartman, "is that for



LEGO Wampum belt designer Alexander Hebert was celebrated for his accomplishment of raising over \$10,000 for the Terry Fox Run.

photo by Lori Thompson

these rates are increasing. It may be because cancer is diagnosed more but other factors are social determinants of health and modifiable risk factors. Smoking rates in First Nations communities are significantly higher and this is associated with higher rates of certain cancers."

There are higher rates of lung cancer, colon cancer and head and neck cancers in Northeastern Ontario in general as compared to the rest of Ontario. These cancers are often associated with smoking.

Early detection is important, he noted. "Finding cancer early gives more options to people." Prevention is best, but screening programs are the next best solution.

"In other aspects of cancer care," explained Mr. Hartman, "navigation is often difficult for those seeking access to care." An Aboriginal navigator is in place to help. "If people go to Sudbury for treatment and consultation, they can contact the navigator who can make the process more comfortable, provide language and interpretation services to help patients better understand care and options and once the person returns to their home community, the navigator can help them access services that are available within their community."

First Nations persons looking for assistance to navigate the cancer system can self-refer by calling Health Sciences North's Supportive Care program at 705-522-6237 ext 2175 and asking for the Aboriginal navigator.

"People find it's a complex system made more complex with different providers, some within the community accessed through the NE LHIN and others access through their band's community service providers," Mr. Hartman continued. "It's often difficult not only for people who need the services but also for those who provide them. The navigator is able to connect all these."

"All of these things together help providers with understanding some of the challenges that their patients might face and hopefully enables them to provide better care," concluded Mr. Hartman.

M'Chigeeng First Nation Ogimaa Linda Debassige welcomed the board and guests to Manitoulin Island. She thanked Tony Jocko of the Union of Ontario Indians for organizing the learning event and former Grand Chief Madahbee, who "carries a lot of knowledge, wisdom and understands our people. It is an important step to attend here on Manitoulin Island to see our people and how they live here. It's different from the big smoke stacks in the city. We are from the land and go back to the land at the end of the day."

Ogimaa Debassige also spoke about the importance of water. "We need to use our knowledge to protect the water (for our health)," she said. "I am encouraged to hear that wide perspective you carry in your hearts. It doesn't matter what colour skin people wear. Cancer affects everyone."

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of Transportation; and Jeff Yurek, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry.

The downgrading of the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs was met with some disappointment by First Nations leaders, but the choice of minister received a more positive response.

"I am disappointed that there is no longer a Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation," said newly elected AFN Regional Chief of Ontario RoseAnne Archibald in a written statement released Friday. "However, I am heartened by the fact

that Greg Rickford will include the portfolio in his other responsibilities."

Minister Rickford was a federal Conservative MP for seven years, including a stint as the federal Minister of Natural Resources. A former nurse who worked in remote Northern communities, and a lawyer with an MBA from Université Laval, Chief Archibald said he was "by far the best choice to work with our peoples and has important knowledge gleaned from years of personal experience."

...Northeast Town councillor concerned with OPP staffing

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tained, but also added that Councillor Koehler's concerns were not singular among Island municipalities.

Manitoulin-Espanola Detachment Commander Staff Sergeant Kevin Webb, when contacted by The Expositor, said the OPP is not down seven officers. "We presently have a sergeant's position that is open, but we expect to have that filled shortly," he said.

Staff Sergeant Webb noted that one position became available two weeks ago, which is being filled with a transfer on July 16. There are two other positions that are open, one due to retire-

ment and another from transfer, and these will be filled by late fall.

"At present, there are only three positions where we don't have someone to fill the seat," the staff sergeant said.

"If resources are drawn from the detachment, for

whatever reason, service delivery is never compromised," Staff Sergeant Webb explained.

To cover for one of those positions, one of the Island's special officers has been reassigned to regular duty. Staff Sergeant Webb explained that there are

further resources from the Northeast Region coming to complement the marine patrol staff over five weeks this summer.

"The calculation (seven officers) is not accurate, and the shortages are short term voids," he adds.

... new Ontario regional chief congratulated

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We're getting more balance, and there are lots of new ideas at the table. "The final round of voting in the traditional stand-up election saw RoseAnne Archibald with 67 votes, incumbent Isadore Day with 36 votes and Ava Hill with 13 votes. "I'm looking forward to working with the Provincial Territorial Organizations and new leaders such as RoseAnne. We have our work cut out, but everyone is smiling and we need to

work together as one to get it done," says Grand Council Chief Hare. "I would also like to say miigwetch to Isadore Day for his commitment and leadership over the past few years." RoseAnne Archibald has over 25 years of experience in First Nations politics. Archibald has served as Chief of Taykwa Tagamou Nation, a Nishnawbe Aski Nation Deputy Grand Chief and Grand Chief of the Mushkegowuk Council.

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New ambulance deployments improve response times

by Michael Erskine

ESPANOLA—The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) instituted a new strategic deployment plan for paramedic services as part of their 2017 budget deliberations, and those changes have resulted in an improvement in ambulance response times. The DSB's non-urgent patient transfer program (where dedicated ambulance vehicles took over non-urgent transfers instead of operational EMS teams) played a central role in the plan, but the Northeast Local Integrated Health Network (LIHN) has indicated that while their own non-urgent transfer program will not be implemented before 2019, the DSB's pilot will continue in the interim.

"The efficacy of the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB pilot program for non-urgent patient transfers has continued to grow of the past year," said Chief of Paramedic Services Robert Smith, "with volume increases from 45 trips per month in the spring of 2017 to more than 160 trips each month in the same period of 2018."

The result of taking the non-urgent transfer load off of the paramedic services has been "a substantial deployment increase within service communities and improved capacity for emergency responses," said Mr. Smith. "In March of 2018 staff determined the non-urgent patient data supported a deployment change that reduced the extra ambulance on Manitoulin Island, making it a paramedic response unit (PRU). That ambulance



The newly redesigned ambulances have a new deployment scheme to go along with their new paint job that is shaving time off response.

was historically utilized for non-urgent patient diagnostic transfer and tertiary admissions."

The unit was initially kept in place as a safety precaution, but "in the two months following the deployment change, the PRU responded on five emergency calls and completed 25 standby calls. Additionally, the 2018 average response time to scene on Manitoulin Island with an eight-hour ambulance was 10 minutes and 48 seconds, while deployment without that ambulance revealed an average response time of 10 minutes and 20 seconds," said Mr. Smith. "This was a significant improvement. The deployment of the PRU resource in the La Cloche area was assessed and found to have responded to 17 emergency calls in the first four months of 2018. In seven instances, the PRU was not the first vehicle on the scene, meaning that ambulance resources remained avail-

able in the communities."

Other deployment changes that were approved in the 2018 budget included: Noelville moving from 20 hours on site and four hours on call seven days a week to 24 hours all site seven days a week; Massey EMS station moving from 20 hours on site and four hours on call to 24 hours all site and seven days a week; Killarney to 10 hours on site and 14 hours on call seven days a week to 12 hours all site and 12 hours on call seven days a week; Folyet moving from 10 hours on site and 14 hours on call seven days a week to 12 hours all site and 12 hours on call seven days a week; Gogama from 10 hours on site and 14 hours on call seven days a week to 12 hours all site and 12 hours on call seven days a week; in addition, to the elimination of the extra ambulance in Mindemoya.

...Billings Connections Trail Canada Day launch celebrated

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"not for lack of effort," and assured everyone that the remainder would be installed very soon. The plaque series can also be viewed on the dedicated Connections Trail kiosk located inside the museum.

Deputy Mayor Sharon Alkenbrack spoke on behalf of Billings council. "Success is the result of not perfection but hard work, commitment to the vision, working with individuals who have different ideas and working through the road blocks with a common purpose to make the vision a reality," she began.

"Today we stand here to celebrate that challenge and celebrate that vision. What an accomplishment! What an awesome partnership that was created," continued Ms. Alkenbrack. "This project was to acknowledge and honour the past and move into the future. I thank everyone for that opportunity. The strength of the team is each member. The strength of each member is the team."

"With that in mind, on behalf of mayor and council, I wish to extend our gratitude to the Canada 150 committee and those commitments made by the Billings Museum Board, specifically Diane Fraser and Sabine Nuege, Sophie Edwards and her team, Charlene Chambers and the Billings Recreation committee, council representative Barb Erskine, Billings council, and Todd Gordon, our EDO, Kathy McDonald, our CAO, the government funding agencies for their support and the 4E board."

"Thank you for the hours of commitment and the hours of thoughts and vision. Our community's gratitude goes out to you," she concluded.

Richard Lathwell spoke on behalf of partner 4elements and offered a prayer from Josh Eshkawkogan, who was integral to the project, providing historical and cultural information and assisting with translation, but who was unable to attend the launch. He closed the prayer with the hope that the "trails and art will help us with our reconciliation."

Mr. Lathwell acknowledged the hard work and struggles of the many people who came together and "whose combined efforts brought us here."

Billings Museum and Heritage Committee representative Diane Fraser recognized the "many hours researching, meeting and checking out trails. It certainly took a team working together." She encouraged people to take time to enjoy "this wonderful trail."

Council representative Barb Erskine echoed the theme of partnership and collaboration. She thanked the Billings Recreation Committee for doing an excellent job and singled out Charlene Chambers for her hard work and dedication. Ms. Erskine also spoke to the intangible successes of a project like this. "All of our committees came together," she said. "They met all challenges and remained committed throughout the process." Even more daunting, she noted, was that the committees faced each other at the very end to review the process.

Mr. Gordon noted that this trail project couldn't have occurred without significant funding from both the federal and provincial governments. "Neither MP Carol Hughes nor MPP Michael Mantha are able to attend today," he said, introducing Mike Free to read words from Ms. Hughes and Linda Willson to read a letter from Mr. Mantha.

"Your vision is providing an engaging way for people of all ages to interact with the culture and heritage of the township of Billings and Manitoulin Island for years to come," wrote Ms. Hughes.

"Our Canadian heritage is rooted in our history and

our art is a reflection of that. This installation pays special attention to the Truth and Reconciliation committee's suggestion that artwork can be used as a tool to imagine new relationships and amend our understanding of history, by challenging the victor's narrative and creating one that is inclusive of every Canadian's story."

"Reconciliation is a long process that requires us to explore the darker parts of our history as we develop a stake in a unified future. Public artwork and heritage plaques are a step towards a path of reconciliation."

Ms. Hughes acknowledged project organizers and volunteers as well as the artists who contributed. "Congratulations on realizing such an impressive community project," she wrote.

Mr. Mantha offered similar congratulatory words. "I cannot possibly think of a more appropriate day to celebrate this launch of the Billings Connections Trail," he wrote. "What better way to showcase the beauty, diversity and rich heritage of our nation. The launch of the Billings Connections Trail represents the culmination of a magnificent Canada and Ontario 150 Celebration project. It is the result of extensive planning and hard work by the many individuals from the 4elements Living Arts, the Old Mill Heritage Centre, the Township of Billings, The Billings Recreation Committee and others, all of whom collaborated to make this project become a reality."

"The Billings Connections Trail is truly an outstanding venue for visitors and residents alike to learn and better understand the history and proud heritage of this region and its people. This understanding will be shared with visitors by showing an interrelationship of the environment, local history and art. It barely seems just a year ago that we assembled to announce the joint funding for this initiative. Here today we see the final result of the trail project," wrote Mr. Mantha.

Ms. Willson and Mr. Free presented certificates to Mayor Aus Hunt for the township, Diane Fraser for the Old Mill Museum and Heritage Centre, Charlene Chambers for the recreation committee and Richard Lathwell for 4elements.

Guests were treated to cake and cold refreshments following the presentations.

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...Snowdusters Snowmobile Club has new prez

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“One of the good things is that with Rick and Doran here, you can always phone them up and they will answer your questions. If they were to just leave, it would be a lot more difficult (for the new president and executive).”

The Sudbury Trail Plan District (STP) wants the Snowdusters to remain as a viable club, said Mr. Bleskie. “We want to see the club here, in the district and in the province, but we can’t take it over. We can’t run the club. We can support the president and the board and we’re only a phone call away.”

He opened the floor to nominations for president. While no one wanted to see the club fold, only Wayne Williamson felt able to commit to the role and was acclaimed.

“The president’s role is more to lead the club and bring direction back to the club from the district,” Mr. Bleskie explained. “The district has meetings once per month in Lively. Every club has a member on the board and that’s the president. The district makes decisions about what’s going to happen over the season, over the next month and the next year. The district decides how its money is spent. The president brings that back to your club and you decide what you’re going to do at the club level.”

The club president does have to complete an annual operating report for the district; however, “with the exception of the treasurer’s report, it only takes about one-half hour to complete,” added Mr. Bleskie.

The district recognizes volunteers can get burned out and is looking at ways to alleviate that. Murray Baker, president of the STP, explained, “The district meets monthly from September through May. This district is geographically very large. We have to come up with another method of meeting. We’re all volunteers. We as a board are going to decide how we’re going to do that, maybe teleconference half the time instead of driving two hours there and two hours home again. We have to



From left, Michael Skippen, grooming coordinator, Wayne Williamson, president, Doran McVey, West End trail coordinator, Rick Bond, vice president, Ron Noland, signage coordinator, Kathy MacDonald, secretary/treasurer and Dave Mack, trail patrol coordinator. Missing from photo are Mark Anderson, East End trail coordinator, and Brian Moser, land use coordinator.

photo by Lori Thompson

adapt to that.”

Mr. Bleskie concurred. “The club meetings are more important,” he said. “That’s where you do all the work. That’s where things happen. That’s where you have to get people involved, to have some way of organizing the work. You have to spread out the work load.”

“The number of hours worked by volunteers varies from club to club,” said Mr. Bleskie. “It depends on how many people are helping, depends on how much support you have from your members. That’s the most important part of being president – getting people out.”

Several coordinator positions were discussed and filled at the meeting also. First up was signage. “The president is responsible for the signage,” he said, “but you can have a signage coordinator who has people working under him.” The signage coordinator would determine where signs were needed and organize work crews to install and maintain signage. Ron Noland volunteered to act as signage coordinator.

The district supplies all necessary signage and posts but the club must install the signs. It was noted that signage on Manitoulin trails was a mix of signs including a number of obsolete ones. Mr. Bleskie responded by offering to attend a sign meeting in the fall. “I’ll come out and bring an overhead pro-

jector,” he said. “I’ll show you what signs you need and how to install them.”

Brian Moser is the land use coordinator. Michael Skippen will be the groomer coordinator. The trail coordinator position was split into east and west trails, with Mark Anderson taking the east and Doran McVey acting as west trails coordinator. Dave Mack agreed to act as trail patrol coordinator.

“The trail patrol coordinator role is not as difficult as it used to be,” said Mr. Bleskie. “We no longer hand out trespassing tickets.” It’s more of an ambassador role these days. “The trail patrol coordinator recruits members on the trails, helps people in need of assistance and looks for problems. If there are problems on the trails you need someone organizing the work to make sure every trail gets done.”

The Volunteer in Action (VIA) coordinator position remains open. The VIA would recruit volunteers and get nominations for awards at the end of the year. There is an informal annual VIA meeting where coordinators discuss how to attract and retain volunteers.

Mr. Bleskie offered to write and send job descriptions for the various coordinator and executive roles to the club.

Mr. Baker offered congratulations “for all the people who stood up. It’s

good to see new faces. This is a community-based organization. We as a district are here to assist but we won’t come unless we’re invited. We help coordinate but it’s up to the community, to the volunteers who want to ride. That’s what it’s all about.”

“Manitoulin has over 400 km of trails. It’s a big club, geographically. That’s scary to take on and I admire you for taking it on. Make sure you spread out the work. Give people ownership of their area,” advised Mr. Baker. “I’m really excited about what I saw here tonight.”

Before adjourning, a moment of silence was held in honour of long time, dedicated club member Brad Middleton, who passed away in May, 2018.

For more information on the Manitoulin Snowdusters, search for ‘The Manitoulin Snowdusters’ on Facebook. If you enjoy riding the trails, consider getting involved. It’s a worthwhile community-building activity, and keeps your trails groomed and safe.

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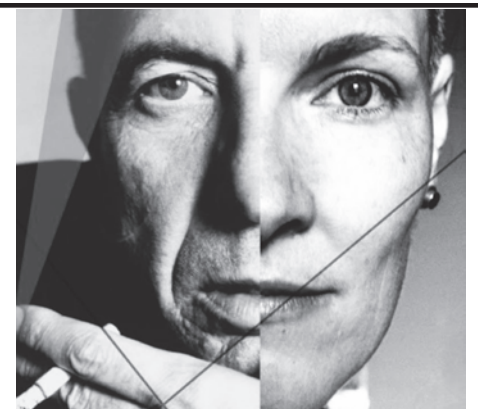
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Wikwemikong High students showcase art based on Truth and Reconciliation calls to action

by Giselle Aibens
WIKWEMKOONG—On Wednesday, June 20 Wikwemikong High School hosted an open house in which student projects, aimed at addressing a number of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's (TRC) 94 calls to action, were exhibited. The projects highlighted the students' understanding about truth and reconciliation and addressed those calls to action that related to the loss of language and culture; missing children and burial information; and health.

Teachers Theresa Hoy, Valerie O'Leary and Samantha Cooper were the teachers spearheading the project, which they began planning collaboratively over a year ago. The exhibit was a collective project of their three classes: Native language, Native arts, and history.

Addressing call to action number 74, in which the TRC calls "upon the federal government to work with the churches and Aboriginal community leaders to inform the families of children who died at residential schools of the child's burial location, and to respond to families' wishes for appropriate commemoration ceremonies and

markers and reburial in home communities where requested," Ian Dokum created a monument and memorial garden for the children who never made it home, incorporating elements of the medicine wheel. He encouraged exhibit visitors to take a flower "in memory of the many children that attended residential schools and have passed during their time at residential schools." In doing so, they can take the flower home and plant it as a ceremony of commemoration to one of the missing children.

Darlene Mandamin, addressing call to action number 14, created beautifully adorned mason jars which contained words in Anishinaabemowin as a symbol of how the "preservation, revitalization, and strengthening of Aboriginal languages and cultures are best managed by Aboriginal people and communities." The jars, which can be purchased by contacting Ms. Mandamin through the high school, are being sold as a fundraising initiative to fund language preservation.

The many exhibits were incredibly well thought out, creative, and impactful. Exhibits included mixed media



Jacy Kaboni, Patrick Beaudry and Jaden Manitowabi stand by their exhibit illustrating their understanding of call to action number 24 which calls for all medical students to be required to take classes that relate to aboriginal health.

photos by Giselle Aibens



Teachers Samantha Cooper, Valerie O'Leary and Theresa Hoy were responsible for bringing their classes together to create the student exhibit addressing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's calls to action.



Ian Dokum beside his monument and memorial garden for the children who never made it home.



The teachers and students that created the Truth and Reconciliation Commission calls to action exhibit held an open house to showcase their projects.

presentations; drawings; poetry; videos; traditional arts such as beadwork, leatherwork and paintings; sharing of traditional knowledge; as well as many resources relative to residential schools and the TRC itself.

Exhibit goers were moved by the work that went into the exhibit

and expressed how, seeing the effects of residential schools through the work of the students, impacted them in a way they hadn't felt before.

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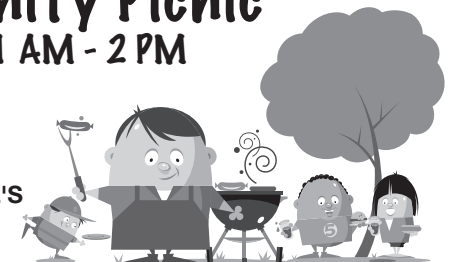
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...Archery program promoted for Manitoulin schools

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no knowledge of archery to being able to hit the target, and well.

"The teachers really liked it," Mr. Debassige adds.

The kids loved it too. "It was almost unanimous through the surveys (that followed the instruction) that the kids would love to see it in their schools," he continues.

Mr. Debassige explains that every school in the NASP program uses the exact same equipment, a genesis bow—a compound bow with a universal draw length with a maximum draw weight of 20 pounds.

"It doesn't matter how short or tall a student is, they can still shoot accurately," he adds. "It's not based on strength; a little



Central Manitoulin Public School students try their hand at the bow. photos by Neil Debassige

girl in Grade 4 can shoot just as well as 6 foot tall boy in Grade 8."

A school set runs about \$5,500 and Mr. Debassige hopes there is some community interest in helping the schools to raise the funds. All NASP school archery equipment is the

same, meaning that schools can compete virtually against other schools by uploading their scores.

"It's also incredibly safe to use. There's a statistic they (NASP) likes to use that more students are injured playing ping pong than by doing archery."



Charles C. McLean students learn the sport of archery on their last week of school.

The NASP coaching program also teaches that all commands are governed by

whistles and by using affirming statements. Coaches will always begin

by saying something positive followed by another positive statement on how to improve their shot.

"It's a great program," Mr. Debassige reiterates, noting that it helps students with muscle memory, concentration, focus, patience and much more.

Mr. Debassige urges those who might be interested in having the NASP program in their Island school to reach out to the principal or they can contact him directly at neildebassige@hotmail.com.

...Weengushk hosting Island film festival

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deck Omni Kaning Chief Patsy Corbiere and an opening prayer by elder Sally Recollet and an honour song performed by Vern and Karen Cheechoo.

The Friday keynote address will be provided by M'Chigeeng Chief Linda Debassige and WFI board chair Scott Henderson will be delivering a speech before a screening of the Taylor Sheridan film 'Wind River.' The film will be followed by a 15-minute question and answer session before things kick into celebratory gear with a wine and cheese reception (wine sold and cheese served) as comedienne Lisa Wesley performs.

Also performing during the evening will be Matthew Manitowabi and Vern Cheechoo, followed by music courtesy of DJ Blake (Debassige).

Saturday will see events take place at two venues. In AOK, the day will start off at 10 am with a screening of five short films created by WFI students, each 10-minute film followed up with a short Q and A session with the students, followed by a break and then another five WFI student shorts.

The afternoon session on Saturday will start at 1 pm with a screening of 'The Road Forward' by Maria Clements and then an acting workshop with Jennifer Podemski.

At 4 pm Shirley Cheechoo's feature film 'Moose River Crossing' will be screened, followed by a question and answer session with Ms. Cheechoo herself.

Saturday will be topped off with a screening of 'Rumble: Indians That Rocked the World,' a film by Catherine Bainbridge and Alfonso Maiorana at 7:30 pm, again fol-

lowed by a question and answer session.

At the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation (OCF) a screening of the Nathaniel Arcand film 'Sister, Daughter' will take place, followed by a question and answer session. At 10:40 am Alex C. Munoz's 'Strength of Siblings' will take to the screen, followed by screenings of Christopher Auchter's 'Mountain Sgaana,' Crystal Shawanda's 'Pray, Sister, Pray' and 'Birth of a Family' by Tasha Hubbard and Betty Ann Adam. Neil Debassige's Outdoor Series will be explored at around 2:30 pm before a 4 pm workshop on 'Culture' provided by the OCF.

The red carpet will start at 2 pm, presenting the filmmakers, actors and entertainers attending the film festival before the opening remarks by Vern Cheechoo, who will again perform as master of ceremonies.

Suzanne Shawbonquit will introduce the Stephen Campanelli film 'Indian Horse' and at 4 pm former Ontario Regional Chief Isadore Day will deliver the keynote address.

Then its time to tuck into dinner, catered by Hiawatha's.

A comedy set by Patrick Cheechoo will precede remarks by WFI President Gervan Fearon and Shirley Cheechoo, followed by awards.

The evening gala will be capped off with closing remarks by Nathaniel Arcand and then performances by award winning Plex and Crystal Shawanda. DJ Blake (Debassige) will finish out the evening's entertainment.

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Canada Mortgage briefs Services Board on \$15.9B national housing strategy

by Michael Erskine

ESPANOLA—Members of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) received a “high level” briefing on the new federal National Housing Strategy from Canada Mortgage and Housing’s (CMHC) affordable housing consultant—Northern Ontario’s Jeffery C. Kolibash.

Mr. Kolibash noted that the new housing strategy marks a return of the federal government to affordable housing construction co-investment. The new program earmarks \$15.9 billion for the National Housing Co-investment Fund.

“There are two streams (to the national housing strategy),” he noted, “new construction and repair and renewal.”

But what sets this new strategy apart is the \$500 million allocated to new construction projects this year, the same next year and doubles to \$1 billion each year thereafter. “This is a 10-year strategy,” he pointed out. “The biggest part of this money is that the federal government is back in the housing game for the first time since 2012.”

The focus of the national housing strategy is on vulnerable populations. “I know that all of your communities have those populations,” said Mr. Kolibash. (The DSB is made up of representatives from Manitoulin and several Northeastern Ontario communities stretching from Chapleau and Foley to the region around Sudbury to Cochrane.)

The CMHC representative committed to working with communities to assist in meeting the necessary program benchmarks. “If your community can’t work with it, we will work with you to try and get something done.”

The program sets a minimum of five units of which 20 percent must be accessible (or universally designed), have 25 percent or better energy efficiency and come with a 20-year commitment to affordability. The program makes allowances for certain projects to have a greater number of units/beds to ensure financial viability. There may also be a non-residential component to projects, but that is not to exceed 30 percent of total gross floor space or total value/cost.

The program encompasses standard rental buildings, shelters, transitional and supportive housing and seniors housing. Eligible applicants can include the community housing sector (such as non-profit or rental cooperatives), municipal, provincial and territorial governments, Indigenous governments and organizations (including First Nations bands and tribal councils), as well as private entrepreneurs or developers.

Applicants must have at least five years’ experience operating a housing property of similar type and size (but a formal property management contract with a third party can fit the bill). Applicants must show at least a break-even cash flow over the past five years with an excellent credit and repayment history.

The applicant must have construction management experience wherein they have successfully completed a similar project on time and within budget, unless they enter into a fixed price contract with a general contractor who has experience building projects of similar size, cost, building form and construction type in the same market area and have a demonstrated ability to withstand unexpected increases in construction costs. For newly formed

groups, alternative covenants and mitigation may be considered.

The mandatory minimum requirements include that proponents must demonstrate financial and operational ability to carry out the project and to provide evidence of the financial viability of the project and capacity to deal with cost overruns and delays.

Rents for at least 30 percent of the units must be less than 80 percent of the median (half above and half below) market rent and maintained for at least 20 years.

New construction projects must hit at least a \$1,000,000 (loan or contribution) level, whereas repairs must be \$250,000. The maximum loans for co-ops, non-profits or Indigenous groups will be up to 95 percent of eligible costs (that being the residential component), while provincial or territorial and municipal governments and the private sector threshold is up to 75 percent.

The interest rate on the 20-year loan will be a fixed rate below market, but amortization on new construction will be up to 50 years (repairs will go as long as 40 years).

Through all of this, the CMHC consultant has committed to work with applicants and, considering the challenges of the North, Mr. Kolibash noted that there is considerable flexibility in the thresholds regarding project size and other parameters.

The consultant added that there is an online viability assessment tool available for proponents to discover how much chance their projects have of meeting the points criteria for acceptance. “You just plug in the numbers and the tool self-populates.”

Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin asked if a property donation would meet the contribution requirements, noting that his community might have property that would be earmarked for the construction of housing, to which Mr. Kolibash replied that “no, that is equity, but we might take a look at it if that is what it will take to move

the project forward.”

In all aspects of the National Housing Strategy the consultant emphasized that the program managers would strive by working with proponents to ensure that projects that meet the goals of providing affordable housing to vulnerable populations have every chance of success.

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tion clause that was to provide for increases in the annuity. When the treaties were signed in 1850 by the bands and Commissioner William Benjamin Robinson for the government, the average Indigenous person living in one of the Lake Superior or Lake Huron bands should have received an annuity payment of about \$1.60. The annuity increased to \$4 over time, but has remained at \$4 since the 1880s. The position of the Ontario and federal governments is that once the annuities reached \$4 per person, the ability for the treaty to ensure the Anishinabek received a “fair and equitable share of the proceeds of the land” was wholly exhausted. The First Nations have disagreed ever since, but both provincial and federal governments have turned a deaf ear to arguments to the contrary.

“They are finished Phase 1 of the case,” said Wiikwemkoong Ojima Duke Peltier, “now we are just waiting on the judge to render her decision.” If a resolution cannot be found, then the case will move to Phase II.

“The next phase deals with technical issues,” said Anishinabek Nation director Mike Restoule. “Things like the doctrine of laches (whether the plaintiffs waited too long to bring their grievances forward) and the statute of limitations (which could limit the amount of financial liability faced by the governments).”

“We have evidence from as far back as 1851 showing that the chiefs have been trying to press their case,” said Mr. Restoule. “Our lawyer maintains that the statute of limitations does not apply to treaties.”

The Crown maintains that the case has been dealt with before when in the 1890s an argument between the federal and Ontario government was heard as to who had the responsibility to pay. The First Nations were not party to that discussion.

When asked if he was optimistic about the outcome, Wiikwemkoong Ojima Duke Peltier replied “always!”

“We are pretty positive,” agreed Mr. Restoule.

Should Justice Hennessy determine that the government does have a responsibility to have increased the annuity beyond the \$4 a year the government claimed had exhausted the value of the land, and the government fails to settle, then the case will continue on to Phase II.

The judge’s decision is expected sometime in December of this year, with Phase II, should it prove necessary, beginning sometime around March of 2019.

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Bonnie Kogos interviews Jennifer Farquhar on her debut novel, 'Watermark'

by Expositor staff
LITTLE CURRENT—A large crowd gathered in front of The Expositor Office on an overheated Canada Day to congratulate Island author Jennifer Farquhar on the publication of her first novel,

er Bonnie Kogos, Manitoulin Island's biggest booster and Sudbury Star 'Window Seat' columnist. Ms. Kogos is the author of two published novels, with a third in progress.

Ms. Farquhar now lives in Kitchener where she is

are some distinct differences between her own experiences and those of her main protagonist. She told Ms. Kogos and the group that, unlike her principal character, she didn't suffer from a dysfunctional family. In fact, she said, her

father had led her to understand that if there was something that needed to be done, you just did it. She remembered him writing plays for church youth groups, building and mounting sets for plays at church, annually building new bulletin boards for her mother's classrooms at Little Current Public School and even writing and performing fun songs for the Lions Club's TV bingo project.

Ms. Kogos asked Ms. Farquhar about her interest in writing and when did it develop. She explained that, for as long as she can remember, she had written

poems and short stories.

She recalled winning a Manitoulin Expositor short story contest and commented on the symmetry of being part of the launch of her first published book in front of the newspaper office at an event organized for her by The Expositor. But there were more aspects to this particular arc of writing and publication: on her fortieth birthday, four years ago on another July 1, she set out to write this book. Her thinking then had been, she explained, that she was now 40 and that if she was going to start writing seriously, she had better get

going and so, with her husband taking charge of their children that day (two at that time, and, since then, another child has been added to the family) she explained that she sat herself down, wrote 'Chapter One' at the top of a blank page and carried on until she had written 1,000 words. That was the beginning of *Watermark*: a birthday gift to herself.

The author told Ms. Kogos that, after that, it became a matter of self-discipline to write at least five days every week and to produce that thousand words

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Jennifer Farquhar, left, formerly of Little Current, is publicly interviewed by columnist and author Bonnie Kogos on the launch of her debut novel 'Watermark' in front of the Expositor Office in downtown Little Current, part of the community's Canada Day summer fair. About 65 people attended the event.

photo by Michael Erskine

Watermark.

Ms. Farquhar, who coincidentally was also celebrating her birthday that day ('Happy Birthday' was spontaneously sung in her honour) faced her group of friends and well-wishers as she comfortably and with good humour answered questions about her literary life posed by interview-

an elementary school French teacher but, she told Ms. Kogos and the enthusiastic crowd, a great deal of her world view stems from growing up in Little Current and on the Island in the 1970s.

While the fictional island where most of her *Watermark* is set is modelled on Manitoulin Island, there

family was eternally supportive. Ms. Farquhar's father, Mike Farquhar, quipped that, "I'm not that alcoholic father in the book!"

In fact, in response to a question from Ms. Kogos about influences in her life, the author explained that her mentors had been her family. She noted that

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La Cloche Art Show packed with fine art

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 WHITEFISH FALLS—The 41st Annual Juried La Cloche Art Show opening reception and awards ceremony was held at the Whitefish Falls Community Centre on June 29 kicking off what La Cloche Artist Emeritus Ivan Wheale characterized as “the best show we have ever had.”

“I am really grateful to see so many people take an interest in this show,” said Featured Artist Peter Bering, “because there were so many volunteers who helped out. I couldn’t



Best of Show Award winner Ruth Wallace poses with her work ‘As the Willow Creek Bends.’

photos by Michael Erskine



Artist Emeritus Ivan Wheale presents the award bearing his name to Elizabeth Peekstok.

some good pictures that had to be rejected. I want people to realize that just because you were rejected, don’t give up.”

For his part, Mr. Bering has 25 of his works on display during the show and attendees can purchase tickets on his ‘Gulls Feeding.’

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La Cloche Art Show featured artist Peter Bering cuts the ribbon to open this year’s exhibition with art show chair Carmela Ciccarelli.

have done it (judging) without such good help.”

Mr. Bering pointed out that there were 233 works submitted for the show,

with only 160-odd spaces available on the wall. “We had to choose those that would be rejected,” he said, “and believe me, there were

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 - 4:00 p.m. Heart and Stroke Big Bike Ride
 - 7:30 p.m. Gore Bay Theatre
 - 8 p.m. - 1 am Beer Gardens. At the tent on the waterfront. All proceeds to Royal Canadian Legion. Live Music, FREE Admission.
- SATURDAY, JULY 28**
- 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. GORE BAY ROTARY CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Hydro One Electricity Discovery Centre
 - 11 a.m. Summer Water Sports Travelling Ski Show and Flyboarding
 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Face Painting by Chantal
 - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. “It’s Not a Party Without Us” inflatables
 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Western Manitoulin Lions Club Beef on a Bun and Beverages
 - 12 NOON Kite Flying
 - 12 NOON 7th Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta
 - 12:30 p.m. River Tube / inflatable Dinghy Races
- SUNDAY, JULY 29**
- 12 NOON to 7 p.m. Beer Gardens
 - 12 NOON to 5 p.m. Washer Toss Tournament
 - 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Gore Bay & Gordon/Barrie Island Fire Department
 - 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Swimming Pool Fishing
 - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Classic Car Show
 - 2 p.m. Summer Water Sports Travelling Ski Show and Flyboarding
 - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Western Manitoulin Lions Club Hot Dogs and Beverages
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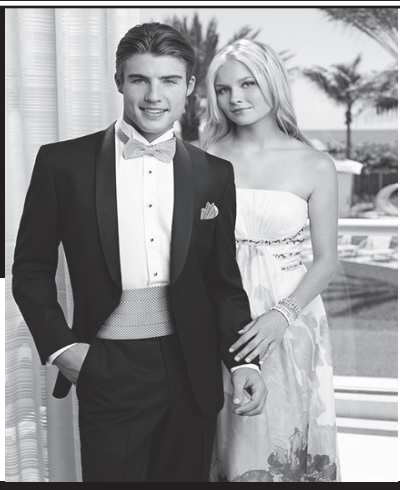
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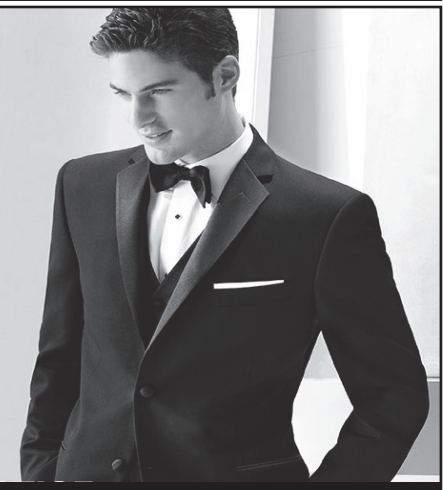
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7-8p

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7-14p

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4-28p

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5-7p

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5-7c

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5-8p

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6-7c

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6-11p

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7-10p

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7-8p


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7-9p

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7-8p

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July 13 - 16

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Smart Serve Required

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Attention: Manager



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- Book hotel rooms for drivers

Qualifications:

- Computer literate
- Great communication skills
- Knowledgeable in geography and mathematics
- Knowledge of hours of work and length and weight regulations
- Must be organized and have good time management skills
- Knowledge and experience in Dispatch is an asset
- Comfortable working rotating shifts, including evenings and weekends

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- Must have an excellent understanding of our service area and schedules
- Excellent communication skills
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- Being Bilingual would be an asset

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**Employment Opportunity
 Nadmadwin Mental Health
 COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE**

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is seeking a qualified and motivated individual for the position of Mental Wellness Support Worker.

Summary

With the functional support, guidance and supervision provided by the Community Health Service Manager, the Community Health Nurse carries out a Community Health service as outlined by the Community Health Program Policies and Procedures.

Responsibilities - For A Complete Job Description Please Contact Melissa Roy

Service Responsibilities

- Planning and delivering a Community Health Program, taking into account the physical, social, spiritual, mental and environmental factors which influence each individual, family and community; **Community Health Program**
 - Preconception Health Services (for Schools in community only):
 - Establishing liaison and understanding the program with teachers/identified service staff and consulting with the Nurse Practitioner when necessary;
 - Maternal and Newborn Health Services
 - Delivering an immunization program to ensure all newborns and infants are immunized as required where applicable;
 - Infant and Pre-School Health Services
 - Participating in Pre-school health screening clinics, using approved Developmental Screening Tools
 - School Health Services (for Schools in community only)
 - Establishing liaison and conducting an annual teacher/staff in-service for communicable and infectious disease management and control;
 - Community Health Services
 - Providing screening clinics for chronic diseases and prioritized health education and promotion sessions to individuals, community groups.

Other Responsibilities

- Reporting to the Community Health Service Manager on all matters pertaining to the Community Health programs;

Qualifications

- A four-year BScN degree is required; or minimum three-year nursing diploma will be accepted.
- Must take Immunization Certification Online Course upon hiring and attend mandatory training sessions. Upon completion CHN will be required to write the immunization exam and will be subject to a series of practical exams for immunization.
- Two (2) years' experience in advanced nursing assessment skills with special emphasis on immunization, communicable disease, prenatal and community health care;
- Two (2) years' experience working in a First Nation community or equivalent organization.

Salary is in accordance to WUIR Salary Grid. All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two (2) names of immediate supervisors with contact information marked **CONFIDENTIAL** to:

Community Health Nurse
 Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant
 NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
 P.O. Box 101, 16A - Complex Drive
 Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
 Telephone: 705.859.3164
 Fax: 705.859.3300
 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: July 10th, 2018 @ 2:00pm

**Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate:
 CPIC/VSS, Driver's License & Abstract.
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**Employment Opportunity
 Nadmadwin Mental Health
 COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE MANAGER**

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is seeking a qualified and motivated individual for the position of Community Health Nurse Manager.

Summary

Under direction of the Health Services Director, the Community Health Nurse Manager is responsible for the management of Community Health services. Key activities include planning, organizing, implementing, marketing, and evaluating Health services.

Responsibilities - For A Complete Job Description Please Contact Melissa Roy

The Community Health Nurse Manager develops, implements, evaluates and updates Nursing policies and coordinates the human and material resources associated with Wikwemikong Health Centre's Community Health program. In collaboration with First Nation communities and multidisciplinary teams, the Community Health Nurse Manager is responsible for facilitating Aboriginal Health initiatives at the area level; implementing accessible, culturally relevant, and integrated Community Health services; and monitoring and evaluating program effectiveness. The Community Health Nurse Manager assists the Health Services Director to organize quality planning and quality control processes for effective delivery of Community Health services. In collaboration with First Nation communities and multidisciplinary teams, the Community Health Nurse Manager is responsible for developing integrated, coordinated service delivery systems; monitoring and evaluating Community Health service effectiveness; and implementing necessary changes to enable achievement of goals and objectives.

Responsibilities - For A Complete Job Description Please Contact Melissa Roy

- Facilitating effective service planning processes at First Nations, district, and area levels and promoting strategies which will support achievement of defined goals and objectives;
- Providing advisory and consultative services related to Community Health planning and options for community based models of delivery; interpreting professional regulations, program standards, and Agency policies; recommending goals, objectives, and program activities for culturally relevant programs that include Nursing as a primary component; and other matters upon request;
- Providing collaborative nursing management services to: implement Wikwemikong's Nursing policies and procedures and the transfer of Community Health and Mandatory Health programs from government control; implementing guidelines for the operation and administration of Community and Mandatory Health programs in district offices and Anishinabek Health Clinics (including staff resources, equipment, medicines, medical supplies, databases, and program materials);

Qualifications

- Four-year BScN Degree is required.
- Five (5) years nursing experience, preferably in community health or primary care setting;
- Three (3) years nursing supervision preferably with rural service experience.
- Comprehensive clinical and administrative knowledge base, preferably specialized in community health and mental health nursing;
- Sound knowledge of primary health care systems and resource technologies;

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NOOJMOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

DIETITIAN

(1 year contract for maternity leave)

Noojmwon Teg Health Centre is seeking a Registered Dietitian (RD) to work to promote better health through improved nutrition and healthy lifestyle practices within a community based working environment. The RD must have advanced knowledge of food and human nutrition, and function in accordance with the scope of practice guidelines of a Registered Dietitian as defined by the College of Dietitians of Ontario and the Professional Standards for Dietitians in Canada.

Noojmwon Teg Health Centre is a community-based primary health care organization committed to a holistic and comprehensive care through both traditional and western healing methods with a team consisting of: Physician Services, Nurse Practitioners, Dietitians, Psychologists, Traditional Coordinator/Healers, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder Services, and Child Nutritionist, working in collaboration with health service providers of the seven (7) First Nations and Off-Reserve in the District of Manitoulin Island. The Dietitian will work under the direction of the Executive Director.

Come and be a part of a dynamic team! View our web-site for more information about our services and our location.

Qualifications:

- University degree in dietetics or nutritionist from a recognized University
- Completion of a Dietitians of Canada accredited dietetic internship or Master's degree with demonstrated competencies
- Eligibility for a membership in the College of Dietitians of Ontario and Dietitians of Canada
- Knowledge of First Nations culture, history and holistic health needs
- Knowledge of the Ojibway culture and language a definite asset

Pre-requisites:

- Letter of application and resume
- Three (3) current reference letters
- Current Criminal Reference Check
- Proof of Registration

Deadline Date: July 20, 2018

Website: www.noojmowin-teg.ca

Send Confidential to: Human Resources, Executive Director
Noojmwon Teg Health Centre
Hwy 540, Postal Bag 2002
48 Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0
Telephone: (705) 368-2182
Fax: (705) 368-2229
Email: p.williamson@noojmowin-teg.ca

We thank you for your interest and applications, only those under consideration will be contacted.



NOOJMOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – ESPANOLA

MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS COUNSELLOR

(Full-Time Two Year Contract)

Noojmwon Teg Health Centre is seeking full-time services of a Mental Health & Addictions Counsellor for our outreach program in Espanola. The successful candidate will possess a thorough theoretical knowledge of cultural management of Mental Health & Addictions.

As the successful candidate, you will work closely with internal and external health and social service and justice providers within Manitoulin District and surrounding area. You will be a member of Noojmwon Teg's multi-disciplinary team and will contribute toward strengthening the circle of care for each client. To successfully meet the program goals, you will require extensive related experience, and a strong collaborative and problem solving background and knowledge of Mental Health & Addiction.

The Mental Health & Addictions Counsellor will be central in ensuring high quality culturally appropriate, client-centred and holistic care is provided, and will work alongside others to achieve this. Working closely with the Program Manager and other key stakeholders in the provision of care to, family and community, you will reflect the Mission, Values and Guiding Principles of Noojmwon Teg Health Centre. This role requires a great deal of creative thinking in terms of program development, implementation and evaluation and strong advocacy skills.

Salary and benefits are competitive. The contract may be extended based on satisfactory performance and funding availability. Check out the web-site for more information on the organization and communities we serve at: www.noojmowin-teg.ca.

Duties:

- Professional counseling and cultural and emotional support for those dealing with Mental Health and Addictions.
- Engage in culturally appropriate health promotion and prevention strategies and activities

Qualifications:

- Post-secondary counselling degree or diploma, essential
- Three to five years counselling experience in the Mental Health & Addictions field
- Current registered social worker, or eligible to apply
- Anishnawbemowin language, strongly preferred
- Strong background or knowledge of Anishinabek traditional teachings and ceremonies, preferred
- Excellent interpersonal and written communication skills
- Experience with data collection and e-charting, preferred
- Demonstrated ability to be a team player and work in collaboration within a shared care health model
- Ability to travel including clear driver's abstract and a reliable vehicle
- Clear vulnerable sector criminal record check

Submission Pre-Requisites:

- Letter of application and resume
- Three current work relevant references
- Current Criminal Records Check (CPI)

Application Deadline: July 13, 2018

Send to:

Human Resources
Noojmwon Teg Health Centre
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Postal Bag 2002, Hwy. 540
Little Current, ON POP 1K0

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NOOJMOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY –

Aging at Home Van Support Driver

(Casual/Part-Time)

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

Qualifications:

- Ability to travel
- Ability to work flexible hours from Monday to Friday.
- Familiarity with local health and social services within the Manitoulin Island District.
- Must possess CPR/First Aid Certificate.
- Must possess a valid class G Driver's License and driver's abstract.
- Criminal Record Check is essential.
- Anishnabemowin, as well as knowledge of Anishnabe culture and traditions is an asset.

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

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NOOJMOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – ESPANOLA

Cultural Support Worker

(Full-Time Position - 2 year contract, potentially ongoing with additional funding)

Noojmwon Teg Health Centre is seeking full-time services of a Cultural Support Worker for our outreach program in Espanola. The successful candidate will possess a thorough theoretical knowledge of cultural management of sexual assault and domestic violence victims/survivors, their families and communities.

As the successful candidate, you will work closely with internal and external health and social service and justice providers within Manitoulin District and surrounding area. You will be a member of Noojmwon Teg's multi-disciplinary team and will contribute toward strengthening the circle of care for each client. To successfully meet the program goals, you will require extensive related experience, and a strong collaborative and problem solving background and knowledge of historic and current socio-political and health issues faced by Indigenous peoples.

The Cultural Support Worker will be central in ensuring that victims/survivors receive high quality culturally appropriate, client-centered and holistic care and will work alongside others to achieve this. Working closely with the Program Manager and other key stakeholders in the provision of care to the victim/survivor, family and community, you will reflect the Mission, Values and Guiding Principles of Noojmwon Teg Health Centre. This role requires a great deal of creative thinking in terms of program development, implementation and evaluation and strong advocacy skills.

Duties:

- Provide cultural support to victims/survivors of sexual assault and/or domestic violence, their families and communities
- Coordination of Traditional ceremonies
- Creation of Culturally appropriate materials
- Engage in culturally appropriate health promotion and prevention strategies and activities
- Advocacy

Qualifications:

- A relevant tertiary qualification in social work, psychology, or related behavioral sciences at degree level or diploma level
- Relevant experience and competence in the human service field including experience in working with victims whom have been exposed or experienced trauma

Skills/Abilities:

- An understanding of the issues affecting victims of sexual assault and/or domestic abuse
- Ability to work effectively in a team environment
- An ability to provide support within a therapeutic context
- An ability to work flexibly to meet the challenging needs of victims, their families and communities
- Commitment to innovation and creativity in program development
- Highly developed written and spoken communication skills
- Excellent organizational skills, time management skills, and ability to be self-directed
- Computer skills in Microsoft Office packages
- Understanding and appreciation of the community's cultural diversity
- Given the traditional practices of the Anishinabek, from time to time, exposure to wood smoke and the burning of sacred medicines, including tobacco, sweet grass, sage or cedar, may occur within the work setting.

Posted:

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

How to Apply:

Please submit a covering letter, resume, three (3) work-related letters of reference, Proof of Registration/Designation, a current vulnerable criminal records check (dated no later than three months), a copy of valid driver's license and driver's abstract. Please mark correspondence as "**Confidential**". Submissions will be accepted by mail, facsimile or email.

Application Deadline: July 13, 2018

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Jennifer Farquhar signs a copy of her novel 'Watermark' following the official Manitoulin launch hosted by The Expositor on Canada Day, Ms. Farquhar's birthday.

photo by Michael Erskine

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at every one of the writing days.

And the work continues: in response to a question during the Q and A session, Ms. Farquhar explained that she has another completed manuscript and is working on a third novel.

Ms. Kogos posed a question about the journey the novel took, from idea to publication, and also asked whether there were setbacks along the way.

Ms. Farquhar explained that the book had, in fact, taken a circuitous route to this four-year anniversary of her writing 'Chapter One' at the top of a blank page.

She explained that she had made jot notes over the years, had idea for plots and then began to make use of them. Some were useful, others not so much, but eventually she had a manuscript.

She explained that her next step was to find a literary agent who might take her on and support the book through to publication, "and I was fortunate to become a client of one of the best literary agents in Canada."

That led to talk of moving the book from its Northern Ontario setting to one in the US in order to capitalize on the much larger market south of the border. Ms. Farquhar explained that, reluctantly, she moved the setting south, "but not too far, still on Lake Huron, to an island setting only about 100 kilometers south of the Canada-US border. The 'big city' in the novel was also relocated from Toronto to Chicago and then there was the accompanying re-writing to accommodate a US setting, even one relatively close to the border.

"I had to go through the book and change all those words that we spell with an 'ou' to just have the 'o', (harbour/harbor)."

But when she found her publisher, Latitude 46 Publishing in Sudbury, the novel came back full circle (complete with the double-vowel spellings!)

But it wasn't that simple then, either. Ms. Farquhar recalled. She had, in fact, to re-write many of the 'Manitoulin' passages. "It wasn't as simple as changing the locations of scenes written for the US draft."

Ms. Farquhar had noted that an important part of her growing up experience on Manitoulin was the understanding that the Island is a place of two cultures and this is also a vital element in the island setting of 'Watermark'.

She explained that many of the readers who were asked to critique the manuscript pre-publication were First Nations people knowledgeable in the Anishinaabek culture and that she used their advice and suggestions in the novel's final draft.

Ms. Kogos, who has published two novels ('I was Mistaken for a Rich, Ripe, Red Tomato' and 'Manhattan/Manitoulin') and Ms. Farquhar publicly traded anecdotes about the editing process.

"Doesn't it drive you crazy when they tell you some of your 'Darlings' (special scenes, characters) have to go?" Ms. Kogos asked.

Ms. Farquhar agreed, noting that a fair number of her own 'Darlings' had been reluctantly discarded. Ms. Kogos said that, in her experience, the only thing to do was to make the changes and then get busy with cooking, vacuuming or shopping for a while and then get back to work.

Ms. Kogos was clearly impressed that Ms. Farquhar has a published novel, a husband, three young children, a career as a teacher and looks as fresh as she did the day of the Sunday launch.

"You wouldn't say that if you saw me writing in the morning in my pyjamas," Ms. Farquhar quipped, but went on to say that her family is supportive of her writing and that her teaching load with her school board is half-time. She's currently on maternity leave.

"My writing is done in the mornings. In the afternoon, its revisions."

Heather Campbell, a partner in Latitude 46 Publishing who attended the Canada Day launch, told The Expositor that she has a strong feeling that Jennifer Farquhar is just at the beginning of an important writing career.

Her particular genre, Ms. Farquhar said, is 'literary fiction.'

Ms. Farquhar received personal congratulations from old friends who had travelled from as far away as Ottawa to attend the event and from people, like her Grade 1 teacher, who lives just down the road.

Signed copies of 'Watermark' are for sale at Print Shop Books at the Expositor Office in Little Current.

KENJGEWIN TEG



**CONTRACTUAL SERVICE
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

KENJGEWIN TEG IS SEEKING A TEAM FOR THE JOURNEY TOGETHER: MNIDOO MNISING SHARING AND LEARNING CENTRE FOR ALL JUNE 2018 TO DECEMBER 2019 -SECOND POSTING-

Kenjgewin Teg is an Anishnaabe controlled and directed education organization that strives to provide a comprehensive, qualitative, cultural and holistic approach to First Nations based education, training and services. Our vision is to give students the ability to see the gift they were given, in order to be able to succeed in this world! The Journey Together: Mnídoo Mnising Sharing and Learning Centre for All will provide programming that is culturally sensitive to the needs of Indigenous children and families in the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board catchment area by taking an approach that provides ongoing professional development through a learning community model.

INDIGENOUS EARLY YEARS COORDINATOR

Manager M2 Department Head/Salary Grade Band I – Range (58,789 – 65,321 – 71,854) Qualified Level

We are currently seeking an individual to provide coordination and direct services through the Journey Together: Mnídoo Mnising Sharing and Learning Centre for All (MMSLC). The Indigenous Early Years Coordinator will provide leadership to the MMSLC project team and external resources in working towards the key objectives of the project. The key objectives include: increased accessibility to culturally relevant services and programs for Indigenous families, enhanced and accurate Indigenous content for professional development and programming, fostering Indigenous identity within child care centres and supporting Indigenous and non-Indigenous service providers to develop capacity.

The Indigenous Early Years Coordinator will participate in the Mnídoo Mnising Sharing and Learning Centre for All. This position will lead a team and external resources collectively to plan, design and implement early years program material and professional development opportunities. Contributing towards building capacity with licensed child care providers and early years educators in the areas of cultural activity, learning environments and day to day programming is an integral responsibility of this position. The Indigenous Early Years Coordinator will also contribute to other initiatives in early learning for the organization when necessary and within reason.

Flexibility and adaptability to change is essential in this position as the organization explores effectiveness and efficiencies in the realm of changes occurring in the Early Learning sector.

Qualifications:

- Minimum Diploma in Early Childhood Education
- A minimum of 5 years of work experience in the early learning sector
- Facilitation experience
- Experience in curriculum development would be an asset
- Excellent organizational and administrative skills, report writing skills
- Knowledge and experience with Indigenous children and families in a healing and reconciliation capacity
- Knowledge and awareness of Indigenous culture and traditions.
- Capable of coordinating activities within the Early Years and family programs, independently and in team environment
- Ability to multi-task and meet multiple and/or unexpected deadlines in a demanding work environment
- Strong and positive interpersonal skills required, including personal initiative, industrious work ethic, positive outlook and attitude to contribute to the program and organization working environment
- Excellent computer skills preferably in a Microsoft Office environment: word processing, spreadsheet, graphics/charts, and presentation software
- Must be willing to travel
- Must have Valid Driver's License and reliable vehicle

INDIGENOUS EARLY YEARS INSTRUCTOR

Educator/ED6 Post-secondary Teacher/Salary Grade Band G – Range (52,076–57,862–63,649) Qualified Level

The Indigenous Early Years Instructor will participate as a team member in working towards the key objectives of the project. The key objectives include: increased accessibility to culturally relevant services and programs for Indigenous families, enhanced and accurate Indigenous content for professional development and programming, fostering Indigenous identity within child care centres and supporting Indigenous and non-Indigenous service providers to develop capacity.

The Indigenous Early Years Instructor will work in collaboration with a team and external resources to plan, design and implement early years program material and professional development opportunities. This position will facilitate training for licensed child care providers to build capacity and an understanding of the development of Indigenous children and families as well as plan and facilitate programming for children and families.

Flexibility and adaptability to change is essential in this position as the organization explores effectiveness and efficiencies in the realm of changes occurring in the Early Learning sector.

Qualifications:

- Early Childhood Educator Diploma
- A minimum of 5 years' work experience in the Early Learning Sector
- Facilitation experience
- Experience in curriculum development would be an asset
- Excellent organizational and administrative skills, report writing skills
- Knowledge and experience with Indigenous children and families in a healing and reconciliation capacity
- Knowledge and awareness of Indigenous culture and traditions.
- Capable of coordinating activities within the Early Years and family programs, independently and in team environment
- Ability to multi-task and meet multiple and/or unexpected deadlines in a demanding work environment
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EARLY YEARS TEAM LIAISON

Organizational Support and Services/04 Administrative Services/Salary Grade Band D
Range (37,592 – 41,769 – 45,946) Qualified Level

The Early Learning Team Liaison participates as an integral team member to assist the Early Learning Team with administrative and technical support that contributes to the overall direction of the organization in the Early Learning sector. This position will support and contribute to the planning and implementation of culturally relevant services and programs for Indigenous families, enhanced and accurate Indigenous content for professional development, fostering Indigenous identity within child care centres and supporting Indigenous and non-Indigenous service providers to develop capacity.

Qualifications:

- Diploma in Business Administration or related discipline
- A minimum of two years direct work experience in an administrative capacity
- Ability to write and format moderately complex correspondence, including memos, letters, proposals and reports
- Strong customer service orientation
- Ability to record minutes
- Facilitation experience would be an asset
- Knowledge and experience with Indigenous children and families in a healing and reconciliation capacity
- Knowledge and awareness of Indigenous culture and traditions.
- Ability to multi-task and meet multiple and/or unexpected deadlines in a demanding work environment
- Strong and positive interpersonal skills required, including personal initiative, industrious work ethic, positive outlook and attitude to contribute to the program and organization working environment
- Excellent computer skills preferably in a Microsoft Office environment: word processing, spreadsheet, graphics/charts, and presentation software
- Must be willing to travel
- Must have Valid Driver's License and reliable vehicle

PLEASE NOTE: Benefits are not included as part of the agreement. The office location will be off-reserve.

Deadline: Wednesday, July 11, 2018

For a detailed job description please contact Brenda Francis, 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 mail or fax only, to:

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c/o Director of Operations
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Please note: Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute'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: Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute has taken steps to ensure that the organization is inclusive within the school community. This includes the shared practice of First Nation tradition of smudging.

Late applications will not be considered. While we thank all applicants, only those 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.

...La Cloche Art Show packed with fine art

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Mr. Wheale noted in his remarks that the quality of the artwork being entered into the show has skyrocketed over the course of the past 41 years, placing a tremendous challenge on the jurors of the exhibition. He also admonished those artists whose work was not selected for this year's show, or who did not place among the top three or receive honourable mentions, to not despair or give up.

"A big thank you to all volunteers, from the people



Artist Lilly Tilston of A.B. Ellis Public School accepts her award for 'The Abandon Ship' from committee member Judith Mosher.

photos by Michael Erskine Ruth Wallace, '1955 Buick Special' and Taima Poldmaa, 'Cliff at Agawa;' Pas-



Little Current artist Cliff Jewell poses with 'Tired and Chained' one of three works he has in this year's show. Mr. Jewell has had three works in each of the last four shows—including the first year he entered the juried exhibition.

in memoriam

Daniel Michael Simon

June 30 1989 - November 3 2009

Birthdays in Heaven, decorations of gold, where the years come and go and you never grow old.

Where you celebrate with Angels and past family there, with no illness in sight, just love everywhere.

So I don't need to worry, how your Birthday was spent, 'cause you're safe in Heaven and my wishes are sent.

Though I know you are safe, even though you're away, I love and I miss you, a little more today.

Happy 29th Birthday Daniel.

Love Always,
your sister Joy

notice

NOTICE OF NOMINATION FOR OFFICE Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.32)

NOTICE is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the TOWN OF GORE BAY

Nominations for positions listed below may be made by completing and filing in the office of the Clerk, nominations on the prescribed form and accompanied by the prescribed nomination filing fee of \$200.00 for the Head of Council and \$100.00 for all other offices. The filing fee is payable by cash, certified cheque, money order or electronic payment if specified by the Clerk.

A nomination must be signed by the candidate and may be filed in person or by an agent during regular business hours between May 1, 2018, and July 26, 2018, and between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on July 27, 2018 (Nomination Day).

In the event there are an insufficient number of certified candidates to fill all positions available, nominations will be reopened for the vacant positions only on Wednesday, August 1, 2018, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and such additional nominations, if required, may be filed in the office of the Clerk.

Electors are hereby given notice that if a greater number of candidates are certified than are required to fill the said offices, voting places will be opened on the dates stated below for the purpose of voting.

MUNICIPAL POSITIONS FOR WHICH PERSONS MAY BE NOMINATED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TOWN OF GORE BAY
1 MAYOR
6 COUNCILLORS

Dated this 20th day of April, 2018

tel, first, Beth Bouffard for 'Rhododendron Sunspray,' second Donna Kanerva, 'Workin' Horse Blues,' honourable mention, Susan

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Greetings

Sending warm sunshine hugs to each and everyone across this Universe. We all need hugs, big or small. Always remember to keep a rainbow in your heart and keep the faith.
E.P.

7-8p

notice

Knox United Church in Manitowaning is open every Friday and Saturday from 10 am - 3 pm for private prayer and meditation.

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Tehkummah Seniors' indoor/outdoor Farmers' Market on Fridays from 9 am to 1 pm. Various vendors, various products. Come shop and visit us at the Hall in downtown Tehkummah. Look for the signs.

6-17c

thank you

Thank you to all who sent their condolences, kind words and support in the sudden death of Don Milbury, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Your support through this difficult time has meant so much to us all. We will never forget Don as he was our life and he would have been overwhelmed by all the love of everyone. Special thanks to Paul Allard for the beautiful sermon that touched the hearts of all in attendance! Also thank you to the Sheguiandah Seniors for the special lunch. A very, very special thank you to Gloria and Tony and their staff at Island Funeral Home for guiding us through this time and helping to ease the pain.

Sincerely,
The Melbury family

7p

in memoriam

LAIDLEY—In loving memory of Albert (Ab) Laidley October 24, 1938 to July 9, 2018

His nature was loving and giving, His heart was made of pure gold, And to those who truly love him, His memory will never grow old. Always in our hearts, Marlene, Kevin, Connie, Chris and families

7p

LEWIS— In loving memory of Darlene, who passed away July 6, 2017.

You never said I'm leaving. You never said goodbye. You were gone before I knew it, And only God knows why. A million times I needed you, A million times I cried. If love alone could have saved you, You never would have died. In life I loved you dearly, In death I love you still. In my heart I hold a place, That only you can fill.
Gordon

7p

Death Notices

VALENTINA JANE HART



It is with profound sadness that I announce the passing of my beloved wife, Valentina (Val) Jane Hart, after a stubborn battle over the past five months. Val died peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, at home, overlooking her garden full of birds and chipmunks. Val was born in Wasserburg am Inn, Germany, on January 27, 1947, the daughter of Anna and Basil Smirnow.

Val, along with her parents and grandparents, emigrated to Canada in 1953, settling in Beamsville. Val completed her education at the University of Guelph, obtaining a degree in Russian Literature, and then a Masters degree in Education at the University of Toronto. She had a wonderful career in Education spanning three decades, retiring as Vice-Principal of Little Current Public School on Manitoulin Island. Predeceased by first husband, Victor Lysenko (1991), Val and I began our twenty year adventure in 1998. Together, we shared wonderful experiences exploring Australia, New Zealand, the Caribbean, Central America, and especially Newfoundland. Among other talents, Val was an accomplished gardener, carpenter, camper and seamstress. She also baked incredibly over-proof Christmas rum-balls that were almost flammable. Val was a 'whisperer' to all animals, particularly to a flock of sheep during a vacation in New Zealand. The locals are no doubt still talking about the Canadian sheep whisperer. Val was a grandmother extraordinaire, and she was more than just a little involved in their lives. She was an encyclopedia of information and craft ideas for school projects, and she loved to jump in the pool with them when they were little. Val also enjoyed a good wrestle on the kitchen floor, and she was a fierce opponent during an animated sword fight in the family room. Recognizing the importance of other life skills, Val taught both grandchildren to play a mean game of poker at an early age. Val leaves behind her brother Nicholas (Diana). Val will be missed and lovingly remembered by her husband Don, step daughters Jane (John Easson), Sally, and her beloved grandchildren, Sarah and Andrew. As per Val's wish, there will be no visitation nor funeral. A Celebration of Val's Life will be held at a later date. In memory of Val, please feel free to donate to the charity of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Thompson Waters Funeral Home, 519- 583-1530. On-line donations and or condolences can be made at www.thompsonwatersfuneralhome.ca

MARY "MARJORIE" EILEEN WILKIN

September 11, 1930 - June 30, 2018



Mary "Marjorie" Eileen Wilkin, predeceased by husband John. Beloved Mother of Jim & Ruth (Finance) of Red Deer Village, Robert (Bob) & Heather of Brampton, David & Susan of Regina, Douglas and Patti of Lively, Donald and Dawn of Little Current, Ian and Sheryl of Little Current. Loving

Grandmother of John (Yuna), Cathy (Greg), Andrew (Cindy), Rebekkah (Dylan), Carrie (Scott), Sarah (Lee), Michael (Meckenzie), David (Evan), Courtney (Scott), Jesse (Tanner), Sean, Emma (Jarrett), Raegan (Lucas). Adoring great-grandmother of Connor, Tessa, James, Read, Rhett, Marika, Kenzie, Cole, Hayden and Tennessee. Predeceased by her two sisters, Audrey Strache and Sheila Cowper. Marjorie was a committed fan of her grandchildren's hockey. Haweater weekend was her favourite time of year, especially when it came to building the parade float. Marjorie was very family oriented and loved every grandchild and great-grandchild. She loved to knit, which became part of her physiotherapy after she broke both her wrists. She loved making peanut butter balls and baking butter tarts which many community members have received. She thoroughly enjoyed listening to the local radio, where she was referred to by Big Mike as the Mayor of Little Current. Visitation will be held at Island Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 starting at 11 am. A funeral service will follow at Island Funeral Home at 1 pm with Rev. Paul Allard officiating. Cremation to follow. Donations to Manitoulin Centennial Manor.

Memorial donations are gratefully appreciated and can be made at the admitting office to the auxiliaries of the Manitoulin Health Centre and the Renovation Fund in both Mindemoya and Little Current and the Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary Incorporated, 3 Main Street, Gore Bay, Ontario, P0P 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 10 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, P0P 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0.

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Lampinen for 'Shimmering Shores,' Photography was almost a complete sweep for Sarah Fuchner, who took all categories with 'Gales of November,' 'Summertime Dream,' and received honourable mention for 'Anchored to History,' Kathy Foley also received an honourable mention for 'The Bay of Dawn,' Sculpture, first Lionel Venne for 'Construction #3,' second, Vic Laberge for 'Dizzy Bowl,' Watercolour, first, Richard Edwards for 'Aurora Borealis,' second Rochelle Neal for 'Cottage Bouquet,' and honourable mention to Richard Edwards for 'Wind Swept.'

In the Elementary School Division Hailey Bourcier took first for 'Into the Clouds,' while Lilly Tilston took second



Mindemoya artist Beth Bouffard is a regular in the winners' circle at the La Cloche Art Show.

with 'The Abandon Ship' and honourable mentions went to Cainan Correa for 'The Farm' and Caylee Little for 'Autumn Sky.'

Getting into the La Cloche Art Show is an accomplishment in itself, so artists like Little Current's Cliff Jewell who had multiple entries accepted were still left beaming. In fact, Mr. Jewell has had three entries accepted in the last four shows, starting with the first time he entered, and has himself served as an inspiration to others to enter—including Ruth Wallace, this year's Best of Show winner.

The La Cloche Art Show will run from June 30 through to July 8, from 11 am to 5 pm daily and there is no admission fee. The raffle draw for featured artist Peter Bering's 'Gulls Feeding' will be held at 5 pm on the show's closing.

Art show committee members this year were Peter Bolduc, Trudy Bolduc, Mary Sue Bourget, Jon Butler, Kerry Butler, Susan Cairns, Carmela Ciccarelli, Gail Meehan, Judith Mosher and Rachel Newton.

Jurors for the 2018 La Cloche Art Show were: Peter Bering, fine arts; Ange Dufour, fine arts; Susan O'Donnell, fine arts; and Brenda White, fine arts.

Special thanks for their beautiful artwork was extended to the students and art teachers of A.B. Ellis Public School in Espanola, Ecole St. Joseph Separate School in Espanola, Little Current Public School and Sacred Heart Separate School in Espanola.



Peg Forbes Memorial Award winner Suzanne Lindsay poses with her work 'In the Spirit of Seven.'

photo by Michael Erskine

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Homecoming Weekend

Sunny skies set the tone for Central Manitoulin Lions Homecoming



The Burns and Wallingford families made sure to get prime seating for the 41st annual Homecoming Weekend parade held in Mindemoya Saturday.

photos by Michael Erskine



Mindemoya's Dayne Tipper helps show off this custom hot rod as part of the parade festivities.

BOTTOM LEFT: Nola Haner sports a scooter bedecked in Red Hat Society finery.



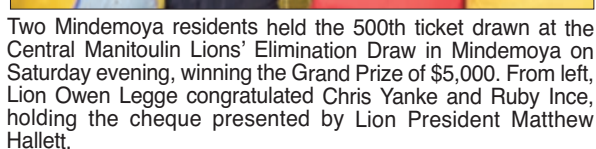
This Trolls tribute float was easily the most colourful entry in the parade themed 'A Night at the Movies.'



The bouncy castles found in the Kids Fun Zone were a popular destination for little jumpers.



One of the best parts of every parade is the guarantee of candy—lots and lots of candy! These Canada Day cuties used the hats gifted to them by the Central Manitoulin Fire Department to act as candy catchers for all their delicious loot.



Two Mindemoya residents held the 500th ticket drawn at the Central Manitoulin Lions' Elimination Draw in Mindemoya on Saturday evening, winning the Grand Prize of \$5,000. From left, Lion Owen Legge congratulated Chris Yanke and Ruby Ince, holding the cheque presented by Lion President Matthew Hallett.

photo by Jan McQuay



Action! The Mindemoya Home Hardware float doubled as a studio on wheels.



Batter up! A pitcher wheels his pitch at the plate during the annual men's fastball tournament.

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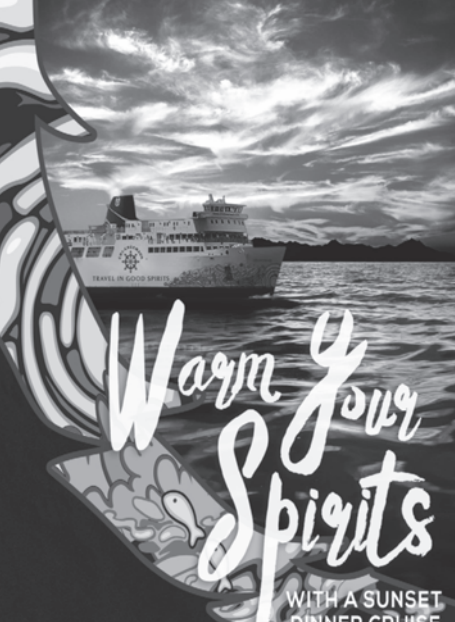
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Visiting Manitoulin?

Kagawong's Old Mill Heritage Centre's heartfelt

by Isobel Harry

KAGAWONG—Island community museums are filled to bursting with mementos of collective histories, gathered by dedicated volunteers and local families keen to foster appreciation of their area's past. Kagawong's Old Mill Heritage Centre Museum collections are housed in the former pulp mill, built of stone in 1925 at the edge of Mudge Bay to process the products of the booming logging industry; the atmospheric limestone enclave with its soaring ceilings and tall windows is a perfect showcase for the Billings

Township memorabilia contained within.

Curators, by and large, are an enthusiastic lot and Rick Nelson, the Kagawong Museum's curator, is a prime example of the kind of fervor that marks a successful collection. Quick to praise Billings council's museum board volunteers' initiatives and hard work, Mr. Nelson has been the face of the museum for the last 10 years, greeting visitors and orienting them to the treasures awaiting.

Immediately upon entering, the sound and images emanating from a film on the Indigenous origins of Manitoulin Island grounds the museum experience in earliest inhabitation. Further on, a little room holds the delicate line drawings of talented local artist Jenna Carter, each featuring one of the many intact historical structures within the village of Kagawong, with an accompanying map that describes the genesis of all the buildings—for a walkabout later. In the corner, a 1930s wooden radio cabinet plays WWII broadcasts, surrounded by sepia toned photos of local men and women who contributed to the efforts of both World Wars, their uniforms, medals and stories now



The Old Mill Heritage Centre in Kagawong, seen from the marina across the public sand beach, was built of stone in 1925 on the shores of Mudge Bay to serve as a pulp mill. It now houses Billings Township's community museum.

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tribute to community's past informs present projects



The tradition of boat-building begun by the Berry family as Berry Boats over a hundred years ago continues today in Kagawong. Two fine examples of their work are in the Kagawong Museum.

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Afghanistan, Burma and undercover elsewhere for the British Special Forces. The uniforms of father and son are displayed crisply side by side.

Early settlers to the area, the Graham, Gray, Thompson, McGuinness and Lloyd clans, are posed in the stiff attire and settings of late 19th century photographs. New this year is the realistic recreation of a blacksmith's shop from the days when horses were essential to settlers' daily lives. The boat building activities of the Berry family are displayed in authentic period examples of their fine work for over a hundred years, renowned for the sturdy construction of commercial fishing boats, timber tugs and launches powered by steam boilers. Still located in Kagawong and operated by Oliver Newlands, great-grandson of founder Oliver Berry, Berry Boats carries on the family boat building tradition today.

One of Rick Nelson's favourite museum exhibits recounts the tragedy of the scion of Detroit's Dodge automobile empire, Danny Dodge, who, in 1938, suffered grave wounds in a spectacular dynamite blast at his Dodge Lodge in Kagawong, then drowned on a desperate rescue

mission to Little Current by boat with his wife. Married just 14 days to "Gore Bay beauty" Laurine MacDonald, a romance and fantasy wedding that were trumpeted in local and US media, the unfortunate Mr. Dodge died at 21 but was destined to live on in local legend.

The 80th anniversary of the accident will be commemorated by the Old Mill Heritage Centre on Thursday, August 9 in the annual History Day presentations at 3:30 and 7:30 pm. Each presentation features two parts: a talk by guest speakers on the founding Henry brothers and their role in the birth of Kagawong will be followed by the story of the gripping disaster at Dodge Lodge.

Another 'ghost story' depicted in the museum and endlessly fascinating to Mr. Nelson is the one about Harbour Island. Off the coast of Kagawong and nestled in a bay of Clapperton Island, the 30-acre island was home to a luxurious resort in the 40s, 50s and 60s that berthed the yachts of Hollywood stars and hosted the likes of Marlon Brando, Marilyn Monroe, John Wayne, Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson and countless sports figures and business tycoons. Clippings of the goings-on of the celebrity guests cover the wall near photos of the resort in its heyday; underneath is a photo of the sad state of the resort today.

"There's a happy ending!" crows Mr. Nelson as we gaze at the overgrown site and the derelict mid-century modern building. "The new owner of Harbour Island is a descendant of the original owners who is committed to restoring the property to its former glory. The Museum may consider perhaps partnering on a 'living museum' concept down the road."

To whet the appetite for such a restoration project, the Mudge Bay Mystery Tour, a partnership between the Museum and North Channel Cruise Line, will lift anchor

on Saturday, August 25 from Kagawong for a two-hour cruise to Harbour Island with dinner, bar and curator Rick Nelson's onboard "stories and slides" of the famed resort's past grandeur.

After a tour of the Museum, pause at the Billings Connections Trail Interactive Map on the wall by reception. In English, French and Ojibwe languages, the map shows the

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...Heritage Centre's heartfelt tribute

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locations of historical plaques in the village and of the outdoor sculpture sites commissioned as a Truth and Reconciliation project in partnership with 4Elements and Billings Township "to highlight the local heritage and history of Anishinaabeg and settler residents." A pocket-sized map

is available to take on an exploration that continues well beyond the Museum's steps.


The Old Mill Heritage Centre Museum, Kagawong: Open every day 10 am to 4 pm (July-August) Telephone 705-282-1442 or visit www.kagawongmuseum.ca.

Admission is free; donations are appreciated.



A new display this year evokes the early days of travel and work when horses were indispensable to settler survival.

photo by Isobel Harry



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Anishinabe police officer walking across Canada for mental health

by Michael Erskine
 WIKWEMKOONG—So far, Anishinabe police officer Kevin Redsky has worn out three pairs of shoes on his 'Hope in the Darkness National Walk for Youth Mental Health' walk and he expects to go through several more before he meets up with his counterpart traveling from British Columbia. The walkers will meet in Winnipeg. Mr. Redsky agreed to take a short detour down Highway 6 to Wiikwemkoong for that community's June 21 Aboriginal Day celebrations.

The officer was escorted into the village and down to Thunderbird Park by his colleagues from the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service and was accompanied by community members who met him at the top of the Monument Hill leading to the community.

"I felt it was important to spend some time in an Anishinabe community today," said Mr. Redsky, who originally hails from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. The ongoing tragedy of suicides in First Nation communities is one of the key elements that encouraged the 15-year police veteran to set up the Hope in the Darkness National Walk for Youth Mental Health. "It's a not-for-profit initiative that aims to partner police officers with Indigenous youth to walk together across Canada and learn from each other's experiences with mental health crises," he explains. In naming the initiative, Mr. Redsky found his inspiration in lyrics from the Mumford and Sons song 'Ghosts That We Knew.' In fact, the Darkness National Walk for Youth Mental Health team recently partnered with the band and has made that song an



Wiikwemkoong community members join Anishinabe police officer Kevin Redsky at the top of Monument Hill leading into the village. Mr. Redsky, a 15-year police veteran, is walking to Winnipeg as part of the Hope in the Darkness National Walk for Youth Mental Health. Mr. Redsky hopes to meet up with colleagues walking from British Columbia in Winnipeg come August.

official anthem for the walk.

Mr. Redsky left Newfoundland's Cape Spear on April 1. He explained that he chose that location to start his trip as too often Canada's actual eastern-most point loses out to mainland locations.

The other team of police officers are departing from Masset, British Columbia, spending a few days on the notorious Highway of Tears, along which so many Indigenous women have disappeared or been found murdered.

The two groups are self-funding the walk but are gratefully accepting donations from sponsors and through a crowd funding campaign. Unfortunately, the decision to use that site as the venue predated a boycott that came about due to the site being utilized to fund the defence in the

Colten Boushie trail. For those not wishing to go the GoFundMe route, direct donations can be made by electronic mail transfer to walkforyouthmentalhealth@gmail.com.

While the police officers are walking across the country, the real goal is aimed at getting people talking and removing the stigma surrounding mental health.

"We have been holding talking circles at as many First Nations communities as possible," said Mr. Redsky. "We are gathering input on mental health programs as well as feedback on improving relationships between Indigenous peoples and police."

If everything falls into place according to plan, both teams will arrive in Winnipeg in August, where there will be a concert to celebrate

the conclusion of the trip and to share what has been learned with the Indigenous-led mental health network, Strength in Continuous Change.

"We want to get people talking," said Mr. Redsky. His own personal experiences and those of his family have highlighted the importance of holding discussions on the issues of mental health, "because what's in existence right now to treat mental health is not working."

He pointed out that gaps in child welfare systems across Canada can make mental health problems worse and the reverse is also true.

"I hope that gathering the stories of affected youth and their families will bring some reality to how mental health care is provided in Indigenous communities," he said. He also said that he

hopes that the efforts of himself and his colleagues will help change the perception of police in First Nations communities.

"We've heard that police need to engage more, need to be in the school more," said Mr. Redsky. "Right now, when youth see the police show up, they automatically think someone's in trouble or they're going to be apprehended. We want them to feel comfortable sharing with us their needs and once we get those conversations rolling, we'll be on the same page and that's the goal."

Talking is one thing, but listening is really the key element needed in the approach to dealing with mental health issues, he added. "We all have to be ready and willing to listen without judgement."

photo by Michael Erskine

Tehkummah Talk and Times

A drive on the other road, the other way, took me on a circle tour going in past Wind Fall Lake Road. Near White Lake a turkey (wild) stood on the road. No young ones with her though. The wild geese families seem small this year? I've seen so many dead partridges on the roads lately; hopefully not the Mama kind.

When I came home this morning the house "stunk" so I thought I'll bet it's that little chipmunk, but no, a mouse in a trap in the bathroom. Looked like it was in the family way too!

One evening on my way to staycation, I stopped in at Judy and Bob's for a little visit. I also stopped at Lyle Dewar's place, met the cat that sleeps in the Mandolin chair. Had a tour around. They have a good garden. Sharon, I was so impressed with your artistic abilities, so imaginative.

I was proud of myself. Though tempted, I didn't take a single stone, and boy, there are some beauties to be seen there, being a stone collector from waaay back.

Brenda, my newest Tehkummah neighbour, was just in to inquire as to where I've seen the foxes now. I guess they've been

in their yard and are part of the entertainment.

The sun setting in the East? Well, I thought it was. I was awake pretty well all night and thought it was time to go down to Sherry's. I thought I had slept all day. All of a sud-

den, I realized it didn't look quite right. My world was back to front.

This Tuesday morning a school bus arrives and some of Skylar's classmates were getting a lesson on growing mush-
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rooms. I even followed along for the first time. I usually see it in stages. Today's guests: Cody Ewbank, Caleb Tasse, Kurtis Pepper, Connor Mandigo, teacher Andrew Jones, EA Lexia Ferguson, bus driver Lynn May. June 21, 2018.

I think almost everyone was on holidays as we only had four tables for cribbage. An all time, in a long time, low. Doris and Florence shared high hand, 24; Cal and Pat (me), high, 955; Glenna and Doris, second, 952; Gib and Florence, third, 916; Graham and Sheila, low, 854; door, Brad and Graham.

Pat Norton had some skill testing questions on Canada Day netting Glenna and Rick (G) a prize.

Bid euchre, Thursday evening: Janet Kaechtal, high, 264; second, Dave Nelder, 204; third, Norma Thomas, 195 (first time player, did well); low, Annette, 66; premium donated prizes \$10 won by Dave Nelder and Barb Forth who kindly shared with me. I worked the door and forgot to give myself a ticket. (Oh, I did pay for one!!)

Ghost ship, there it is, seemed strange just seeing the upper part of it through the fog, then it disappears? Rescue, search and rescue, someone jumped off a boat and is in trouble, a practice rescue? The stories were flying around the Museum grounds at South Baymouth while we were awaiting the parade to start.

Cathy and Dan Fiedhaus; she reads my column all off season in Ohio. Thanks

Lots of folks I know, see occasionally, nice to re-connect. Had a nice chat with Heli Cotnam in the Old School House and with Dorothy outside. She drove me yesterday to Manitowaning and we won second prize at Knox Hall Euchre, 73 points. She won the door prize too and we know who got low, as we were sitting with them when they got their prizes, Shirley and Barb.

Had one of the good burgers the SBCDA cooks up and an ice cream cone after their always great parade. Raymond led it this year, as always, with his flag or two, but this year a motorcycle with a side car as transportation. Real flowers handed out on the Save the Bees Float (thanks).

"Parade" Canada Woman went in flying by giving out notices for their Lumberjack Days event. Ahead of her, in the parade, was a whole float of Super Heroes.

They always have the greatest parade for a small place in South Baymouth.

I just came home from South Baymouth from a pretty spectacular display, especially the finale of the fireworks. It would be interesting to know how many people watched it. It took long enough for the cars to clear out. I waited quite a while. Then I still couldn't see to drive home with those "blue rabbit lights" on high reflecting from the rear-view mirrors into my eyes.

You have heard the expression a blue streak? Well, Skylar and I watched it on Sunday evening. I don't know if she saw colour, but I saw pink, blue, purple almost like a prism. It flew past my house and directly down past the garden. Skyler said it stopped at the trees but I would expect it continued on through the trees. I think maybe about five feet high. Skylar was sitting on the ground and it was over her head. Gave me a funny feeling, Tara thought it might be Granny Jean calling in to Canada.

Did you know there are Canada Day Flag Fairies, and a little elf who was almost caught planting flags around my front yard! Thank you so much. It looks good!

Our Sunday service heartened back to the memories of the difficulties of our fore fathers/mothers coming to this new land. Carving out a home, building a farm, creating out of the land your house, your food, your soap, your basics, your very existence, your survival, your genuine, "OH CANADA!!" Eh! I was listening on the radio to what some Canadians celebrate and, I guess, thoughts on what made Canada so special. The kindness of Canadians came up a lot in their stories. Isn't that so special!

Joan, Bordie and I shared table space at Carol's and Earl's after church. A very special dedication to Pat and Milfred McCulligh. Their daughter Linda's brother-in-law created this gorgeous plaque "Praying Hands" from wood. In light and dark colour, just beautiful. Linda, Lisa, Norm, Dave and Barb. Joan and Borden representing the family, and of course, many friends also of St. Andrew by the Sea United Church.

Folks over on the town line next to Joan and Bob Beard got photos of bears in their yard too. Unusual number of sightings in our Tehkummah Township this year?

This week folks have been celebrating increments of time. Bordie said it was his and Joan's "five year" anniversary of their first date. Shelly Brown, when I spoke with her Thursday morning, it was two years since her Mum's death that day. Jerry said it had been a number of years since they opened the JD's Garden Centre. It had been two years since the last Pyette reunion, celebrated this weekend at the Tehkummah Hall once again. The family always has a wonderful gettogether. Being a very musical bunch, there would have been lots of great singing and entertainment. I stopped in to say hello on Sunday morning. I didn't stay for the delicious pancake breakfast. They had 90 people register for this special event. Organized again this year with help of Kevin and Lisa Pattison. A special video was shown, not quite complete yet, of the talented Norris Pyette, stories, poetry, obviously a very emotional walk down memory lane. Special to all who attended.

Dorothy Crank celebrates her birthday with fireworks. Well maybe? Happy Canada Day birthday!

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**KENJGEWIN TEG IS SEEKING A TEAM FOR THE MSHIGAAGE MIIKAN PROGRAM
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Kenjgewin Teg is an Anishnaabe controlled and directed education organization that strives to provide a comprehensive, qualitative, cultural and holistic approach to First Nations based education, training and services. Our vision is to give students the ability to see the gift they were given, in order to be able to succeed in this world!

The Mshiigaade Miikan program will enable Kenjgewin Teg, as one of 9 community based post-secondary Indigenous Institutes in Ontario, to experiment and to be innovative by strengthening local partnerships with organizations and communities dedicated to personal and community wellness, as an innovative strategy to help increase the employability and labour market readiness for Aboriginal/Anishinabek youth and adult members interested in the following key apprenticeship sectors: skilled trades, hospitality and tourism, and early childhood education.

PROJECT TEAM LIAISON

**Program/Service Coordinator PSC2 Project Leader
Salary Grade Band H (\$55,331-61,479-67,626) Qualified Level**

We are currently seeking an individual to act as a project liaison and to provide administrative and financial support, while monitoring and reporting on key program components; ensuring integrity of CIHR wellness definition alignment with Anishinaabe Aadziwin Learning Opportunities (AOL) theory and instructional method; co-ordinate activities during start up, development phase, and implementation phases.

Qualifications:

- Must have an appreciation of the Anishinabek culture, principles, values, language, history and customs; and be supportive of Anishinabek practices and protocols.
- Must possess a post-secondary degree in a related discipline (e.g., Adult Education, Public Administration or Business Administration/Management) preferred or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience;
- Minimum of five years of demonstrated substantial experience in a management role;
- Familiar with ACCPAC accounting software and accounting management;
- Ability to write and format moderately complex correspondence, including memos, letters, proposals and reports;
- Strong knowledge of general office procedures involving procurement, travel arrangements, budget management, and reports;
- Strong time management skills, multi-tasking skills, and the ability to prioritize tasks with minimal supervision;
- Ability to record meeting minutes;
- Intermediate – Advanced knowledge of Microsoft Office (Outlook, Word, Excel, Power Point); and
- Ability to maintain filing systems and databases.

LEARNING COACH (2 positions available)

Educator – ED3 Vocational Instructor/Salary Grade Band F (\$47,248-52,498-57,748) – Qualified Level

The Learning Coach will create and promote an environment that reflects the Anishinabek language, traditions, and culture in all that we do and will have an appreciation of the Anishinabek culture, principles, values, and language, history, customs and be supportive of Anishinabek practices and protocols. The Learning Coach will contribute and provide expertise in the development of learning theory, opportunities, and instructional methods in the design and delivery of expected outcomes; deliver, instruct and provide opportunities for the milestones relating to Employment and Academic Readiness learning as well as cultural learning for a minimum of 270 participants/learners.

Qualifications:

- Must have an appreciation of the Anishinabek culture, principles, values, language, history and customs; and be supportive of Anishinabek practices and protocols.
- Minimum post-secondary education requiring over 3 years and up to 4 years for completion (University degree) in relevant field of study;
- Must possess a minimum of two years experience in facilitating or instructing in a post-secondary or adult learning environment;
- Experience in curriculum writing is a definite asset;
- Background in the math, science and English is an asset;
- Knowledge and experience working with Microsoft Office;
- Familiarity with available community resources in our service delivery area;
- Possess coaching and mentoring skills;
- Ability to work effectively within a team environment approach to program development and delivery; and
- Must possess strong interpersonal skills to interact with students, community service providers, and staff.

Anishnaabe Aadziwin Instructor

Educator ED3 Vocational Instructor Salary Grade Band D (\$33,592-41,769-45,946) – Qualified Level

The Anishnaabe Aadziwin Instructor will contribute and provide expertise in the development of learning theory and instructional methods in the design and delivery of the life skills and readiness programs; co-instruct the development in spiritual learning and language development for a minimum of 270 learners. Participate as a team member in planning, implementing and supporting services and activities that create a safe, welcoming environment that enables personal wellness growth amongst participants/learners.

Qualifications:

- Must be fluent in the Ojibwe language;
- Experience in facilitating/instructing;
- Have strong knowledge and be able to share cultural teachings that have been gifted;
- Experience instructing in the Ojibwe language would be a definite asset;
- Possess strong interpersonal skills to interact with students and program staff;
- Ability to assist in goal setting and planning;
- Experience working with Microsoft Word and Microsoft Outlook (email) would be definite assets.

Deadline: Wednesday, July 11, 2018

For a detailed job description please contact Brenda Francis, 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 mail or fax only, to:

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Tel: 705-377-4342 Fax: 705-377-4379

Please note: Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute'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: Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute has taken steps to ensure that the organization is inclusive within the school community. This includes the shared practice of the First Nation tradition of smudging.

Late applications will not be considered. While we thank all applicants, only those 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.

Providence Bay News and Notes

It's hard to believe that it's already July. It seems like it was just spring and now, already, the farmers have made their first cut of hay and it's all baled and growing a second batch. The kids are all done school and summer holidays have begun.

The high scores for the monthly euchre tournament in June were as follows: first place was Mike/Sue team with 79 points; second place was won by Sandra/Ann with 75 points; third place winners with 73 points were Kal/Lilly. Right behind them was Sharon/Roger with 71. The low score of the night was George/Gayle. The most lone hands was a tie with 6 points each going to Sandra/Ann and Bev/Sally. The next tournament will be the last Tuesday in July which falls on the 31st.

Anna Delamorandiere-Neill was home from British Columbia to attend daughter Marley's graduation and to visit with family and friends.

Congratulations to our locally known graduates receiving their secondary diplomas. Alayna Cranston, Morgan Hall, Madisen McAllister, Marley Neill and Eric Orford. Best wishes to you all on your next steps. If we missed any graduates, please let us know so we can congratulate them on their accomplishment.

The beautification committee is reminding us all about the importance of bees to our food supply and ecology. They recently sent out packets of wildflower seeds for people to plant and promote a bee friendly world. As part of this ongoing endeavor, they have a travelling bee that is being placed in the flower gardens that are maintained by the beautification committee. The bee has been spotted in the garden right here in Providence Bay outside the Harbour Centre. You are encouraged to take a picture with the bee and tweet it @centralupdate. You can also post on other

social media sites with the hashtag #BringBackTheBees

There were so many people out enjoying our beautiful beach on the Canada Day Long Weekend. The high temperatures and humidity made it the perfect place to be. We're so lucky to have this wonderful natural attraction right in our own backyards.

The Canada Day festivities were a fantastic success. They had kids' games on the beach, the cake was delicious,



Providence Bay News and Notes co-author Ingrid Blay, left, helps serve up some delicious Canada Day cake at the community hall.

photo by Lori Thompson

the local band The Islanders was a delight to listen to and the fireworks were an amazing display.

Many local communities have issued fire bans due to extremely dry conditions. Although Central Manitoulin hasn't issued a ban as of press time, we just want to remind you to be safe and ensure that your fire is in a contained pit with water available. Make sure the fire is completely

extinguished when you are done.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Miguel Rodriguez Cordero who celebrates on July 5.

The final curling club breakfast will be held Thursday, July 5.

The Huron Island Time ice cream shop is hosting their first concert in the Sunset Concert Series 2018 on the boardwalk Friday, July 6 at 7 pm. The first band in the series will be the Kagawong Folk Society. Come on out for some ice cream and beautiful outdoor entertainment.

Ride Manitoulin Motorcycle Rally is quickly approaching. This fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Society will be held Friday, July 13 and Saturday, July 14. There will be many activities for the bikers as well as licensed charity fundraiser dances with live bands playing both Friday and Saturday nights. The public is invited to attend the fairgrounds to enjoy our food vendors and all activities. Tickets are available in advance. The cost is \$15 per night but \$25 if you buy for both nights in advance. Contact Ann Noble, Louise Kirkham Blackwood, Cyndi Vilkarsis, or Cheryl Sheppard or go to the Ride Manitoulin Facebook page for tickets.

If there is someone that you'd like to give a shout out to, please let us know. And in fact, if you have anything that you would like to contribute, please let us know. We know that there is a lot going on in our community but let's allow everyone to know. If there is an upcoming birthday, anniversary, fundraiser or celebration, please let us know. You can email Cheryl at prov_chick@hotmail.com or call her at 705-862-1613. Submissions must be received by each Sunday at 3 pm for submission in the following Wednesday publication of the paper. We look forward to hearing from you.



Employment Opportunity Nadmadwin Mental Health SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIOUR INTERVENTION WORKER

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre – School Health Support Services Program is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of School-Based Behaviour Intervention Worker. School Health Support Services will have staffed based in following communities, M'Chigeeng, Sagamok, Whitefish River and Wiikwemkoong, therefore travel may be required or base office flexible. Flexible start date.

Summary

The School-Based Behaviour Intervention Worker will work with students who are identified as having needs for behaviour intervention or school based mental health intervention. Comprehensive assessments of behaviour and mental health issues will be expected and treatment plans that include individual intervention, group intervention, classroom intervention, family intervention will be written and implemented. Support to teachers and school staff will be given to develop classroom behavior management strategies and to increase competency of educational systems in this area. Individual therapy/behaviour intervention will be done. Clinical meetings with family members and other involved adults will be done. All aspects of this position will be expected to follow best practices models. The School-Based Behaviour Intervention Worker will be under the supervision of the School Health Support Services Program Manager.

Responsibilities

1. Provide services in different partner communities, travelling independently
2. Establish positive relationships with school staff in all partner communities
3. Meet with care coordinators to review cases and develop understanding of referrals
4. Meet with children at their school
5. Meet with parents and teachers as needed to ensure adequate assessment for each child
6. Write comprehensive assessment and treatment plans that include clear recommendations for teachers, school staff, and parents and also recommendations for individual clinical interventions following best practices standards.
7. Assist families in understanding reports and in implementing the strategies at home.
8. Provide information and support to school staff to assist them in developing competencies in behavior intervention and children's mental health
9. Be responsive to school staff when they identify training needs and report these to program manager
10. Participate in school staff training events

Qualifications

- Masters level degree in Social Work or equivalent preferred, but all interested applicants encouraged to apply
- Must registered or be eligible to register with the College of Social Workers, or as a Psychotherapist
- Social work experience. Experience in children's mental health or child and family therapy preferred.
- 2 years recent post-masters experience in an educational setting preferred.
- Experience working with children/youth experiencing social/emotional difficulties
- Demonstrated ability to work with a multi-disciplinary team
- Committed to community based services

For a complete job description, please contact Melissa Roy.

Starting salary - \$52,230.00 in accordance to WUIR Salary Grid. All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, and copies of credentials and contact information of 2-immediate supervisors marked **CONFIDENTIAL** to:

Community Health Nurse

Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
P.O. Box 101, 16A - Complex Drive
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
Telephone: 705.859.3164
Fax: 705.859.3300
Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: July 10th, 2018 @ 2:00pm

Copies of the following will be requested from the **SUCCESSFUL** candidate:
CPIC/VSS, Driver's License & Abstract.
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Employment Opportunity Nadmadwin Mental Health OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT FULL-TIME

NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre requires a motivated, energetic and career-minded Occupational Therapy Assistant in our School Health Support Services Program.

Summary

The Occupational Therapy Assistant will act as a team player operating in a collaborative and interdisciplinary environment, with a focus on enabling occupational performance in the areas of self-care and productivity within the school environment. As an effective communicator, the Occupational Therapy Assistant will have demonstrated skills in group settings and one-on-one situations, and work well both independently and in collaboration with others. He/she will provide occupational therapy treatment to students and complete associated documentation.

Responsibilities

Under the supervision of the occupational therapist:

- Utilize specialized occupational therapy knowledge and skills to encourage/facilitate activity of daily living skills and productivity;
- Provide individualized intervention, consultation and education as part of an interdisciplinary team;
- Consult to define, monitor and adapt the appropriate plan of action of the specific individual's case;
- Provide on-going monitoring of individual's progress towards identified goals;
- Document pertinent information as it relates to the delivery of occupational therapy services;
- Understand and comply with the legal requirements of licensure, legislation, scope of practice, and policies and procedures of the program;
- Respect the individual's beliefs and values and protect their right to confidentiality, privacy and dignity;
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

- Diploma from a college-level Occupational Therapy Assistant and Physiotherapy Assistant program preferred. Other college-level diplomas and university degrees in combination with relevant experience will be considered;
- Employment or fieldwork placement experience in pediatric occupational therapy settings preferred, with school health experience considered an asset
- Ability to function within an interdisciplinary team (including education and health care professionals)
- Demonstrated ability to work independently
- Ability to adapt to and work effectively within a variety of situations, and with various individuals or groups
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with pediatric clients and their families and with colleagues
- Ability to recognize individual learning styles and adapt communication and therapeutic approach accordingly
- Demonstrated ability in problem-solving and critical thinking

For a completed job description, please contact Melissa Roy. All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, credentials/accreditations and two (2) names of immediate supervisors with contact information marked **CONFIDENTIAL** to:

Occupational Therapy Assistant - FULL - TIME

Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant
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Barry Hamilton entertains the downtown crowds in Little Current.

photo by Michael Erskine

Happy Canada Day!



Canada-inspired decorated bikes parade through the downtown Gore Bay core on Canada Day.

photo by Steph Burt-Hillyard



Nothing beats the heat on a sweltering Canada Day like a game of water balloon football.

photo by Lori Thompson



Marina, Alaina, Fatima and Autumn crafted these turtle sand sculptures, reminding all about the dangers of plastic on the environment. Missing from photo is Grace.

photo by Lori Thompson



The Burr family of Sarnia were out in force for all the Little Current Canada Day fun.

photo by Michael Erskine



Xavier Mara was fast off the beach at the Assiginack Canada Day cardboard boat races.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon



This trio was in fine Canada Day Spirit in Little Current.

photo by Michael Erskine



Reg Leeson on his Massey-Harris tractor during the South Baymouth parade.

photo by Robert Brown



Rebecca Dawson's sculpture is 'guaranteed to be structurally sound,' as well as nice to look at.

photo by Lori Thompson



Two of Little Current's best dressed, the Town Crier (aka Michael Erskine) and Linda Bowerman stop for a Canada Day photo.



3-2-1 JUMP! Girls take a jump into Manitowaning Bay to cool down during Canada Day.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon



The fireworks over Gore Bay were a real crowd pleaser.

photo by Steph Burt-Hillyard



A refreshing waterslide was just what the doctor ordered at the sweltering Canada Day festivities in Manitowaning.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon



Canada Day horses were a welcome addition to the South Baymouth parade.

photo by Robert Brown



Cardboard boat race lifeguard Sandi Kuntsi, left, congratulates winners Grace, Xavier and Rebecca on the Manitowaning beach.