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### Manitoulin's high schools graduate students in second pandemic celebration



CLASS OF 2021 — Island high schools celebrated a fresh crop of graduates this past week as the Class of 2021 succeeded in overcoming the challenges of a COVID-19 school year. The graduates were once again faced with a pandemic induced physically distanced ceremony, but ingenuity won the day, as communities found ways to celebrate their successful youth. SEE STORIES AND MORE PHOTOS ON PAGES 16 AND 20.



**AUXILIARY COMES THROUGH**—The Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary made a donation of \$100,000 to the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) 'Lets Emerg Together' fundraising campaign this past Monday. From left is Judy Mackenzie, president of the auxiliary, Paula Fields, co-CEO of the MHC, auxiliary member Annette Murphy, Tim Vine co-CEO of the MHC and auxiliary members Marilyn Holmes and Carol Gilmore. **Please see story on Page 13.** 

#### photo by Tom Sasvari

## Husband perishes, wife survives canoeing mishap off Island's south shore

SPRING BAY— The Anishinabek Nation, friends and family are mourning the loss of Tony Jocko following a canoeing tragedy that claimed his life in the waters of Lake Huron near Spring Bay this past weekend.

He was 68 years old. On Saturday, July 3, shortly after 10 am, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario



Friday, July 2, Anthony (Howard) 'Tony' Jocko, age 68 of Hanmer, and his wife Karen had left shore in a canoe, both wearing their personal floatation devices (PFDs). The canoe later capsized near Dominion Bay. Ms. Jocko was located awake and hypothermic by a civilian on July 3, close to the

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### Vandals target Sheg museum for second time

### Young Island athletes receive 'Sports Heroes' awards

#### by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Two young women on Manitoulin Island have received 'Meet Our Sports Heroes in the Making' awards through Indigenous Sport and Wellness Ontario (ISWO).

"I didn't know that I had won this award. It was a surprise," stated Maren Kasunich, 14, of M'Chigeeng First Nation, who along with Ada Speck of Wiikwenkoong Unceded Territories were both selected for the award.

"My mom (Melissa) wrote a letter nominating me for this, as did my coach (Gerry Holliday)," Marin told The Expositor.

Melissa Kasunich, in her nomination for her daughter wrote, "Maren's Anishnabemowin name strongly suits her spirt. She is an 'Anongoohns' (bright star), as she shines brightly in all that she does and gives. She is a kind and giving person and she trains every season, giving it her all. She applies herself to the best of her abilities in all that she does, whether it is school, at work, or in helping others. She is a positive, kind and compassionate young lady who makes good choices based on her values and teachings."

"Maren has set records on Man-

itoulin Island over the years, as well as in Northern Ontario, in track running events and in crosscountry running," wrote Ms. Kasunich. "She has been making it to provincial invitational races in cross-country and track since

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Provincial The late Tony Jocko. Police (OPP),

OPP Canine Unit, OPP Emergency Response Team (ERT), Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Marine Unit, and the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC) Aircraft Trenton responded to a report of a canoe that had capsized in Lake Huron.

Investigation revealed that on

SHEGUIANDAH—Municipal staff was again greeted to the sight of more vandalism to its historic homestead buildings on the grounds of the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah this weekend.

"They were back, and went over the same buildings again," CAO Dave Williamson confirmed with The Expositor Monday morning. "It's basically a repeat of the last time."

Rocks, large and heavy enough to demolish a door, were thrown at the buildings, breaking all the Plexiglas recently installed in wake of the windows being smashed out two weeks ago.

"It defies logic," the CAO said.

With this most recent spate of vandalism, cameras are now being installed on the museum grounds and police have again been notified.

The most recent damage will cost the municipality between \$800 and \$900, on top of the \$4,000 from two weeks ago.

Lighting the Fire Within UCCM Police pilots citizenship project in schools

#### by Lori Thompson,

#### Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

M'CHIGEENG—United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin (UCCM) Anishinaabe Police Service's Lighting the Fire Within (LTFW) program is designed to reduce risk factors associated with domestic violence and facilitate the creation of safer, stronger and healthier First Nation communities. Coordinator Faith Beaudin was hired mid-pandemic to implement the program. She's just completed a successful pilot project at Lakeview School in M'Chigeeng with officers engaging with youth in sports and conversation. The program is unique and will ultimately result in a blueprint for other police forces across Canada.

The LTFW program is a four year pilot project funded through Women and Gender Equality (WAGE) Canada with three main goals: provide

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# **2021 Graduates**

#### **Ontario Secondary School Diploma** recipients:

- Sonya Armstrong K
- Gerard Armstrong
- Kristen Mitchell
- Patricia Moore
- Adam Williamson

#### **Personal Support Worker** Certificate recipients:

- Shelby Church
- Malayna Corston
- Christine Cranston
- Yvonne Duffy-Crosby
- Sarah Grieves
- Marnie Keller
- Chelsea King
- Jessica Labelle
- Alana Lortie
- Rachelle Marfil
- Adrianne Merrylees
- Edeana Merrylees
- Abigail Taibossigai
- 🔹 Hilary Wildcat K

Mshiigaade Miikan Certificate recipients:

- 🔹 Sonya Armstrong 💌
- Melissa Assinewai
- Marjorie Beaudry
- Oliver Desmoulin
- 🔹 Justice Drane 🂌
- Christine Esquimaux
- Erin Esquimaux
- Marilyn Kagige-Dominic
- Chelsea King
- Martha Lariviere
- Roger Lavallee
- Sheila Madahbee
- Chevanne Manitowabi
- Zachary McGregor-Rudolph K
- Joseph Migwans
- Patricia Moore
- Martin Panamick
- Lyndon Peltier
- Danielle Preston
- Olivia Still
- Joseph Catches The Enemy Stone-Marsh 🗨
- Tyler Tokarz
- Lindsay Trudeau
- Amy Wabegijik • Raven White 롯

Students graduating with **Anishinaabe Aadziwin Distinction** 

# 2021 Graduates

Aboriginal Teacher Education Diploma/Bachelor of Education Degree recipients:

- Joseph Belleau
- Caitlin Craig
- Bonnie Nahwegahbow
- Clarice Pangowish
- Jessyca Prigione
- Ngwaagan Whitehawk

Additional Qualifications (Teaching First Nation, Metis, and Inuit Children) Certificate recipients:

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#### Martin Panamick Yvonne Duffy Crosbu

Mechanical Techniques- Welder Fitter Timber Framing Certificate recipients:

James Bickell

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2021 Graduates

- Jason Cyr
- Anthony Pennings
- Ronald Perreault

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- Nicole Abotossaway
- Janice Cada
- Sharlene Cole
- Bill Cranston
- Caroline Debassige
- Elizabeth (Julie) Gamrat

#### Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Certificate recipients:

- Sheila Alinsub
- Janice Balfour
- Olga Uporova Chen
- Catherine Corbett
- Adele Danis
- Andrea Kennedy-Mitchell
- Maryann Ramsay
- Cynthia Vilkarsis

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 Teresa Jackson 🔹 Cecil Lamarr 🏾 🕏

- Zachary McGregor-Rudolph 🛛 🖉
- Joseph Catches the Enemy Stone-Marsh K
   Lila Sloss
- Raven White 💌

**Certificate recipients:** 

Destiny Debassige

**Certificate recipients:** 

Alexander Brownlee

Clay Dickson

**Certificate recipients:** 

**Canadian Welding Bureau** 

• Alexander Brownlee 戻

- Janice Cada
- Jeannie Debassige
- Nicole Fox
- Melanie Francis
- Jacob McLellan
- Constance Nolan
- Jacinta Shawanda

















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# The Manitoulin West Recorder



The Manitoulin KAIROS group along with the Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay hosted the memorial of children's shoes commemorating Indigenous children whose unmarked graves have been discovered at several residential schools in Canada recently. In photo, left to right, is Reverend Mercedes Hughes, Reverend Whitney Bruno, Mary Buie, Maria Chovaz, Kate Mackerarcher, Jeff Hietkamp and Selena Bruno.

photo by Tom Sasvari

# **KAIROS** group, Lyons Memorial hosts memorial of children's shoes

#### by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY-From youngsters to adults, the Manitoulin KAIROS group, along with the Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay, hosted the memorial of children's shoes that was initiated by KAIROS in June to commemorate the 215 Indigenous children whose unmarked graves were found on the grounds of the Kamloops, British Columbia residential school in May. As has been reported since, many more children's unmarked graves have been found at several other residential schools in other areas of Canada, including the most recent 182 more burial sites found on June 30 at a site near the St. Eugene's Mission School near Cranbrook, British Columbia which was operated by the Catholic church from 1912 until the early 1970s.

"We had a few people out, not that many, there was one family who left behind brand new children's

shoes," stated Reverend Mercedes Hughes, of Lyons Memorial United Church. "In that regard the day was a success," she said, noting "we were pushing the education element of this whole issue during the day."

Rev. Hughes explained, "it was two-fold. We wanted to provide education and awareness and what Chief Patsy Corbiere had said (in supporting Indigenous people reeling from the news of the unmarked graves at residential schools) and this was a good opportunity for us as a church to host the shoes display, as it give a visual element to the horrific things that took place at residential schools.'

For Steve Chovaz, the issue of the horrific treatment that Indigenous children had to endure at residential schools is very poignant and close to home for him. "My ex-inlaws were both survivors of resi-

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# **Gore Bay considers** tenders for study of cruise ship dock

**by Tom Sasvari** GORE BAY—With phase one of the Town of Gore Bay marina expansion project having been substantially completed, and under budget, the town has now received tenders for an analysis to take place on whether the next stage of the marina expansion project is feasible.

As had been previously reported, the Town of Gore Bay had received a grant of \$50,000 from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for a feasibility study concerning anticipated further expansion work on its marina. The funding is to go toward a feasibility study to be carried out looking at a larger dock that can accommodate larger ships, off the breakwall.

This larger dock was part of the town's original marina expansion master plan carried out several years ago.

The town had put out a request for proposals for the feasibility

study. "We have three tender (bids) to carry out the feasibility study," Stasia Carr, town clerk, told members of the town public works committee at a meeting last week.

Ms. Carr explained the three tenders include one from the Creva Group in the amount of \$49,600 plus tax; a second from Limestone Partners in the amount of \$43,500 plus tax; and the third from Lakeshore Excursions in the amount of \$70,000 plus tax.

Staff and committee members will review and consider the three tenders and bring this to council for consideration.

Ms. Carr told The Expositor after the meeting, "the company whose tender is accepted to carry out the study will analyze and make a recommendation as to whether it is feasible (for the town) to move forward with the plans for the cruise ship dock. The company that is chosen will be

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# **MSS new site of mass** immunization clinics

MANITOULIN—Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) is advising the public of a new location for the mass immunization clinics on Manitoulin Island.

Effective July 6, all mass immunization clinics previously scheduled at the NEMI recreation centre (Little Current) or Mindemoya Missionary Church will take place at Manitoulin Secondary School in M'Chigeeng First Nation.

"Dates and times of scheduled appointments are not affected by the location change unless you are called and receive confirmation of a new appointment time," the PHSD release explains. "This applies to first and second dose appointments. If you have any questions about your appointment, please call 705-674-2299 (toll-free 1-800-708-2505) between 8 am and 8 pm, seven days a week.

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### **United Manitoulin Islands Transit** receives funding to continue services

#### by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Funding being provided to United Manitoulin Islands Transit (UMIT) through the municipality of Central Manitoulin is welcome news critical to the continuation of the bus service.

province June 28. "The province has extending our funding for an additional two years because of the pandemic (COVID-19). This is critically important to us."

### **Rainbow Board approves \$215 million budget**

#### by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) trustees were almost entirely unanimous in their support of approving the 2021-2022 school year budget that will be balanced, but with the board taking \$1.6 million out of its reserves.

"There are no new updates from the draft budget set in June," Dennis Bazinet, superintendent of business, told the RDSB board at a meeting last week. "The draft budget presentation stands with no increase in the budget." However, as was pointed out when the board considered the draft budget last month, Mr. Bazinet confirmed that the board would need to take \$1.6 million out of its reserves to balance the budget. "I thought I had heard the province is going to be increasing funding to boards," said Doreen Dewar, chair of the RDSB. Mr. Bazinet said it is hoped that this will be clarified by the ministry of education this month. "I'm concerned with what is not included in the proposed budget," said Trustee Anita Gibson. "As Trustee (Dena) Morrison had asked about, we are down by one superintendent if we pass this budget, and at this point there has been no announcement of funding for remote learning," she said, pointing out that the province confirmed in May that boards must offer remote learning for the entire 2021-2022 school year. "And we still have a deficit. And I'm

concerned about the size of the deficit. How long can we sustain deficits if we continue to run at the same level?"

Mr. Bazinet explained, "essentially as of August 2022 we will still have \$5.2 million in reserve. We go through three financial cycles every year, this in June, then actual enrolment in November and a revised budget in December and then we do our vear end financials. Over the past four or five years we have added to

primarily to teaching staff numbers.

The RDSB expects students to be in class, in person, come September. However, if a student cannot attend in person due to personal health concerns, a remote learning remote program will be considered, Director of Education Norm Blaseg said in a memo to parents and guardians last week. He pointed out the board is anticipating more information from the Ministry of Education on its

our reserve.

Mr. Bazinet said it is too early to hit the panic button, as a lot of things can change once the board sees enrolment figures in September or October. At that time the board will see actual costs related

expectations later this month and that there will be an opportunity later for parents to take part in a survey regarding their choice of delivery mode to students for the next school year after that.

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"It is indeed very good news, we are very happy," stated Joahnna Berti, executive director of UMIT, to funding announced by the

UMIT started in August 2020, said Ms. Berti. "We have fantastic strategic plans that this funding will allow us implement, while maintaining our regular operations."

Richard Stephens, mayor of Central Manitoulin explained, "as you know, we became the lead municipality for funding for UMIT, to be flowed through. For the initial start-up of the UMIT service there was \$500,000 in provincial funding provided (2018-2023) and now the province has extended this by two years (until 2025), with \$105,000 in funding for each of the two years."

This is very good news," stated Mayor Stephens, who is a member of the UMIT board of directors. 'We now are assured the service will continue for at least an additional two more years."

The Ontario government is extending funding of up to \$14 million over two years for communities providing transportation

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Friends of Misery Bay park gearing up for busy summer

**by Tom Sasvari** MISERY BAY—Along with the opening of the visitors' centre at Misery Bay Provincial Park (MBPP) last weekend (on a limited basis at this point due to the pandemic), Friends of Misery Bay (FOMB) is gearing up for a busy summer, with several projects coming up, including FOMB being part of a bio-blitz of the Vidal Bay property, through Ontario Parks and the Nature Conservancy of Canada

invited to take part in a bio-blitz of the Vidal Bay property," stated FOMB chair John Diebolt at the group's annual general meeting held recently. "It's going to be fun, Vidal Bay is a really interesting property." Megan Bonenfant of the NCC, who is also a member of both FOMB and the Manitoulin Nature Club (MNC) told The Expositor after the meeting, "This bio-blitz event

From left, board members Dave Clark, Megan is not a public event, it is real-(NCC). We are honoured to be invit- Bonenfant (trails coordinator) and Peg Balkind stand ly an invitation to the nature ed by the NCC, along with the beside the first new trailmaker post installed. The club and FOMB. We will be Manitoulin Nature Club to be posts were built by Roundtree Co. of Ice Lake, of all local cedar.

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#### | | <u>editorial</u>

# Parents need some hint of the path forward this fall

It has been a year of learning virtually for most students, or is that virtually learning? These are confounding times and the melange of information forthcoming from school boards, the province and the health unit seem to lack the congruency parents need to chart their way through these troubled waters.

Are the province's children going to be returning to school as normal this fall? Will Island students have the choice of attending classes virtually come September as announced by the premier, or was that another "aspirational" pronouncement in line with the vaccination schedules issued off-the-cuff by Premier Doug Ford?

The lack of any clearly defined plan emanating from official sources, or worse yet, contradictory signposts being erected by different branches of officialdom, is frustrating for parents who are expected to navigate the weeks ahead. This falls far short of what parents need, let alone what they want.

While it is fair to say that these are the most untravelled of times for each of us and there is little in the way of precedence upon which to chart a course, it behooves our various levels of government to get their collective acts together and communicate clearly and effectively what is likely to lie on the road ahead.

The economy is poised to roar back into life, and given the many challenges already facing many business sectors when it comes to securing skilled labour even before the pandemic, those challenges will likely return to bedevil the economy manifold. Placing increased uncertainty for childcare on parents in the workforce will not help meet those challenges.

Parents have struggled valiantly through this past year; they deserve some semblance of solid ground upon which to construct their family's plans going forward into the new school year.

It is up to the leaders of our province to lay that foundation by coordinating with the both the health units and the school boards to put out a coherent and dependable plan.

Affordable child care is a huge issue for many parents in the workforce and any sensible plan to bolster the economy and ensure it is not hamstrung by a lack of a safe harbour for their school age children.

#### <u>letters</u>

### **Progess is being made on Indigenous issues**

#### Praise for Regional Chief Glen Hare's approach

#### To the Expositor:

I was very impressed and heartened with Regional Chief (Glen) Hare's statements in the June 16 issue of The Expositor.

Most First Nations leaders and individuals I hear in the media, F though expressing their legitimate concerns, do so as if no progress has been made between First Nations and fellow Canadians. But it appeared to me that the chief spoke in an honest and candid way, belying the perception that relations are a disaster and that no progress has been made. As Chief Hare expressed, the federal government has taken huge

steps on child welfare over the last 10 years. They are also giving what we're hoping for regarding repatriation of sovereign power.

I think the following examples also attest to the fact that our relationship is solid and mutually beneficial.

Recent federal budget allocation of \$18 billion of new money to narrow socio-economic gap.

Great economic relationships in hundreds of communities. Recent examples are Grand Chief Johnathon Solomon of Mushkegowuk council and mayor of Timmins signed an agreement for a poverty, health, and social and economic partnership, Attawapiskat Victor mine development, Ring of Fire in the Northwest, OPG partnering with Coral Rapids in Northwestern Ontario (Taykwa FN) for renewable energy and economic benefits etc.

Truth and Reconciliation has financially settled 38,000 specific claims and common experience payment to 28,000 individuals.

More recently there was a settlement of the '60s scoop' and the extensive inquiry into missing women.

These are just a few examples that show our relationship as Canadians is strong, vibrant and developing. We are not starting at square one. This gives us cause to celebrate in hope together.

The present crisis should not be allowed to overshadow these achievements. Litigation and militancy will prove to be counterproductive.

Don Baby Elliot Lake

### Grit: courage and resolve; strength of character

#### An apt description of the Island's business community

To the Expositor:

With the pandemic having gone on for over a year, people have been listening to news and others saying how much mental stress people are under. Sometimes when you are told over and over again that you are under stress you start to believe it. Take a moment and really consider how you are, not what others tell you about how you really feel. We have been blessed to have been, so far, mildly impacted by the pandemic here on Manitoulin Island (and thank you to all who are following the health guidelines, wear a mask, social distancing, washing hands, limiting travel and following quarantine rules when needed). The weather is getting better and we can get out for a walk, we have groceries on the shelves of our stores, we have businesses providing supplies curbside, the hospital and medical staff are fabulous and many of us have had our vaccine. If you really think about it, you are probably not nearly as stressed as people might be telling you. Look at the beautiful day, the great place we live in, what you have, and realize we are truly blessed, pandemic or not.

A quote from a friend of mine, Angela Becks: "Having grown up on Manitoulin Island, I know people to be resilient, to be strong, and to be brave. If 'having grit' is considered to be the same, I honour that. Good people just trying to do the best they can."

> Barb Baker Little Current

Editor's Note: Please see the first installment of 'We've Got Grit' on Page 33.

### Disposing of the Big Lake Schoolhouse would be a big mistake

### That building has long been a centre of the community

To the Expositor:

I'm writing this letter to indicate to the residents of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin what a huge mistake it would be to dispose of the Big Lake schoolhouse as was indicated in the previous council meetings:

how they will pay for the repairs. Because of this damage, we are not able to use the building. The association is in no financial situation to come up with \$80-100K they claim to need for engineers and contractors. The lease signed in 2018 ends in 2035. This lease does not mention capital costs incurred just the general maintenance on the building. In the past, BLCA has made donations to others in the community in the amount of \$23,000 over the past 20 years. Had we known what we would face today we may have not been so generous and saved those funds to do these repairs that face us. The only costs to the municipality has been the insurance on the property which they have advised is approximately \$3,000 per year. As members of this municipality, we pay taxes to the township, and should we not have a say in what happens to those tax dollars? Only one of our two delegates on council support us in our pleas to save this cherished community building. The events hosted at the Big Lake schoolhouse were not only fundraisers, they brought our community together to fellowship and share a meal, listen to music and cherish the historical building we chose as a community centre. People came from near and far to attend our events. We were able to meet new neighbours and welcome them to the community. Young and old were brought together at these events. We were able to share our history and most importantly our heritage that our parents and grandparents built and worked hard for.

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The Big Lake schoolhouse was always the centre of our community. Not only for school, but for church, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, baby and wedding showers, elections, crokinole and euchre nights and many other community oriented events. This building also housed the Women's Institute, a well-known and respected historical group. They held their meetings and activities in the old schoolhouse and they cared for the building during this period. These women made donations to many worthwhile causes on the Island, and this fine group of ladies showed their support for community, home and country.

Through the years, the township of Sandfield was amalgamated with the township of Carnarvon and the Big Lake/Sandfield Association was formed. They took over the care and control of all building improvements and upgrades with money raised from their fundraising activities. Over the years many donations were made from their profits to the hospital, for school bursaries and many other meaningful causes. One of their bigger fundraising goals was to buy and install a brand new playground and equipment for our children, and grandchildren to enjoy.

When COVID-19 hit, like many other things, our fundraising events had to come to a halt. The Big Lake Community Association (BLCA) continued to keep the utilities and general upkeep up to date on the building, while during this time the Central Manitoulin building and maintenance supervisor inspected the Big Lake schoolhouse and found ice and water damage to the roof. This incident was never reported to their insurance company and was never fixed. This damage caused the roof to leak, and then mold, something that should've been handled in a timely manner was not, and therefore the damage has gotten worse.

Now the council of Central Manitoulin is asking the BLCA to decide

The BLCA has a growing membership and hope to continue to serve in our community.

How can we put a price on history, heritage, and community? We plead with the council to reconsider their proposal to dispose of the heart of our community.

Freida (Middaugh) Tann A former student and taxpayer Central Manitoulin

#### Wednesday, July 7, 2021

#### **Darrell and Marlene Dewar**

After brief introductions, the writer is treated to a delicious lunch consisting of homemade bread with salmon salad and a dessert of homemade date squares. We sit outside, warmed by the sun as the story begins. Darrell and Marlene, both longtime members of the Manitoulin community, come from well-established close-knit farming families. "Our family did everything together, whether it was working on the land or visiting Watson's store," Marlene offers. As a teen, she worked on the local switchboard, and helped in Mae Russell's restaurant. Later she worked for the Bank of Montreal, both in Sudbury and on the island. Darrell' first job was with the Department of Highways building up the roadway from Espanola to Little Current before he started with INCO, spending 30 years, surveying their vast territories.

"My maternal grandmother Matilda McMullen was a kind lady," Marlene begins, "she was always giving something to us, and we loved to visit. She made our wedding cake. Grandfather had a sawmill in Manitowaning, but he died when I was still a baby, so I don't remember him. Dad came from a large family too. Paternal grandfather James Case died quite young. Dad's mum lived with a son in the Slash."

Marlene Ella was born in the Red Cross Hospital in Mindemova on July 25, 1945, to William Hiram and Ethel (McMullen) Case. "I was named after my aunt Ella." There were six siblings in the family, Burton, Vilda, Rex, Bill, Marlene, and Dennis. "I can still see my mother coming across the bridge towards our house. Dad was with her and she was carrying our new baby brother, Dennis in her arms. It was 1948.'

"Our first farm in the Slash was small, so in 1937, our family packed up five children and all our belongings to move to the 200acre Bill Arnold farm on the banks of the Manitou River, in Sandfield. We had many trees, waterfalls, and each spring, we caught lots of suckers in the river. Mother would can them with tomato juice and vinegar. They tasted and looked just like salmon."

Historically, the Anishnaabe folk on Manitoulin showed earlier generations of pioneers how to use maple syrup and beech nuts, plentiful on Manitoulin. The nuts were ground into flour and animal feed and their wood, warmed houses. Without the beech nuts and suckers for food, many early pioneers might not have gotten through those first years.

The family had sold some of the machinery to help buy the new farm, so Joe and Lark, their horses, became the source of power. "We had a cozy house, warmed by a wood-fired stove. A convenient hand water pump was installed at one end of the kitchen counter." "Dennis and I played together; we were like a second family, born quite a bit after the first four. We would fish the river for speckled trout. I was always happy being with him. We accompanied our parents everywhere. When I started at Big Lake School, three years later, another world opened to me. I rode on a school bus, saw other children and met a teacher, Sarah Cannard, for the first time. I liked math, art and recess the best but there were a lot of rules. If we misbehaved, we missed recess; needless to say, I didn't misbehave.' For high school, grade nine was held downstairs in the Mindemova Community Centre because the old school was not big enough. The following year a new school was built where the public school is now. Marlene spent her high school years working at 'Gram's' restaurant owned by Mae Russell. She was both a waitress and a





The newly-wedded couple.



The Dewar family in Providence Bay, 1973.

"Central" for the local rural tele- cousin had a boat with a motor,"

switchboard operator there as Mindemoya or Martin Lake. "My Darrell adds. Providence Bay had a quiet, unpopulated beach where you might be the only couple enjoying the ambience. During their early dates, Marlene perceived a little 'reticence'. Darrell quickly explains, "I waited for 11 dates to kiss her because I was shy." "Paternal grandparents are (Kay) William and Harriet (Kay) Dewar." Darrell offers as introduction. "William had come with other youths, as a 12-year-old from Scotland to work on a farm in Collingwood. A few years later, he moved to the Kennedy farm in Providence Bay. Harriet lived on the 20th and 8th Side Road and walked three miles to school each day. At 15, she cooked for the commercial fishermen on the Duck Islands. After World War One, William had the foresight to plant acres of potatoes which were shipped overseas. One hundredpound bags sold for \$10 each to feed the German people after they had lost the war and their crops. This gave William the impetus he

needed to invest in his farm."

Maternal grandparents James and Alice (Cooper) Hopkin were wise and kind. They lived where the Garden's Gate restaurant is now. "Grandmother cooked at the hotel in Providence Bay, and she was the book-keeper in the family, making sure their money was well-spent. Grandfather had taken a few years of Veterinary School at Owen Sound, so he cared for the animals.'

Darrell was born on June 8, 1940 to Reginald and Grace (Hopkin) Dewar. "There was a \$200 charge for a baby and a \$100 charge for a galloping colt at the time," Darrell adds, smiling. "I was the second son, after Harold and before Lyle. All of us being five years apart, was wellplanned. We would help father without the fighting that might have occurred were we closer in age. My first memory, as a threeyear old, is riding on Aunt Hazel's shoulders to visit Aunt Maude. Aunt Hazel had blonde hair and looked like a movie star. I was

was also an understanding that the grandchildren of William and Harriet Dewar would take their girlfriends and cars to them to seek their approval," Darrell adds, grinning. If the Dewar grandparents were happy, the new acquisitions and connections were adopted.

After Grade 10, Darrell worked for the Department of Highways, for \$179 a month, building Highway 6 from Espanola to Little Current. "This is where I learned the art of surveying." Darrell fin-ished Senior high at night school. After grade ten, Marlene became a teller with the Bank of Montreal.

"Darrell and I set the wedding date, and I headed for Sault St. Marie to pick out the perfect wedding dress. The day before we were to marry, we discovered that the dress had gone to Sandfield, Manitoba. We rushed to the Sault and were assured that any dress that fit, could be substituted. A beautiful 'second choice' was picked." Darrell and Marlene were wed on a nice, warm November 15, 1963. The honeymoon took them to Ottawa where they made an adventurous turn and wound up in Hull. "We were lost, and it took us quite a while to get back since everyone spoke French. Coming back to Ontario was like coming back to Canada from a foreign country."

In 1964, the couple moved to a rented home on Beverly Drive in



An early Christmas celebration.

#### enthralled."

"School was two miles away on

Sudbury where Marlene would work with the Bank of Montreal and Darrell at INCO. "My brother knew the guy that headed the INCO surveying group. They agreed to interview me but then a serious car collision on Government Road laid me up for several months. I anticipated a refusal, but to my surprise they still had the job open. 'Come when you are ready' they said."

On November 9, 1964, Darrell began setting up machinery to do precise leveling on INCO's vast lands, extending for many of miles to the Spanish River area where there were three powerhouses near the logging town of Biscotasing. "The department consisted of 12 staff, four teams of three, with one team always in the office. There was a lot of driving and preparatory work and this kept us quite busy." In 1965, Marlene's dad died. Brother Dennis was just 17. It was quite a shock for the family, but life went on. In 1968, the couple's first baby, Anita Marie was born. "We were still living in the apartment on Beverley Drive. Anita was active right from the start. She would only stand in her crib. A cardboard top on the crib was needed so she would sleep instead of stand. She walked at seven months and used her springloaded jumping horse to vigorously explore the entire house. She loved all sports."

the Government Road. Our supply teacher, Mrs. Corrigan liked to read us stories that could last for half a day. We loved it. A bonus was her habit of napping at lunch. If she happened to be asleep when it was time to ring the afternoon bell, we took great pains not to wake her." At home, Lyle and Darrell took up fiddling after listening to Chester Glanville, their hired hand, play his violin.

phone company was also located in the same building as the restaurant.

"My brother Bill would take me to the dances if I promised to iron his pants. Dances were opportunities to meet new people, like Darrell. He was bestowed with a great sense of humour and wonderful dancing skills, which more than made up for the occasional ill temper." Darrell saw a "pretty ladv with a nice figure and who could move well on the dance floor.'

"We began to spend time together, enjoying bands like the Gore Bay Orchestra." Sometimes there was a little 'partying' going on at the wood pile at the Sandfield Hall beside Watson's store. The boys might congregate before or after the dance. The girls didn't participate. For the ladies 'no drinking' was the norm, it seems, until after the wedding bells had rung

Water-skiing was just gaining traction, so the couple often took a picnic lunch and joined their friends on the beaches of Lake Harold preferred the guitar.

"In April 1950, my dad, Jack Dewar. Ivan Lanktree and Cliff McCulligh fashioned a snowplough using discs, bobsleighs and oak wing boards. They successfully met the deadline for clearing the Government Road of snow, so Hydro could come in. Life became much easier after that."

In 1951, Darrell was bused to Providence Bay School where Miss Annie McDermid, who had taught his parents, made sure they followed all the rules. "One year we cut down a Christmas tree at her request. It was our choice to cut one three stories high. She got us back by insisting we shorten it, then cut and stack the extra wood. We learned not to cross her but learned a lot of other valuable information as well."

"The high school was impressed with Miss McDermid's students. Nevertheless, this learning advantage dissipated somewhat by grade ten when girls and cars changed priorities. There

In 1969, Darrell and Marlene

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### GG's Foodland in Little Current closing its doors on September 24

#### by Expositor staff

LITTLE CURRENT—When it comes to groceries, GG's Foodland, located in a prominent site on Highway 6 before the swing bridge, has long been a staple on the Little Current scene, but unless something changes in the next couple of months, the doors will close on September 24.

"It was a business decision made by (parent company) Sobey's," said franchisee Diane (Deedee) Tessier. "That's all we have been told."

The news was all bad for the 20-odd full- and parttime employees.

"I have been working for 50 years and I am just about ready to retire," said Ms. Tessier, "but I would have liked to have made the decision myself."

Ms. Tessier said that she feels bad for the employees who have been working so hard during the pandemic to help keep people's larders stocked. "I feel bad for all the people we deliver groceries to, too," she said. Ms. Tessier has been the GG's Foodland franchisee for 13 years. "I took it over when Ed (Laidley) left," she said. "He wanted me to buy it, but I told him that if I had that kind of money I wouldn't be working for him," she laughed. "That's when we came up with the idea of me taking over as a

franchisee." While the decision to close has been made, Ms. Tessier said she wasn't giving up hope. "Sobey's still holds the lease on the property," she said. "You never know what can happen over the summer. Someone might step forward with a plan."

In the meantime, the decision has left people scrambling to find new positions, some of them for the second time this pandemic as their previous employers had closed.

Inquiries made to Sobey's head office communications department by The Expositor have not yet been returned.

GG's was begun nearly 50 years ago in the same location by Little Current resident Grenville Green and his wife Brenda who came back to his home town with a great deal of experience in the wholesale and retail grocery business.

Mr. Green's initial concept was a seven-day-aweek grocery store, open daily until 9 pm and with an experienced butcher always in the butcher shop,

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ready to cut meat to order. Mr. Green more than doubled the size of the original store, adding more

GG's Foodland will be turning off the lights on September 24 following a business decision by head office.

G'S FOODLAN

The business has been in this location for 50 years and employs 20.

parking in the process, before retiring and selling the business to Ed Laidley.

photo by Michael Erskine

### **Cavaliers Royal Canadian Legion motorcycle group visits Manitoulin Island**

#### by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—A group of dedicated motorcycling enthusiasts have combined their favourite pastime with their favourite organization to create the Cavaliers Legion Riders Korea Unit, named in honour of a Korean War veteran.

The Korea Unit came to Manitoulin for a six-day ride and connected with Little Current Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177. The Korea Unit laid wreaths at the Little Current cenotaph and in Manitowaning before travelling out to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph in Central Manitoulin to honour all veterans who "made the ultimate sacrifice."

"It was an honour for Branch 177 Legion President Ruth Eadie and I to join them at the service," said Mr. Eaton. "There are many individual Legion riders (including Little Current's Ron Steeves) but there is only one official unit in Ontario," he explained. "The Korea Unit is only a year-and-ahalf old and already has 54 members."

Korean Unit President Michel Joannette said that he and his wife were no strangers to Manitoulin, having visited a number of times in the past. That made the Island a shoo-in for a club ride.

"I said 'why don't we go to visit Manitoulin? It's a nice place and nobody had been here before'," said Mr. Joannette. "So we reserved the whole Manitoulin Inn. Since we were here we thought 'why not visit the local Legion'."

The group travelled up from Tobermory, spending a few days on the Island and heading back. The run started a week ago, heading out in the rain. Most of the members hail from Eastern Ontario.

Mr. Joanette had high praise for the service on Manitoulin, citing an incident when one member's battery failed. "The manager got on the phone and lent us his truck to go and get the part."



Members of the Little Current Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 join the Korea Unit to lay a wreath in remembrance at the downtown cenotaph. The motorcycle group is unique in Canada and enjoyed their visit to Manitoulin. Several have booked for next year.

photo by Roy Eaton

Mr. Joanette said the only purpose for the unit, besides having fun riding across the province and beyond, is to raise money for homeless veterans. The homeless residence in Rockford is the main focus. "We should not have homeless veterans in Canada," said Mr. Joanette.

The unit was named in honour of member Wanda Duffy Bertram of Cornwall's father Elburn Duffy.

"We love it here," she said. "We have already booked our room at My Friend's Inn for next year. We will stay longer next year. Betty Ann and Wayne MacDougall have been wonderful."

Following a few photographs and some camaraderie with their Island Legion members, the Korea Unit motorcyclists mounted up and headed out to explore more of the Island before heading to Tobermory and a roundabout journey home.

Lest we forget.

# Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Here at Team Fergmeijer, although we have a solid fan base, we accept that not everyone is going to enjoy us all the time. We do get the odd piece of criticism. Just last week, we got a less than friendly message making fun of us for how short we are. It might have hurt our feelings, except that we realized that the worst thing this person could say about us is that there isn't more computer/tablet/mobile phone and internet connection, or a telephone, are required.

A belated happy birthday goes out to Karen C who turned a glorious 29 last week. Remember, you can't think of getting older as a bad thing. Think of it this way, if you were scotch, you'd be super expensive!

While in lockdown, the library and the Billings Heritage Centre have been working on a revamp of the local history book, "How It All Began." Copies of the new edition will soon be available for sale at the library and museum, as well as at the Kagawong market.

This week, the library is launching their Blind Date With A Book Fundraiser. Purchase one of a specially curated collection of books from a variety of genres that have been lovingly enclosed in brown paper wrapping with only the genre and a few clues as to what the book is about. NO author and NO title! Like any good date, your book comes with chocolate (a specialty treat from Manitoulin Chocolate Works), and will take you out for a drink (free coffee compliments of Sugar Bush Canadian Coffee House). In addition to these, there are a selection of other treats, treasures and goodies that might be included with your blind date. Blind date books will be for sale at the Kagawong market starting this week, and supplies are limited! An upside to all the rain last week is that the burn ban has been lifted! Remember that though bonfires do not require permits, all other fires do. Contact the municipal office for details. Got big ideas? Have a vision for Billings Township? The Township will be engaged in the next strategic planning cycle (2022-2025) during 2021. Watch for strategic planning surveys and have your say! The more people who contribute ideas and comments, the better the process and the stronger the plan for the next planning cycle. Your favourite reporters (or 'favorite' for all of our American fans) are officially on holidays this week. Lazy days on the deck and lounging by the lake have had us pondering more big questions about life, the universe and everything. For example, if your front door has a mail slot, are you living in a mailbox? Are beds just wireless chargers for humans? Is a parking ticket just a speeding ticket for going 0km/hr where it isn't allowed? If a blacksmith hammered your signature from a piece of metal, has he just forged your signature? If a flight school offered short term flying lessons, are they teaching a crash course? Do they make 'do not touch' signs in braille? Is it crazy how saying sentences backwards creates backwards sentences saying how crazy it is? Have a great week!

#### Silver Water Karen Noble

of us! lect

Today is the day! Come on by the pavilion across from the Old Mill from 10am - 3pm for the first Kagawong market of the summer! Rumour has it there are several dozen vendors from crafts to baked goods, jewelry to fresh vegetables, books to clothing. It's worth the drive to Kagawong! As you may have noticed, there has been a wee bit of road works underway in the downtown area. The crew has been working quickly, the weather has been cooperating, and very few surprises have cropped up. All of which means that the work is ahead of schedule overall! Some paving has been started this week (from the highway to the Park Centre), with the remaining work on Main Street continuing for the next few weeks. Continue to use caution when driving or walking in the area.

Another project set to get underway, H&R Noble will be starting work at the outdoor rink at the Park Centre in the next few weeks. Advertising along the new boards is available if you would like to be part of the fundraising efforts for this project. Contact the township office for more information or to donate.

Now that Ontario is in Step Two of the reopening roadmap, the Municipal Office in the Old Mill is open to the public again, but council meetings are still to be attended virtually. Contact tmills@billingstwp.ca by 3 pm on the day of the council meeting for an invitation. A There were a lot of homes that participated in the yard decorating contest for Canada Day. The first-place winner was Stop 540 residents Ryan, Sara, Payton and Cayden. Second place went to the mini parade at Lorna Cambria's. Third place was Phillip and Cindy Harper who had a lot of help from their grandchildren. Thank you to Diane Jones for the judging. The fireworks were set off at a few homes on Saturday night. Larissa Chevrette spent a few days with us on the weekend. There was a successful market in our yard on Saturday morning. Four charitable organizations all raised a lot of funds and there were a number of individual vendors. They all plan to be back every Saturday morning from 9 am to noon at 20563 Hwy 540.

The "Welcome to Silver Water" sign beside the fire hall has been replaced with a newly painted one by Linda Thiessen. The wooden frame was made by her husband Eric. Thank you to Paul Sorbara and family for the donation of material and to the Local Services Board of Robinson for paying the remainder of the costs.

The large garbage bin at the fire hall on Saturday was sent away without being full. The recycle bins will be open on July 12 from 1 to 2 pm.

# Manitoulin Sporting Life

Chips to Canoe Quips



#### **Central Manitoulin activities!**

Central Manitoulin's Community Development/Outreach Coordinator, **Marcus Mohr**, has been sitting on some great ideas to get all of us more active in the township. Due to the whole uncertainty of what to announce and when, because of the COVID-19 restrictions he has been working behind the scenes to be ready when there is light at the end pandemic tunnel.

There are now three different exercises going on at the Lions' pavilion behind the Old School in Mindemoya, beside the arena. There will be Zumba, yoga and dance classes. They are also starting work on the Wagg's Woods new trail head.

Zumba classes will be hosted by **Kellie Robinson** (705-863-1324) on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 pm on June 16, 23, 30 then July 7, 14, 21 and 28. Yoga is with **Alessandra Turone** (Prana Yoga) (519-222-8413, alessandra.turone@gmail.com) on Saturdays from 11 am to 12 pm that is tentative for every Saturday with a July 3 start.

Dance classes (Body Stories Dance Instruction) with **Candice Irwin** (647-213-1497, bodystoriesdance@gmail.com) will happen Tuesdays from 4 to 7:30 pm on July 13, 20, 27, then August 3, 10 and 17.

The other big reveal was that the municipality is also working on the often hidden recreational gem right in town. Wagg's Woods was donated many years ago by **A.J. Wagg** and has been used increasingly more often as time has passed. Students of the nearby Central Manitoulin Public School have had the very unique opportunity to use the mature maple forest as an outdoor classroom with untold learning experiences.

The municipality is putting in a 10 car parking lot and a new trail head entrance at the corner of Forest and Thorne streets. Interested volunteers wanting to participate in the initial brushing for trail building can contact Marcus at 705-377-5726 or email centralecdev@amtelecom.net.

#### Assiginack advances!

The municipality of Assiginack will also be busy with their goal to get people moving. In August, organizer extraordinaire **Jackie White** will be holding swim lessons for kids and the equally important swim lessons/stroke improvement for adults. We all need help with swimming, at any age, please take advantage.

Additionally, there will also be senior dance classes in August and they are free thanks to the Senior Community Grant. Finally, yoga in a two week compressed session for beginners and adults at a reduced price as the township's way of saying thanks for being so awesome through the pandemic.

#### NHL great, generous!

Hats off to the "Riverton Rifle" (and now Manitoulin's) **Reggie Leach** who was most gracious when one of his NHL records was about to be broken last month. Leach has held the record for the most consecutive playoff game goals since the 1976 season when he scored in an astounding 10 straight games in a play-off run that eventually had them losing to the Canadiens in the final.

Reggie, the legendary member of the Philadelphia Flyers' Broadstreet Bullies' LCB Line (Leach, Bobby Clarke, and Bill Barber) in the 70s won the Stanley Cup with the Flyers in 1975. He then had another stellar campaign the following season, winning the scoring title with 61 goals, the Conn Smythe (the only non-goaltender to win) and then, the record in question, the playoffs in which he scored 19 goals in only 16 games.

**Brayden Point**, another super-talented forward, had been continuing his amazing playoff performance from the Tampa Bay Lightning's Stanley Cup winning season of 2019-2020. When Brayden scored his ninth straight playoff game against the New York Islander's **Varlamov**, the requisite question went to the current record holder, Leach. Reggie was gracious as usual and wished the youngster his best wishes. As it turned out, Point did not even tie the record at 10, but Reggie's response was classy and demonstrated the leader-ship qualities that he has shown towards all the younger people he has been involved with since leaving the NHL. Kudos, Reggie!

# Olympic Odyssey: 10 Canadian Storylines for Tokyo

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

#### by Mike Brock

TOKYO—The Opening Ceremonies for the Olympics are taking place on Friday, July 23. (There are a few events that actually start competition on the 21st.)

To help get you set for the action, here are 10 Canadian stories to follow.



Andre De Grasse Shutterstock photo

#### Andre de Great

In Rio, Usain Bolt took the time for a wink and a nod to the second fastest man in the field before they hit the finish line. That would have been Canada's Andre de Grasse. De Grasse was the first Canadian athlete to win medals in all three sprint disciplines (100m, 200m, 4 x 100m relay). Usain has since bolted for the lucrative world of commercials, while de Grasse has spent the last five years hovering around the top of the sprinting heap. With the current world champion, Christian Coleman of the United States, banned for missing three consecutive doping tests, de Grasse is in fine form, and will definitely be one of the favourites.

Athletics starts on July 30, and the men's 100 metre heats start on July 31.

#### The Women's Wave

The Canadian Women's Swim Team in Rio surprised everyone, especially the Canadian Women's Swim Team. The few expectations were blown out of the water early on in the competition, when rookie Penny Oleksiak tied for the Gold medal with American Simone Manuel in the 100-metre freestyle. Oleksiak's face when she saw the clock is one of the iconic frames of the games. But it wasn't just Penny's medal haul. In all, the ladies won seven medals in the pool. Backstrokers Kylie Masse (100m) and Hilary Caldwell (200m) added individual medals, and both freestyle relays reached the podium. And since then, it's only gotten better. Taylor Ruck won seven medals at the Commonwealth Games. Kylie Masse won two World Championships in the 100metre mackstroke. Maggie Mac-Neil from London, Ontario burst onto the international scene in the last few years becoming World Champion in 100-metre butterfly, and earning NCAA Swimmer of the Year honours this past season. The newest addition to the team is 14-year-old Summer McIntosh, whose times at Canadian trials last month will put her in the Top 8 in the 200-, 400- and 800-metre freestyles. She should also help the 4 x 200 relay team challenge for another medal.

Swimming starts on July 24.

#### A Rosie 3-Peat

No Canadian athlete has ever won the same individual event at the three Olympics in a row. Rosie MacLennan is hoping to bounce back from a few injuries to do just that. The trampoline champion out of Richmond Hill has dominated the sport since the London Olympics, adding 19 World Championship medals to her two Olympic golds.

Things on the trampolines get jumping on Friday, July 30.

#### **#CANWNT**

The all-time leader in International soccer goals scored, Christine Sinclair, leads the way again for the Canadian Women's National Team (#CANWNT) as the perennial contenders try to climb the podium after two consecutive Bronze medals. The growth of the women's game around the world has been phenomenal and Canada, backed by a huge grass roots soccer culture has been a big part of it. Some new faces on the team, but many of the veterans from the last two Games are back to see if they can get a medal of a different shine. In fact, there are a dozen women back from the Rio squad, including the top two netminders, Stephanie Labbe and Kadeisha Buchanan. The Canadians were ranked 8th in the world last month, but with a great mix of veterans and young stars, they should still challenge again for the podium.

The squad's first match will be against Japan two days before the opening ceremonies, on July 21.

#### **Diving Back In**

After an already successful international career, Brent Hayden won a bronze medal in the 100metre freestyle at the 2012 Games. He then decided to hang up the goggles. It was almost eight years later, in 2019, after getting in the water with some of the kids that he was coaching, that he decided to dive back into the sport full time. Despite the delay last year, he hung with it, and the now 37year-old won the 50-metre freestyle at last month's Canadian trials. While the men's team won't be nearly as strong as the women's team in Tokyo, there is some real promise on deck. After Rio, Swim Canada created the "Next Gen Program" to identify and support younger teenagers who showed potential to be part of the senior national team. The success of the program has put a few swimmers on the team that weren't expected to be on the Olympic team for another four years. Teenagers Josh Liendo, Gabe Mastromatteo, Finlay Knox and Cole Pratt were barely born when Hayden was representing Canada for the first time, and now, they'll be teammates.

Swimming starts on July 24.

#### Women's Beach Volleyball

It might surprise some folks-Canadian or otherwise-that this country has produced some really good beach volleyball players. This year, at least on the women's side, there will be lots of Canadian content on the beach in Tokyo. Melissa Humana Paradis and Sarah Pavan were World Champions in 2019, and the other duo representing Canada, Heather Bansley and Brandie Wilkerson, were ranked No.1 in the world just a few months ago.

The beach volleyball tournament starts on July 24.

#### **Centre Court**

Canadian tennis has had a really good couple of years. Bianca Andreescu became the first Canadian to win a Singles Grand Slam event when she won the US Open in 2019. And while hobbled by injuries through much of the past year and a half, she looks to be healthy and competitive in time for Tokyo. Also on the women's side, up and comer Leylah Fernandez won her first event in 2021, and has rocketed up the rankings into the top 70. The men are led by veteran Milos Raonic, who has been joined in the World Top 25 by Denis Shapovalov and Felix Auger-Aliassime. While Shapovalov has decided not to compete in Tokyo due to concerns over COVID, veteran double specialist Vasek Pospisil will join the squad. Don't be surprised if any of these

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#### Best wishes, Zee!

It took a while but M'Chigeeng's **Zaagaasge (Zee) Toulouse** is finally going to be able to join the rest of her North American teammates to start on ice training and playing tournaments in preparation for the ultimate goal later on this summer of an international tournament in Europe. Zee has long been on the radar of elite hockey scouts and now with her turning 14 years old all eyes are on the young defensive player. Incidentally, Zaagaasge will be suiting up with players from the US and Canada but not with any other Indigenous or even Northern Ontario players. Good luck, Zee!

#### Golf tournaments are back!

The Rainbow Ridge Golf and Country Club just announced the award winners of the 2021 RRGC Ladies Memorial Golf Champs. Winning the four women team event with a score of 71 was Team Fireball, featuring **Alison Biedermann**, **Amy Debassige**, **Ashley Debassige** and **Deanna Debassige**. The First Flight Winners with a score of 77 was Team Active Living Studios with **Erin Morrison**, **Daniella Shawana**, **Gerrilynn Manitowabi** and **Courtney Pheasant**.

Next up will be the 2021 RRGC Men's Open starting Friday, July 23 and finishing up on the 25th. The 2021 RRGC Mixed Open will be in August on Saturday and Sunday (7th and 8th). The RRGC Senior Men's Open will be on Friday, August 20. For more information visit their website and Facebook page.

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tion of This is Manitoulin-Northern

Ontario's oldest magazine of any kind—is out now and landed in even more homes across Ontario, thanks to a partnership with Destination Northern Ontario (DNO).



The historic tourism lure book had a run of 95,000 copies this year, well above the typical run of 57,000. The increased run is thanks to funds from DNO that allowed for not only the additional printing, but distribution costs and supnew markets as well.

While This is Manitoulin can be found in tourist information centres across the province, Manitoulin Publishing Company Limited also directly targets a specific area of Ontario each year. "The DNO partnership allowed us to target specific additional markets in Northern Ontario, eastern Ontario and southwestern Ontario this year," said Rick McCutcheon, Manitoulin Publishing Company Limited vice-president. "We pinpointed areas that meet our criteria, such as annual household income."

This year in the North, 10,000 copies of This is Manitoulin were distributed to Sault Ste. Marie's prosperous east end while the Temiskaming Shores clay belt area, extending south to Temagami and other communities along that stretch, received 11,000 copies. "People in Northern Ontario take holidays, McCutcheon Mr. too.

The entirety of the Petawawa Canadian Forces Base received 7,330 copies with another 3,600 copies sent to homes in neighbourhoods in nearby Pembroke.

In southwestern Ontario, Listowel in Perth Country and nearby Harriston saw 10,000 copies of This is Manitoulin delivered to homes; St. Mary's, west of Stratford, received 3,300 copies; while Wellington County also saw 10,000 copies of the magazine selectively delivered. In addition, copies of This is Manitoulin will also reach thousands of homes in Bar-

"In addition, the week prior to the various distributions, we took out ads in mass-market publications that served each of the new areas that we had targeted, urging people to keep an eye out for This is Manitoulin magazine, highlighting Manitoulin, 'Ontario's Island Retreat,' as an ideal vacation destination and



The Addison team, in no particular order, Marc Addison, Shaun Riching, Jake Bond and Cole Dumond.

#### Addison team wins annual string tournament for having the longest drive

#### by Tom Sasvari GORDON-The Marc Addi-

son team won the Manitoulin Golf string tournament, held recently.

Mr. Addison's team also included Shaun Riching, Jake Bond and Cole Dumond. They posted a very impressive 18 hole 20 under par score of 52 to take first place.

"I would like to thank

everyone for coming out to play today," stated Myrna Thomas, Manitoulin Golf clubhouse manager at the awards ceremony. She pointed out weather conditions were good when the golfers started their round. but later in the day the rains made for playing conditions that were not ideal. Tournament special prizes were handed out to Linda Golden

on the ladies' side, while Lee Taibossigai had the men's longest drive. Taking the prize for the men's shot closest to the pin was Shaun Riching while the prize for the team that had the most string left over (from the 30 feet each team started out with) was won by the Marc Addison team.

# ....Olympic Odyssey: 10 Canadian Storylines ....continued from page 7 Champion, including 2019). living, every single day.

...continued from page 7 Canadians can make a run to compete for a medal in singles, or doubles. First serve for the tennis

competition is July 24.

#### **Canadian Moms**

Call it bureaucracy, call it misogyny, call it whatever you want, but it took the Olympic International Committee until the end of June to rule on the side of common sense, when they awarded judgments in the favour of two Canadian athletes who became mothers in the last year. Kim Gaucher, a member of Canada's basketball team appealed to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) so that she could bring her threemonth-old daughter Sophie to the Games in order to keep breastfeeding. If they had not, it was likely that Gaucher would have to stay home. Boxer Mandy Bujold had appealed to IOC because although she planned the birth of her child, Kate Olympia, in late 2018 so that she could be in top shape for the qualification, she did not plan for COVID cancelling the qualifying period. The IOC originally declined her appeal, despite her clear qualifications (11time Canadian Flyweight

It's good news all around, and it will be awesome to watch these great athletes and mothers compete wearing the Maple Leaf.

Tip off for the Canadian basketball women is July 26. Bujold enters the ring on July 25.

#### Rugby 7s

Rugby 7s, like beach vollevball, isn't necessarily a

Henderson, from Smiths Falls, is one of the best golfers in the world. She is only 23 years old, and is likely already the most accomplished golfer in Canada's history. This month, she is absolutely a threat to take home the Gold medal in Tokyo. She will be joined on the course by Alena Sharp, an accomplished LPGA player in her own right. Interestingly. both women are Ontario natives, as are both of the golfers teeing up in the men's tournament. Even more interestingly, not only are Mackenzie Hughes and Corey Conners from the same province, the two men were also teammates at Kent State University. Both have had great seasons on the PGA Tour, most recently with Hughes getting a lot of attention for being in contention heading into the Final Round of the US Open Championship-and are most definitely in contention for a medal. Now, as any golfer knows, there are no guarantees-the sport is either the perfect game, or a good walk spoiled. No matter what your lie is, though, it should be fun to watch. Conners and Hughes will tee off on July 29. Brooke and Alena will hit their first shots on August 4.

Island's tourism website, ExploreManitoulin.com," Mr. McCutcheon said.

"This partnership with DNO allowed Manitoulin Publishing to take the message to all these new markets in a productive and ideal way.'

Manitoulin Publishing's webmaster Dave Patterson confirmed that following the province-wide ads, ExploreManitoulin.com's traffic jumped by 20 percent and, several weeks later. this new level of traffic has maintained.

DNO's executive director, David McLachlan, said he believed Manitoulin was well-placed to have another busy summer season and called the partnership with Manitoulin Publishing Company "really valuable. It gets information out in advance so people can plan their holidays and it's important to have that 'piece on the ground' that helps tourists identify what they want to do when they arrive."

Mr. MacLachlan said statistics show that upwards of 90 percent of travellers wait until they arrive at their destination before they book activities. Publications like This is Manitoulin, as well as Manitoulin's Magazine (the day trips guide), help visitors to do just that.

"I'm really excited about this, and I know the opera-tors are too," he added.

Publishing This is Manitoulin has become something of a passion for Manitoulin Publishing staff.

hospitality sector—including dining, events and arts and culture—rely on us as an important factor in their advertising needs, and we want them to get results," Mr. McCutcheon continued. "It is an honour and a privilege for us to do this and to put the magazine in the right hands to get those results." Manitoulin Pub-lishing Company has been publishing the magazine for 41 years and it has been serving Manitoulin since 1960. "This is Manitoulin is the oldest continually-published magazine in North-Ontario," ern Mr.

McCutcheon observed.

This is Manitoulin and ExploreManitoulin.com's trademarked tagline, 'Ontario's Island Retreat,' has proved a popular and eye-catching catchphrase. In fact, during 2019 Toronto International Bicycle Show (the last pre-pandemic cycling event), where the magazine was distributed Manitoulin Island bv Cycling Advocates (MICA), Maja Mielonen, president, noted that this tagline,

showcased prominently on the front cover, was a prime factor in causing over 2,000 copies to 'fly off the shelves' in two days.

Mr. McCutcheon said this is the second partnership with a regional tourism association in the magazine's 61 years. The first was a partnership with Rainbow Country Tourism Association (DNO's predecessor) for increased distribution the year following the SARS outbreak, in 2004, which provincial hindered tourism greatly.

"This is Manitoulin is a popular magazine," Mr. McCutcheon shared, noting that of last year's press run, only a handful of copies remain in The Expositor Office for recordkeeping purposes. "They've become somewhat of a collector's item."

Copies of This is Manitoulin, and Manitoulin's Magazine, can be found at locations across Manitoulin Island.





sport that you might associate with Canada. But here's the thing...we're really good at it! It's a fast paced, shorter event than traditional rugby. Seven minutes a half, seven players a side. The Canadian women won a Bronze medal in Rio, and are consistently ranked in the top eight in the world. The men join them in the Olympic tournament this time, and look to make an impact after solidifying their place in the world's Top 10 over the last few vears.

The ruck starts for the men on July 26, with the women getting going on July 29.

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# ...tenders for study of cruise ship dock

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conducting a market analysis. It has been awhile since we have been able to look at this due to the pandemic, and the town is happy to have received the funding so the evaluation study can be carried out and a recommendation sent to council for its consideration."

At the committee meeting last week, Michael Lalonde, town treasurer, updated the committee on phase one of the marina upgrades project that had been carried out in the past year. "The marina upgrades have reached substantial completion with the acknowledgement of the remaining work to be completed once the electrical supplies are provided by Hydro One." He also mentioned there is some work to be done at Fish Point by Build North Construction." The work still to be completed includes electrical work on piers 9/10, pier 10 and two.

"We have the final (financial) numbers for the project," said Mr. Lalonde. He explained as per the attached financial statement, the total true financial costs of the project to the Town of Gore Bay is \$1,990,188.86 The contributions to date have been \$2,000,000. The remaining \$9,811.14 will be identified to the contributor and held by the town in the deferred revenue until further direction is received from the contributor.

Mr. Lalonde explained the original budget was

\$2,060,981.72 including the expectation of not recovering a portion of the HST. The net reduction, -\$70,792.05, involves an increase of engineering costs +18,775, net reduction in the planned five percent contingency -\$53,921.95 and recovery of all HST funding -\$35,027.32. "This left a little over a \$9,800 surplus in contributions received.'

"It is nice to see a job coming in on budget," stated Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne.

Phase one of the marina expansion project included removing the existing shore connections at piers one and two at the marina, installing a sheet pile wall at the main dock access platform and associated wood decking; installing new shore connections and removing the old Okeechobee Lodge docks at piers three and four, replacing them with new floating docks and all associated water and electrical; and removing the old docks at Fish Point and replacing them with new floating docks and associated water and electrical (piers nine and 10).

The town received a donation from a private donator to carry out phase one of the project. At a July 2020 meeting, Gore Bay council had passed a motion and gave its approval from among three tenders, awarding the contract to Build North Construction. As well, Exp. was the engineer and managed the project.



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### ...Rainbow Board approves \$215 million budget

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"By October we will have better information, especially on the elementary school panel enrolment numbers and total costs for staffing," said Mr. Bazinet. He told the trustees no permanent teaching staff have been assigned to remote learning, and that during this past school year, during the peak of the pandemic, some of the board's permanent staff were reassigned to work at the virtual elementary school "That would be a similar approach we would take in September, as a result of what the distribution of the student population works out to be.'

Mr. Bazinet also said the board has access to \$2.2 million in grant monies provided by the province that it can use to boost its staffing levels with long-term occasional teachers to support remote learning.

Ms. Gibson asked Mr. Bazinet, "are you concerned that the decrease in elementary school enrolment could be lower than is already anticipated, especially considering we

may be making the remote learning harder to access in September?"

"Enrolment figures are one of the major risk factors we have in preparing our budget," said Mr. Bazinet. "Naturally this is always a concern, our enrolment numbers are always done in consultation with the schools and hopefully we will see an increase in enrolment.'

The board is anticipating a decrease of 86 students at the elementary level, and an increase of 69.5 students in the secondary school panel. A loss of 86 elementary students would see a funding loss of approximately \$860,000 for the board from the province.

Manitoulin trustees Margaret Stinger and Linda Debassige put forward the motion and seconded it, as the board approved the 2021-2022 school year budget. The vote of board trustees was unanimous except for Trustee Anita Gibson who opposed the motion.

### **.UMIT receives funding to continue services**

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services in unserved and underserved regions across Ontario through the Community Transportation Grant Program.

Additional funding will help ensure transportation services in 38 communities across the province have additional time to fully establish their transportation services as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and build transportation services up to a sustainable level. This will better position municipalities to continue operating after the program has completed.

"The community transportation grant program is making life easier for people living in areas with few public transportation options," said Caroline Mulroney, minister of transportation. "The additional investment in local and intercommunity transportation services will help residents, including Indigenous people, seniors and people

with disabilities get to work, school or appointments and will give communities added security as they recover from the impacts of COVID-19 and plan for the future."

UMIT (through funding provided to Central Manitoulin) had received \$500,000 in funding for 2018-2023 and now has received new funding of \$210,095.62 for 2023-2025.

"It's all good news," stated Mayor Stephens.

As was reported in last week's edition of The Expositor, UMIT service resumed on July 5 with the regular schedule from Monday to Thursday continuing.

The community transportation grant program is currently providing up to \$30 million over five years (2018-2023) to 38 municipalities to deliver 43 projects. The funding announced June 28 will extend support for transportation services including bus service, on-demand shared rides and door-to-door transportation services supported by the program for two additional years.

### ...Friends of Misery Bay park gearing up for busy summer

...continued from page 3 carrying out a preliminary inventory of some of the property, cataloguing plants and animals that are seen. We are still working on fleshing out the details. Ideally, we will hold a public event eventually (post COVID-19).' Marcel Beneteau of the MNC said in a release that the (non-public) bio-blitz will be taking place July 9-11. "Plans are coming together for our big bioblitz event at the Vidal Bay property recently acquired by the NCC. This extensive property (18,000 acres) at the western end of Manitoulin stretches from the north shore down beyond Highway 540 to join up with the Queen Mum Provincial Park, forming a swath of environmentally significant habitat that extends from the North Channel to the Lake Huron shore." "As an organization that contributed to the purchase of the Vidal Bay property, the (MNC) is

proud to be organizing along with NCC and the Friends of Misery Bay this first survey of the fauna and flora of this imporarea," tant natural

Ms. Bonenfant informed the FOMB board that all the trail signposts at Misery Bay will be updated, upgraded and installed (beginning this past weekto have a map, and help people navigate through the trails," said Ms. Bonenfant. "We have also put out a call ...continued on page 29

explained Mr. Beneteau. "Not only will this help establish a data base of significant species and habitats that will guide the NCC in developing a plan for future use of the property, but it provides a great opportunity for our members to explore the area and to familiarize themselves with some of the existing trails.'

"We have 16 trail end). signs ready to go." At this time only the signs on the east side of the park will be installed, as the west side trails are not accessible right now to high water levels. They are 4x4 timber posts made of cedar that indicate to trail visitors where they are in the park and what trail they are on. "The signs are designed

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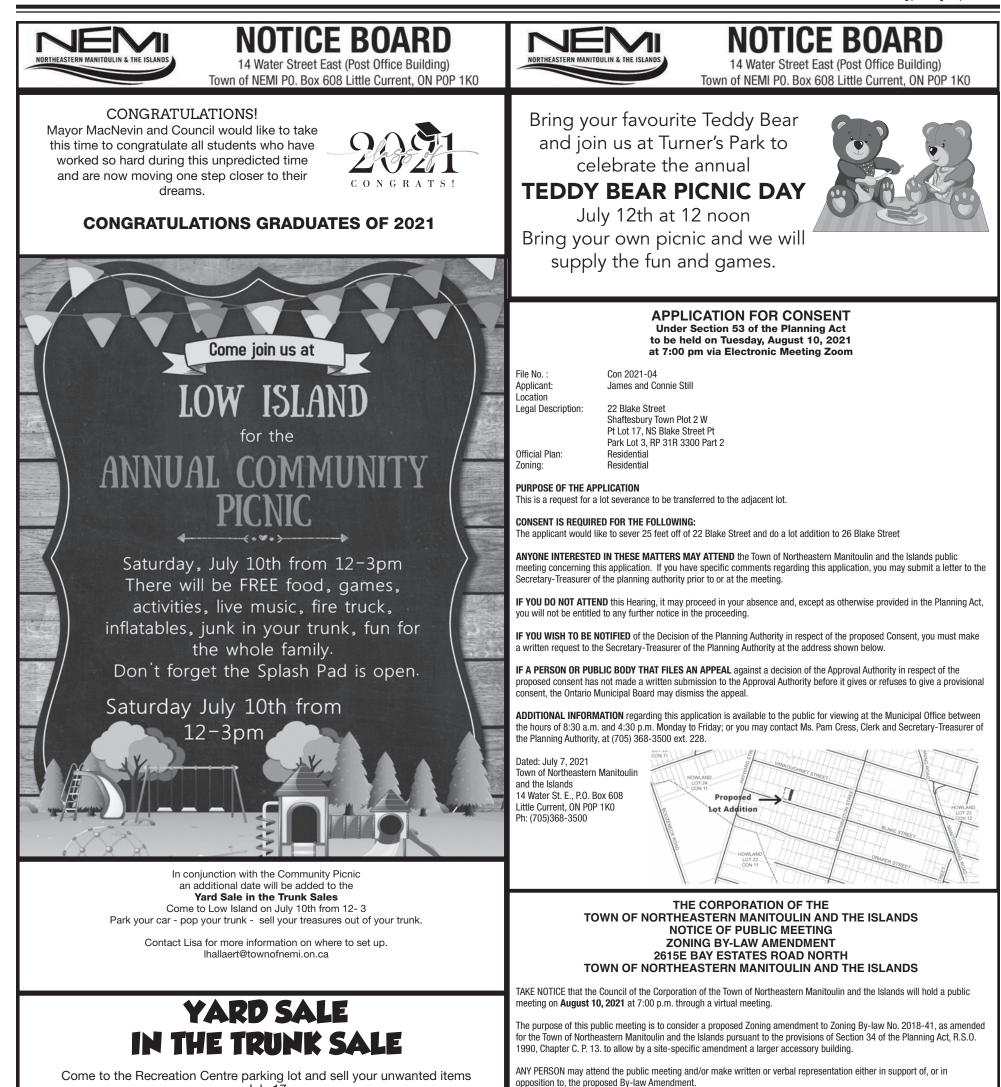


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### ...Husband perishes, wife survives canoeing mishap off Island's south shore

...continued from page 1 shoreline of Dominion Bay. and was transported to a local hospital by Sudburyparamedic Manitoulin services.

JRCC aircraft later located Mr. Jocko, still wearing his PFD.

Provincial Constable Bev Gauthier told The Expositor, "(Ms. Jocko) was found after she made it to the shore and spent the night on the rocks on the shore. She was located by a couple of cottagers." Constable Gauthier explained the couple had gone out in their canoe after lunch on Friday, July 2. "They went out for a canoe ride and we understand the waters got rough and the canoe capsized."

Mr. Jocko was a highly respected member of the Anishinabek Nation team, acting as its federal health policy analyst.

"I was shocked, I just heard yesterday," said Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare, who worked extensively with Mr. Jocko when the regional chief the Anishinabek was Nation grand council chief. "It hurts bad. That man helped so much in so many ways that nobody else could."

"I will miss him, the Anishinaabe will miss him too," said the regional chief, "Everything—that man knew it all. When we sat down at the high level table, he was experienced in that area.'

Mr. Jocko figured prominently in The Expositor's recent special supplement 'Out of the Shadows,' which looks extensively at the opioid crisis on Manitoulin. Mr. Jocko's knowledge of the opioid crisis, especially as it pertains to the Anishnaabe, proved invaluable in helping to shine a light on this important subject. The Anishinabek Nation

released a statement to The Expositor following Mr. Jocko's sudden passing: 'Tony was admired by all those who worked with him. He had a wonderful sense of humour, and he was passionate about helping others. Tony once said that working in the health field is a calling and he answered it by starting his career as a paramedic. He joined the Anishinabek Nation in 2006, where he provided 15 years of exceptional advocacy work and service and received many accolades over the years - a testament to his vocation of serving others. Tony made many contributions with Cancer Care Ontario, worked to ensure continued access to dental and vision

care and contributed to our work in addictions. Without hesitation, he quickly stepped in when the COVID-19 pandemic required additional time, advocacy, support and supplies in our communities. He was an important abek Nation family."

contributor to our Pandemic Response Team and our Internal Coordination Committee that led our organizational response to this pandemic. For certain, his passing will leave a large void in our Anishin-



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### ... UCCM Police pilots citizenship project in schools

...continued from page 1 training to police service employees that focuses on creating a trauma and culturally responsive approach to victims of domestic violence; delivery of a culturally responsive pre-charge diversion program to individuals who are perpetrators of noncriminal code domestic disputes; and create an interest based program for youth to develop and foster a relationship of trust with the police and to promote healthy relationships.

Ms. Beaudin's role has been to run with the project implementation plan; she is working on the youth program. Social Navigator Daughness Migwans is working on the diversion program and has already run a successful pilot in one of their service communities. There is an advisory group that includes other sectors as well as victims and people with lived experience who enable us to look at the project through their world view by sharing their experi-Ms. Beaudin ence. explained. "This compo-nent helps people with noncriminal offences by looking at what they've gone through. We hope the program will get them on another path."

Taylor Sayers, director of corporate services, is developing the officer training component that will provide culture and trauma influenced training approaches related to domestic violence and sexual assault for officers across the board, whether they are new recruits or have 25 years experience.



UCCM Anishinabe Police Service officer engages with students at Lakeview School in M'Chigeeng as part of pilot project for Light the Fire Within program.

go into is domestic violence and we want to ensure that officers are informed about what they're going into," Ms. Beaudin said. "Domestic violence incidents are often fueled by passion and that can make them more violent and more dangerous. Sometimes the partners don't know what a non-toxic relationship looks like."

It can go back to what's going on with residential schools right now, she said. 'There is intergenerational trauma that resulted from residential schools and people need to relearn how to have healthy relationships. That ties into teaching young kids how to have healthy relationships. There's a lot of residual trauma where people attended the residential or day schools that were here.'

Ms. Beaudin's grandmother was sent to residential school in Spanish. Other members of her family also attended residential or day school. "I'm 25 years old and am the first generaof the clinics," she said. tion in my family who didn't have to go," she said. "This program is about

changing mindsets and promoting a healthier future for young and Indigenous people," she said. "This program has never been run by any police force in Canada. It's the first of its kind. Our overall hope is to produce a blueprint for a program that will be available for all police forces in Canada to use. The blueprint can be given to any other police service in Canada and run off the shelf. It's history in the making if we can successfully run it."

Ms. Beaudin graduated in October 2020 with a Bachelor of Health Studies from York University; she was hired as LTFW coordinator in September 2020, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Although her initial connection to the police service dates back to her own participation in UCCM Police programming as a student at Lakeview School, she never thought she would be working in the social work field. "I thought I'd be managing a unit in the hospital or one She was looking for a job on ... continued on page 12

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### ...Young Island athletes receive 'Sports Heroes' awards

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she was in Grade 7 to compete against high school students. Keep going, Maren!"

"Maren assisted with younger children while in public school and volunteered in the school library. Maren has volunteered every year to raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation since Grade 1 and has assisted with peers in her classes who needed



**Maren Kasunich** 

support," the proud mom continued. She explained, "with the ongoing drug crisis amongst our First Nations people and youth, Maren has chosen a healthier path of refraining from drugs and holding strong to her teachings and values of living mino biimaadiziwin, the good life."

"Maren admires many role models and mentors, for their values and integrity, perseverance and heart. She received the honour of getting to speak with Billy Mills to hear his story of challenge and triumph. She has gratitude for her coach, Gerry Holliday, who volunteers to train her and has a similar work hard ethic," she continued.

In his nomination letter Mr. Holliday wrote, "Though my first encounter with Maren was as an athlete at Lakeview School in M'Chigeeng where I was her basketball coach, the real athletic journey would really begin when I went to observe her at the Lakeview School track meet where she communicated her desire to excel in the sport," wrote Mr. Holliday. "Known as a no-nonsense coach I rarely take on new athletes. However, as a result of my previous knowledge of Maren's work ethic, I had no doubt as to her commitment or desire and agreed to become her distance running coach."

"One of the many reasons I believe Maren to be a strong contender for this award is her ability to adapt to new challenges, an attribute of a good leader. She was quick to analyze what was required of her, implementing training methods foreign to her. Within the next four months this athlete would apply herself through a rigorous training program to become, in her age category, the top female track and cross-county athlete in Northern Ontario," wrote Mr. Holliday.

"Over the next couple of years she would remain persistent, conducting herself with a maturity far beyond her years. Social sacrifices have often become the norm in her effort to achieve her lofty goals. This has led to many awards in her running culminated by her top five finish at the Ontario Cross Country Championships in King City and her top finishes at the Ontario Legion Championships in Brampton," continued Mr. Holliday. "With COVID in play over the past year our club has hesitated to travel south however at a few meets hosted in the north last fall she proved herself to still be a top high school runner in the North. Regardless of how all these setbacks she continues to train and stays focused on her goals in the highly competitive running fraternity.'

"I am especially pleased with this young lady when it comes to her leadership skills. Despite her very busy life, be it school, training or her success in her running journey she still makes time for younger runners in her group who may need assistance. Maren often does her warmups at practices with the younger runners encouraging them along the way," wrote Mr. Holliday.

"Throughout the years, as her personal coach I have developed an evergrowing respect for her abilities and often I use her as an example to present day athletes on how to conduct themselves on a daily basis," wrote



Ada Speck

Mr. Holliday. "In conclusion I'd like to reiterate my strong support for Maren's application for selection of an athlete that excels in her sport while acting as a community role model for the youth of M'Chigeeng."

Ada Speck, also 14, of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories is another local 'Sports Heroes in the Making' competing in ski racing, volleyball and swimming.

Marine Speck, Ada's mom, said in her nomination letter, "Ada works hard in all sports and tries to be the first one there and last to leave. She is motivated at home and set up an exercise program to work toward her goals. She is eager to be a part of various leadership opportunities and has recently been accepted in a Grade 9 sport specific program that offers student high school credits at school."

"Ada has also recently been accept-

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the Island and spent some time working at Gwekwaadziwin Miikan, where she fell in love with social work.

One of the challenges in developing the pilot has been working from home under COVID-19 guidelines. "All the coordination was done through email, and I could have benefited from physically being in the office for planning," she acknowledged. Constable Heather Debassige helped coordinate officer participation. "I really only had two weeks to pull it together. Heather was a big asset in that. I don't know how I could have run it without her." It took a collaboration of Ms. Beaudin, Constable Debassige and the other officers as well as Lakeview School staff. "We did a lot on the fly. We combined a lot of classes. The teachers were fantastic and worked together to shift their schedules. They all wanted to join our program."

There were other partners as well. "It's a collaborative development program," said Ms. Beaudin. She had input from women with lived and shared experience. Manitoulin Secondary School youth provided some great feedback as did the officers themselves; she also worked with elders and various organizations that have youth programs.

Initially there were concerns as to whether the pilot would run. Ms. Beaudin considered a non-contact version using Zoom that would engage the youth. She also needed to ensure the materials were appropriate for the different age groups and determine if the participants would be receptive. She's thankful they were allowed to go into the school, especially during COVID-19. "It was fantastic. It's so great to see youth engage with our officers. We collaborated with the gym teachers to play the kids favourite game (hunters, a form of dodgeball)." The in-school pilot worked with classes from Grades 3 through 8. Officers engaged with the students in sportsbased activities during the mornings. In the afternoons, students and officers engaged in conversation and art activities in the classroom. "The kids really enjoyed playing with Constable James Panamick and Constable Joe Naokwegijig on the first day. They talked about healthy relationships. I cannot say enough about Constable Panamick going in there and engaging the Grade 8 class. They were engaged the whole time. He's a hockey coach also and was just so natural with the class. On other days, Constable Paul Shawanda engaged in outdoor games and talked about heroes. Constable Josh Shokan played hunters and talked about passion. He and the kids had a fantastic time playing the game and then tied the theme of passion into what they were doing," Ms. Beaudin said. "Constable Debassige played basketball on the final day and finished with a conversation about sportsmanship." It was developed as a sports-based (eg. hockey, volleyball and basketball) program with a six- to eight-week duration. "I also though about kids, even officers, who

had interests and hobbies that extended further than sports, such as cooking and fishing or drawing," she added. "I wanted to incorporate more youth so we incorporated an art-based part of the program. Ideally, we want to go in there and keep the kids out of the classroom while engaging them. It ended up going to fruition."

The program will service all six of the First Nation communities served by UCCM Police. Working in collaboration with each of the communities they can run smaller programs in smaller communities. They also have a mobile unit and can go out to more remote communities and provide the same opportunities the bigger communities receive.

"We heard from some of the teachers," she said. "The kids would go home and say to their parents, 'I had a fantastic day working with police. We talked about superheroes or passions'." She's happy with the results.

"The question the pilot asked was, 'can the program be successfully run in school or just as an after school program?' We're going to take it to Birch Island's Shawanosowe School, Lakeview School and St. Joseph's School in Sheshegwaning. I called the principals and asked if they were interested. I talked to youth workers. Everyone was willing to work with all services."

Now that the pilot has been successfully completed.

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there will be some post-pilot analysis and reporting. There are six complete programs ready to roll; eventually there will be over 40. Officers will receive training over the summer. "Training includes a 'how to' for using the lesson plans and for officers who have never been in a teaching role there is a quick training on how to engage with youth," Ms. Beaudin said. "It's basically a quick 'how to talk to youth 101' or 'top 10 hits,' as program writer Daniel Stargratt says." Mr. Stargratt, a former principal at Shawanosowe School, is the program writer Ms. Beaudin has been working with to develop the program.

Roll out of full program activities will begin in September.

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### Mindemoya hospital auxiliary donates \$100,000 to MHC fundraising campaign

#### by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—The Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary has made a very significant donation toward the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC)'s 'Let's Emerg Together' fundraising campaign for the Mindemoya hospital.

On Monday of this week, Judy Mackenzie, president of the Mindemoya hospital auxiliary and several other members, presented a cheque in the amount of \$100,000 to representatives of the MHC.

by Michael Erskine

AUNDECK OMNI KAN-ING—A hot summer sun

which bore down on the

resolute members of the Sergeant Charles Golden

Silver Star Rifles shooting team on the afternoon of June 9 did nothing to deter

the team from firing a 21-

gun salute in honour of Ignatius Gabow, a veteran

of both the Second World

Trudeau, who is now a resi-

dent of Manitoulin Centen-

nial Manor, was on hand for

the ceremony and received

a folded Union Jack from

the hands of rifle team

founder Wayne Golden of Massey and bugler Roy

"This was very nice,"

said Ms. Trudeau following

the ceremony. Her brother

began his spirit journey in

Wayne Golden and Roy Eaton

carefully fold a Union Jack to

present to Cecile Trudeau.

Eaton of Little Current.

War and Korean War. Mr. Gabow's sister Cecile "The Let's Emerg Together campaign is in full swing now," said Ms. Mackenzie. "The Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary is fortunate to have received so many generous donations from the community. We have also received bequests from local estates."

"This is certainly a significant donation," said Tim Vine, co-CEO of the MHC. "We're always so grateful for the auxiliary support. With such a significant donation it's wonderful support and shows how

Rifle team fires salute in honour of AOK veteran

important the MHC is in the Central Manitoulin community."

"It's heartwarming to see such dedicated volunteers and community members during the COVID-19 times," said Paula Fields, co-CEO of MHC. "The contributions we receive will allow us to ensure the emergency department is outfitted with the appropriate infection control measures to support our community in any instance of another outbreak."

"We are very aware of the need for an update of the emergency department and are honoured to be able to contribute," said Ms. Mackenzie. "We have missed three fundraising events since COVID-19

started. If the community wants to contribute what they may have spent on luncheons, they could kindly forward a donation to Box 284, Mindemoya or use canadahelps.org online. Then we could make another generous contribution later this year!"

"But, today we are honoured to present the campaign with a \$100,000 cheque," said Ms. Mackenzie.

### New location for COVID-19 mass immunization clinics on Manitoulin Island

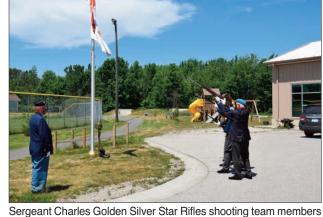
Effective July 6, 2021, all mass immunization clinics previously scheduled at the NEMI Recreation Centre (Little Current) or Mindemoya Missionary Church will take place at Manitoulin Secondary School (107 Bay St, M'Chigeeng, ON).

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Sergeant Charles Golden Silver Star Hilles shooting team members Ed Duncan, Debra Mastine, Paul Abbott and Gary Trimmer fire a salute under the direction of team founder and retired US army sergeant Wayne Golden. The team was honouring veteran Ignatius Gabow of Aundeck Omni Kaning, who served in both the Second World War and the Korean War. Mr. Gabow's sister, Manor resident Cecile Trudeau, was on hand for the event. photos by Michael Erskine

March 1978 and is interred in the Holy Cross cemetery in Wiikwemkoong.

Following his service in the Canadian forces as a military policeman, Mr. Gabow went on to a career with the nascent Wikwemikong Police as one of its five founding officers.

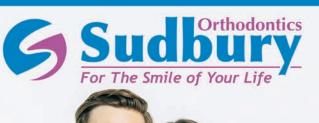
A memorial display of a helmet and inverted rifle stood sentinel at the base of the flagpole outside the Four Directions Multi-use Complex where Mr. Gabow was honoured.

Aundeck Omni Kaning Ogimaa-kwe Patsy Corbiere thanked the rifle team for their efforts and choosing the community

as the location of the ceremony. Aundeck Omni Kaning is the designated home base for the rifle team and the location where the team observes Remembrance Day ceremonies.

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Cecile Trudeau receives a folded Union Jack from Sergeant Charles Golden Silver Star Rifles founder Wayne Golden and bugler Roy Eaton.

### ...athletes named 'Sports Heroes'

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ed into a leadership program for junior assistant coaches with Soul Beach Volleyball," wrote Ms. Speck. "She will be learning a number of leadership skills and how to coach other youth."

Ada "has continued to motivate others to stay active and follow their athletic goals. She has also participated in a few programs with our local friendship centre in order to stay connected with community," Ms. Speck continued.

Ada's coach wrote, "I can confirm that Ada has been a competitive alpine ski racer in the Blue Mountain Jozo Weider race program for the last six years. Ada has successfully progressed through our divisional race program from the U8 two-day program and through to the U14 SOD program."

Ada "looks up to both Sarah Paven, the youngest player to play Olympic volleyball, and Andrew Hinchey, a former volleyball Olympian who was told he was too short to play. Andrew's story is really impactful for Ada since she is only five foot one inch tall right now."



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#### Many gathered at the Every Child Matters event in Aundeck Omni Kaning on July 1.

### **Every Child Matters event in Aundeck Omni Kaning draws crowd**

by Michael Erskine AUNDECK OMNI KAN-ING-A sea of orange Tshirts gathered beside the ballpark in Aundeck Omni Kaning on July 1 to memorialize the children who were lost while attending residential school. News of the discovery of unmarked graves near the sites of residential schools across the nation cast a sombre shadow on what is normally a day of national celebration.

"Right now we are very proud that a lot of the municipalities on Manitoulin Island are standing in solidarity with all the First Nations," said Aundeck Omni Kaning Ogimaa-kwe Patsy Corbiere, before introducing the

#### day's speakers.

Residential school survivor Elaine Nahwegahbow provided a prayer to open the proceedings and then spoke briefly of her experiences at residential school. Her sister Georgina Nahwegahbow spoke at greater length about experiences at the Spanish Residential School.

Both Nahwegabows noted that their experiences at residential school were not the horrific tales that have been reverberating across the national consciousness in recent years. "I was only there for three years, I went there after 1952," said Ms. Nahwegabow. "I think the sisters were more civilized by



An honour song was sung for the children that did not return home from residential school. then." place to get a high school

then." "I went there, not being forced to go, I wasn't grabbed by an Indian agent," she said. "My mother went to residential school and she didn't have a bad time." In the time

a bad time." In the time before integration of the school systems, the resiing the school to watch out for the 'strap lady.' "I stayed out of her way,"

dential school was the only she said. Although she

managed to avoid getting in any kind of trouble for the most part, she did get in trouble once. "My punishment was to go and take a bath, so it wasn't so bad," she said. "But it made me feel like I was a dirty Indian. The message was there and I heard it."

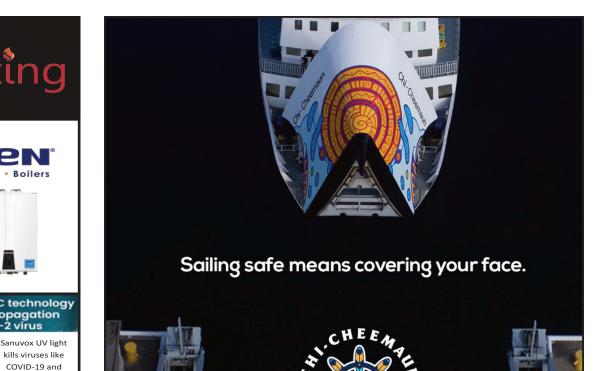
She and some friends had slipped away from school to attend a dance in Shawanaga and they pooled their money for the taxi. In the end, her father got wind of the escapade and came to fetch her home from the dance. Although she did not get to dance, her friends did.

She recalled a tiny little girl who had transgressed in some manner. The nuns forced her to eat her dinner underneath the tables. "I could hear her crying as she ate her supper," recalled Ms. Nahwegahbow.

Before and after the ceremonies, which included a smudge, members of the community and visitors tied medicine bundles, stuffed animals and posters to the ballpark fence—items commemorating the lost children.

Following the talks by the residential school survivors, a ladies' hand drum group sang an honour song for the children who did not return from residential schools—those who did not survive one of Canada's darkest moments in history.







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# Michael MJ Eshkawkogan runs from Wiikwemkoong to Spanish

#### by Michael Erskine

WIIKWEMKOONG—At 8 am on July 1, Michael (MJ) Eshkawkogan set out from his home in Wiikwemkoong on an epic three-day run to the residential school ruins in Spanish in order to help raise awareness of what happened to Indigenous children and to demonstrate resilience and strength in the face of very difficult time of 'Every Child Matters.'

"We need strength now, more than ever," he said. "A great deal of strength is needed to face the truth of this country and what has happened here needs to be told. Canada attempted a genocide, they tried to remove an entire people. All of us have this harsh reality to face, we must not balk or falter. The ground we stand on is firm and honest, as should be our approach."

Mr. Eshkawkogan's run began auspiciously, with communities along his route coming out to provide support and to acknowledge and join in his personal project.

Despite the immense emotional impact of the catalyst for the event, the discovery of the unmarked graves of residential school children across the nation, Mr. Eshkawkogan's run was a veritable study in positivity.

"I didn't hear anything negative on my run," he said. "There might have been some frustration in the vehicles that were lined up behind me," he said. "I might have been the same if I was stuck behind someone running down the



Deykawaydun, the littlest walker, helps haul the backup ride as Michael (MJ) Eshkawkogan travelled through Sheguiandah.



Wiikwemkoong runner Michael (MJ) Eshkawkogan was joined by a couple of eager youth as he left Little Current over the swing bridge headed for Espanola and then the Spanish residential school ruins. photos by Michael Erskine

#### road."

The second day setting out from Little Current brought with it a roller coaster of emotions along with a major change in plans as an injury forced Mr. Eshkawkogan to switch to a bicycle, but the runner/cyclist was also gifted with an eagle feather.

"It was so cool how it happened," he said. "My friends were there when it occurred—they witnessed what happened."

As for the entire journey, Mr. Eshkawkogan said "you couldn't have planned it better, what I witnessed was so beautiful. I super-appreciate everyone's time."

The run was entirely organic, noted Mr. Eshkawkogan. "I hadn't planned anything for the end," he said. He noted that even Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes showed up.

Although he had made no plans for what would happen when he arrived at the residential school ruins in Spanish, Mr. Eshkawkogan said he was startled by the difference between when he visited the site a few weeks prior.

"Rachel (Mr. Eshkawkogan's partner) said how different it felt today," he said. "We came with positivity."

Along his journey the runner said that he "never felt alone." There was only a very small amount of time where the runner found himself unaccompanied. Mr. Eshkawkogan stripped off his orange shirt when he arrived and was overcome with emotion.

"When we got to the monument I just had to cry," he said. "I put my shirt down, it felt right to leave my shirt there. My father gave me some blessings. It was so beautiful, so nice."

Mr. Eshkawkogan said that his run is only the beginning of his personal journey of exploration.

"Next, I want to know what happened to my uncle who was there, my people who were there," he said. "I am going to walk along the railroad there—something is there. The stories of children running away, many of them used the railroad tracks."

Children running away from the school would use the railroad tracks as a guide to lead them back to their homes and families.

"I would ask all my neighbours to acknowledge this fact. We, together, must acknowledge this as true. The government is not Canada. We are Canada. We are Kanata. The village," he said. "I'd rather my neighbours acknowledge this over Mr. (prime minister Justin) Trudeau. I'd rather my neighbours show me the respect and dignity I attempt to show them."

Mr. Eshkawkogan offered his thanks to all of the many people, the "randoms" he met along his 147 km journey from every community, "chi-miigwetch."

Mr. Eshkawkogan noted that touching moment on his journey was when he encountered a white man named Charlie. "He shook my hand and said that he had known the stories all his life," he said. "He said the words I was asking for, the words I had been waiting for all my life. He said 'what they did to you, to your people, was an atrocity, they should be held accountable'."

"I believe all of us need a little strength and courage during this time," said Mr. Eshkawkogan. "I feel this run to Spanish is important to all on Turtle Island. It's a run for strength. A run for truth. I run for the strength to move forward with true intent. It is time for the truth to be heard."



Elder Gordon Waindubence and his family along with several members of the Sheguiandah First Nation joined Mr. Eshkawkogan on the leg of his run that passes through their community.



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### Wiikwemkoong High School's Class of 2021 excelled in the most trying of years



The Wiikwemkoong High School class of 2021 are Quinton Corbiere, Shawl Eshkibok, Bret Kimewon, Dante Lewis, Mary Pangowish, Sierra Pangowish, Tayrn Peltier, Bryce Recollet, Hunter Staruck, Kendra Wassengeso and Ella Williams. (Missing from photo is Travis Assinewe and Kaleb Dokum.)

#### photos by Michael Erskine

#### by Michael Erskine

WIIKWEMKOONG—The Wiikwemkoong High School (WHS) graduating class of 2021 demonstrated immense poise and presence as they gathered in front of their families and teachers for a ceremony representing the culmination of their high school years.

Master of ceremonies duties for the 2021 WHS graduation was guidance counsellor Jillian Peltier, who welcomed caregivers, families, students, teachers and colleagues to a very special day in their lives.

A welcome song by the Wossnodeh drum group greeted the graduates who processed onto the covered stage at Thunderbird Park where seats had been set up for both they and their families as a precaution against the threatening rain. Teachers gathered under the arbours lining the powwow arena to watch their fledglings leave the nest.



**Ogimaa Duke Peltier** 

Welcoming remarks were provided by Principal Harold Fox who welcomed both those attending in person and those joining online. "We can finally put this year behind us," he quipped, noting there was far more enthusiasm for that comment when he was principal at the Junior School with the same students leaving Grade 4. "We celebrate your success," he said. "Nishin, please come back to share your future success. We encourage you to continue your education.' Wiikwemkoong Board of Education education director Mick Staruck delivered his opening remarks first in Anishinabemowin and then in English. Citing each student by name, the education director noted that each was special and unique in their own way. "I have watched you grow on your way in life," he said. Mr. Staruck noted the pride he felt in watching his son Hunter graduate from WHS. "Always remember who you are and where you came from," he exhorted the graduates. "Continue to learn more about your connections to the earth,



The Wiikwemkoong High School Outstanding Attendance Award went to graduate Bret Kimewon whose attendance would have surpassed 100 percent if that were possible.



Mary Pangowish garnered both the Ontario Scholar and Governor General's Award for 2021. Wiikwemkoong High School Principal Harold Fox presented the awards.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the speech delivered by this year's valedictorian Hunter Staruck.

Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Hunter Staruck, now former student of Wikwemikong high school. I'll try to keep this short and sweet so first, I'd like to say that I am honored to have been chosen by my fellow classmates to speak on behalf of the class of 2021

When I had first heard the news that I was the valedictorian I was excited, I thought 'what did I win? Is there a plaque, some money involved?' I had no clue what it meant-little did I know all that meant

### Valedictorian's speech

perspective throughout our collective journey. Because, personally, I had a good time for the most part, lots of laughs and good memories.

But not everyone had my same experience. Some people hated high school from the pressures of getting good grades, pressures of fitting in or the struggles of finding who you are in the midst of all of that.

These are troubles we have all faced throughout our time at high school. But graduation day shouldn't be a reminder of those times, what it should be is a celebration of your perseverance. In spite of the challenges, you were spirituality, your community and Anishinabemowin. This foundation and understanding will keep you grounded and will carry you through some of the challenges ahead. Always know you are loved and your value."

Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Duke Peltier congratulated the staff students and especially their families for the support they provided despite a very trying year. "We thank those who have helped you along your educational journey to find your passion," he said. "Live your full life to the best of your abilities and find your passion.' He asked the graduates to pass on their knowledge to those youth who come after them.

The valedictorian speech was delivered by Hunter Staruck and is presented in its entirety on this

was you get to talk in front of a crowd.

As a high school student this the worst imaginable scenario, I'm sure I can speak for everyone on this stage when I say that the days where you had to present in front of the class were dreaded. Even though you presented in front of 15 people and three of them were your friends, it's funny looking back how nervous we were. So my immediate reaction was 'yeah, I'll pass on that.'

So, I put it off for a week. In my mind I had handed it off to someone else—it's the day before graduation and I get a text from my mom, 'How's that speech coming along?'

My heart dropped. I had completely forgotten about it. But at this point I'm locked in to speaking.

Back to square one. What is a valedictorian? I look it up and what it is. My job essentially is to give a beautiful farewell speech that will close out this final chapter of high school.

Now after reading that, what I wish I had done was take time to talk to my peers about their experiences through high school to really represent every



#### Hunter Staruck, **Class Valedictorian**

still able to succeed.

So, moving forward, if you were to take anything from this rambling speech, all I ask from you is to invest in yourself. Because you can only benefit and grow as a person from doing so. And, when you bet on yourself, the rewards are that much sweeter.

Like I said, this was going to be short and sweet, so to close I want to give some love to the teachers as it is only right. Thank you for being motivators and preaching to us about potential all the way to the very end. But aside from that you all provided such a welcoming, easy environment and from a teacher that is all you can really ask for.

Thanks to the coachs on those sports teams, even though we got smacked in damn near everything, those trips were always such a good time.

Finally, a big thank you to this group of kids right here, you could have made my life miserable, but you chose to spare me-and thank you.

With all that said, that's been my time, once again I'm Hunter Staruck, and let's put our hands together one more time...for the graduating class of 2021.

page.

High school diplomas were awarded to Travis Assinewe (missing due to work obligations), Quinton Corbiere, Kaleb Dokum (missing), Shawl Eshkibok, Bret Kimewon, Dante Lewis, Mary Pangowish, Sierra Pangowish, Tayrn Peltier, Bryce Recollet, Hunter Staruck, Kendra Wassengeso and Ella Williams.

The WHS bursary for Outstanding Attendance was presented by Mr. Fox to Bret Kimewon, whose attendance, Ms. Peltier suggested, may well have reached 100 percent.

Both the Ontario Scholar Award and the Governor General's Medal were presented to Mary Pangowish by Mr. Fox.

Ms. Peltier recited a poem, 'Find Yourself,' written by former student WHS student Lindy Kinoshameg, before the formal presentation of the students.

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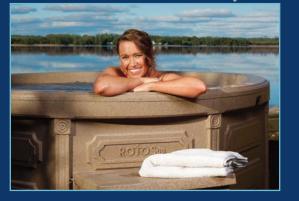


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# **Exploring Manitoulin?**

### South Coast Calling: Providence Bay's great,

#### by Isobel Harry

he horseshoe crescent of golden sand beach in Providence Bay on the south coast is one of the Island's

L top natural attractions, rated the "best" and the "longest" in Northern Ontario, stretching as far as the eye can see to the east and west of the wide bay. In the hot summer months, brightly coloured umbrellas shade the prostrate bodies that have travelled from near and far just to collapse here in the warm embrace of the sands, a kind of communal ritual that involves exhaling and sighing deeply upon arrival.

A family gathers round a blanket and a picnic basket, little kids squeal in wild abandon as they run in and out of the shallow waves, a solitary walker and dog amble the length of the curving arc of the ancient strand. One can imagine similar lakeside scenes when hundreds of Odawa lived and fished here in the 1600s, naming it G'Chiaazhwiyiing, or Sand Beach in English, according to historian Shelley Pearen, or Mindimoiesibing, Old Woman River.

The Mindemoya River, a major salmon spawning waterway, flows down from Lake Mindemoya to the shore at the beach in Providence Bay; for the small group of Indigenous inhabitants that lived here until the 1870s, the river was the transportation route to and from the lake and West Bay.

When the Island was opened to settlers as a result of the contentious treaty of 1862, the river became a critical component in the saw- and grist-milling operations that were built here and the settlement that grew around them. Soon, there was a post office, store, hotel, boarding house, church and a dock from which to ship grain, produce and vast quantities of lumber. Providence Bay's centre was an important commercial hub until the old McDermid's hard-



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Looking east, the horseshoe-shaped beach at Providence Bay stretches toward the marina, offering lots of sandy space in which to spread a blanket under sun umbrellas.

#### photo by Isobel Harry

ware store, a community mainstay for many years, closed in 2010.

Today, tourism is the economic driver, a trend started when the first tourist laid eyes on the swoon-worthy beach, in the early 1900s sometime. Little rental cottages popped up around the bay, some still in operation today, and campgrounds flourished; cedar shingle (or cedar shake) homes still give the village a distinctive air.

The Providence Bay Fair, instituted in 1884, has always seemed to be there, always offering the best of the area's skills in 'animal husbandry and home economics,' as they used to say; in other words, great competitions in everything from baking to jam making, vegetable growing and horse pulling, and a raucous midway with all the usual sinful snacks (except during the pandemic, when the fair has gone virtual: providencebayfair.ca).

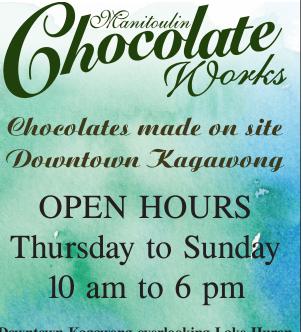
A beachgoer is only a few steps from any of the village's accommodations and places to eat. For barbecue ingredients, there's the Manitoulin Meat Boss a little farther up at the crossroads of Highways 542 and 551; across the road, there's Clyde's Cookhouse and chip stand. In the village proper, stop at Huron Sands Motel and Restaurant for Russian specialties and a small convenience store. The Mutchmor's barn-sized artisanal gift shop and art gallery in the old McDermid's store is fronted by the Peace Café for espresso and homemade bites and topped by their rental lofts. Just a block away, Huron Fish and Chips also makes burgers, including a vegetarian version. Other accommodations around here include cottages, private rentals, B and Bs, like On the Bay just steps from the beach, and the Providence Bay Tent and Trailer Park, a favourite home away from home for many repeat campers.

At the beach, the Interpretive Centre hosts Huron Island Time, serving roti, patties and over 20 flavours of Farquhar's ice cream among local art, clothing and gifts. Every Friday at 6:30 pm throughout the summer, their Sunset Music Series on the boardwalk presents local musicians and talented guests versed in country, folk, jazz

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Facebook. The view from here is

immensity of sky and water stretching toward the seemingly infinite horizon is breathtaking. On the far left shore can be spotted the red roof of the marina, tiny from this perspec-

the east side and the photo by Isobel Harry mouth of the Mindemoya River where it

joins Lake Huron.

On the right, or west, side of the bay, the beach goes on and on until it is but a tiny speck at the tip of Simcoe Point; all along here, behind the thick covering of coniferous trees, are the private cottages of Woodside Beach and the rental operations of Woodside Beach Cottages and Sullivan's Cottages.

The beach is diverse: at this end, it's sandy and a little more secluded; returning to the centre of the horseshoe beach, this is where the action is. The equipment in the generously outfitted playground gives kids a good workout; just behind is a parking area and a shady little park with picnic tables; here also is the Interpretive Centre, with washrooms. The village centre and its amenities are

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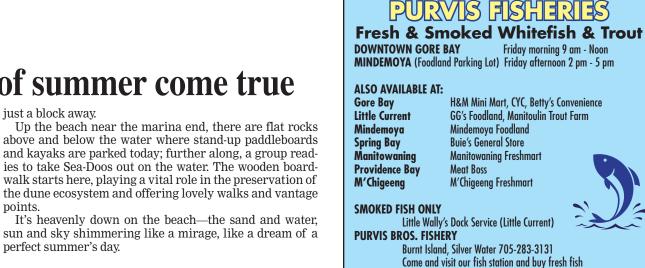
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# Mayor gifts Williamson family a key to Central Manitoulin



Events co-ordinator Marcus Mohr joined D.A. Williamson and Sons co-owner Barry Williamson, Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens and D.A. Williamson and Sons co-owner Blaine Williamson in the awarding of a key to the municipality on the occasion of the store's 100th birthday.

#### photo by Alicia McCutcheon

MINDEMOYA—For the first time in the municipality of Central Manitoulin's history, the township has honoured local businesspeople with a 'key to the municipality.' The Williamson family was gifted with this significant token by Mayor Richard Stephens and council in a special presentation held Wednesday, June 30.

Mayor Richard Stephens recalled the many storied businesses that have come and gone throughout the years in the bustling community of Mindemoya, but D.A. Williamson and Sons has the unique feature of being the only one in the same family for 100 years, and in the exact same King Street location.

"On behalf of the municipality, council and myself, congratulations on 100 years of family operations," Mayor Stephens said in the official presentation. Central Manitoulin events coordinator Marcus Mohr also read well wishes from MP Carol Hughes and MPP Michael Mantha.

Brothers Barry and Blaine Williamson, the third generation of their family to operate the business, thanked the mayor for the special gesture and said they hoped to have a big celebration for 101, when relaxed restrictions would be permit such gatherings. Barry Williamson also paid special homage to the late Kate Wilson (nee McDermid), who passed away in August of last year. Ms. Wilson was a mainstay of the D.A. Williamson and Sons business and was considered just as much a business partner as any member of the family. The Williamsons expressed their sorrow in not having Ms. Wilson to celebrate the milestone alongside them.

### ...Wiikwemkoong High School Class of 2021

...continued from page 16 Prove yourself, show your stuff and forget your fear...

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### Manitoulin Secondary School hosts special ceremonies for graduating students

#### by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG-Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) teachers, administration and staff again went above and beyond to make the 2021 student graduation event special by combining both a virtual graduation ceremony and holding a graduation bus tour as they did in 2020.

"It was fun," stated MSS principal Jamie Mohamed after the official (Rainbow Board sanctioned) graduation ceremonies, held Monday, June 28. "The students were excited about the event. We know it can't make up for formal graduation ceremonies taking place, but parents along with the students were happy with the initiatives we took to make the day special for each graduating student.'

Mr. Mohamed explained that

Graduation bus tour part of celebration



Manitoulin Secondary School graduate Matteus McCulloch, second from left, is congratulated by MSS teachers as part of the MSS virtual bus tour June 28. photos by Tom Sasvari



Manitoulin Secondary School graduate Jessica Elliott, centre, was all smiles in her cap and gown.



during the bus tour graduation.



Manitoulin Secondary School graduate Naomi Naokwegijig, centre, was celebrated Nathan Temple dons the cap and gown at the Manitoulin Secondary School graduation virtual bus tour

several school buses, with MSS teachers, administration and staff on board, left MSS school property at about 1:30 pm in the afternoon, with each travelling to various areas to visit each of the graduating MSS students around Manitoulin.

"It was awesome to see the excitement of the students, their parents and families when we arrived at each grad's house," stated Margaret Stringer, a Manitoulin Island trustee with the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) who boarded one of the buses on its route.

"We did our very best to meet up with every graduate, in some cases with approval of their employee we visited the students at their work site. But for the most part, we went to the students' homes to be able to visit

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### Steven Guilbeault

Minister of Canadian Heritage of Canada

### Government promised action to stop Facebook and Google's attack on local news. So where is it?

There's no legislation in sight and, come mid-June, MPs will go on their long summer break. Every day of delay puts more journalism jobs across Canada at risk and strengthens the stranglehold of these two powerful global giants. It's time for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his government to act - before it's too late.

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### ...Manitoulin Secondary School hosts special ceremonies for graduating students

...continued from page 20 with them and their family. The reception we received

we are thrilled to be able to Panamick, Nyron Panamparticipate in this graduation ceremony. Parents and Jade Phiri, Nick Purvis,

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Varey, Reace Wallace, na Wright, Bailey Yaschukand Monica Zilio.



Manitoulin Secondary School graduates Laura and Aislinn Brown doubled down on the congratulations as part of the Class of 2021.



Manitoulin Secondary School graduate Kennady Naokwegijig, centre, was all smiles in a respectfully distanced way during the Class of 2021 graduation bus tour.

photos by Tom Sasvari

was very positive," said Mr. Mohamed. He explained that at each stop of a graduating student, "music (graduation music) was being played, and large 'congratulations graduates' banners were displayed on the bus, and teachers and school staff would hold up the banners and we wished each student congratulations and said how proud MSS is of them." As well there were balloons and pompoms being waved.

"Everyone got off the bus and congratulated each individual student, and presented them with a gift of a water bottle with the school logo and custom logo with 'class of 2021' on the bottles," said Mr. Mohamed. "As well, Broker Link and Sue Thirkill Tessier provided gift cards for the students to use at various businesses across Manitoulin, and these were presented to each student."

"LAMBAC paid for the water bottles which were presented to each of the graduating students," continued Mr. Mohamed. "And A.J. Bus Lines and Brown Bus Lines donated all the buses for the day."

Later that evening a virtual graduation was held with MSS emailing each graduating student a link to connect to on June 28 at around 6 pm where each

families, it is an honour to be able to celebrate along with you."

share with you how very proud they are of all the students," said Ms. Stringer.

"Most of all, to the students-you have worked hard, persevered and been successful in meeting your goals," said Ms. Stringer. "You have learned virtually and in person and met all the curves and changes of the past year and a half. The pandemic has changed every aspect of all of our lives.

"This September you will each take the next step in your educational journey and hopefully more normal times," stated Ms. Stringer.

The following list is of MSS graduating students who took part in the ceremonies: Tierra Abotossaway, Alina Arthurs, Kyra Bayer, Dayna Beauchamp, Brandon Bebonang, Natashia Bebonang, Tessa Bellmore, Aislinn Brown, Laura Brown, Cameron Buck-Orr, Memphis Cadieux, Emma Cassidy, Cole Chandler, Maggie Chapman, Dylan Corbiere, Ella Correa, Haylee Cress, Rory Dearing, Avia Darci Debassige, Debassige, Kacey Debassige, Shannon Debassige, Rachel Deforge, Carl Dickson, Owen Duncanson, Jessica Elliott, Myah Emerson, Cordell Fox, Michael Gibbons, Christopher Gillespie, Joe Graham, Mackensie Graham, Kyle Greenman, Noah Hare, Chase Hester, Michael Hore, Regan Hutchinson, Harmony Kaiser-Fox. Shade Kaiser, Leeam Kiley, Nathaniel Kimewon, Taylor King-Dafoe, Sharissa Lee, Aaron Leeson, Tyler Leeson, Malia Leighton, Alexandria Lewis, Tyler Lewis, Dylan Lockhart, Lauren MacKay, Braedan Makey, Matteus McCulloch, Hunter McGaulev. Javlen McGaughey, Hailey McGillis-Prior, Hank McBane, Jordan McLean, Gwenyth McLeod, Emily Moggy, Kennady Nakogee, Naomi Naokwegijig, Ayriell Nodecker, J.J.

"Teachers and staff also



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student could view and share with friends and family.

The virtual graduation included a master of ceremonies presentation with additional comments made by RDSB trustees and Mr. Mohamed. Then, one by one, a picture of each individual graduating student came up on the screen and their name was read. Once this part of the celebration was complete the year's school valedictorian, Darci Debassige, was introduced and she presented her speech. (Ms. Debassige's speech appeared in last week's edition of The Expositor and online at manitoulin.com.)

Among the RDSB trustee speakers at the celebration was Trustee Margaret Stringer. She stated in a video post, "good evening graduates and MSS staff,

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# .Now and Then: Darrell and Marlene Dewar

... continued from page 5 built a home on Field St. in Walden. "My dad and I, and some helpers cut the logs which were cut in Albert Davis' sawmill in Providence Bay. Bev McFarland was the carpenter. We moved in July. The subdivision of young families was safe, so you could leave your doors open. Curling became an enjoyable pastime for both of us."

"In 1972 Valerie Ann was born. Both girls were wonderful, driving me to distraction one minute and being very helpful in the next," Darrell confides. "I often got sleepy when I was driving so the girls would make sure I stayed awake. Sometimes they would sit on my knees, take the wheel and do the steering on the last leg of our journey. As a result, they became excellent drivers. They also learned to do all tasks that boys are trained for. They could change tires and check the oil. If they took the car out, they had to check all fluid levels first If I didn't hear the slam of the hood, they wouldn't get the car next time.'

"I enjoyed them even more as teenagers because I could talk to them with more maturity and they would confide in me, asking questions about boys that I could answer," Darrell continues. "They were also taught to use a saw and other tools. Marlene instilled domestic competence. She also enrolled them in an Etiquette course (Charm School) to ensure a grasp of the feminine aspect of their youthful knowledge.

'One day, when they declared they were bored, I suggested we go to the cottage and clear away some of the dead trees. They reluctantly took on this assignment which could keep them occupied for quite a while. Life took a new turn. Marlene and I would get ready to go out only to realize the car was missing. We had to strategize the optimal use of the vehicle for all our benefits."

In 1985, Valerie was 13. Marlene and Darrell took her and her friend to the east coast of Canada, going through Quebec and old Quebec City. "Both of them were laying in the back, preoccupied in their own bubble and they missed much



Anita's wedding, May 24, 2014.



Darrell with his brothers Lyle (front), Harold (left) and another member of the Providence Bay community at the curling rink.

of the beautiful scenery and the famous landmarks. Nevertheless, they had a good time, even after I nearly broke my leg trying to turn off an unsuitable movie that a former guest had paid for, only to realize they had already seen part of it.'

"They were good kids. Sunday morning was church time and they had to be there even if Saturday night had been a late one. We suspect they slept in their clothes occasionally, but they always made it to church. The girls worked at Timberlane Lodge on Lake Manitou for a few summers when the Bushey's owned it, getting to and from the lodge by boat.'

Darrell worked for INCO as a surveyor for 30 years less nine days. After both retired, Darrell and Marlene enjoyed some travelling. "Our best trip was a cruise to the Holy Land for my sister's 50th wedding anniversary." Marlene reminisces. "My brother organized the trip and when our sister arrived at his stateroom to see all her siblings, she and her hubby were so

surprised, you could have knocked them over with a feather."

"The South Africa excursion was memorable. Jeeps left twice a day to find animals on the game reserve. We also travelled to Russia, the Baltics, and the Ukraine. In the States, we travelled from Ontario to Florida, to the west coast, then up to British Columbia, before going back to Ontario, about 10,000 miles.'

"An important event in our lives? The day we married and the births of our children." "Favourite pets? On our seventh anniversary the girls got us a dog and we became quite attached to Tuffy. One time, his enthusiastic barking prevented a policeman from getting too close during a 'stop and check' near Manitowaning.'

"Something unusual that the kids did? Darrell shares, "Valerie knew that her mum came home tired from the bank. Marlene would put her feet up, enjoy a glass of wine and fall asleep. Valerie had to



Enjoying the cruise to the Holy Land in 2008.

respect her midnight curfew. After her mum fell asleep, Valerie would turn all the clocks in the house back one hour. Her mother would see her coming in at midnight and be happy. During the night, Valerie would change all the clocks back to the right time. It took many weeks before the 'gig' was up, and Marlene realized what was really happening."

Val lives in Today Oshawa with her family. She is a liaison worker for street kids dealing with the police and the court system. Val and her hubby have two children, both fine young people. Sydney is a social worker and Ian is at university studying financial Management. Anita is a retired Recreational Therapist who spent many years at the Laurentian Hospital in Sudbury.

"Collections? I have over 100 spoons purchased during our travels, mounted on a rack. Darrell has several fiddles." "What are my strengths? Darrell responds, "Playing the fiddle and the mandolin. I used to play with the 'Islanders' for the seniors, with two of my brothers. In Walden, we were part of the 'The Walden Rovers.' Marlene enjoys sewing, knitting, cooking and her role as 'financial minister' in this home.'

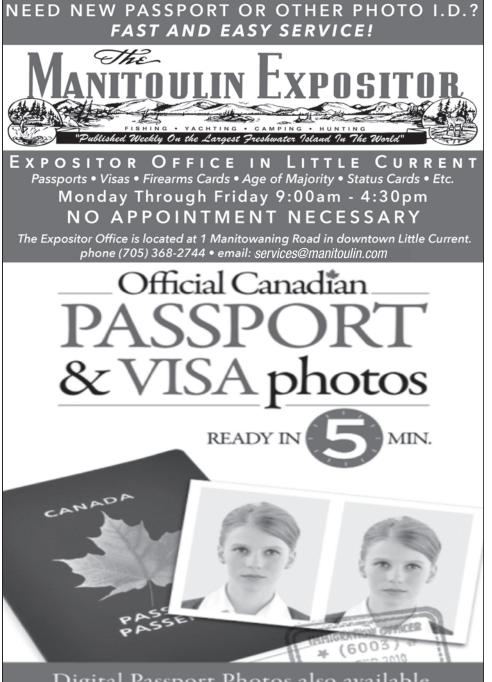
"Hobbies? We like phone visits with older single people who don't get to go out. We know most people around here and can discuss experiences we have in common with them. "What would we still like to achieve? Catch that 20 lb. lake trout through the ice and stay out of the old age home," Darrell confirms.

"What are we most afraid of? Darrell quickly says 'mice' and Marlene, 'snakes.'" "If you could go back in time, is there something you would do differently? Darrell says, "I should have listened to my parents who said, 'You have

the ability to excel in school'. I did adhere to this recommendation until I got my driver's license and met girls. I could have become a mechanical engineer." Marlene adds, "I could have become a bank manager earlier."

"Did anyone inspire you along the way? Darrell "Chester responds, Glanville, our hired hand on the farm. He played violin very well in the 1950s. Mum would chord on the piano. If I could play like Chester, I would not wish for anything else. He was just a regular guy, but my musical idol." For Marlene it was her mother. "She could turn her hand to anything. She was a great cook, seamstress, and she could stretch a dollar a long way." "Hope for the future? That our families' good health and ours continues." Recipe for happiness? Darrell, quips "men always need to have the last word,....'yes dear'. Allowing each other some freedom, family togetherness and trust."

"I love where we live at this point in my life." Marlene responds when asked about Manitoulin. "I enjoy the solitude when going for a walk. I love the neighbours and we are used to Island time, the unique environment, the distinctive services, even the 'grapevine'. You are surrounded with water and can swim when and where you want. This is a great place to be during a pandemic. We wouldn't live anyplace else."





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Sheguiandah Seniors' Hall Cold Turkey Dinner, take-out only, limit of 150 tickets, July 14 at 5:30 pm, \$20. Serving cold turkey, dressing, cranberries, potato salad. coleslaw, sliced tomatoes, cucumbers, pickles, rolls and strawberry shortcake. To reserve your ticket call Mary Ellen, 705-368-3746; Myrna Ferguson, 705-368-3638; Gail Gjos, 705-368-2589. 705-368-3638: Delivery is available to Little Current, please call before July 13.

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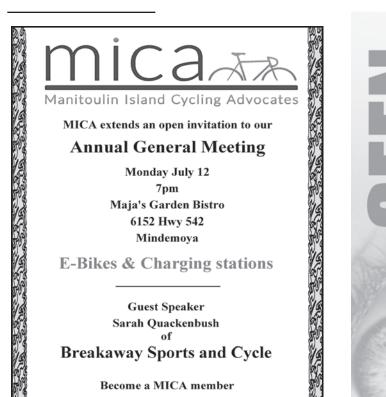
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Nakiiwin Azheyaaksin **Employment Opportunity Accounts Payable Clerk** Indeterminate Full-Time - Third Posting

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

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

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

#### Qualifications

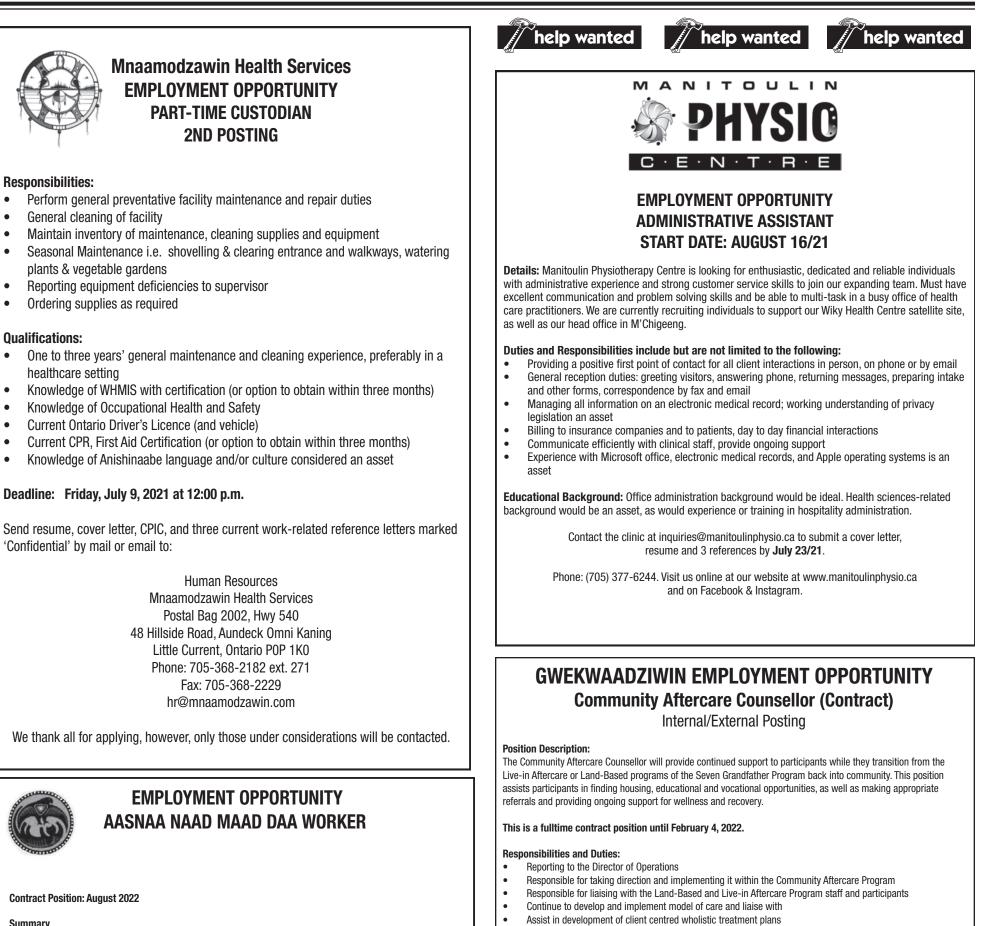
- Must have Grade 12 OSSD or equivalent
- Completion of a business administration program from a recognized post secondary institution and/or two years of employment experience in a computerized accounting environment
- Working knowledge of computerized accounting software programs (i.e. ACCPAC, Simply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

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

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

Closing date: Open - until position is filled

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



#### Summary

Under the direction of the Nadmadwin Mental Health Clinic Manager, the Aasnaa Naad Maad Daa Worker will be responsible for coordinating the support, advocacy, and holistic wellness to individuals who have experienced violence and historical trauma as a result of involvement with educational institutions and/or organized groups/churches.

#### Responsibilities

- Coordinate advocacy and support services to community members who have experienced any form of violence
- Coordinate advocacy and support services to community members who are involved in the various lawsuits
- Have an intimate understanding of the lived experience of First Nation People
- Ensure confidentiality in the provision of all services
- Coordinate the implementation of healing opportunities, sharing circles as well as knowledge exchange opportunities so that they meet the community needs utilizing a traditional/western approach Knowledge on access to historical records/documents
- Knowledge on concepts related to class action claims

Assist families with ongoing support and referrals for treatment

treatment or live-in aftercare into community

Responsible for liaising with community organizations and making appropriate referrals for participants return to community

Responsible for supporting participants, families, and support systems while making the transition from

Assist program participants in continuing their recovery via life skills, education, therapeutic interventions, and

Assist in implementation of research projects Conduct groups for community participants in person or via an online platform

#### Qualifications:

transition into community

- Minimum requirement is a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, Social Work, or related field with mental health and addictions training with preference given to Masters level candidates
- Preference given to an Individual of Anishinaabe ancestry with Knowledge and understanding of Anishinabek history, clan systems, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions and ceremonies
- Knowledge and understanding of intergenerational impacts of all forms of trauma and abuse
- Adhere to policies, procedures and guidelines of Wikwemikong Unceded Territory (WUT) and any other policies, procedures and guidelines related to NAHNDAHWEH TCHIGEHGAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre

#### **Oualifications**

- Demonstrated life-long learning and knowledge of Anishinabek People and Traditional Wellness approaches
- Successful completions of post secondary degree or diploma in social services or related discipline •
- Minimum of three years of experience in the helping field
- Knowledge of Anishinaabe culture, value and beliefs •
- Fluency in Anishabemowin would be an asset •
- Strong communication, interpersonal, advocacy and leadership skills •
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence and access to reliable vehicle required .

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and contact information of two work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

#### Aasnaa Naad Maad Daa Worker

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

#### Deadline: July 9, 2021 @ 4:00pm

Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Abstract. Accreditations and Driver's Licence. DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE. We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. No return of submissions. All interested and qualified candidates are encouraged to apply.

- Proven experience with program development and implementation, research, and outcome measurement
- Experience working in Mental Health and Addictions field with proficiency in outdoor experiential learning, education, aftercare, and client centred models of care
- Demonstrated superior interpersonal and communication skills (both written and verbal)
- Ability to prioritize multiple responsibilities and projects
- Able to participate in outdoor and athletic programming •
- . Mature individual who is able to work independently with preference given to individuals living a traditional lifestyle and being on a life-long journey in traditional knowledge

#### **Requirements:**

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

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications Closing Date: July 21, 2021 @ 4:30pm

To Apply: Please submit a letter of application and resume with three employment references, one from a current or recent employer/supervisor, and copy of relevant Diplomas/Degrees. Current (within last three months) Criminal Reference Check and Driver's Abstract required prior to offer of employment. Incomplete or late packages will not be accepted.

Complete applications may be emailed to mattm@gwek.ca. Please reference email: Community Aftercare Counsellor Application

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

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### ...park gearing up for busy summer

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for sponsorship for the posts and sponsors names for the signs." Mr. Diebolt told the board the previous wooden trail signposts had been installed by FOMB 10 years ago, organized by Linda Olsen and Michael Ewert. They new posts will cost FOMB about \$4,500. The signs were made by Roundtree Company of Ice Lake.

"Our 'Friends of' shelter has had to be moved twice," stated Mr. Diebolt. "It's now located further inland, in a good safe place. The steps were installed and it is now fully useable. We all want to see what is going to happen with water levels in the future."

Mr. Diebolt had opened up the annual general meeting. "Thanks for being here another great day on Manitoulin Island. If you have been following our emails and updates we lost a lot of members, many founding members of FOMB members since last year's annual meeting and others are still having health issues. Our thoughts go out to all who have left us and those facing serious illness as we take a moment of silence." A moment of silence followed.

Dave Clarke told the Zoom meeting participants, "in the spring, Ontario Parks made several visits to the visitors interpretive centre, and made improvements to the solar power system. All of this will make the power source at the centre more reliable."

"Ontario Parks has put a fair amount of money into this," said Mr. Diebolt.

A discussion was also held concerning staffing at the park's visitor centre. The









WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE

Experienced Police Officer and/or New Recruit Full-time - Permanent

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

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting applications from a police officer who has served or is currently serving with a Canadian police agency. Experienced applicants must have completed a probationary period. Applicants may also be required to successfully complete any additional training deemed necessary by the Ontario Police College as a condition of employment.

New Recruit must attend the 13-week Basic Recruit Training course at the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, scheduled for September 2021 and receive a certificate of graduation.

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

#### Key Duties/Responsibilities:

- Ability to work shift work, comprised of day, evening and weekend.
- Preserving the peace.
- Participate in community events and cultural gatherings.
- Assist WTPS Officers with community policing and safety concerns.
- Respond to routine and emergency calls, assisting crime or accident investigations with WTPS officers.
   Assist with vehicle patrol operations as directed.
- Assist with the containment and preservation of crime scenes as directed, and assisting with the
  determination of the extent of personal injuries, identifying victims, witnesses and the extent of damage,
  documenting evidence; assisting to ensure that the safety of officers and the public is maintained at all
  times.
- Assist WTPS members in the development and implementation of projects, acting as a resource to team members and other Units.
- Undertake assignments, including traffic point duty and crowd control, as required.
- Such other duties, not inconsistent with the above, as the Police Chief should direct.

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centre will be open Monday to Friday in July and August from 10 am to 5 pm, and staffed by summer students. On weekends the centre is staffed by volunteers from 11 am to 4 pm. With Ontario Parks COVID-19 rules in place, MBPP will not be selling items from the centre at this time, but water will be available. Anyone interested in volunteering at the centre can contact Ken Mackenzie via the email that is listed on the FOMB website.

"We are hoping to be able to provide guided hikes of the trails later this summer," said Mr. Diebolt. He told The Expositor that from Thursday through Saturday there were 100 visitors each day. "It's extremely busy."

FOMB approved the minutes of the 2020 annual general meeting, and took nominations for the board. The board will include Dagmar Werkmeister, John Diebolt, Dave Clark, Peg Balkind, Megan Bonenfant, Jane Hohenadel, Ken Mackenzie and Jan McQuay.

"Regrettably, Colin Frame, our secretary-treasurer for the last five years, is leaving, as is Marcel Beneteau after six years. Marcel will stay in his role of putting together the FOMB newsletter," said Mr. Diebolt.

As for the Sifferd cottage project Mr. Diebolt explained, "we are still waiting for a final date on completion and renovation upgrades. The interior is done, with pine shelving. They are doing tremendous work. It will be a great addition to Misery Bay Provincial Park and Ontario Parks when the project is complete."



Employment Opportunity Finance Officer One Year Contract Position

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#### Summary

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

#### **Job Duties**

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

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#### Requirements

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

#### Closing Date: August 29, 2019 at 2:00 pm

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

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

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



Salary: Based on Shawanosowe School Teacher Salary Grid

The Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) invites applications for the position of a Special Education Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Shawanosowe School is an Indigenous school governed locally under the Whitefish River First Nation and regionally through the Kinoomaadziwin Education Body. Our community-centred school aims to nurture each child's unique gifts as we foster academic and all-around excellence. We also provide students with a strong foundation in culture and identity. WRFN is seeking an individual who will contribute to Shawanosowe School and to the broader community through exemplary teaching practice and leadership.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Develop, deliver, monitor and evaluate individualized educational services, learning programs, and instruction for special needs students in both self-contained and integrated settings.
- Collaborate with classroom teachers in planning for specific student learning outcomes based on assessed needs of individual students.
- Ensure students are supervised in a safe, culturally supportive environment that meets the approved curriculum plans and mission of Shawanosowe School.
- Promote academic excellence by working collaboratively with school staff and communicating effectively with parents.
- Follow the policies and procedures of Shawanosowe School and Whitefish River First Nation.

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- Ontario Police College Certificate or equivalent as recognized by the Ontario Police College.
- Diploma in Police Foundations or Degree in Law and Criminal justice an asset.
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario Driver's Licence.
- Possess current First Aid/CPR Certificates.
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook and Office.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Be physically able to perform the duties of the position, and proof of current fitness test.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST.
- Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Be of good moral character, no criminal record and must pass background check.
- Must provide a signed WTPS Consent to Security Clearance Investigation Form.
- Employment application packages are available and can be picked up at WTPS office.
- Salary and merit level are open for discussion.

Interested applicants are to forward their completed employment package, letter of interest/cover letter, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates, and three work-related references to:

Attn: Acting Chief of Police, Gregory Mishibinijima Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service 2074 Wikwemikong Way, P.O. Box 27 Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2JO

Posting Deadline: July 16, 2021 at 2:00 PM

Please note, applications will be screened. Interviews will be scheduled and at that time a decision will be made to consider an experienced officer for hire. The candidate will also be required to successfully complete psychological, medical. vision and hearing examinations. The best qualified candidate(s) will be subject to a comprehensive background investigation. The candidate will be notified before any contact is made with their current police service.

Members of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service participate in the Ontario Pension Board (OPS) pension plan. It is compulsory for members to contribute to the plan. Experienced officers who have contributed to another pension plan may contact their current plan administrator to determine if their plan is transferable.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Bachelor's Degree in Education or equivalent;
- Ontario Teaching Certification with membership in good/active standing;
- Certification in Primary/Junior Division;
- Special Education Parts I and II;
- At least 1-2 years' teaching experience in a Special Education setting;
- Excellent planning and organizational skills;
- Excellent communication skills;
- Up-to-date First Aid and CPR;
- Experience working with Indigenous communities; knowledge of First Nations culture, traditions, and language would be considered an asset.

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

#### Send applications to:

#### Confidential: Human Resources

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

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

Applications must be submitted by **July 16, 2021 at 12:00 PM** and must include the following: Cover letter, current resume, and three reference letters.

\*\*Successful candidates must submit an original/current copy of their Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check prior to commencement of employment.

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

#### by Tom Sasvari

LITTLE CURRENT—The Manitoulin Centennial Manor staff compliancy rates for those who have had their COVID-19 vaccines are very good, says a representative of Extendicare, which operates the Manitoulin Centennial Manor.

"Those are extremely good numbers," stated Keith Clement, senior administrator of Extendicare Health Services Inc., at a Manor board meeting last month. "The percentages that Sylvie (Clarke, director of care) has presented are really off the charts in terms of being comparable to other long-term care homes facilities.

Board member Art Hayden had asked earlier in the meeting, "on the pandemic response, I'm just wondering how staff have been in terms of getting their vaccine?"

It was pointed out all Manor residents have been fully vaccinated.

"We have 56 staff members who have had their first vaccines, and one person will be getting their second vaccine on Tuesday," said Ms. Clarke. Currently, "we are at 91.5 percent of staff having received the first vaccine and about 90 percent who have had their second dose. We

### ...MSS new site of mass clinics

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Individuals aged 12 and over can book an appointment for first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, in addition to all groups who are currently eligible.

Anyone aged 18 and over in the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts who received their first dose of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine more than 21 days ago, or Moderna 28 days ago, or anyone who received AstraZeneca 56 days ago (at least eight weeks) and who wish to receive an mRNA vaccine is currently able to book their second dose. To ensure maximum protection against COVID-19 and the Delta variant, anyone 18 and over should book their second dose as soon as possible.

With the COVID-19 Delta variant spreading throughout Ontario, it is more important than ever to get your second dose to complete your vaccine series as full vaccination offers the greatest protection. All vaccines provided in Ontario provide strong protection against COVID-19 and its variants. Interchanging vaccines is safe, effective, and enables more Ontarians to receive their second dose sooner.





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#### **Employment Opportunity Junior Payroll Clerk**

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

#### Job Duties

Summary

- Collect all activity sheets on paydays, verify the hours, credits earned/credit used/credit balances. Process payroll bi-weekly.
- Calculate payroll, print check register and verify all deductions and balance the deductions.
- Complete all payroll steps and submit the file to Manager.
- File payroll records and keep records of materials filed and removed
- Provide departmental costings reports to departments upon request.
- Process Record of Employment as required.
- Provide payroll history reports when requested by an employee.

expect to be at almost 100 percent compliance rate in 14 days." She noted six staff members have refused to get the vaccine. "I know directors at Extendicare are working on providing an education piece for us to try and encourage these staff members to get their shots as well."

In regard to Ms. Clarke's presentation and the numbers in terms of those who have had vaccines, Mr. Hayden said, "this is good to hear. It's nice to know we have these kind of compliance numbers."



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#### **Job Description**

We are currently seeking a dock & truck helper to work at our Little Current Terminal. This position would have you working 24-30 hrs a week helping on the dock, with drivers making deliveries within the Manitoulin Island and area.

#### Qualifications

Must be able to lift heavy items for extended periods Physically fit, Clean Criminal Check, Quick learner in a fast-paced environment, Reliable and Punctual.

Please contact Sharon Stringer at sstringer@manitoulintransport.com

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#### **ENJI-DBAAKNIGET (COURT) CASE WORKER**

Location: United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising Tribal Council - M'Chigeeng First Nation Duration: Contract until March 31, 2022 with possible extension depending on funding

The United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising Justice Program is an Anishinaabe Community Justice Program. The Enji-Dbaakniget (Court) seeks alternatives to incarceration by using restorative justice principles while utilizing the Seven Grandfather teachings and works towards re-establishing balance for the individual, the victim, and the community. The purpose of the Enji-Dbaakniget is to reduce the rates of recidivism and reduce the rates of the imposition of jail sentences or the length of sentences. The Enii-Dbaakniget Case Worker facilitates restorative justice options for Indigenous people involved in the justice system and acts as the liaison between the Ontario Court of Justice, the Enji-Dbaakniget and the restorative justice alternatives

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Case management, maintain client files, maintain a database to track statistics.
- Attend First Appearance Courts, both Adult Criminal and Youth Justice. Meet with Indigenous people to explain to them the Enji-Dbaakniget process and its eligibility criteria, as well as assist them in completing the application to transfer their case to the Enji-Dbaakniget.
- Liaise with the Indigenous Court Worker, UCCMM Community Justice Program, UCCMM Bail Verification and Supervision Program, Defense/Duty Counsel, Crown Attorney, and members of the judiciary as well as community resources regarding potential participants.
- Attend Healing Circles and assist in their coordination.
- Help develop culturally appropriate Healing Plans that utilize restorative justice approaches and file them with the Court and provide the Court with client updates.
- Must have superior ability to produce written reports for submission to court.
- Assist clients in fulfilling the recommendations outlined in their Healing Plans by finding the appropriate support services; and assist in ceremonies for completion of Healing Plans.
- Available to work evenings and weekends as required or extended hours for scheduled conferences, workshops, training, and ability to travel.
- Work with people who could potentially become violent, hostile and work in stressful situations.

- Enter payroll deductions in payroll profile for payroll processing biweekly.
- Assist in preparation of T4 statements.
- Assist with group benefits and pension changes as needed.
- Perform other duties as requested.

#### Requirements

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

#### **Closing Date: Until Position is Filled**

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

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

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

#### QUALIFICATIONS

- Post-secondary Diploma or Degree in law discipline or at least two years' experience working in Anishinaabe justice in . Ontario.
- Knowledge of Canadian criminal court procedures, Criminal Code and the Youth Criminal Justice Act; Criminal Code of Canada, R. v. Gladue case and related court decisions regarding Indigenous people.
- Ability to manage a database; complete financial forms; produce written reports, correspondence, and work plans.
- Must have knowledge of services available in the Districts of Manitoulin/Sudbury/Algoma for Indigenous people.
- Must have knowledge of UCCMM Justice principles, local Anishinaabe teachings, culture, communities, history, . elders, and local issues facing Indigenous people.
- Must support Anishinaabe red road teachings, promotion of positive role models and healthy lifestyles.
- Ability to speak Ojibwe an asset.
- Valid driver's license (proof must be provided with application); have access to a vehicle; and be willing to travel.
- Up-to-date and clear Vulnerable Sector Screening Check and Criminal Record Check

Remuneration: Annualized salary \$50,000,00 and benefits

Closing Date: July 30, 2021, at 12 noon

Mail or deliver a complete package which must include the following: To Apply: 1) cover letter 2) resume 3) copy of valid Ontario driver's license 4) Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Screening Check 5) three work-related letters of reference including at least one from a supervisor/manager

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

Mark "Confidential-EDCW" to:

Hazel Recollet. Chief Executive Officer United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising Box 275 M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0

P.O. Box 275, M'Chigeeng First Nation, Ontario POP 1G0 \* Telephone: (705)377-5307 \* Fax: (705) 377-5309

### Line 5 hits snag as Army Corps to conduct extensive environmental review

by Michael Erskine MICHIGAN—The plan by Canadian energy giant Enbridge to build a tunnel under the Straits of Mackinac to house a replacement for their submarine Line 5 pipeline that currently lies across the lakebed in the straits has hit a major obstacle as the US Corps of Army Engineers (USACE) has announced that it would be conducting an extensive

that will significantly delay the project.

The USACE could have opted for a less onerous examination of needs and purposes for the privatelyfinanced

6.4 kilometre tunnel, but opted for an envi-

ronmental impact statement (EIS) which involves a much more detailed

review of the plan, a move study—one that includes assessment of other alternatives The environmental impact study could push back planned con-



struction by several years; Enbridge had originally planned for the tunnel to be completed by 2024.

The issue is particularly critical for Canadian economic interests as Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer has ordered the submarine lines closed. That line supplies refineries in Sarnia

that play a significant role in Canada's energy supplies.

"I have concluded that an EIS is the most appropriate level of review

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First Peoples, who move

onto the blankets, and move

back in time to the arrival

of Europeans.

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because the potential for impacts significantly affecting the quality of human environment," said Jaime A. Pinkham, acting secretary of the army for civil works in a statement to the media.

The project has been opposed by a number of Indigenous tribes, including Wiikwemkoong, as

well as literally thousands of individuals and Mr. Pinkam also cited the navigation in a busy shipping channel as a concern.

For its part, Enbridge Energy is "evaluating its timeline" according to spokesperson Ryan Duffy.

"Placing a pipeline in a new Great Lakes tunnel will provide extra layers of safety and environmental protection and make what is currently a safe pipeline even safer," reads an Enbridge statement, which goes on to cite the



creation of jobs and energy security throughout the region.

"We are encouraged to see that the Army Corps of Engineers heeded our call to undertake a more rigorous analysis," said Whitney Gravelle, chairwoman of the Bay Mills Indian Community. The tribe, which has treaty-guaranteed fishing rights in the straits, "is very concerned that the pipeline threatens our way of life," she said.



Food Cupboard -- The Gore Bay United Church is continuing this service during the COVID-19 outbreak with some changes. They will be open noon to 3 pm on Thursdays. Come to the side door (facing McQuarrie Motors) and knock. Food will be packed and passed outside to you. If you have questions, call 70 2011. Messages 705-282are checked daily.

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#### NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting for the Central Manitoulin Historical Society will take place on July 14, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. Election of Officers and Appointment of Board Members will take place. This will be a ZOOM meeting, please contact R. Frawley at centralm@amtelecom.net or telephone 705-377-5726 to be sent an invitation to the meeting and for more details.

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#### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

FOR: Creation and Updates of Policies & Procedures NADMADWIN MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC, WIIKWEMKOONG, ON 16A Complex Drive, Box 101, Wiikwemkoong, ON, POP 2JO Phone: 705-859-3164

Naandwechige-Gamig Wikwemikong Health Centre (WHC), Wiikwemkoong, ON, is seeking qualified individuals and organizations to submit proposals for consulting services related to the updating of the existing clinical policy and procedure manual and creation of new/updated clinical polices and procedures for the Nadmadwin Mental Health Clinic.

Services offered at Nadmadwin Mental Health Clinic include: mental health counselling and therapy, visiting psychiatrist, community development and public education services, opiate replacement therapy support services, crisis response. coordination with other agencies to ensure continuity of care, and support and advocacy.

The consultant will have expertise in social, health, mental health and/or community

...KAIROS group, Lyons Memorial hosts memorial of children's shoes

...continued from page 3 dential schools 35 years ago, but no one talked about what happened in these schools.'

"I have two beautiful Native daughters who both live in Whitefish River First Nation," said Mr. Chovaz. "I think a day like this for KAIROS and the church to provide information is really important for knowledge and education on why many Indigenous people have and are dealing with this trauma. My exwife was one of those suffering from the trauma. But when she and I were married she didn't talk much about it."

"After my ex-wife and I divorced, you start to think and realize some of the things that she did that I didn't understand at the time, did make sense," said Mr. Chovaz. "That is why Indigenous people want to be heard and want the truth to be told."

"It is very important that people understand all the trauma that First Nations people were going through then and that they are still feeling the effects of," said Mr. Chovaz. "Awareness and education is the key."

Mr. Chovaz said over the years his wife Maria became very involved in KAIROS, "and then I got involved. Maria has a tremendous relationship with my kids'

"I think people are starting to understand why Indigenous people are still dealing with the trauma of residential schools," said Mr. Chovaz. "All that Indigenous people want is

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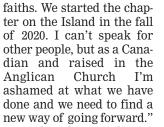
to be heard and the truth be told.'

Little Current United Whitney Church Rev. Bruno has a six-year-old daughter, Selena. "It has been hard to explain what is going on right now in Canada. I've been using the book 'When We Were Alone' to teach her. One of the stories in the book is about an Indigenous girl speaking with her grandmother and asking questions such as 'why do you wear your hair so long' and the grandmother explaining to the young girl that when she was in a residential school she had to wear her hair short and lost her language, culture and traditional ways."

"I've been using that book to teach Selena," said Rev. Bruno, "and reassure her that this type of thing is not going to happen to her, but that there are still people hurting from it and what has happened to them in the past."

Mary Buie, of Kagawong, was at the gathering on July 1 at the United Church in Gore Bay. She said the visual impact of the children's shoes "provides a poignant, emotional connection."

Dr. Kate Mackeracher, one of the founders of the Manitoulin KAIROS group said, "KAIROS is a Canadawide social justice organization focusing on Indigenous rights, originally founded by members of churches involved in the residential school system when they started to realize what they had done. Today, it includes people of all



Truth and Reconciliation Commissioner "Murray Sinclair said, 'education got us into this mess, and education will get us out of it',' stated Dr. Mackeracher.

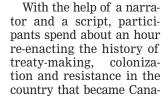
Rev. Hughes said, "I wanted to host the KAIROS shoe memorial here as it was in Little Current. I wanted to be able to host the children's shoes, and it seemed ideal to do this July 1. It's something we need to do as a church as well. Anglican and United Churches had residential schools, but we really don't know much the residential about schools. The question is was it that people did not want to know or whether things were being hidden from them?"

Mr. Mackeracher said that KAIROS is hoping to host a blanket exercise on the Island this fall, COVID permitting.

Rev. Hughes said the shoes on display at the Lyons Memorial United Church would be going back to Little Current on Friday and will be there indefinitely. The KAIROS group is hoping to bring the blanket exercises to communities around Manitoulin later this year.

The blankets represent the lands of what is now Canada, and the distinct cultures and nations on those lands. Participants

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Participants learn about 500 years of colonization in this interactive activity, where they take the role of an Indigenous person and go through history. The start off on these blankets. which represent the land, and through colonization. and through the exercise, you see how the blankets are taken away and how the land becomes smaller.

#### Manitoulin Family Resources

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### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) solicits bids for its project to build a new and expanded (3,500 sq. ft) Food Bank and Thrift Store in Mindemoya, On. Building construction is expected to commence by the end of July with anticipated completion date by November 30, 2021. The tender documents will provide a General Contractor with a scope encompassing all aspects of the construction.

The tender documents will be available in electronic form on July 7, with a submission deadline of July 21, 2021. Contractors with appropriate capability are invited to contact MFR to obtain the documents for this important community project.

Please respond by email, telephone or in writing by 12:00 p.m., Friday, July 9, 2021.

Contact information:

Manitoulin Family Resources Attention: Denise Leblanc PO Box 181 Mindemoya, ON POP 1S0 705.368.3400 ext 243 705.370.4796 fax dleblanc@mfresources.net

services operational policy and procedures development. The successful proponent will undertake an organization needs assessment/gap analysis and develop/update a comprehensive policy manual that includes updated clinical policies and procedures related to the provision of mental health services to Wiikwemkoong community members.

#### SERVICES

The proponent shall provide the following services:

- Undertake an organization needs assessment or gap analysis
- Undertake research to identify best practices in similar organizations •
- Update or develop a comprehensive clinical policy and procedures manual

#### SCHEDULE AND TIMING OF PROJECT

#### Proposals must be received by July 16, 2021 @ 4:00pm EST

It is expected that the project will begin during the week of August 2, 2021. The completion date is likely to be on October 29, 2021. Alternative timelines could be considered.

All enquiries related to this RFP posting including requests for the RFP FULL **PACKAGE information**, questions and clarification, are to be directed to: Melissa Roy, Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

### The Path Forward: Canada and Ontario respond to National Inquiry into MMIWG

#### by Lori Thompson, Local Journalism **Initiative Reporter**

MANITOULIN-A national action plan (NAP) to address systemic racism and violence and Indigenous women, girls and Two Spirt, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Queer, Questioning, Intersex and Asexual (2SLGBTQQA+) was released June 3, two years after the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMI-WG) presented its final report. The Government of Canada also issued a Federal Pathway report which outlines the federal government's approach and a week earlier, the Ontario government launched its Pathways to Safety strategy in response to the final report. While many communities and organizations have welcomed the plans, questions remain.

The 2021 NAP responds to the findings of and 231 Calls for Justice from the 2019 National Inquiry as well as 62 calls for change from the Metis Perspectives of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and LGBTQ2S+ People report prepared by Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak. A statement by Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada said the NAP is "meant to honour and respect Indigenous and 2SLGBTQQIA+ peoples' philosophies, values, knowledge systems and agencies through the prioritization of Indigenous-led solutions and services developed in partnership and sustained through the adequate resourcing of this work.'

Violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ happens within a broad social context shaped by systemic racism and colonialism, requiring change across governments and institutions and by all Canadians. The 113-page document outlines long term commitments and short term priorities or actions to be taken within the next three years. It includes action plans from, the National Family and Survivors Circle, contributing partners and provinces and territories. The Federal Pathway is only one component within the NAP that is "anchored in principles that build on the National Inquiry's Principles for Change and that were developed in cooperation with the working groups and Indigenous partners." This work will address culture, health and wellness, human safety and security, and Justice utilizing a "holistic" and "trauma-informed" approach. A Federal Pathway implementation plan "will be co-developed with Indigenous partners." The NAP will draw on \$2.2 billion to fund new and ongoing initiatives outlined in the plan. This funding was previously allocated in the 2021 budget to be spent over the next five years. There is

also a commitment of \$160.9 million per year on an ongoing basis to address actions related to the national inquiry.

On May 27, Ontario released its plan, which includes 118 initiatives, in response to the MMIWG inquiry. "The tragedy of violence towards Indigenous people is completely unacceptable and must be met with real solutions to uproot the causes," said Jill Dunlop, associate minister of children and women's issues. "We listened carefully to the survivors, families and loved ones who participated in the National Inquiry. We also collaborated closely with Indigenous partners, including members of the Indigenous Women's Advisory Council, to ensure their voices guided Ontario's action plan on the critical issues impacting their communities. I am proud of where we have come but know there is much more work to be done to ensure all Indigenous people can live in safety, free from violence.'

Indigenous The Women's Advisory Council has developed a "placemat" that is a companion to Ontario's response. The placemat illustrates the structure and recommendations of Ontario's strategy while also incorporating cultural elements (view the placemat at onwa.ca/learningresources-mmiwg).

The Ontario Native Women's Association with Ganohkwasra Family Assault Support Servicsaid the strategy es "aligns with what Indigenous women have been asking for because they listened to our voices, expertise, guidance and recommendations. When our truths are listened to and governments respect the recommendations of Indigenous women, we begin to build a foundation for change.

Some advocates say there are crucial voices missing from both the fedand eral provincial reports. Advocate Maggie Cywink of Whitefish River First Nation acknowledges there is a lot in the reports but is concerned about the lack of grass-



Advocate Maggie Cywink speaks with Prime Minister Trudeau.

she said. "They don't understand the impact of what this means to them. There has been no dialogue or engagement with families. Are we going to get lost in the dust again? Are

we going to again be voiceless? Because it's been the government and its agencies that have put this together."

### **Death Notice**

#### JOHN ALLAN REID January 7, 1956 – July 1, 2021

Tt is with great sadness that we share that John Allan Reid passed away unexpectedly and peacefully at his home in Spring Bay on July 1, 2021. John was born at the Red Cross Hospital in Mindemoya. He was the son of the late A. Lloyd and Melisa (McDonald) Reid. John will be sadly missed by his wife of over 46 years,

Roxana M. (Scott) Reid. John was a loving father to Angela Reid (partner Bojan Joksimovic) and Preston (Lloyd) Reid (wife Sarah Reid). He was a proud grandfather to Preston and Sarah's daughter Celeste. John will be sadly missed by his sisters Margaret Reid (husband A. David Cameron) and Mary-Alice Lewis (husband Douglas Lewis, predeceased). Brother-in-law to Walter (predeceased) (wife Shirley), Joe (wife Marie), Robert (predeceased), Barbara (predeceased) (partner Gary), Elsie Glanville (husband Les), Alida Miller (husband Phil), Edith Roberts (husband John) and Rosemary McCulligh. John will also be missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, especially his long-time friend of 34 years, Derek Stephens. John was raised in Burwash, Ontario until his family retired to Spring Bay on Manitoulin Island where he completed high school at Manitoulin Secondary School. On October 12, 1974 John and Roxana were married in Providence Bay. John had numerous careers throughout his lifetime and was known to constantly juggle several occupations at the same time. John worked in mining at Falconbridge, then they lived briefly in Providence Bay where they owned a garage. He completed an apprenticeship for auto body repair in Dowling and then they moved to Spring Bay and built their own home and an auto body shop. John also owned and operated a vehicle appraisal company for over 40 years. He was a school bus driver for 45 years and he achieved his dream of farming for over 20 years. In 1985, John joined the Campbell Volunteer Fire Department. In 2004, he was appointed Deputy Fire Chief for Central Manitoulin Township. In 2005, John was promoted to Fire Chief of Central Manitoulin Volunteer Fire Department where he managed four fire halls and over 35 volunteers. John worked tirelessly to plan and design the new fire hall in Mindemoya that was completed in 2018. John was extremely dedicated to the fire service and the last purchase was a new fire truck that arrived in June of 2021. John and his team organized golf tournaments as fundraisers for the fire department for over 10 years; he always had a twinkle in his eye when he talked about making 30 pie crusts for the fundraiser dinners. John loved nothing more than time with friends and family. He organized family reunions for over 15 years. He enjoyed snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, golfing and gardening. John was always willing to lend a hand to anyone and will be greatly missed. In his memory, donations to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary would be greatly appreciated by the family; donations can be made online through CanadaHelps at the following link: https://www.canadahelps.org/en/. A memorial will take place at the Providence Bay Arena (5143 Hwy 551, Providence Bay) on Saturday, July 10. 2021 from 2 pm to 3:30 pm followed by a Memorial Parade to the Grimesthorpe Cemetery. Due to COVID restrictions, masks and physical distancing will be required and only family members will be permitted to attend the graveside interment. The family thanks everyone for their support in this difficult time.

### **Death Notices**

#### JORDAN EDWARD



Peacefully and surrounded by his family, F. Jordan Edward (Jober) passed away on June 26, 2021 at Bluewater Health in Sarnia at age 92. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 63 years, Ruth Alison (nee Hawley); his cherished daughters Alison, Jane and Mimi (Mark) and grandchildren Ossie, Maitland and Kaedy. Prede-

ceased by his parents Frederick Hayne Edward and Ethel Mae (nee Fowler) and his sister Mary Lee Berwick, he is fondly remembered by nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Jordan was raised in Petrolia and was proud of his oil heritage. Called to the bar in 1956, he had a law practice in Sarnia and Petrolia until his retirement in 1992. A member of the Rotary Club of Sarnia, he received recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow. Jordan loved the family cottage, Kemah, on Lake Manitou. In this fourth-generation sanctuary, he treasured time spent with family and friends. Jordan was a man of integrity who loved poetry and we will fondly remember his gentle humour, welcoming smile and kindness. Cremation was followed by a private interment at Hillsdale Cemetery, Petrolia. If you wish to make a donation, memorial contributions to The Rotary Club of Sarnia Charitable Foundation, 1210 Michigan Ave., PO Box 22014, Twin Lakes Postal Outlet, Sarnia, Ontario N7S 6J4 (www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/rotary-club-of-sarnia-charitablefoundation) or Bluewater Health Foundation for Palliative Care (www.bluewaterhealthfoundation.ca) would be appreciated. Arrangments by Needham-Jay Funeral Home www.needhamjay.com.

#### **DONALD MCDOWELL WATSON**



Donald McDowell Watson passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 1, 2021 in his 84th year. Survived by his son Donald Irvine Watson (Helene); daughters Donna (Bob) Foster, Gail (Bill) Montrie and Jackie (Rick) Burntnick-Smith; grandchildren Meagan, Samantha, Steven, Kathleen, Chris-

tine and Kate and their spouses; 12 great-grandchildren and special friend Margaret Witty. Predeceased by his wife Sarah Jane and their son Alexander. Donald spent his early years in his hometown of Barnard Castle, Co. Durham in England. He spent time in the British Army where he met the love of his life Sarah Jane. They moved to Canada in 1968 after the loss of their oldest son for a fresh start. Donald joined the O.P.P in 1969 and Badge #3971 retired in 1995 after a distinguished career that saw him posted to Downsview, Gore Bay, Sturgeon Falls and finally North Bay. He moved "Home" to Manitoulin Island in 2005 after losing Sarah Jane, where he had a Camp at Emery Road. There he loved to have the family gather for a good old fashioned sing song around the campfire, and where he enjoyed hunting with his family and good friends. He was a very proud granddad last year when his great- grandson Mayson joined him at camp to make it four generations of Watson men (and women) hunting together. He was a proud Legionnaire and held many offices at Branch, Zone and District level, he was a life member of Western Manitoulin Branch 514 and past Zone Commander of Zone H2. "Papa Don" to many of his children's friends, he had a magical way of always creating a calm and safe space where you could be who you were and not feel out of place, ignored or like you didn't fit in. He believed in inclusivity and had a way of making you feel at ease. He was a gentleman's gentleman. Don got along with everyone and always left you feeling you were loved and valued. A true Knight in Shining Armour, his quiet wisdom and steady guidance will be missed. At Don's request, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Diabetes Association or the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 as expressions of sympathy, and may be made through SimpsonFuneralHome.ca.

roots voices of family members from across the country. Families don't understand this report,



Our heartfelt thank you to the doctors and staff at Mindemoya Hospital during Mary Anne's short stay. We would also like to thank family and friends for the kindness shown to us during this difficult time. For the visits, food, cards, phone calls, messages, donations and prayers. A special thank you to VON Jennifer and a most sincere thank you to nurse Samantha for her excellent care, compassion and support during Mom's time at home. RIP Mom/Grandma. Roy Robertson and family 8p

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, POP 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Fundraising or Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 10 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, P0P 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0.

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#### Wednesday, July 7, 2021

In the last 18 months, people all over the world have stepped up to help their communities. Health care providers, police, emergency services and front line workers in so many different industries have shown the best of humanity in the worst of times. The Manitoulin community is no different. Over the next little while, The Expositor will be highlighting some of the Islanders who have made a difference when it mattered most. We've Got Grit is a series that will highlight people and organizations on Manitoulin Island who have stepped up during the pandemic. Community leaders, business owners and others who have given up time, resources and energy to help those around them. by Mike Brock

#### Kathy Antonio

My Ol Blues, Gore Bay Some of the most essential workers have reminded us how important they are, just by continuing the great work they have done every day, pandemic or not. But there are some who have had to change what they do in order to have a greater positive impact. Our first profile is an example of that. A fixture in the Manitoulin business community, and a cornerstone of the Gore Bay community in particular—Kathy Antonio, proprietor of My Ol' Blues

My Ol' Blues is a brand built on recycled materials or taking something that's already there, and making it into something new. Last year, when the world changed, Ms. Antonio and her team took their skills, their passion and their desire to give back to the community, and pointed it in a new direction, too.

Always with a keen eye on the textile and clothing markets from Asia and Europe, in January of 2020, Ms. Antonio was one of the first to understand that a monumental alteration to her business was coming. With manufacturers on the other side of the world being closed down by outbreaks, the gaps in the



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#### Kathy Antonio

supply chains were starting to show, and she knew that she was going to have to do something quickly.

'When you see that happening, you think, 'when is it coming here?" Ms. Antonio shared. "I just kind of had it in the back of my head that something would have to be done." And when the first shutdown did come to Ontario in the middle of March, it's a good thing she was ready, because everything happened quickly. "I guess we ended up shut down around March 13, and it was like a domino effect. My wholesale customers were cancelling orders. Government shut down. Thankfully, I had put myself on the Canadian registry for production (of personal protective equipment [PPE])."

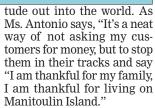
One of the nice things about being a smaller operation, like My Ol' Blues, is that it is a little easier to be flexible, to pivot. However, when your small business is based mostly on loyal, community customers who have been with you for decades, it's also a little trickier to find new revenue streams quickly. Luckily, Pro Stitch, an outfit in Sudbury had some PPE contracts, but needed help filling the orders, and suddenly, My Ol' Blues was making their new nursing gowns. Thanks to Ms. Antonio's foresight and willingness to

learn, she was not only able to provide a valuable service, she was able to keep her team working—and hire two new people!

When the nursing gown orders were finished, Ms. Antonio set to making masks—again not as simple a task as it might seem. But with her willingness to learn, and her relentless spirit, she was able to come up with a design that worked, helped keep the community healthy and keep her business alive. One of the reasons that Ms. Antonio came to Manitoulin in the first place was to have a certain amount of balance between life and her work. The community and land of this place has greatly inspired her to build her business based on a set of values, including persistence, adapting to challenges and helping others achieve their goals. Fittingly, for her efforts over the last year. Ms. Antonio has been nominated RBC's Canadian Women of Influence Award in the micro-business category.

"These are my values, and when I look back this year, I'm still doing that. I have really stayed true to my beliefs and my values and my directions. Even with all these hills and valleys throughout the years...even when you have days where you just want to throw it in, I feel like I've accomplished something."

Perhaps the measure of a true community helper is that the gratitude glows from them, first. Ms. Antonio knows how lucky she is to have a supportive community around her and her business. Their website, www.myolblues.com, has a "Thankful Tree." It's not a space that will raise money for the community, but perhaps provide something almost as important, a place where anyone can put grati-



Well, Manitoulin Island is thankful for you, too.

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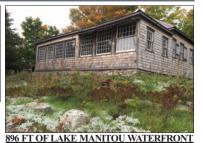
AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE OVER AN STABLISHED EGG GRADING OPERA-**TION** - The house has a small orchard out front & has seen continuous upgrades including Geothermal. Two drilled wells provide good potable water. Pasture 70 acres, bush 28 acres, several outbuildings. Owner is prepared to assist in the Properties are deeded, farm & chattels can be purchased sep-arately. MLS#2092616



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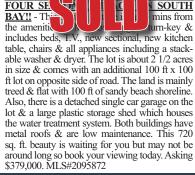
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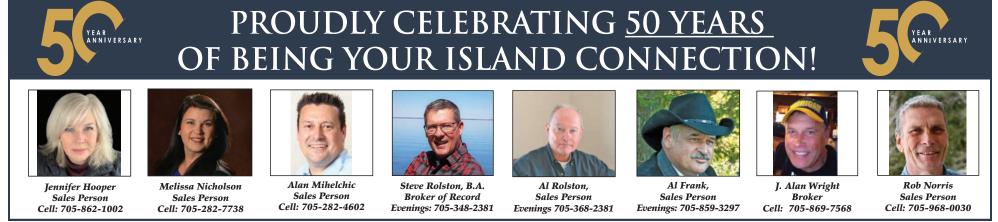
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