

**QUESTION TO CANDIDATES FROM STUDENTS AT MSS:**

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the Crown and Indigenous communities and the contributions of Ontario's and Canada's Indigenous peoples to our shared history becomes a mandatory educational requirement in all publicly funded schools, at all grade levels? **Read the answers on Page 3.**

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**FUNDRAISING FASHIONS**—From comfy and cozy to vacation wear, and casual cool to a day at the beach, Manitoulin models, including, from left, April Watson, Angela Becks, Judy MacKenzie and Miss Universe Canada first runner up Madison Kvaltin strut their stuff for a cause at the Mindemoya Community Centre during Cindy's Fashions annual fashion show fundraiser. This year, all proceeds from the packed house went to the Let's Emerg Together campaign for the Mindemoya Hospital emergency department renovations. **SEE STORY ON PAGE 15.**

## Ontario Law Society names Wiikwemkoong's Marian Jacko its distinguished female lawyer

by Tom Sasvari  
TORONTO—Marian Jacko of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory is one of several members of Ontario's legal profession who have received award from the Law Society of Ontario (LSO), recognizing their excellence.

"We are here to celebrate the 2022 law society awards," stated Teresa Donnelly, treasurer of the LSO, at the awards ceremonies held in Osgoode Hall in Toronto, on May 25. "We are presenting the William J. Simpson distinguished paralegal award, Lincoln Alexander award, Laura Legge award, J. Shirley Denison award, and law society medals.

"It is so good to be here this evening. There is such a buzz and excitement in the room. Not only with award recipients being here, but because this event has brought us together," said Ms. Donnelly. "Members of Ontario's legal professions will be recognized for their outstanding career achievements and contributions to their communities. These awards recognize excellence. The award winners provide outstanding service and leadership, and promote well being and public service."

"Each of these recipients is a role model, inspiration and leader for their colleagues. They are the highest awards granted by the Law Society of Ontario," said Ms. Donnelly. In outlining Ms. Jacko being chosen for the Laura Legge Award, "this award has special significance to me," she said, noting the award was first presented in 2007. "This year's recipient is from Manitoulin Island and a trailblazer in the legal profession."

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## Use COVID-19 knowledge to combat drug deaths, Ontario drug strategy group says

by Lori Thompson,  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
ONTARIO—Members of the Drug Strategy Network of Ontario (DSNO) recently endorsed four policy solutions to reduce drug poisoning deaths and incidents in Ontario. DSNO says a coordinated emergency response is needed and suggests the public health and emergency strategies used to contain COVID-19 can be applied to the ongoing drug poisoning crisis.

The proposed solutions in the report, 'Solutions to End the Drug Poisoning Crisis in Ontario: Choosing a New Direction,' include declaring the province's drug poisoning crisis to be an emergency under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA, RSO 1990) and creating a provincial taskforce to address the crisis; expanding evi-

dence-informed harm reduction and treatment practices throughout Ontario; eliminating the structural stigma that discriminates against people who use drugs; and increasing investments in prevention and early

intervention services that provide foundational support for the health, safety and well-being of individuals, families and neighbourhoods.

A recent study on Ontario showed that between February

and December 2020, there was a 79 percent increase in the number of opioid-related deaths across Ontario, from 139 to 249. In the first half of 2021, rates of fatal drug poisonings more than doubled in 15 of 34 public health units across the province, with an increase in opioid-related deaths per 100,000 across all health units in Ontario from 7.9 to 14.

"We need to start pointing to places where there are very practical ways we can start to address what some would call the overdose crisis," said Todd Barr, DSNO coordinator. "It is a poisoned drug supply so we're thinking about policy solutions from that point of view."

The network consists of 41 local communities that are working on local community meetings, drug

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## Gore Bay's medical services model hinders new physician recruitment

by Tom Sasvari  
GORE BAY—Until the provincial government contract model for doctors in rural and Northern areas like Gore Bay is similar to the contract that is provided to family health teams (FHTs), it will continue to be an uphill battle for clinics like the Gore Bay Medical Centre to be able to recruit new doctors. As has been

reported previously, Dr. Bob Hamilton and Dr. Shelagh McRae indicated a few years ago that they are planning to retire soon. This would leave Dr. Chantelle Wilson as the lone doctor at the Gore Bay Medical Centre and because of this, the town has joined other communities and health agencies on Manitoulin in

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## 'Digital nomad' stops on Manitoulin: A vanguard of the new economy



Digital nomad Nastasia sits in front of her laptop on the shores of Honora Bay. A software engineer, she is one of a growing number of individuals who work remotely while exploring the world. **photo by Michael Erskine**

by Michael Erskine  
HONORA BAY—Nastasia settles in front of her laptop to begin her workday in a small cabin on the shores of Lake Huron. The software engineer is a digital nomad, part of a growing phenomena in the global economy that has been accelerated exponentially by the pandemic mandates.

Digital nomads are remote workers, plying their trades wherever in the world they choose to hang their hat.

"All you need is a good laptop, a stable internet connection and a quiet place to work," said Nastasia (The Expositor has agreed to withhold her last name for reasons that will soon become apparent). "You need at least a two megabits, but 10 is preferable, especially for video. Mobile data can work, but I prefer cable—fibre is ideal."

While some digital nomads work from coffee shops or other locations with a free wifi network, those in Nastasia's line of work tend to seek out quieter venues. "In my work you need to focus," she said. "Distractions are not a good thing when you are working on code." Although modern high level programming languages like Python and RUST eschew the nitty detail of ancient scripts (concentration remains a stock in trade for programmers).

Nastasia works full-time for a major data company. "I work 40 hours a week," she said, but her hours are somewhat flexible thanks to the size and global reach of the company she works for. Although time zones do present a minor challenge, Nastasia said that she considers that just a minor inconven-

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# Ontario Votes 2022

## Question of the week

Students at Manitoulin Secondary School, who also ask whether you agree that the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission have provincial implications, have posed the following question:

*If your party forms the next government of Ontario, how will the province ensure that age-appropriate curricula concerning the history and legacy of residential schools, treaties between the Crown and Indigenous communities and the*

*contributions of Ontario's and Canada's Indigenous peoples to our shared history becomes a mandatory educational requirement in all publicly funded schools, at all grade levels?*

**Ron Koski,**  
New Blue Party

Hello students at MSS, if you're reading this, you've given me a lot to wrestle with—there are no easy answers for this one. Today's Canada has an outdated and complicated relationship with the Crown of England and its colonial legacy.



The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada outlines 94 calls to action ranging from child welfare to language and culture, health, professional development and training, church apologies, reconciliation education, youth programs, funding for museums and archives, missing children and burial information, the development of a national TRC centre, a Canadian heritage commemoration framework, increase of funding to the CBC to support reconciliation themes, promotion of Indigenous athletics and funding for the North American Indigenous games and travel, mandated requirements for private businesses to be trained in intercultural competency and anti-racism, and the education of newcomers to Canada to uphold their allegiance to

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**Cheryl Fort,**  
Progressive Conservative Party

Thank you for the question and I appreciate being extended the opportunity to participate in the Manitoulin Secondary School Powwow held last week. Truth and Reconciliation is dear to my heart and I would work to ensure that Indigenous peoples have the first say in how we incorporate any changes into public school curriculums regarding our shared history. In the 94 Calls to Action there is plenty of opportunity for reconciliation to happen and we need the will to see it through. I am pleased that our PC team launched Ontario's first update to the Indigenous Studies curriculum for Grades 9 to 12 students since the year 2000 and that the curriculum was developed in consultation with Indigenous peoples living on our shared lands here in Ontario.



Our shared history is still being written and the Ontario PC team is ensuring that an active role is being taken by the Ontario government. Like all Ontarians, our PC team was heartbroken by the news

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**Michael Mantha,**  
NDP incumbent

Any preconceptions that my parents might have had that their sons were perfect angels were soon dispelled. My brothers and I were raised by loving parents who did their best to teach us right from wrong. And they had the wisdom to teach us what to do when we made an error and hurt someone or something.



You accept and admit to those you wronged and to yourself that you messed up;

Be honest, tell the truth and sincerely apologize for your error;

State that you will work to do better and plan how to accomplish that goal;

You hold your head up, roll up your sleeves and set about to right any wrongs in a meaningful way; and

You move forward by committing to do better today and in the future.

The steps are so simple that a child—even me—can do it.

These simple steps are applicable to virtually any situation, whether the wrong is committed by an individual, group or even

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**Tim Vine,**  
Liberal Party

The recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) certainly have many implications at the provincial level. The provincial crown has a role to play in honouring treaties



and given the province's constitutional purview over education and healthcare, it has an important role to play in both truth and meaningful reconciliation in the delivery of both. The province needs to work with the federal government to reduce jurisdictional squabbling so that Indigenous peoples can receive the services they need without having to negotiate the bureaucratic complexities of Canada's constitution. A broader implementation of Jordan's Principle should be a guiding philosophy in all government interactions. Because we need to ensure that whatever level of government interacts with an Indigenous person that the recommendations of the TRC are duly considered and that the wholeness of that individual's health and dignity is held foremost. To take seriously its role in reconciliation, I believe the province needs to

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# The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association held a volunteer appreciation event last Friday evening at the Mindemoya curling club. The MMHA presented the Jack Clark most deserving official award to Mike Payette, the Randy Thibault memorial award to Ron Cooper, and recognized Greg Lockeyer for having recently been awarded the Angus Campbell merit award by the Northern Ontario Hockey Association. In photo, left to right, is Jack Clark, Gayle Payette (who accepted the award for her husband Mike), Ron Cooper and Greg Lockeyer.

## Manitoulin Minor Hockey names Mike Payette as Jack Clark Most Deserving Official Award winner

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association (MMHA) recognized three award recipients at a volunteer appreciation event held last Friday evening in the Mindemoya curling club. The MMHA presented the Jack Clark most deserving official award to Mike Payette, the Randy Thibault memorial award to Ron Cooper, and recognized Greg Lockeyer for receiving the Northern Ontario Hockey League Angus Campbell Merit award. Starting with this week's edition The Expositor will be profiling one of the award winners over each of the next three weeks.

**by Tom Sasvari**

MINDEMOYA—Without hardworking volunteers behind the scenes, there would be no hockey for Manitoulin Island youth to enjoy. Three Island men, with more than 92 years of officiating, coaching and training between them, were recently recognized for their dedication in an inaugural Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association (MMHA) event. MMHA presented two new prestigious awards to Ron Cooper and Mike Payette, and recognized Greg Lockeyer for his recent award from the Northern Ontario Hockey

Association.

Jack Clark was instrumental in recruiting officials in Gore Bay and was their referee-in-chief (RIC). He supervised and trained young officials both on and off the ice and is a well-known volunteer in the community. The Jack Clark Most Deserving Official award is given to an official who has played a key role in the officiating program on Manitoulin Island, someone who has been involved with assigning, instruction, administration and supervision of young officials, and whose involvement would be greatly missed.

"When I started officiating, Mike Payette was the standard," said Mr. Clark. "He always reffed the toughest games and looked after all the officials, and he did this for a long time. People might not know how much he did for the organization but he was involved for 30 years plus and for many years, he carried the organization."

Mr. Payette was nominated for the award by Greg

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## Options for design stage of medical centre renovation considered by committee

**by Tom Sasvari**

GORE BAY—The Town of Gore Bay is at the design stage for the Gore Bay Medical Centre renovation project and after more information is provided and final decisions on the design are established, the town will be looking at a fundraising campaign for the construction work on the building.

"The architects for the project, Belanger Solach Architecture, presented three options and we (town public works and properties committee) were reviewing which one would be the best," said Mayor Dan Osborne who pointed out more information is to be obtained on ambulance access to the building after a committee meeting last week.

Mayor Osborne noted, "the committee felt the first option would be the best for the medical centre. He pointed out a recommendation will be made to town council."

In a summary provided by the architects for the first option, "the first design option consideration for the Gore Bay Medical Centre focuses on creating a single accessible main entrance and extensive renovation of the main floor vacant space and lower floor. A small addition at the main entrance includes a new stair; an enclosed wheelchair lift and vestibule. This vestibule provides a single secure point of access for both floors at all times of the day. The main entrance is accessed through a new exterior ramp and stair, reoriented for a clear, wel-

coming view of the main entrance from the parking lot and main street. Renovation of the vacant spaces includes two offices for flexible, part-time use of various health care service and a larger main office for the Health Sciences North mental health service. A new training/board room is included on the main

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## Gore Bay recreational parking lot proposal denied

**by Tom Sasvari**

GORE BAY—The Town of Gore Bay is back to square one in terms of trying to establish an overnight parking area for recreational vehicles in town. As had been reported previously, the majority of council had been in favour of a limited, overnight recreational parking space (with no amenities provided) being established on property adjacent to the Red Roof pavilion and the former children's playground in the Town of Gore Bay.

Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne, at a town general government committee meeting last week, told the meeting, "I got a call from the daughter of the owner of the lot being considered who indicated the owners don't want RVs park-

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**editorial**

## Digital economy offers countless tourism opportunities

Anyone wandering into the quagmire that is the online comment section on social media sites might quickly sink into a quicksand of despair for the future of humanity—but the information superhighway provides huge opportunities for the North, particularly once the promise of broadband has come into full fruition out here in the digital hinterland.

With so many workers digging their heels in on returning to the office with the lifting of pandemic restrictions now that they have tasted the benefits of eschewing the morning commute to concrete towers and those ubiquitous Dilbert-style cubicles, huge opportunities are opening up for a new brand of tourist—those seeking literally greener pastures for part of their working week.

Not everyone wants to relocate to rural regions like those Manitoulin has to offer (we know, sacrilegious as it might be, it's true), but when it comes to spending vacation time here, the Island has long been a Mecca for those desiring a more pastoral existence for a couple of weeks. Now, with the advent of remote working, for many workers those trips to lake and forest are not limited to vacation days but have become an option throughout the working week.

This is something Manitoulin tourism operations should not only embrace, but actively pursue as this new market remains largely untapped. Of course, there are challenges, but Manitoulin communities (and those along the North Shore) will soon be far better connected through fibre and the potential to leverage that connectivity will be huge.

Instead of only seeking out those who wish to disconnect and

escape the working world for a couple of weeks respite, resort and other accommodations operators will be able to tap into the growing herds of part-time digital nomads looking to dip a line during their off-hours or go for a hike on a bush-lined trail of an evening. Unlike the economies of the past, today's work-a-day-world will make such sojourns possible.

The potential of tapping into the part-time digital nomad phenomena for rural Northern communities looking to stem the tide of outward migration to urban centres may well prove to be a side bonus, as this new tourism stream acts as an opportunity for people to sample the rural lifestyle.

Manitoulin has a plethora of things going for it that can be leveraged to attract a new and younger clientele. Relatively lower housing costs, especially in shoulder seasons, a grid that is almost totally green (those much-maligned wind towers that look to be here to stay actually make Manitoulin an almost net-zero energy community) and fresh clean air and water—perfect for many seeking to escape the concrete jungle and the Hades that is a 401 commute.

With stabilized, and even growing, populations, small rural communities may be able to retain the schools, health centres and other services that they have long been in danger of losing as their user base declines.

It is an ill-wind that blows no good, and the internet may well yet prove to be more of a societal good than the moral disaster so often lamented, but it will be up to all of us to mine the gold from the dross to improve our collective lots.

**letters**

## The Swedes have coined two new green travel words

*Tagskryt, train pride and Flygskam, plane shame/guilt*

**To the Expositor:**

Imagine yourself back to the future. In the early 1950s one could board an evening train departing Little Current to arrive relaxed at Union Station in Toronto the next morning. Was that smart mobility? It worked for many and disappeared when cars took over. First, houses had single detached auto garages. As we became more familiar with cars, single garages were attached to our homes and morphed into double, even triple, vehicle garages, perhaps saprophytically bonded to our living spaces. Most modern homes viewed from the street consist of garages dominating living spaces.

This quaint history is important because trains use significantly less fuel/carbon per person than cars do. Airplanes use the most fuel. Ships use the least. The Swedes have coined two new words: Tagskryt, meaning "train-pride," and Flygskam, referring to "plane-shame/guilt." Since these words gained traction, passenger train utilization in Sweden increased eight percent! Marshall McLuhan, the extraordinary Canadian University of Toronto media professor and philosopher who predicted the internet in the 1960s, commented that "Canadians would never abandon their cars because they like to sit in them to think." Let's hope he was mistaken about the former due to the climate emergency caused by vehicles' carbon emissions.

There is a provincial election coming in Ontario. The current government surreptitiously promotes motoring-on by rewarding drivers with reduced user costs; just before an election, if one believes in coin-

cidences. Myopically retroactively refunding vehicle licence registration fees, eliminating toll highway charges and lowering gasoline taxes is not only inefficient, but fecklessly regressive. Where will the money for road infrastructure and maintenance come from now? Let taxpayers fund the vehicle owners. Cars must be coddled because Ontario's economy is addicted to them.

Building more high speed roads than high speed trains handicaps Ontario to uncompetitive obsolete transportation policies, both economically and environmentally. Increased electricity to run electric vehicles is to be generated by more natural gas instead of inexpensive, reliable, long-term carbon-free Quebec electricity contracts costing a fraction of Hydro One's rates, which would be even higher if tax revenues were not artificially depressing still exorbitant Ontario electricity costs. If Ontario taxpayer subsidization of electricity costs works reliably politically, why would a government not apply the same cynical formula to transportation? What better opportunity for us to challenge these self-destructive policies than during an election?

These issues are vital because they indenture our grandchildren. These interconnected transportation and energy policies should be part of healthy upcoming election debates, as we exercise our priceless privilege of democratic, civilized self-governance. Let's not despond, but rather act to make the system works positively for us.

Harald Simon  
Mindemoya

## Everyone will face the Creator on judgement day

*What is going on in the world today is just a bubble waiting to burst open*

**To the Expositor:**

I'm always watching what's happening in our world and people's beliefs. As for me and being Aboriginal, I do believe there is a spiritual world after we pass on from this physical world. It is in my nature to believe in this as a native person. As for the spiritual world, we just go there temporarily until judgement day; on this day, nobody will escape our Creator's judgement, not even those past civilizations that came before us will face God's judgement. Myself, I can just imagine our Creator having this enormous power that he can do because whatever we do on this world today will come back to haunt us when we face God's

judgement. That is will be part of our judgement from God and I think people never really think about this either.

As for me, I'm always thinking about the Creator even while I'm doing chores around my home. I believe he is my helper and supporter since I do not have anybody else in this world and believing this keeps me going strong and what I see happening today in our world is not a good sign either. It's like the bubble is just waiting to burst open. Think about it, people.

Donald Osawabine  
Wiikwemkoong

## MP Carol Hughes highlights local company's green initiatives

OTTAWA—Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing rose in the House of Commons March 29 to pay tribute to Craig and Kelly (KT) Timmermans, the president and chief executive officer, respectively, of Manitoulin's Great Lakes Country 103 FM and Hits 107 FM who have created Canada's first off-grid radio stations using solar energy.

After discovering they had green energy to spare from their solar initiative of powering their radio stations, they are now planning to install a class 2 electric vehicle (EV) charging station, the first on Manitoulin Island.

"The climate emergency is real and we all have to redouble our efforts to achieve net zero emissions. So, today, I rise to highlight two

forward-thinking innovative individuals on Manitoulin Island," MP Hughes said.

MP Hughes highlighted the accomplishments of the Timmermans to show that not only is it possible to move away from fossil fuels, but that the shift to renewable energy can be cost effective in the long run and can provide other opportunities to expand business and grow the green economy.

"Your entrepreneurial spirit shows that we can embrace the shift to green technology and reinforces the fact that transitioning off our dependence on fossil-fuels is not only doable but profitable as well," said MP Hughes.

**Jane and Art Deyell**

The Deyell home sits well back from Highway 6 and presents a lovely water view to the back. “In the winter, after a rain followed by freezing temperatures, we can skate on the surface. It is like gliding on glass. Right now, the Sandhill cranes are arriving to nest and rear their young, whose antics provide entertainment as they prance about.” Simultaneously, we hear their distinctive calls as they fly overhead, filling the room with that familiar sound. “We have our share of wildlife here and on our nearby hunting property.” During the day, Art enjoys a little birdwatching while sitting in his favourite chair by the back window, near the feeders. Occasionally deer stroll by too.

For Jane Simpson Deyell, being well-organized has always been at the top of her list. As a retired teacher, she is comforted by well-laid out plans. The writer sits at their antique dining table and is presented with a typed list of important family highlights and dates, along with an extensive list of potential candidates for future stories. Photos, too, have been pre-assembled in a separate file on the computer, ready to be transferred onto a flash drive. This diligence is unique and very welcome.

“The Bowermans, in our family, originally from the Creemore area, have been living here for many decades. Mother Lila was one of 12 children. Lila’s mother died at age 42 so Lila stayed home to look after her siblings when school finished. Later, she worked at various family homes, stores, and tourist resorts, before marrying dad in 1941. After her children were in school, she spent the rest of her career at the South Baymouth Fisheries Research Station.”



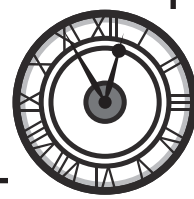
Art on his bike in October 1947.

“My dad, Tom Simpson was born in England and raised by his mother Mary Jane (Wallace) Simpson. His dad Thomas had died in France, in World War One. Mary Jane raised her four children. Tom, the youngest, worked in a foundry in England before immigrating to Montreal in 1932. He soon moved to Sandfield on Manitoulin, logging, fishing and working on farms. In 1940, he joined the service and was overseas for the duration of the war. My sister Sheila was born while dad was stationed in Scotland with the Canadian Forestry Division, along with other soldiers from Manitoulin. They were rebuilding vital structures before seeing duty in Belgium. Dad came home in 1945 and met his four-year-old daughter for the first time.”

“I was born on May 14, 1947, to Thomas and Lila Simpson, in my grandfather’s home, the same house my mother, Lila was born in. They did not get to the scheduled birthing house. Older cousin Millie Bowerman helped with the birth. No girl names had been picked out because mum thought I would be a boy. Jane was finally



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A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin  
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin  
By Petra Wall



Jane Art Deyell all smiles for a Christmas photograph.

chosen, after both my paternal and maternal grandmothers. We lived the first two years at my granddad’s home. Mom’s siblings lived there at the time. We were never lonely. When my young Uncle Burton died of complications from appendicitis in 1951. I remember that there were lots of flowers around the casket. But the



Sweet baby Jane sports her best smile.

realization that he was really gone never quite settled in for me.”

“In 1949, my parents purchased their farm. There was no hydro. Living with three family members was quite different than living with 13. I was two and I asked to ‘go home’ for a long time. Home for me was grandfather’s house. We all helped on the farm. As a preschooler, I used to sit on top of the grain in the seed drill. When my older sister left for school, mom, dad, and I often headed into the bush to cut pulp logs. Dad would get ready to cut a tree and ask me to hold the horses to keep them calm when the tree fell. I discovered later that he was just keeping me safe.”

“I was a bit of a brat when I was young; I was extremely inquisitive, besieging family members with constant ‘whats,’ ‘whys’ and ‘hows.’ My mother once offered to sell me for a bag of peanuts to the person that trucked cattle off the Island. I was not sure she was joking. I preferred being outdoors with my father. I had my own playhouse in his workshop. I could use my tools and toys and keep an eye on what dad was doing while he

repaired the machinery and anything else that did not work.” Jane smiles as she recalls the first chainsaw. “It was brand new. He poked around a lot with it, trying to get it going but it just would not start. I observed all this and finally said to him, ‘turn on the switch.’ Dad remained calm and found that particular bit of advice worked quite well.”

“I had a pet lamb who liked to butt me down the hill in winter. It was fun until he did that to mother hanging laundry. She decided it was time to sell him. When I was older, I could drive the horses pulling the hay wagon to pick up loose hay then drive the horse pulling the hay fork to lift the hay into the mow. Driving a tractor came much later. Like many farm kids, we had to bring in wood, collect eggs, help plant and weed the vegetable garden. “In the coop, 24 hens would take turns pecking at my hands. I discovered that an empty baking powder can placed quickly over their heads avoided the whole poultry assault. We always had a dog and a cat or two, all of whom got along quite well. One day I dressed the cats up in doll clothes. They soon ran into each other behind the wood stove, assuming, we think, that each was an invader. A frenzied fight broke out. It took a while to calm them down. Mother was not impressed.”

“I was the only girl in Grade 1 taught by Miss Beryl Kirk, at No. 7 Slash School. Sister Sheila was already in Grade 8. For Grades 2 and 3, I had Mr. Bill Dinsmore. He used to come out and play ball with the older students. The school was beside a farm. The boys tied bread crusts on strings and teased the chickens. Another school memory is the unique smell of the schoolhouse, an amalgamation of various lunches, wood smoke, warm bodies, and wet wool clothes, drying at the back.”

“After that year, four students were moved to the S.S. No. 4, South Baymouth School to keep it open. There were only 12 students, counting us four. The Slash School had more than 40 students when we left. Mrs. Stella Bowerman was my teacher from Grades 4 to 8. School and reading were fun. Twice a day, two senior students fetched drinking water from the harbour. Games we played were tag, baseball, Simon Says,

hide and seek and red light. Yard supervision was done from inside. Mrs. Bowerman would stare at the offender while rapping her knuckles on the window. At Christmas, a few senior students got a half day off to get a Christmas tree for our annual concert.”

“High school was in Mindemoya, where the elementary school is now. It had six classrooms; much bigger than the single room we were used to. Only four of us had graduated from

teachers.”

“Art and I met the summer of 1965 at the South Baymouth Fisheries Research Station. I was a summer student working in the library and Art a summer student from the Dorset Forest Technical College. We went to baseball games and dances all over the Island. Dances were available every night of the week in various locations and luckily, Art had his own car.” He was born in Lindsay to Neil and Margaret (Storer) on February 20, 1945. He grew up in the Waterloo area where his younger sister, Johanne, still lives. She is married to Peter Messer, and they have two daughters. Art’s father Neil Deyell was in the Air Force during WWII and moved his family to many Airforce bases, including Halifax, Three Rivers, and Ottawa. After the war, his dad worked for Mutual Life in Waterloo.



The dashing couple at their wedding in 1967.

Grade 8 at South Baymouth in 1961. Here, we had two Grade 9 classes, totaling about 60 students. English, literature and history were my favourite subjects. I wanted to take typing but access favoured kids who were leaving school after Grade 10. I edited the

Early responsibilities for Art were picking raspberries, selling them door to door, and pulling weeds in the garden for five cents a bushel. As a student Art was active in many sports including baseball and Junior hockey for the Waterloo Siskins. Early sum-



Jane, back row centre, posing at Christmas with the Bowerman cousins in 1960.

Spartan yearbook, was a cheerleader and learned to curl in high school. In Grade 12, we attended an opera and enjoyed a trip to Stratford. I remember Mrs. Seabrook as one of the great

mer jobs included being a mason’s helper, working in both a machine shop, and doing carpentry. At 17, he was part of the Junior Rangers program in Chapleau. “We earned

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# Manitoulin Island's newest conservation officer Tawny Godin loves life on Island

by Tom Sasvri

MANITOULIN—While she has not been on Manitoulin for very long, Tawny Godin is certainly enjoying it and is looking to continuing her work and living on the Island. Ms. Godin, who was born and raised in Pembroke (where her family still lives), is a new conservation officer with the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR) on the Island.



CO Tawny Godin

"I am very excited and lucky to work in such an amazing location such as the Island," Ms. Godin told The Expositor. "I look forward to meeting and getting to know as many people as I can and to become more familiar with this amazing land that I now get to call home. I live in Little Current, and every day I get to experience and enjoy all the activities that each season holds. I have been exploring the many trails, visited every town all the way across the Island and I'm starting to get familiar with the lay of the land."

"I've learned so much about Island history and about the beautiful Indigenous communities that have made this island the wonder that it is," continued Ms. Godin. "Every day I look forward to getting out in the field, meeting my neighbours, even all the way across the Island, and

seeing what new adventure that day holds."

"I've quickly made some great friends on the Island, as everyone is so welcoming," said Ms. Godin. "From the moment I started telling people that I work on Manitoulin Island, I've had no other response from people other than saying, 'you are going to absolutely love it here, it's such a beautiful place,' and I can't help but agree."

Ms. Godin explained, "I worked with Ontario Parks back when they were a part of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), and then parks changed to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), but I've worked in total with the ministry for 10 years."

"I worked in Bonnechere Provincial Park for eight years, in many positions, starting with four years as a natural heritage educator,

then park warden, senior park clerk, non-operating park operations technician, stewardship youth ranger team lead, gate attendant, store attendant and maintenance in the shoulder seasons, and finishing off as a senior operations technician at Algonquin Provincial Park."

"I was then successful in a contracted conservation officer French-language speaking position with the Aylmer enforcement unit out of Chatham. I worked for five months in the field after successfully graduating from Ontario Police College," said Ms. Godin. "I was then successful in applying for a full-time permanent conservation officer position here on Manitoulin Island."

Ms. Godin continued, "after being successful for the full-time (CO) position on the Island, I made the transition from Chatham as soon as I could do so reasonably. I started with the (MNDMNR) Sudbury enforcement unit in mid-December, which helped me transition nicely because it's fairly quiet around that time as hunting season is wrapping up and anglers are waiting for the ice to freeze over."

Prior to being accepted for her job on the Island with the ministry, "I had never been to the Island before. In fact, my first time

here was when I moved to the area. So that first day was super exciting for me, getting to see everything in person that I've heard so much about."

Ms. Godin said, "coming to the Island was definitely a factor in accepting the position. I had the option among a handful of places, and I was lucky enough to have already had some friends who lived on the Island for a few years. They moved here for jobs and never left because of how much they love it here. After a short conversation about the pros and cons of the island, I quickly learned there were very few cons and a long list of pros. How

could you not be excited to live in a place like this? I did some research and really liked that the Island offers a little of everything in terms of outdoor activities."

Ms. Godin, who is single said, "I don't have a family of my own, but I do have the most amazing rescue dog from Turkey. And I can guarantee she loves it here. She has already made a bunch of friends herself!"

"I am definitely a people person, and there is nothing more welcoming than having conversations with people who are spending their spare time in a beautiful area, taking part in activities that they love with friends and family. I'm excit-

ed to get to know as many people as I can, and create a healthy and respect the relationship with them."

Ms. Godin has taken over one of the two CO positions on the Island. "I have the privilege of replacing Jeff Horula as a conservation officer. Jeff has moved offices to Espanola, so he's still close and I still get the chance to work with him on a regular basis."

"Also, just in case (members of the public) weren't aware, our new office is in Mindemoya where the previous Ontario Provincial Police office was," said Ms. Godin. "We are no longer in Manitowaning."



## Law & Order

### Man working on swing bridge hit by vehicle, charges laid

On May 25, at approximately 10:21 pm, the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Police Service and Manitoulin-Sudbury Paramedic Services responded to a report of an individual who was hit by a vehicle on the swing bridge in Little Current.

Investigation revealed that the swing bridge had been closed to continue repair work, as posted signs on either side of the bridge explain. A vehicle proceeded through the lights and hit a worker's vehicle which resulted in the worker being struck and injured. The injured worker was transported to hospital with minor injuries. Officers were able to locate the vehicle, initiated a traffic stop on Highway

6 and the driver was subsequently arrested.

Scott Wemigwans, 35, from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory was charged with operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs, contrary to section 320.14(1) of the criminal code (CC), operation while impaired-blood alcohol concentration (80 plus), contrary to section 320.14(1)(b) of the CC, dangerous operation, contrary to section 320.13(1) of the CC, fail to remain, contrary to section 200(1)(a) of the Highway Traffic Act, having care or control of a motor vehicle with open container of liquor, contrary to section 42(1)(a) of the liquor licence and control act (LLCA).

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on June 22.

## Friends and Neighbours

### Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Spring has been on a roll with all this gorgeous weather! Last weekend Team Fergmeijer decided to

baguette away from it all for a day and hit the trails. It was a jam-packed day of hiking, although now and a grain we would stop and rest and just appreciate the views. It is nice to escape the hustle and bustle because sometimes it can start to feel like you have the wheat of the world on your shoulders. No matter how you slice it, getting out in nature is always beneficial, but especially when you are feeling sub-par about things.

Interestingly, we came across another hiker while they were eating lunch just off the trail. They looked like they were Havana delicious Cuban sandwich but when we asked about it the hiker packed up quickly and said, "That's a wrap!" and left.

Today is the first day of the Kagawong summer market! Today and every Wednesday, pop on by the market pavilion from 10 am to 3 pm and peruse the wares of many local artisans, bakers, craftspeople, and farmers.

Tennis season is off to a great start with the Manitoulin Tennis Club! Regular weekly sessions are Sundays at 10 am at the Manitoulin Secondary School courts and continue through the summer. Beginners and seasoned players are welcome!

This past weekend saw Kagawongians come together to host two community yard sales. A huge number of people made their way through both. Not only is it a fantastic way for the community to contribute to the reuse and recycling of household items, but the Angel Bus yard sale made \$1,000 from their sale to support transportation for Manitoulin Lodge residents and other medically vulnerable citizens of Western Manitoulin Island. The Angel Bus gives access to seasonal activities such as picnics and fall colour outings, community activities such as school performances, theatre and music events, farmers' markets and shopping excursions, and to attend medical appointments, all at no charge.

The deadline is today! Do you know a citizen of Billings who goes above and beyond and deserves special recognition? Nominate them for Billings' Citizen of the Year! There are two categories - under 18 years old and over 18 years old. Submit your nominations to [tmills@billingstwp.ca](mailto:tmills@billingstwp.ca) by today (June 1).

The Old Mill Heritage Centre is open for the season, so stop in and take the tour! They are open Wednesday to Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm.

Are you ready to hear about the omnominations for most delicious sammich on the Island? There were a number of award categories: Winner of the Most Dramatic Sammich is the ham. Best party sandwich is the Gyro (it makes you want to shimmy!). The sandwich that always comes through in an emergency is the Hero, and a special mention goes out to the only sandwich with its own band of admir-

ers - the Club. The fan favourite was the Fool's Gold Loaf sandwich. Apparently a favourite of the King himself, Elvis Presley, this masterpiece consists of a single warmed, hollowed-out loaf of bread filled with the contents of one jar of creamy peanut butter, one jar of grape jelly... and a pound of bacon.

The Late Bloomers 'adopt' one or two flower boxes around the community, planting their individual choice of flowers. The result is a beautiful collection of plantings for all to enjoy! If you would like to join them and adopt a planter, email [jferguson@manitoulin.net](mailto:jferguson@manitoulin.net) for more information.

Happy Birthday wishes to Morgan E who celebrates his 29th birthday this week. Welcome to that point in your life where you still hope people remember your birthday, but you'd prefer if they forgot your age.

We want to tell you the secret to getting just the right amount of mayo on your sandwich, but don't spread it around because that would be a major breach of crust. Have a great week!

### Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

The District Annual Women's Institute meeting was held at Marilee Hore's on May 28th with six members in attendance. The minutes from the 2019 meeting and the financial report were read. A discussion was held with quite a few decisions being made on the Area Convention in September.

### Silver Water Karen Noble

Albert and I attended the ATV ride in Meldrum Bay on May 21. Albert drove his own ATV and I rode with Diane Jones. I was told that 92 vehicles participated, 148 people on them and a total of 181 had lunch. Thank you to Lee McDonald and everyone else who did all the organizing, provided all the food, donated the many prizes handed out and joined in the day to make it a very fun and successful fundraiser for the Dawson Citizens Improvement Association. There are two big projects being planned so expect to hear of more fundraisers coming soon. The next one I know of is a bake sale here at our house on Saturday, June 18 while the UCW has their yard sale at the Silver Water Community Hall. I tried to get confirmation that the annual beef roast will happen on July 31 but there are still details to work out.

Sara-Lyn Arnot was at a vendor market in Buckhorn last weekend. She said that Saturday morning started out well with lots of customer traffic. Four hours into the market, the storm arrived that included some tornadoes in other

areas. The market had to shut down and Sara-Lyn came home much earlier than planned.

Last weekend, Blake Duncanson and his daughters, Willow and Shelby, were visiting his parents, Murray and Gladys. They brought fireworks with them and we got to join the group watching the display. On the trip from our house, we had a deer pop out of the deep ditch next to the car. The deer managed to stop without hitting the car, but I could see its back out the window.

John Wickett assisted with the training at fire practice last Tuesday. It is nice to see him back.

I went to Espanola on Thursday for election training. It was the first time I was in the Espanola Community Recreation Centre. It is a large facility in a location with the library and the high school with lots of parking. I had asked if anyone else from the West End of Manitoulin Island was going to the same training and I was given several names that I did not recognize. When I got to the right room, there was Dave Daniels from Meldrum Bay.

On Friday, Dad and I went to Gore Bay to vote at the advanced polls, which was a first for me. We delivered some rhubarb to Susan Arbour. I suspect Mike had fresh pie on the weekend.

The funeral for John McQuarrie was on Saturday.

The first market was held here on Saturday with several vendors. Over \$100 was raised for the Gore Bay Medical Centre. Albert won the 50/50 draw. Thank you to Rose Van Every for pulling his name. The next market will be June 11 and we have had a volunteer offer to come with his guitar to sing for an hour.

There were 17 households that brought out their recycling on Saturday afternoon.

Mike Tyler, Steve Marshall and his son-in-law Jordan, were here over the weekend to open up the cottage. Jordan is a professional tree cutter and did some work for Anne Boyd on Saturday.

Joe Addison and Julie were here for the weekend. They visited with his parents, Arthur and Jean. They stopped here for a visit, too. It is so nice to see the summer residents arriving.

Randi and Marcus had a customer appreciation day at their snack shack in Sheshewganing on Sunday. I understand they had a good turnout.

Reg Moore was here on Sunday to drop some recycling. He left with a box full of plants to take home and get into the ground. I have a lot of oregano, chives, Japanese lilacs, Golden Glo and more if anyone else is interested, all free to a good home.

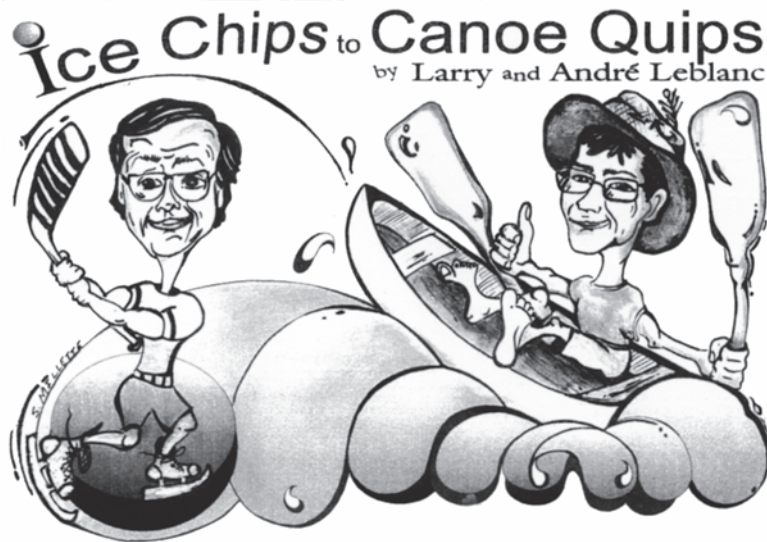
Ontario's Election Day is June 2. The polls are open from 9 am to 9 pm. Thank you to the many people who are working the polls. It is an exhausting day.

The funeral for Morley Fleming is on June 4 at the Silver Water Cemetery and lunch after in the Silver Water Community Hall.

There will be a Local Services Board meeting on June 6 at the Silver Water Community Hall at 7 pm. Everyone is invited to come out and there are lots of topics to be discussed. Condolences to the family of Eleanor Limbeek. Condolences to the family of Bertha McKinley.

# Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

## Manitoulin Sporting Life



**Manitoulin among the top-ranked athletes at board meet**  
 In the first time since 2019, the Rainbow Board is hosting the board-wide elementary series of track and field championships at the Laurentian University Track Complex in Sudbury. Even with a gap in competition, Manitoulin athletes were again quick to rise to the top in the aggregate (combined events) titles of the first Senior Meet. The following are the Island athletes who won top-20 recognition.

In the Grade 7 division, **Charmaine Webkamigad** from LCPS finished in the second overall position in the board with 21 points of a possible 30! She was fourth in the long jump, and second in both the 1,500m and 800m! **Morgan Dedman**, 12 points (LCPS), finished sixth, **Lily Stewart** from Assiginack was just a point behind, in eighth, while **Samantha McKenzie** (CMPS) took top-18 honours.

Central Manitoulin's **Jack Bridgeman** tied for first overall with a near-perfect 28 points in a super-competitive field! Little Current's **Xavier Aguoie** took top-10 honours. Jack, for his part, started the day placing 2nd in the 1500m, then won first in high jump and finished off winning first, by over a metre, in triple jump!

We have to go back eight years to 2014 for the last overall winner from the Island, **James Scott**, also from Central Manitoulin. Jack adds his name to the prestigious roster of aggregate champions from the Island in the 'modern era': **Rebecca Tallman** ('03), **Emma Tallman** ('04), **Andrew Argall** ('08), **Evan "Becks" Becks** ('09) and **Kennedy Lanktree** ('10).

The Grade 8 upper echelon included **Mya Balfe** (CMPS) in third (27 points) with a third in the 200m, and then firsts in the long jump and triple jump. **Ava Corbiere** (CMPS) was 8th overall, **Jordyn Holmes** (Assiginack) was close behind in ninth while classmate **Sapphire Case** scooped up 13th spot and **Phoebe Aeschlimann** (CMPS) took 20th!

In the guys' Grade 8 group, **Greyson Case** of Little Current earned seventh spot in aggregate with a fifth in the 100m, third in the 200m and third in the 400m.

The RDSB's next meet will be the Champions' Meet on June 14 for all athletes who finished in the top eight in their individual events from both junior and senior divisions. Good luck, Manitoulin!

### Mountain biking results

**Ben Quackenbush's** youth development crew has had another great turn-out to their weekly Sunday instruction and race day over at the McLean's Mountain Bike Trails. They still have two more dates for their youth group rides/lessons on the 12th and 26th of June and anyone is still welcome to join. Interested riders can meet for the 2 to 4:30 pm sessions at McLeans Park (Assiginack, just off Highway 6).

In their fun race results the fastest senior male was **Tobias Madigral**, fastest junior male was **Xavier Coleman** and fastest female rider was **Rachel Quackenbush**.

### Mountain bike clinic for adults!

Breakaway Sports (Little Current) is also excited to announce that they have invited Minii Adventures to come and conduct a MTB Skills Clinic for Beginner and Intermediate adults on July 16 and 17 on Manitoulin Island.

**Charlotte Batty** is a professional mountain bike instructor who will be teaching small group personalized lessons for the full day (max six riders/day). The opportunity is available for riders ages 18+ from beginner to intermediate, and will have something for everyone. Featuring a morning skills and drills session to learn and practice new skills and techniques, followed by a trail ride to solidify your learning and enable you to practice your newly acquired or finely tuned skills on your local trails.

If you are interested, you can visit the Minii website to find out your skill level at: [www.miniiadventures.com/how-to-rate-your-skill-level](http://www.miniiadventures.com/how-to-rate-your-skill-level). Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email, they will be in touch two weeks before the Skills Clinic with the finer details and what you need to bring. To register continue to: [www.minii-adventures-mtb-experiences.checkfront.com](http://www.minii-adventures-mtb-experiences.checkfront.com).

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# Little Current youth soccer league is up and running

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Michelle Anderson has soccer in her veins and the kinesiologist couldn't wait to share her passion for the game when she moved to the Island from Saskatchewan to work at Manitoulin Physio Centre. Island youth are the beneficiaries of Ms. Anderson's love of the game.

"I grew up playing soccer, played all through college and university and coached for 20 years," she said. Now she has children of her own and wanted them to be able to play soccer as well. "When I moved to the Island I reached out to the (Northeast) town to ask if there was anyone running a soccer league here," said Ms. Anderson. "When they said they didn't, I asked if I could as I had run something similar while I was living in Saskatchewan."

"Oh my goodness, it's awesome!" said Northeast Town events coordinator Lisa Hallaert of Ms. Anderson's offer to take on the organizing of summer soccer. "She has lots of experience and is such an amazing lady to take that on. Paul Van Kesteren did such an amazing job and we are so lucky to have someone to take it on now that he has moved."



The first youth soccer games have begun at the soccer fields in Little Current.

photo by Robin Anderson

Ms. Anderson rolled up her sleeves and in short order, the bones were set in place to launch the league. "Our first registration deadline was April 22," she said, "but we had so many people reaching out after that we decided to extend the deadline to

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**FIBRE, FABRIC & STITCH - MIXED MEDIA LANDSCAPES**  
 July 8 - 10 with **Catherine Timm**

Learn new techniques while building your interpretation of a scene, or if you are a free spirit, this class can be used to discover and explore the artist within. Using fibre, texture, embellishments (that you will create) fabric adhesive, and quilting (machine or hand) you will create your individual art piece. Be prepared to break the rules and colour outside the lines. All levels welcome.

**BOTANICAL IMPRESSIONS**

July 15 - 17 with **Sarah Earley**

Capture stunning one-of-a-kind botanical prints from the local landscapes of Manitoulin Island. Using leaves and flowers that we harvest together, in this eco-printing workshop we will explore the alchemy of water, plant pigments, heat and metal to create beautiful botanical impressions onto paper, silk and cotton. It is the unpredictable and surprising results that makes this process so magical. All levels welcome.

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July 22 - 24 with **Christie Pearson Anderson**

Move your watercolour painting to the next level - departing from rigid realism to as far as your imagination wants to take you. In this workshop you will be viewing still life with eyes open to colour & design possibilities, and stretching - just a bit - into the exciting realm of impressionism. Watercolour has the means to take you there.... slowly or jump right in with a big splash. You decide. All levels welcome.

**KINKY COLOURS**

July 29 - 31 with **Cathy Boyd**

Chartreuse, magenta, and periwinkle blue? Why not use these colours in your paintings and show how fearless you are! Each day you will be given a new palette combo to explore as you paint that day. The subject matter is up to you, but we need to see those kinky colours in all their glory! Colour theory and colour mixing exercises will be fun and you'll be amazed to see how your new adopted colour palette will add immense excitement to your paintings! Oil, acrylic and watercolour painters. All levels welcome.

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Learn how Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven painted the northern landscape using colour, shape, style and concepts, pushing to find your own creative voice. These guys painted outdoors - so with weather permitting, our last day will be outdoors to test our newfound skills. We will learn how to edit and simplify, to paint with passion in preparation for that final day. You will leave with a few finished pieces that will make you proud. Oils or acrylics. All levels welcome.

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# MSS Mustangs athletes post very good results at Northern Ontario track and field championship

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—Many Manitoulin Secondary School athletes will be moving on to the provincials, thanks to their efforts at the 2022 Northern Ontario Secondary School Association (NOSSA) track and field championships, held in Sault Ste. Marie May 25-26.

On the first day of competition, MSS athletes fared very well with placing high in the standings with several personal bests being set.

Sadie Bridgeman, in the women's long jump novice category, finished in second place and set a personal best mark of 4.14 metres.

Both MSS runners in the women's 1,500 metre run junior division, Maren Kasunich and Mackenzie Green, posted personal best marks. Ms. Kasunich finished first in the race, in a time of 5:02.55, while Mackenzie Green placed fourth with a personal best time of 5:387.21.

Sophie Heitkamp took second place in the women's high jump senior division, with a jump of 1.49 metres.

Davin Deschenes placed fifth in the men's 400 metre dash junior division, with a time of 1:00.85.

Finishing third in the men's 1,500 metre run junior division was Brodie Pennie who set a personal best of 4:36.17.

In the men's discus throw junior division, Aiden Case finished in fifth place.

Two MSS athletes finished in first and second, respectively, in the women's triple jump, junior division. Annie Balfe took top spot with Saraya Eshkawkogan second.

Xavier Mara set a personal best time, 4:40.77, to finish in third place in the men's 1,500 metre run novice division.

On the second day of competition, in the women's 200 metre dash novice division, Sadie Bridgeman finished third, while on the men's side, Rhyis Arthurs finished fourth.

The novice women's 800 metre run, saw Autumn Davy finish in 10th place, while on the men's side, Xavier Mara was 12th.

Xavier finished a strong third in the men's 1,500 metre run novice division. He was also third in the men 3,000 metre run novice division.

Deea Peltier of Wasse-Abin High School (Wiik-wemkoong) was second in the women's high jump novice division.

MSS athletes Rhyis Arthurs and Cash Duchene placed eighth and ninth in the men's long jump novice division.

Tessa Merrylees finished 13th in the women's triple jump novice division, while Cash Duchene finished fourth in the men's division.

In the women's 100 metre dash junior division, Brooke Gibeault was fifth. Brooke was eighth in the women's 200 metre dash junior division.

In the women's 400 metre dash junior division, Annie Balfe was second, with Morgan Green finishing eighth.

Davin Deschenes was third in the men's 400 metre dash junior division.

Maren Kasunich finished in second place in the women's 800 metre junior division, with Mackenzie Green fourth.

Brodie took top spot in the men's 800 metre run junior division, while Maren was first and Mackenzie fourth on the women's side. The latter two set personal best marks with Maren finishing with a time of 5:02.55 and Mackenzie posting a personal best time of 5:38.21.

Brodie was third in the men's 1,500 metre junior run.

In the women's 3,000 metre run junior division, Maren was first and

Mackenzie third.

Brodie placed fourth in the men 3,000 metre run junior division.

Morgan Green was fourth in the women's high jump junior division. The men's division saw Davin Deschenes finish second and Devin Legg sixth.

In the women's long jump junior division, Brooke Gibeault was third, with Annie Balfe fifth.

Devin was seventh in the men's long jump junior division.

Two MSS athletes finished first and second, Annie Balfe and Saraya Eshkawkogan, respectively, in the women's triple jump junior division.

Aiden Case was 13th in the men's shot put junior division and fifth in the men's discus throw. He was fifth in the men's javelin throw.

Alan Wilkin finished in

sixth place in the men's 800 metre run senior division.

Jack Pennie was ninth in the men's senior 400 metre hurdles.

Sophie Heitkamp was second in both the women's high jump senior division and women's long jump. She took top spot in the women's triple jump senior.

Jared Cortes was ninth in the men's triple jump senior division.

The MSS men's 4x 400 metre relay open race took sixth spot. The team was made up of TJ Green, Davin Deschenes, Brodie Pennie and Andrew Cooper.

Those athletes who finished first in their event move on to the provincial championship, which takes place at York University, June 2-4.

## ...Little Current youth soccer league is up and running

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May 6."

That deadline was firm, and the league's first game took place Tuesday, May 24.

Ms. Anderson said that there are 134 youth in the league, ranging in age from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7, and they hail from most points across Manitoulin.

"We have a good showing from Little Current, Aundeck Omni Kaning, M'Chigeeng and Gore Bay,



Waiting on the strikers' return.

as well as Kagawong, Sheguiandah and Manitowaning," she said.

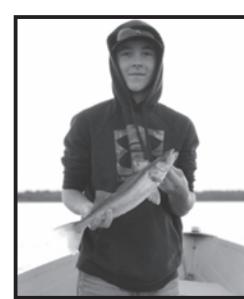
The soccer games take place on Tuesday evenings from 5 to 8 pm and run through to June 28.

The league is entirely volunteer-driven and currently sponsored solely by the Northeast Town, but they are open to sponsors who might want to help enhance the league for the benefit of the children. Those wishing to enquire about sponsoring soccer are welcome to contact Ms. Anderson by email at nemisoccer@gmail.com.

## Manitoulin Secondary School PLAYER PROFILE



by Aspen Debassige



LIAM LARIVIERE

CONGRATULATIONS, LIAM!



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Liam Lariviere is a natural born athlete, who has been playing sports for most of his life. He is sure to leave his mark as a MSS athlete in the years to come. Liam has grown up living in Mindemoya attending CMPS (Central Manitoulin Public School). Here he began to play a multitude of sports including volleyball, baseball, basketball, soccer, flag football, track and field, and cross country. Some memorable highlights during this time was when he placed well in cross country as well as high jump before COVID brought sports to a halt.

Due to Covid restrictions Liam was unable to play school and competitive sports for about two years. Though he would often be found working and staying active by cutting grass, carpentry work, yard work, splitting wood, and playing volleyball, baseball and some hockey. He also enjoys playing with his family's rescue dog, Sobi. To keep them both active they go for walks and hikes and play in the yard.

Liam likes to play sports because they are a fun way to keep active and stay in shape. He also likes the team aspect, when all his teammates try as hard as him and are generally the same skill level. He also enjoys the community that can be made when you join a team. If he had to choose, Liam says that hockey would be his favourite sport. He explains that it is a good way to relieve stress and keep physically fit in a fun and entertaining way. Liam has played for the Mindemoya Thunder house league team for most of his life, though from 2020-2021 he played for the Manitoulin Panthers. This year he also played up for an older division. He has won multiple MVP (Most Valuable Player) awards through the years as well.

Liam is a Grade 9 student at MSS and this year he was a part of the Jr. Boys' volleyball team who came second at NOSSAA (Northern Ontario Secondary School Athletic Association). In future years he wants to try out for badminton, baseball and volleyball teams again.

When it comes to classes Liam has found that technology is his favourite because he is learning things that actually interest him such as carpentry, woodworking and an intro to automotive technology. He also likes how the class has less homework and more hands-on activities so it isn't adding any extra stress. When considering post secondary options he wants to do something in the trades, he would rather go straight into the workforce, but he explains that another option is to go to a trades school.

Other activities that you can find Liam enjoying include fishing, hunting, swimming, working, biking, hanging out with friends and family and recreational baseball. At 14 years old Liam is no stranger to hard work. For employment he has experience cutting grass, doing yard work, carpentry, splitting and piling wood, and other odd jobs for people. For some of his required volunteer hours to graduate he has helped with the Lions Club bake sale and hockey practices for younger kids.

Although Liam is intrinsically motivated to succeed he does find inspiration from a quote by Eric Butler that reads, "There is no point in trying something if you are not going to try your hardest". The quote reminds Liam of his favourite professional athlete Sidney Crosby. This NHL all star plays for the Pittsburgh Penguins and consistently gives 110%. While sacrificing his body to block shots and absorb hits in order to make the play. Lastly Liam is motivated by his dad who pushes him to do his best and helps him improve his athletic abilities.

Regardless of whatever path he chooses, his commitment to excellence will surely lead to his overall success. If you happen to see this Manitoulin Mustang, please wish him the best in all his future endeavours! Let's go Mustangs!

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## ...Question of the week

...Ron Koski, New Blue Party

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the Queen and recognize treaties with Indigenous peoples. Of all 94 calls to action, this last one that advocates for the allegiance to a monarchy puzzled me.

Action 94 states: We call upon the Government of Canada to replace the Oath of Citizenship with the following:

"I swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, Her Heirs and Successors, and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including Treaties with Indigenous Peoples, and fulfill my duties as a Canadian citizen."

Why would Canada's First Nations collectively advocate for allegiance to an unelected monarchy? These "Heirs" you're obligated to pay allegiance to are a British monarchy inclusive of Prince Charles, a World Economic Forum partner advocating for submission of national democracies to a system of global governance. The submission of your democratic rights as a Canadian to an unelected system of governance.

As you went through Kindergarten to where you are today, has any teacher ever explained to you what the Crown is and why every elected member pays allegiance to

it and not to Canada itself?

To address your question directly and action 62 (i) of the TRC, I don't have an answer for what constitutes age-appropriate curricula, but any history concerning the legacy of residential schools and treaties between the Crown and Indigenous communities would need to include our understanding of who and what the "Crown" is and our relationship with it. Without this understanding we have no context for where we are today.

If our democracy is to thrive, we need our politicians to owe their loyalty to us as Canadians and Canada itself, not to a British monarchy.

As for a curriculum inclusive of Indigenous peoples' historical and contemporary contributions to Canada, absolutely, this is a given. Canada needs to start celebrating itself again, all of it. We need to add this curriculum to our education system in all grades across our province.

Feel free to contact me directly at ronkoski@newblueontario.com if you have any more questions. This one was a good one.

And I know politics may not be exciting, but if you're up for it, check us out at www.newblueontario.com and see how we're building a powerful new voice in Ontario politics. Join us and make your voice a part of it.

...Cheryl Fort, Progressive Conservative Party

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of unmarked graves found at residential schools. These discoveries serve as a reminder of the legacy of residential schools, and the trauma that Indigenous people face in this country. That is why our PC team is partnering with Indigenous communities by providing \$20 million to support the identification, investigation, protection and commemoration of residential school burial sites across the province.

As an Indigenous person living in Ontario and growing up in a public school system that did not tell the authentic history of our land, country and peoples I know first hand the shame that is borne on a Indigenous child, but this is

changing. Indigenous peoples generously shared the lands with Ontarians and all Canadians, Indigenous peoples need to have their rightful place of honour not only amongst our history books but in all of our hearts. We are all treaty people, we live in shared company and we need to have a full understanding of the laws that were implemented in this country for the destruction of the Indigenous peoples residing in what we call Canada.

We need to work together so that we can celebrate the culture and history that Indigenous people have, plus work together to heal our common wound, and work at building an Ontario that can ensure we have a bright future for genera-

tions to come. I have heard many times on the doorstep, we need more females, more Indigenous people, and accountable politicians, and I have stepped up to the plate to fill some of those voids in government.

We have an opportunity Manitoulin, and that's to try something different this election. We have the opportunity to get out of opposition and get along side the elected government to make things better for Manitoulin and all of Algoma-Manitoulin. It would be my honour and privilege to be your next member of provincial parliament and I am excited to see the improvements and investments we could make together in our riding. We

need broadband, better highways, more nurses, need to keep costs down, need to attract more workers and to rebuild our economy; this is all part of the PC Party Plan. Let's elect me, Cheryl Fort to bring the Ontario PC Party plan to fruition for Manitoulin and all of Algoma-Manitoulin.

...Michael Mantha, NDP incumbent

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an entire society. On the whole, Canadians have come, or are coming, to grips with the fact that our ancestors, grandparents, parents, and even ourselves have not treated Indigenous Peoples with the respect they deserve. We have failed to keep our word and honour our agreements. It's time to make things right. So we need to dig deep and find the integrity and strength to do what is right by following the steps above.

One of the first things we can do is make sure that our children and youth are exposed to verifiable facts about the beginnings of colonial and early Canadian relations with First Nations and not simply repeat a one-sided narrative. Our education cur-

riculum needs to be assessed and revamped. This means not merely consulting with Indigenous leaders and historians but also engaging in meaningful dialogue so that there is input into curricula development from all sides for fairness and accuracy from different perspectives. Finally, we must work with Indigenous leaders and educators to ensure that Ontario's school curricula appropriately reflect Indigenous experiences and histories.

The NDP understands that we must have leadership that includes those with an Indigenous perspective to ensure success. Therefore, New Democrats are committed to encouraging the recruitment of Indigenous school board trustees so that all are con-

fident the Indigenous voices are part of the decision-making process.

Bringing about change requires new ideas, new ways of doing things and fresh new materials, all of which cost money. Therefore the NDP will ensure the necessary funding is there to support and improve access to proper and full Indigenous lan-

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## ...Mike Payette presented with Most Deserving Official Award

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Lockyer, Bob Dumond and Bruce Wiggins, who wrote, "In over 30 years of being an official, he has held a number of positions while being a volunteer within the hockey community of Manitoulin and Northern Ontario. He was a long time official and worked his way up to a level three hockey official and took his officiating interest to a high level as well as he served as NOHA District 7 RIC for a number of years while also serving as RIC for Manitoulin for a period of time. He served as council director for District 7 for approximately six years. He also held the position of chairperson on the discipline committee for MMHA, a position he still holds."

The nominators noted that when Mr. Payette began officiating over 30 years ago, he was a physical presence on the ice with both his muscular build and monstrous voice, allowing him to be seen and heard throughout the arena. He was a constant presence on the ice for the higher levels of minor hockey during the days when teams would accumulate between 400 and 500 penalty minutes in one season. Mr. Payette was also on the ice for

many Manitoulin Panther games, often wearing the red bands for bantam and midget games.

Mr. Payette helped change the profile of referees and helped clean up other areas that had lagged behind. When he got involved, no longer were officials seen in odd-coloured track pants or non-black helmets. He was known to say, "If you want to get respect as an official, you must first look the part." He believed in encouragement rather than criticism, and was responsible for getting fellow officials, Bob Dumond and Jason Thibault, to earn their level four status, leading to both Mr. Dumond and Mr. Thibault officiating for the junior Manitoulin Wild/Islanders teams when they were part of the NOHA Junior Hockey League.

Many officials who worked with Mr. Payette felt supported when he was alongside them. Long time fellow official, Bruce Wiggins, said, "I did a lot of officiating with Mike and he was instrumental in helping me keep my cool when things got stupid in a game."

Although Mr. Payette no longer wears the black-and-white jersey, he

continues to play a role in Manitoulin minor hockey, and has served by acting as chair of the discipline committee for a number of years. "When you look at the criteria for nominations," the nominators wrote, "We believe all of these describe the characteristics of Mike Payette. We believe Mike never got the recognition he deserved in helping to properly shape the officiating program on Manitoulin."

In a letter read aloud at the event, Mr. Dumond wrote, "Your kicking down doors with the NOHA and other branches, along with having a prominent voice at the table, enabled us to reach levels of hockey we would never have been capable of reaching on our own. I relished the countless hours we spent discussing rule interpretation, even if I was right and you were wrong. Honestly, some of the best times I ever had on the ice officiating were with you, my friend."

"To say Mike was the anchor for officiating on the Island is an understatement," said Mr. Cooper. "For many years, he was one of the guys on the Island who kept minor hockey on the right track."

### ...Tim Vine, Liberal Party

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restore the position of a dedicated Minister of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation and I personally believe that we also need a senior level position in the Ministry of Education dedicated to Indigenous Content in our education system as called for by the TRC.

The TRC Call to Action No. 62 concerning education for reconciliation specifically calls not only to have Kindergarten to Grade 12 curriculum on Indigenous history and issues but to make them mandatory and provide

### ...Michael Mantha, NDP incumbent

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guage education. As well, steps must be taken to ensure that all Ontario children are exposed to a mandatory Indigenous curriculum throughout their elementary and secondary education.

Each year, Ontario reflects broadened perspectives of increased levels of multiculturalism. But unfortunately, Indigenous arts and culture have not always been celebrated as much as they could or should have been. An NDP government would restore the Indigenous Culture Fund to strengthen such opportunities. Such initiatives would be supported by working with Indigenous communities across the province to implement the recommendations of the National Inquiry and by establishing the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a provincial statutory holiday.

Right now is the time for a change. And now is the time for us to right our wrongs. Today is the day to develop and commit to plans to do better going forward.

I am proud to say that I believe that I have taken my parents' teachings to heart and have worked to develop and maintain an open, respectful and trusting relationship with Indigenous community leaders and community members.

funding to ensure teachers are adequately prepared to deliver this curriculum in the right way. An Ontario Liberal government is committed to restoring and making mandatory the Indigenous content cut under Doug Ford's Conservative government because we know that before we can have reconciliation we must have truth. Ontario's school system has inadequately prepared its citizens to truly understand the history of colonization, of broken treaties, of the Indian Residential School system, Indian Hospitals, the '60s Scoop and too many other national and local acts of racism and dispossession. A prime example of this for our region is the Robinson-Huron Treaty Annuity that spectacularly

failed to live up to its obligation to share resource wealth with the Indigenous peoples on whose land that wealth was generated.

More broadly, the curriculum must be adapted to include local and regional topics, so that children can learn the history of where they live in particular. In consultation with child development experts we can create age appropriate curriculum that is intentional and builds over many grade levels to ensure our students have a full understanding of the history of colonization and its current impacts. Local Nations should be consulted and offered an opportunity to participate in curriculum development as well as delivery. An Ontario Liberal government is also

committed to ensuring the availability of more First Nations' language classes.

We must also remember that the truth of interaction between newcomers and Indigenous peoples is not one where Indigenous peoples should be cast as victims, we must ensure that the curriculum teaches the truth of Indigenous resiliency, culturally and linguistically and celebrates the achievements of Indigenous people. At its heart, colonization tells a two-fold lie, that of Indigenous inferiority and settler superiority, without teaching the truth of Indigenous resiliency, capability and achievement, we risk not correcting this two-fold lie. Put simply, this curriculum must tell the whole truth.

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# ...Gore Bay recreational parking lot proposal denied

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ing overnight on their lot. Our original motion was to provide space in this area, as long as we had approval from the owner of the property. So, I guess we are back to square one on this issue.”

Committee member Ron Lane said, “unfortunately, this all got into the public domain and there were a lot of negative comments made about the proposal and the idea that this was going to be more than an area for overnight parking of RVs. It got spun by a lot of people as the creation of an RV parking lot, which wasn’t the case.”

“I had referred to this as providing the same service as a Walmart parking lot would, just space to park an RV overnight with no hydro or water being provided,” stated Mayor Osborne.



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“It looks as if the issue is dead in the water,” stated committee chair and town councillor Kevin Woestenenk.

Mr. Lane pointed out the idea of having the RV overnight parking area was to have this located in the downtown area. It was also the idea of encouraging people to park their RV for a night at the harbourfront area as had been done in the past. He also pointed out having space for about five RVs to park for a night or so on a temporary basis was also expected to benefit the town with vehicle owners potentially spending money in town.

One of the committee members did bring forward the idea of another location for an overnight parking area for RVs on town-owned property, and this will be discussed further.

# ...Options for design stage of medical centre renovation

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floor for use by the medical clinic staff, medical students/residents, home care service and for flexible use by various health care services in the building. Renovation of the medical clinic area includes replacement of all interior finishes, new handwash stations, and new staff room with kitchenette. Additionally, the training/board room can be accessed from the medical clinic through the renovated staff room.”

“The lower floor includes extensive renovation and relation of existing service to utilize the large community space,” the architect’s report explains. “Option one includes the relocation of Contact North to the larger community space, creating space for additional/larger office spaces for the massage therapy service, audiology and future health care

services. The lower floor renovation includes new finishes and fixtures throughout.”

To improve filtration in the building, humidity control and efficiency, the two existing heat recovery units will be replaced with one new unit, and new ductwork will be run throughout the main lower floor. With the HSN mental health services located on level one, the previous office will be taken over to create one large mechanical room. Electrical renovations in this option include life safety upgrades with new emergency lighting, exit signs, as well as all existing and new light fixtures to be replaced with LED fixtures. The IT area on the main floor located in the med room will be consolidated into a single IT room in the same location and new electrical distribution panels at the lower level, the report indicates. New programmable thermostats are

included in this renovation option to improve energy efficiency.

“The goal of this option is to address accessibility, improve efficiency of spaces and energy efficiency and improve the facilities infection control and function through new finishes and controlled access points,” the report outlines.

The total estimated cost for the project is \$1,278,000.

“Once we choose a final design, the architect will finalize everything with the engineers and provide a cost. Then we will go forward with fundraising,” said Mayor Osborne. “More information is required, and once final decisions are made, fundraising, hopefully with support of other municipalities and First Nations on Western Manitoulin, (from Billings township west and maybe Central Manitoulin west), will be initiated.”

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# ...Use COVID-19 knowledge to combat drug deaths, drug strategy group

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strategy or drug strategy-like approaches to not only the overdose crisis but also harms associated with substance use. Manitoulin Community Drug Strategy is a DSNO member. “Those policy solutions are coming from folks across the province who came together to think about what are the things we want to touch on in terms of solutions,” Mr. Barr said. There was a consensus vote at a special meeting held in late April.

The first policy solution talks about the creation of a taskforce. “Maybe it doesn’t look like a taskforce. Maybe it looks like something else, but the idea is that there’s a place for folks to come together to talk about the drug poisoning crisis, both from the perspective of regional and provincial

and even federal level, which is primarily public policy, but also the need for folks in communities to be able to create solutions that work for them,” he said. “Where are the intersections of what needs to happen more broadly in a public policy level and then what needs to happen that’s more unique to communities.”

The pandemic has highlighted the need for mental health, housing and income supports, he said. “It’s difficult for people to manage things like drug addiction and trauma and whatever it is that’s bringing them to the harms associated with substance use if they don’t have other key foundational supports and resources in place.”

It’s a very complex situation and there’s no silver bullet or blueprint to follow step by step, he pointed out. Members agreed the need is for folks to come together and to contin-

ue working away at solutions and trying things and tracking progress together rather than follow a siloed approach. “Even if you think of how the government deals with housing shortages and the housing crisis, across the spectrum from homeless to owning your own home and everything in between, that’s one part of government, and mental health and addictions is a whole other part of government. There needs to be that coming together.”

Mr. Barr acknowledged that this is not a problem that government can solve by itself and that’s not what they’re asking. “That’s not what we’re saying at all. We need to be all working together, whether it’s folks with lived and living experience, social service providers, government or private sector employers—it’s all hands on deck.”

## ...hinders physician recruitment

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obtaining the services of a recruiter.

“The contract that the province has in place for doctors like ours at our medical centre, compared to family health teams, is not as appealing in recruiting doctors,” said Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne after a meeting last week. “We have talked to our MPP Michael Mantha about bringing our concerns forward to the province, and he has. Really, what can we do? We can’t do anything until the government changes its mind and changes the current model.”

“With the contract for family health teams, money is provided by the province for hiring additional health personnel such as nurse practitioners, while for our doctors and the contract they have with the province, they have to basically pay these types of costs for additional personnel,” said Mayor Osborne. “I don’t understand why the government hasn’t made revisions to the contract model guidelines.”

Alyssa Spooney, a recruitment coordinator for the North Shore and Manitoulin, met with members of the Gore Bay general government committee at a meeting last week. She explained the current contract model (for rural and Northern physicians group) limits access to health compared to contracts for FHTs in recruiting new doctors. “And it is definitely not only for Gore Bay, a lot of areas haven’t been able to recruit new doctors under the current contract model, which needs to be revised (by the province).”

“For the last four years, I have been recruiting for a new doctor(s) for Gore Bay. It has been a challenge. It’s hard for rural, remote communities. I find the current (provincial doctor contract) very challenging to recruit new doctors. It doesn’t allow for a lot of health professionals to work with them (under the current provincial contract) unless they are part of a family health team,” Ms. Spooney told the meeting.

Ms. Spooney explained, “for FHTs, the province provides for access to nurse practitioners and registered nurses, for example. And we have seen the same concerns (that Gore Bay has) across the North where it has been estimated we are short 300 doctors. The current contract model is outdated. They (province) really needs to update

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#### Sources:

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# ...Law Society names Marian Jacko

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"In the letter of support for Ms. Jacko it was stated that it is critical to have leadership, and perspective. As the mother of three children, Marian brings her heart and mind to her work," said Ms. Donnelly. She explained, "the Laura Legge Awards recognizes women lawyers from Ontario who have exemplified leadership within the profession. The award was established in 2007 in honour of the late Laura Legge, Ont, QC, the first woman ever elected as a bencher of the Law Society and the first woman to serve as its treasurer."

"Marian Jacko was called to the Bar in 1998, and has made significant contributions to the legal profession by advancing access to justice for children, youth, Indigenous communities, victims of crime and survivors of human trafficking," said Ms. Donnelly.

"A compassionate leader, Ms. Jacko always puts her clients first and takes a trauma-informed approach to representing children's interests. She does so with empathy, integrity and deep emotional intelligence," said Ms. Donnelly. "Ms. Jacko also led the establishment of an innovative program for survivors of human trafficking to obtain restraining orders against their trafficker."

"She is a generous leader and mentor who provides leadership and guidance to younger lawyers and to the community through her extensive volunteer work. As the first Indigenous person appointed as the Children's Lawyer for Ontario, Ms. Jacko is a trailblazer, leaving important footprints for Indigenous and younger lawyers to follow."

One of Ms. Jacko's volunteer activities is serving as the president of the Little NHL youth hockey tournament board.

Ms. Jacko, upon receiving the award,



In photo left Teresa Donnelly, treasurer of Law Society of Ontario presents Marian Jacko with the prestigious Laura Legge award in recognition of her significant contributions to the legal profession.

introduced herself in Anishnaabemowin. "What I was speaking is the Anishnaabe language. Translated, my spirit name Waseyaubino kwe means Coming Dawn Woman. The second thing I said is that I belong to the bear clan; the clans are very important to us because they tell us what our roles and responsibilities are in our families and in our communities."

"I am pleased, very honoured and humbled to accept the Laura Legge award and to join past recipients whom I have long admired and respected, including Kimberly Murray," said Ms. Jacko. "A very special thanks/miigwetch to those who nominated me and those who supported my nomination."

"I want to begin by acknowledging the strength of Indigenous women, girls, two-spirit and gender diverse people. I want to acknowledge those who have gone before us and who have made their journeys to the spirit world, including my parents Art and Veronica," said Ms. Jacko.

"I also want to acknowledge survivors of Indian residential schools (IRS) and your courage and your resiliency," continued Ms. Jacko. "And I want to acknowledge the spirits of those little ones who lost their lives in IRS and who are being uncovered in unmarked graves."

"And finally I want to acknowledge everyone who is here today and I would like to publicly recognize and thank my family, my children, Brandon, Waskoness and Thuraaya, and my husband James who are here with me today. I also want to celebrate that, in addition to being a daughter, mother, sister, auntie, I am now also a grandmother of two beautiful grandsons, Dominic and Takoda," said Ms. Jacko.

Ms. Jacko told the gathering she was

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

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### CALL TO ACTION #17

We call upon all levels of government to enable residential school Survivors and their families to reclaim names changed by the residential school system by waiving administrative costs for a period of five years for the name-change process and the revision of official identity documents, such as birth certificates, passports, driver's licences, health cards, status cards, and social insurance numbers.

### CALL TO ACTION #18

We call upon the federal, provincial, territorial, and Aboriginal governments to acknowledge that the current state of Aboriginal health in Canada is a direct result of previous Canadian government policies, including residential schools, and to recognize and implement the health-care rights of Aboriginal people as identified in international law, constitutional law, and under the Treaties.

### CALL TO ACTION #19

We call upon the federal government, in consultation with Aboriginal peoples, to establish measurable goals to identify and close the gaps in health outcomes between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities, and to publish annual progress reports and assess long-term trends. Such efforts would focus on indicators such as: infant mortality, maternal health, suicide, mental health, addictions, life expectancy, birth rates, infant and child health issues, chronic diseases, illness and injury incidence, and the availability of appropriate health services.

### CALL TO ACTION #20

In order to address the jurisdictional disputes concerning Aboriginal people who do not reside on reserves, we call upon the federal government to recognize, respect, and address the distinct health needs of the Métis, Inuit, and off-reserve Aboriginal peoples.

### CALL TO ACTION #21

We call upon the federal government to provide sustainable funding for existing and new Aboriginal healing centres to address the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual harms caused by residential schools, and to ensure that the funding of healing centres in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories is a priority.



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# ...Gore Bay's medical services model hinders new physician recruitment

...continued from page 12 the current contract model.

"If we had a FHT in Gore Bay, teamed up with the FHT in Mindemoya, would this provide for more chance of being successful in trying to recruit doctors?" committee member Ron Lane asked.

Ms. Spooney noted that the Manitoulin Central FHT had submitted a proposal to the province to include Gore Bay in the FHT. "A FHT is more attractive and something we will continue to push for. With a FHT, they have resources to personnel right at their fingertips."

"A lot of community clinics don't have things like x-ray machines (that the Gore Bay Medical Centre has) that makes it more attractive to new doctors. It's the current contract model (that is the problem)," reiterated Ms. Spooney.

"If we could convince the ministry to allow Gore Bay to be part of the Central Manitoulin FHT, do you think this would help in recruiting a new doctor?" asked Mr. Lane.

"I do," said Ms. Spooney. "I know plans are being made to have (renovation) work done on the medical centre (building). It's just a matter of finding the right physician to recruit here," said Ms. Spooney. She pointed out in trying to

recruit a doctor for the medical centre, "one of the points in the feedback I receive from potential recruits is that they do not want to provide on-call service in the evenings. The current on-call service is a hard sell to a new doctor. They have indicated, for example, they would want to take their kids to play soccer in the evening in Little Current, rather than having to provide on-call service." She said locums who fill in for periods of time at an Island hospital or medical centre say they enjoy working with First Nations on the West End of the Island and providing bi-weekly site visits to the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home.

"They enjoy all of this work," Ms. Spooney told the meeting. "With the actual current practice, everything is wonderful, and not the issue. But one thing they are insistent on is not having to provide on-call service. This was brought up to the physician recruitment group and the limitations it brings with it. They (doctors being recruited) want to work during the day and enjoy family and doing other things in the evening. We have been lucky in Gore Bay the locums have had nothing negative to say except for having to provide on call service."

"I foresee this as an

emergency situation," said committee member and town councillor Jack Clark. "At some point, Dr. Bob and Dr. Shelagh are going to actually retire. This will leave us with one physician who will eventually burn out, retire, or move away." If there is no physician on hand, would a position be filled with full-time locums, he questioned.

Ms. Spooney said none of this can take place until vacancy numbers are at zero. She explained the North Shore had a four doctor complement but is now down to zero and locums are being used to provide services to area patients. I can't say there has been much support from the ministry on this."

"It's a struggle and a hard situation," said Ms. Spooney.

Mr. Clark posed a question, "as to what our (doctor recruitment) target is, is it newly graduated doctors from NOSM (Northern Ontario School of Medicine), or someone who already has 30 years experience?"

"I could see a doctor who is close to the end of their career thinking this (Gore Bay) would be an attractive situation to be part of," said Ms. Spooney. "But I can also see someone who is right out of residency feeling that this would be an attractive situation for them right

now." "I understand Gore Bay and surrounding municipalities would offer incentives for a doctor to come here. What is the best thing we can do to recruit a doctor, besides not having them to work on-call after hours?" asked Mayor Osborne.

"Housing is big," stated Ms. Spooney. "Providing housing until a doctor is comfortable in an area and wants to purchase a home is important. Providing relocation accommodation help would benefit. And sometimes just being open to what a physician wants

is important. At the end of the day, money is not everything for recruiting a doctor. They want to live in a place they feel would be

good for them and where they can grow a family. The number one thing is accommodations and housing."

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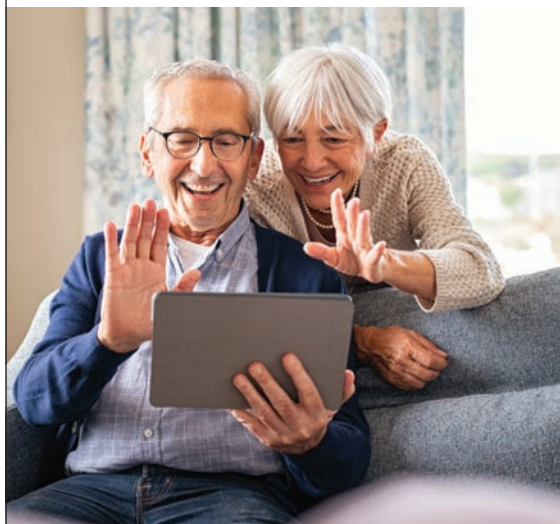
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### Cindy's Fashions raises \$2168 for Let's Emerg Together

by Maureen Strickland  
 MINDEMOYA—"I'm still kind of on a high," said Cindy Wright after a very successful fashion show held in Mindemoya on Saturday, May 28.

The fashion show at the Mindemoya Community Hall was a fundraiser for the Manitoulin Health Centre's expansion of its Mindemoya Hospital emergency department.

A total of \$2,168 was raised through admission tickets to the fashion show and a penny table raffle.

One hundred people turned out for the show which featured 13 volunteer models from 20 to 80 years old.

"They were first time models, very natural and they were amazing," said Ms. Wright.

"The support was overwhelming and I am so thankful for everyone's help," added Ms. Wright.

Donna Van Horn dressed the models, Karlene Scott was the emcee and local businesses and private individuals donated all the prizes at the penny table.



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# Body Stories Dance presented 'Dancing with the Forest' recital

by Expositor staff

MANITOWANING—The first Body Stories Dance end of season performance played to a packed house at the Assinack Arena in Manitowaning, showcasing the talented footwork of young dancers from communities across Manitoulin Island.

"It has been my honour to get to dance with your children over the last year," said studio director Candice Irwin.



The Spring Tulips, the Manitowaning Ballet A, were in full bloom for their performance at the 'Dancing in the Forest' end of the season recital. The dancers include: Alice M, Allie J, Aveline J, Audrina M, Cora G, Katie J, Lauralynn C, Mckinley P, Ogeequa WO and Willow S.

photos by Robin Anderson

"They have all grown so much, especially in their confidence, compassion and creativity."

Ms. Irwin said that it had been "a whirlwind month" in preparing for the recital. "Usually when creating a dance performance we would have a minimum of 12 weeks together," she said. "We've only had four!"

But the young dancers buckled down hard to prepare for the evening, she said. "They should be very proud of their effort, I'm sure proud of them."

The dance troupes included Sprouting Seeds featuring Mindemoya Creative Movement; Spring Tulips, featuring



The Little Current Ballet A class perform 'Pollinators,' a bee-dazzling show. The pollinators are Ava-Jean D-C, Emma O, Evelyn R, Lily M, Livvy B, Morgan G, Piper M and Roslyn A.



Dancers take a bow following the Body Stories Dance 'Dancing With The Forest' recital at the Assinack Arena on Saturday, May 28.



The Big Bad Wolves, a Mindemoya and Manitowaning Jazz A group, take to the stage. Dancers include: Avery S, Cora G, Cordelia M, Ember M, Evelyn D, Isabel D, Lucy C, Ogeequa WO and Renne F.



The Little Current Creative Movement Class performs 'Hatching Birds.' The dancers include: Avalyn C, Evie O, Grace W, Kim K, Lennix G, Lilly B, Maible O, Patricia A, Presley M, Rose K, Rowan M and Serenity E.

Manitowaning Ballet A; Forest Elves and Friends featuring Mindemoya Contemporary A and B; Pollinators, featuring Little Current Ballet A; Sleepy Bunnies, featuring Manitowaning Creative Movement; Big Bad Wolves featuring a joint effort of Mindemoya and Manitowaning Jazz A; Hatching Birds, featuring Little Current Creative Movement; Treetop Visitors, featuring Little Current Contemporary A and Ballet B; and Dancing Does, featuring Manitowaning Jazz B.

The creative team for the evening included creative director and choreographer Candice Irwin; event and venue support, Jackie White; sound technician, Arthur Ross and backstage volunteer Morgan M.

There will be a free five week summer dance creation and performance workshop with locations in Little Current and Manitowaning, Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 19 to August 18, with performances on August 19 and 20. Weekly and drop-in programming options are being offered, with transportation support available.

The workshops will lead participants through creative

tasks that "help them develop confidence and comfort in their own body's self-expression while learning about the process of creating new dance work."



Tree Visitors, the Little Current Contemporary A and Ballet B students, perform their dance to a full-house at the Assinack Arena for the Body Stories 'Dancing With The Forest' recital. Dancers include: Emma S, Karley P, Kaitlyn F, Leila C, Lily G, Madi M, Morgan G, Rilynn F and Savi M.

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# Return of MSS powwow brings community, connection and joy

by Maureen Strickland  
M'CHIGEENG—Unfettered joy comes to mind to describe the palpable feeling in the gymnasium at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) on Thursday, May 26.

In Celebration of Uniting Together was the theme of the MSS powwow. It was the first MSS powwow since 2019.

High school students packed the balcony and bleachers, while three elementary school classes from Little Current Public School, Central Manitoulin Public School and CC McLean Public School sat on the floor at the edge of the gym.

Three drums were in the centre of the gym, Chi Giizis from Sheshegwaning, Red River from M'Chigeeng and Spirit Bear from Wiikwemikoong.

To the beating of the drum, the grand entry began.

Veteran Harold Debassige began the entry carrying the M'Chigeeng flag. Three MSS students, Scarlet Shogga, Sage Migwans and Drake Trudeau, were the head dancers.

The opening prayer was delivered by Ms. Jean Debassige, an elder and a teacher at MSS.

Ms. Debassige told the story of the prayer and how it had been created over six months by a group of elders from Manitoulin Island and the North Shore.

At the end of the prayer,



Almost everyone is on the dance floor for the final dance of the Manitoulin Secondary School powwow. photos by Maureen Strickland



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Ms. Debassige, translated the final line, "we must always honour the past because it cannot change, we must always look forward to the future, we must honour the present collectively."

Emcee and vice-principal Neil Debassige told the crowd, "this is a celebration and we are here to connect to the land and the drum."

A small boy in an orange jacket from Mr. Fressenden's Grade 5 class

from Little Current Public School had been stepping to the beat throughout the grand entry.

He was the first on the dance floor, behind traditional head dancer Drake Trudeau, during the inter-

tribal "duck and dive" dance. He was quickly joined by a growing crowd of elementary and high school students.

Candi Kaiser, a main organizer of the event, said that the younger children are invited so that they can learn how a powwow unfolds and that you always need to listen to the emcee, as he is the navigator for the crowd.

Heather Jefkins of CC McLean Public School was there with her Grade 2 and 3 class. She said, "It is part of our job, as teachers, to look at reconciliation as an on-going process," and that coming to experience such an important cultural ceremony was really important.

Ms. Jefkins added that many of her students had

music and the drums." He commented that, "it is beautiful to see students learning their ancestry and that of their friends."

During a break from the intertribal dancing, the potato dance, a perennial favourite, was replaced by the five-dollar pick up due to COVID.

This was a big hit. To the beat of the drums, arena director Shade Kaiser laid down a five-dollar bill on the floor and the challenge was to retrieve it, and win it, without using your hands.

After a few heads ended up on the gym floor, he folded the bill to make it a bit easier.

Then it was back to more intertribal dancing.

Sage Migwans, one of the head dancers observed, "for us to have this powwow, it keeps the culture alive and spreads happiness."

Happiness that filled the gymnasium.

During the final two-step dance, almost everyone in the gym was on their feet.

As the powwow wound down, the organizers, elders, veteran, head dancers, drummers, staff carriers and then participants, starting with Grade 2 were called to the giveaway table to each pick up a gift.

As the final drumming closed out the powwow, everyone left with their hearts filled with the gift of community and connection.

never been on a field trip due to COVID and this was their first one.

MSS principal Dave Wiwchar said that the powwow was a day both to, "think on deeper things and enjoy the

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# RedBow celebrates 25 years in business

**by Maureen Strickland**  
**LITTLE CURRENT**—The skies cleared in time for the free barbecue and celebration at Scott's RedBow Floor and Wall Fashions, part of an event honouring Rob and Karlene's 25 years in the business last Thursday, May 26.

For owners Rob and Karlene Scott and their staff, it was a day to reflect, celebrate and share with their customers.

Out in the parking lot, Mr. Scott and staff were demonstrating some of the outdoor kitchen products they carry, cooking up pizza, sausage and smoked ham and turkey for appreciative customers.

Inside the store was a yard sale of paint and flooring lots. Customers had the opportunity to pick their own discount. A grand prize of the Ooni Koda 12 Pellet Pizza Oven was still up for grabs. Dave Leon was the grand prize winner.

"It's been a fast 25 years! I can't believe it," said Ms. Scott while a beaming Rob said he's not sure where the time went.

There is pride in the family business they have built selling quality products and providing quality service.

For Mr. Scott the main highlight, "is the customers I have had for 25 years. They come in every year for stain or paint and it feels like a chance to see an old friend."

He also laughed about how, when his kids were younger, they would incorporate them into the adver-



RedBow owners and staff celebrate 25 years in business. Back row, from left, Dave Draper, Jen Ferguson, Sara McDonald, Cindy Main, Karlene and Rob Scott, front row Sara Scott and Ryker Fuller.



**RIGHT:** Breanna Smockum and Evan Harnadek check out the yard sale. They like to shop at RedBow while doing home renovations because it is local.

tising. There is an entire wall in the back that has layers of paint where they would take photos of the kids painting and say, "using Benjamin Moore paint is child's play."

Daughter Sara is taking over and Mr. Scott adds, "I'm here because I want to be here, not because I have to be here."

The family extends to long-term employees as well. Dave Draper has been with RedBow for 18 years and is described by Mr. Scott as his "left and right hand man."

Manager Sara McDonald has been at RedBow for 11 years. "It feels like a family here, I love working here."

The switch to curbside pickup at the beginning of the pandemic resulted in

another highlight for the staff and the Scotts when the entire store was remodelled with new fixtures. In fact, Bruce Wilson, the founding owner, was hired to come in and redo the ceramic tile.

The pandemic changed people's buying habits, says Mr. Scott. "They want to shop locally, and new people to the Island want to shop locally." He said that the pandemic also made people more aware of what they can actually get close to home.

He said that it was really the women, "his bosses" idea for the 25th anniversary celebration and that they pulled most of it together.

As for the next 25 years, "we are not going anywhere," said Mr. Scott.



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# Friends celebrate Urban Mejaki's elevation to the Great Northern Opry

by Michael Erskine  
TEHKUMMAH—A veritable who's who of Manitoulin country music talent gathered at the Triangle Club Hall in Tehkummah to honour one of their own being elevated into the august ranks of the Northern Ontario Country Music Association's Great Northern Opry—following a pandemic-related delay of three years.

Third time lucky? "I guess so, let's see what happens," laughed Urban Mejaki. "I wasn't at all nervous," he said before the event at the Triangle Club Hall. "Then I saw the first car turning into the hall, and then the second, all of a sudden I start shaking." Mr. Mejaki held his arms out, wagging them to demonstrate before laughing.

Old friend and fellow inductee Eugene Manitowabi greeted Mr. Mejaki on the veranda outside the hall. "It's good to finally get see you in person again," he said. A sentiment returned by Mr. Mejaki. As they talked another fellow inductee, Bonita Mercer,

came running up with a big hug for her friend.

Inside the hall the same sentiments prevailed, as old friends like Joe Endanawas and Robbie Shawana greeted Mr. Mejaki with smiles and happy greetings. Onstage are a collection of musicians, many of whom fill the ranks of popular Island country music group Down Yonder. Among the musicians who were there



Urban Mejaki wields his bass guitar, backing up his friends before stepping up to the mic.

to entertain the crowd and show support for their fellow Island musician included fiddling barber Doug Hore, Northern Ontario Country Music Association



Urban Mejaki, left, is joined by Doug Hore on fiddle, Tim Shaw on drums, Ben Lentir on acoustic guitar, Maurice Labelle on keyboard, Debbie Robinson on vocals and Jeff Gilmore on electric guitar.

photos by Michael Erskine

Island rep Ben Lentir, song-bird Debbie Robinson, piano empresario Maurice Labelle, drummer Tim Shaw and lead guitarist Jeff Gilmore. Mr. Mejaki joined the group onstage wielding his beloved bass.

"I never thought I would be honoured like that," Mr. Mejaki told the audience. "There were all these artists, like Hardy (Peltier), Eugene (Manitowabi), Robbie (Shawana) and Crystal (Shawanda), I never thought I would be honoured like this. There will be more songs we will do, and hopefully I'll learn one more after this one," he

joked before breaking into a popular country song.

Friends and fellow artists filled the traditional congratulatory banner presented to Mr. Mejaki following the evening's music.

Mr. Mejaki will be inducted into the Great Northern Opry during the Northern Ontario Country Music Association's Great Northern Opry Music Awards weekend November 4 and 5 in Sault Ste. Marie. A busload of Islanders makes its way to the event in normal years and it is anticipated the tradition will continue this year.



A banner was on hand for friends and colleagues to express their best wishes to Urban Mejaki during a celebration in honour of his elevation into the august ranks of The Great Northern Opry. The tradition provides a wonderful memento of the occasion for the honouree to keep.

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# ...‘Digital nomad’ stops on Manitoulin: A vanguard of the new economy

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 ience in comparison to all of the advantages of being a digital nomad and that, so far at least, she has not had meetings at challenging times of the day. “I have had to get up for 5 am for maybe three or four video conference calls,” she said, “but that wasn’t so hard.”

Nastasia, 30, has been working in information technology since she was 19. “I started out in night-time technical support,” she laughs when she sees The Expositor pull a grimace. “No, no, it worked out good,” she said. “I was able to put myself through school and I learned how big corporations worked.”

While she has worked freelance in the past, Nata-

sia said that she prefers the relative stability of a nine-to-five gig and the steady paycheque security of working for a major company. “I like having just one company to work for,” she said.

Nastasia works on the “backend” of software platforms, far from the front lines of her tech support beginnings. “Users never see me or what I do,” she said. Her work largely consists of ensuring that the workload of major data centres is distributed across multiple mainframes in different jurisdictions in an economical manner. This is extremely important when it comes to such mundane, but vital matters such as efficient electricity use.

She has been working full-time as a programmer since 2014.

Nastasia began exploring the possibilities of becoming a digital nomad a few years ago, as she was becoming more and more uncomfortable with the growing oppressive atmosphere of her birth country—Russia. “For instance, it is a crime to call what is happening in Ukraine as a war; you must call it a ‘special operation,’” she said. While she began the process of leaving Russia long before the current conflict in Ukraine began, the writing was already on the wall.

Even though she has been out of the country for some time now, having

wandered the world as a digital nomad to places such as Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam and Singapore, and choosing to take her vacations in European countries such as Italy, Germany and Hungary, she remains nervous about the reach of her home country, even into Canada—hence her request for a measure of anonymity.

“I don’t like what is going on with Ukraine,” she said, but prefers to stay away from political discussions.

She discovered the digital nomad lifestyle from her

friends who had adopted that kind of work. “My friends started doing it,” she said. Even without the desire to step out from under the gathering clouds, there was a lot to find attractive in becoming a digital nomad.

“I wanted to see the world,” she said. “I like learning about the food people eat, how they spend their time, this allows me to do so while keeping my work.”

She has learned a number of languages, with English being in the forefront.

“I learned much of my English while I was in Asia,” she said. She began with a bit of English, but as it tended to be the lingua franca (odd pun there), a common communication denominator; in most Asian countries she was able to hone her linguistic skills in those countries. She is currently learning Spanish. “I have an app that helps me learn,” she said. “I spend five, maybe 10 minutes a day and over time, 360 days a year, you pick up a lot. It is much better than sitting

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Digital nomad Nastasia normally works inside as sun, sand and distractions provide too many challenges to maintaining concentration on her coding.

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# MSS robotics team inspires younger kids through outreach

by Maureen Strickland  
LITTLE CURRENT—All you could hear at the Little Current Public School gym were “oohs and aaahs” from the fifth graders as Sam the Robot threw two large balls into the air.

‘Sam’ is the robot built, programmed and operated by the Manitoulin Secondary School’s (MSS) Robotics Team, Manitoulin Metal. Sam is about four feet tall and as Grade 8 student Taylor Goodfellow summarized, “Impressive!”

The team has been on a tour of all the elementary schools on the Island since May 18. After the morning spent at Little Current Public School the tour ended at Assiginack Public School in the afternoon of May 27.

Outreach is one of the mandates of the Manitoulin Metal’s robotics team.

At each school, the MSS team welcomed classes from Grades 4 and up to learn about the robotics team and have a chance to interact with the robots.

Grade 9 student and robotics team member, Alexandra Wilson-Zegil, addressed Mr. Fessenden’s Grade 5 and Ms. Aelick’s Grade 8 class on Friday morning. Ms. Wilson-Zegil made sure to define STEM to the students—science, technology, engineering and math.

According to Ms. Wilson-Zegil, the elementary school tour is, “really



Students on Manitoulin Secondary School's robotics team, Manitoulin Metal, prepare robot Sam for a demonstration at Little Current Public School.

photo by Maureen Strickland

important to get them introduced to technology and STEM, especially coming from a rural area. Exposing the younger kids to this before high school encourages them to get involved in STEM.”

Then the fun part began at the interactive stations.

At one station, students used controls to get smaller robots (that looked a bit like blue bulldozers) to pick up rings and put them over a post. These robots were built earlier in the year by the MSS robotics team.

In the far corner of the gym another group, kneeling on the floor was busy building a robot out of Lego. Each class adds to the Lego robot, culminating in a school-built robot at the end of the two hour session.

And the biggest draw at the centre of the gym was

playing catch with Sam.

Time flies when you are having this much fun and, all too quickly, it was time to gather the students for a group photo with Sam.

The students were left with a challenge to participate in the Manitoulin Metal’s Spring Design Challenge to create a robot that plants trees. The challenge is for Grades K-12. The deadline is June 10 and the details can be found at <https://bit.ly/MSSrobot>

Grade 8 teacher April Aelick summed up the importance of the outreach by Manitoulin Metal to her students who will be going to MSS in the fall. “It’s a connection. It shows them what is available beyond sports. It’s new and different and gets the students excited.”



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**Yard/Garage Sale,** 12 Meredith Street, Gore Bay, Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4 from 9 am to 1 pm.

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**coming events**

**Annual Plant Sale** hosted by the Grass Roots Garden Club on Saturday, June 4, 9 am at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre parking lot. Proceeds donated to local Island charities.

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**Attention Manitoulin** craftspeople/artisans/artists/etc. You are invited to participate in the Little Current Canada Day Summer Fair on Friday, July 1. The downtown street will become a pedestrian mall on Canada Day. Please plan on setting up your table (or booth or display) down the centre of Little Current's front street that day as guests of the Little Current Business Improvement Association. There are no fees to participate this day, and publicity and advertising is looked after by the sponsor organizations. To register or for any other questions, please contact Rena Collins at 705-210-0117 and leave a message.

2-6p

**coming events**

**First Annual General Meeting,** please join Friends of the Mindemoya Old School (FOMOS) on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 2 pm for our first ever AGM! This meeting will be held via Zoom, we may be able to make alternate arrangements so that you are able to attend this important meeting! No elections will be held this year. This is a perfect opportunity to touch base with the dedicated people who have worked tirelessly to save the Mindemoya Old School from demolition and have begun the process of repurposing it. Contact us at [mindemoyaoldschool@gmail.com](mailto:mindemoyaoldschool@gmail.com) or phone 705-377-4045 and someone will be able to help you.

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**Legion Events**

**Decoration Day Ceremonies,** Sunday, June 5, 1 pm at the Island Cenotaph at Monument Corners, Spring Bay. The public is invited to attend and pay homage to the men and women who served in our country's forces and those of our allies. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held at the Providence Bay arena. Following the service, all are invited to the Little Current Legion for fellowship and refreshments.

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**On Saturday, June 4,** the Sgt. Charles Golden, Silver Star Rifle team will perform a rifle salute at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth. The ceremony will take place at 1:30 pm. The public is invited to observe the salute.

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**coming events**

**NEMI Farmers' Market in Little Current**

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**Decoration Day Service**

**Sunday, June 5 at 1 pm**

Each year, Br. 177 Little Current and Br. 514 Western Manitoulin alternate hosting this special day to pay homage to the men and women who served in our country's forces and those of our allies. Through their courage and sacrifice, these men and women have helped to ensure that we live in freedom and peace, while also fostering the same around the world.

The service will start at 1 pm at the Manitoulin Cenotaph grounds, Spring Bay. In case of rain, the ceremony will take place at the Providence Bay arena.

Organizations and individuals who wish to lay a wreath are asked to contact Roy Eaton, 705-698-4131 or by email [roy.eaton@sympatico.ca](mailto:roy.eaton@sympatico.ca).

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# ...Law Society names Marian Jacko its distinguished female lawyer

...continued from page 13 raised in Wiikwemkoong and is one of 11 children to her parents. "Growing up, we lived off the land. My father was a hunter, fisherman, trapper, farmer, and that was during his spare time while he worked full-time as the chief of police on our reserve. My mother worked as a nurse at the Wikwemikong Nursing Home. Growing up, we learned very early the value of hard work. Something that I have in common with the late Laura Legge."

In November 2016, Ms. Jacko was appointed the children's lawyer for Ontario. "I am very honoured to be the first Anishnawbek lawyer appointed to this position." After accepting the position, she visited her brother Art Jr., a traditional person and knowledge keeper, asking him to help her with a special ceremony, a preparation lodge, a sweat lodge.

She explained, "the purpose of my request for this ceremony was so that I could come to the role of children's lawyer for Ontario with the purest of hearts because I would be working with and helping children. I've always been taught that children are gifts from our creator and that they are not ours but rather, they are on loan to us."

In the ceremony, Ms. Jacko was gifted with a turtle shell rattle. "The turtle shell is significant because it is symbolic and speaks

and represents Debwewin. Translated, Debwewin means truth. I share this with you because as practitioners and decision makers, you all have a responsibility to find Debwewin or come as close to it as you can."

Since last summer, Ms. Jacko has been on leave from the office of the Children's Lawyer and has been acting as the Assistant Deputy Attorney General for the Indigenous justice division. "In this new role, what I have heard repeatedly is, that Indigenous women must lead this work; that Indigenous communities know what is needed and that they have always known what was needed; and that we must commit to decolonizing the systems that continue to put Indigenous lives at risk."

"It has been long recognized that Indigenous people are over-represented in the criminal system, as survivors, as accused persons and as persons in custody. Several inquiries, commissions, task forces and research studies have made direct links between the historical and ongoing colonial laws, policies, systems, and the over-representation of Indigenous persons in the Canadian criminal system," continued Ms. Jacko.

"To redress the legacy of Indian Residential Schools and advance the process of reconciliation, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada made 94 calls to action, including

justice-specific recommendations," said Ms. Jacko. "I think the fact that it took decades to call the National Inquiry into Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) says so much about our society. The fact that the commission made 231 calls for justice is a huge sign of the work that needs to get done."

"The fact is, there is never enough time to unpack all that Indigenous women, girls, gender diverse, people and communities have been telling us, about what it is, that they need, we need, to be secure and to stay safe," said Ms. Jacko. "But we must make the time. It is necessary. We must listen, learn, unlearn and, most importantly, we must change. It is time to change the narrative; particularly the narrative for Indigenous women to one of resilience."

"I am very honoured and very humbled to be recognized and to accept the Laura Legge award, an award that recognizes women lawyers from Ontario who have exemplified leadership with the profession," said Ms. Jacko. "Before I conclude my remarks, I would like to share an elder's teaching that is so simple but profound. As we look around the world today, it is a time of great change. As an Anishnawbe kwe, there is much for which to be grateful and there is so

much work to be done."

"The elder said that when we are making important decisions or creating new ways of doing things, we must always think about the impact that these deci-

sions or new ways will have on our future generations. We are often encouraged to think seven generations into the future and we need to take time. For if we move too quickly, we will create

dust on our path and those coming behind us will become lost. As we continue to trailblaze, our challenge is to continue to leave footprints and to make our ancestors proud."



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**Location:** Wikwemikong Unceded Territory

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**Summary:** The 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 Unceded Territory.

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- Participate in community events and cultural gatherings.
- Assist in the development and implementation of projects, acting as a resource to team members and other Units.
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Attn: Acting Chief of Police, Gregory Mishibinijima  
[gregory.mishibinijima@wtps.ca](mailto:gregory.mishibinijima@wtps.ca)

Posting Deadline: June 17, 2022 at 4:00 PM

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through hours of courses and videos.” So, there is an app for that.

Nastasia does a lot of research in order to prepare to move to a new country. “I look online to see what kind of internet options there are, then I talk to my friends who have worked there,” she said. The bonus of her online work means that, unlike the youth travelling the world in generations past, she doesn’t have to find work there.

When it comes to paying taxes, there are some simple rules to watch out for. “I stay only six months in any country, so I only have to pay taxes in my home country,” she said.

That leads into where she pays taxes now. “Canada,” she laughs. “I am a permanent resident here, this is my ‘home’ country.”

Many digital nomads ply their trade through travel visas (technically illegal), but a growing number of countries are tailoring their visa programs to accommodate the new global workforce and not all digital nomads actually travel from country to country, choosing to move around their own country—nations with large geographies like Canada and the US being cases in point.

Not being a full citizen is another reason Nastasia wants to maintain a small measure of anonymity. “I don’t have all the rights of a citizen,” she said. “I am not sure how that might effect me.” Apparently living under an actual authoritarian regime tends to leave a lingering mark on one’s psyche.

As a final comment on becoming a digital nomad Nastasia said that she would like to address one of the prevailing stereotypes of the lifestyle.

“People think we come to work, put down our laptops and sit in the sun by the beach,” she laughs. “That doesn’t work. For one thing the sun is too bright and even the best laptop screens are impossible to read in the bright light. And the sand—the sand gets into everything, it is not good for your laptop. I always find a nice quiet place to work.”

Nastasia has enjoyed her time on Mani-

toulin, she currently hangs her full-time hat in Toronto. “I have seen more wildlife while I have been here the last couple of weeks than I have seen before in my life,” she said. “It is so beautiful here.”

Coming from a northern country, Nastasia said she finds the climate in Canada very familiar. “And if I want to be somewhere warm, I can do that too,” she laughs.

She discovered Honora Bay through her colleague Shane O’Donnell, owner of Little Current’s Heartwood Mushrooms and a bit of a digital nomad himself in his day job. “We met at a software conference,” she said. Mr. O’Donnell’s description of life at the Northern Ontario Permaculture Research Institute in Honora Bay was compelling, so she took the opportunity of an invitation to come and visit for a couple of weeks.

Digital nomads have been growing in numbers at a rapid pace, even before the pandemic. According to a research study, in 2020 there were 10.9 million American workers who described themselves as such, that’s a 49 percent increase over 2019. It is a trend that is only increasing, not only among younger workers and backpackers, with the lifestyle luring in retirees or semi-retired individuals, snowbirds and entrepreneurs.

For Nastasia and many others, the freedom, flexibility and ability to travel the world are major advantages. Drawbacks include the challenges of maintaining personal relationships over long distances and long periods, as well as the potential for experiencing loneliness, isolation and burnout. That means the digital nomad lifestyle might not be for everyone.

Nastasia notes that maintaining work-life balance is one of the reasons she prefers to have only one employer. “It is easier to maintain boundaries,” she said. As a younger individual who grew up in the digital age, she finds it easier to maintain her friendships through online communication, especially as many of her friends are also spread across the globe.

Two Canadian cities, Montreal and Toronto, are among the most popular destinations for digital nomads.



### FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### HEALTH MANAGER

Salary: \$61,680 - \$75,220/year

(depending on education and experience)

The Health Manager will continually ensure that the WRFN community members have access to efficient and quality health care services. This position reports to the Band Manager and will be responsible for the operation and management for the WRFN Health Centre. This position requires substantial operational and planning oversight as well as planning and health care service delivery to the WRFN community.

#### SOME KEY JOB FUNCTIONS:

- Provide leadership and direction for the Health Centre and staff to ensure the goals and objectives are continually met;
- Promote and emphasize people-centred care in partnership with the patient, family and health care team;
- Develop, implement and maintain in active human resources plan;
- Plan, organize and monitor the programs and health services to ensure all activities are consistent with legislation, standards, regulations and need;
- Develop and review program indicators, goals and outcome measures;
- Ensure services are provided using family-centred, strengths-based, community needs focus;
- Ensure quality health standards and policies are developed and implemented;
- Implement data collection strategies that support ongoing development and monitoring of quality health service delivery;
- Collect, report and analyze statistics for the Health Unit;
- Prepare comprehensive reports and provide recommendations to improve the effectiveness of services and programs of the Health Unit; and
- Develop and implement community emergency response planning procedures.

#### RELATIONSHIPS AND TEAMBUILDING:

- Work collaboratively and cooperatively at all levels in order to support the use of a strength-based, community-focused practices while assisting team members to build their capacity in providing safe and nurturing environments for WRFN members.

#### HUMAN RESOURCES:

- Provide guidance, direction and support to staff;
- Supervise, coach and direct staff;
- Monitor and address employee performance and conduct performance reviews;
- Coordinate staff professional development and address any training needs; and
- Establish and sustain a work environment that promotes and rewards optimal performance, an ongoing commitment to excellence and the adoption of strength-based cultural practices.

#### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:

- To assist in the preparation and monitoring of the Health Unit Budget;
- Assist in the development of the Yearly Health Unit Budget and review, monitor, coordinate and plan for the allocation of resources for staff that fall within the limit of authority;
- Review, monitor and approve financial expenditures for health staff; and
- Ensure WRFN financial policies and procedures are adhered to.

#### ADMINISTRATION:

- To complete administrative functions and adhere to all WRFN policies, procedures and standards of practice;
- Develop and submit a yearly work plan with goals, objectives and measurable indicators of success;
- Review and approve various forms to be used, i.e. Monthly Report Forms, Intake Forms, Medical Forms, Liability Forms and etc.; and
- Prepare and submit comprehensive monthly and quarterly reports to the Band Manager and Leadership (when requested).

#### EDUCATION

- Degree or Diploma in Health Administration, Public Health or related field.

#### EXPERIENCE

- Minimum two years’ (2) managerial experience including supervision of staff, preferably in the Health Care field;
- Must have a good understanding and adhere to: General Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP), Funding Contribution Funding Agreements;
- Strong proposal writing skills; and
- Working experience working with First Nation people, organizations and communities.

#### KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS

- Knowledge of First Nation communities and structures and the ability to integrate traditional and mainstream practices as a central and vital part of health service delivery;
- Knowledge of local services available to the WRFN community;
- Knowledge and understanding of the Canada Health Act, Non-Insured Health Benefits Program and Indian Act; and
- Knowledge, understanding, respect and sensitivity of the Anishinabek culture, traditions and the Seven Grandfather Teachings.

#### SUPERIOR SKILLS

- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Excellent problem-solving skills
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Excellent planning and organizational skills
- Excellent time management skills
- Excellent computer skills with Microsoft Office software
- Ability to work independently and within a team environment
- Ability to deal with difficult and conflicting situations
- Ability to work flexible hours including unplanned overtime
- Ability to work with confidential and highly sensitive and personal information
- Proven ability to work with First Nation communities and people
- Ability to understand and speak Anishnaabemowin is an asset

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

#### CONFIDENTIAL:

Tricia Podlatis, Human Resources Manager  
Whitefish River First Nation, 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP 1A0  
Email: applications@whitefishriver.ca; Fax: (705) 285-4532

Applications must be submitted by June 3, 2022 by 4:30 p.m. and must include the following; Cover letter, current resume, copies of Degrees/Diplomas, and 3 reference letters (with contact information).

Successful candidates must submit an original/current copy of their Vulnerable Sector Screening Check prior to employment. We thank all who apply, however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



### Children’s Community Network Réseau communautaire pour enfants

is currently seeking a

#### Mental Health Clinician (Bilingual)

Covering for the Sudbury-Manitoulin, Algoma and

Nipissing-Parry Sound-Muskoka areas.

Hybrid / virtual work arrangement

Permanent, full-time, 35 hours/week

Salary range: (Bachelors) \$34.68 - \$41.64

(Masters) \$37.46 - \$44.97

The successful candidate will play a key role in the treatment of individuals diagnosed with Autism who are referred to the Urgent Response Program (part of the Ontario Autism program). They will work with the Urgent Response Coordinator, Behavioural Therapist, and external partners to support the development of a caregiver mediated treatment plan and provide supportive consultation.

The successful candidate will have a Master’s degree in social work or one of the helping disciplines (i.e. psychology) and must be registered and in good standing with the college of Social Work or Psychotherapy. Those candidates with an Honours degree may be considered. The successful candidate must have a minimum 5 years’ experience working with children and youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder; experience working in a multidisciplinary team, including with other registered clinical practitioners; experience in the development, implementation and oversight of clinical treatment programming; excellent case management and organizational skills to support planning for client services in a multidisciplinary context.

The successful candidate will have knowledge of both theory and the application of systemic interventions, child development, childhood disorders and syndromes, family/individual mental health assessments and intervention. The candidate must be self-motivated and able to work independently. Exceptional leadership, inter-personal, problem-solving, written and organizational skills are further requirements for this position.

A valid driver’s licence, access to a vehicle, and current insurance are required as travel throughout the assigned area may be expected. The successful candidate must provide a clear vulnerable sector criminal reference check. The potential candidate will be expected to work from home at this time as well as using virtual and in-person formats.

Those interested in this position should send their current resumes to:

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The following Employment Opportunity is now available to anyone interested in joining our highly dedicated workforce.

### Finance Summer Student - Espanola Temporary Full-Time

Competition #2022-02-AD  
Closing date: June 10, 2022

For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at  
[www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers](http://www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers)

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Community Health Nurse

Classification Level: MFN Nursing Salary Grid (\$39-\$49/ hour)  
Employment Status: Full Time Term (1 year Contract)  
Department: Health Services

#### Reporting Relationship:

The Community Health Nurse (CHN) works under the direction of the Nursing Supervisor.

#### Position Summary:

The Community Health Nurse (CHN) is a member of a Community Health Services Team sharing in the responsibilities for the delivery of a comprehensive Community Health Program. The CHN works in collaboration with the M'Chigeeng First Nation community, families, individuals, other professionals, and organizations to meet those needs. The goal is to promote and preserve the health of the community through a focus on health promotion, health maintenance and health education. The CHN provides functional support as required and related to nursing practice. The CHN will also provide nursing services to the Home Care Program and the Mental Health Program.

#### Essential Functions

An active member of the Health Services team in the delivery of a comprehensive Community Health Program comprised of such activities as:

- Maternal and child health, control of communicable diseases, mandatory immunization program, lifestyle education on a one-to-one basis and group sessions, school health assessment, first aid services, chronic diseases monitoring and environmental health surveillance
- Utilization of the electronic medical record (EMR) to maintain the database of client records
- Promote healing and wellness through prevention, promotion, and education
- Act as liaison with First Nation personnel, health-related agencies, physicians, and hospitals
- Work with the Health Services Team to develop and implement a community-based work plan to meet the health needs and priorities of MFN
- Provide relief nursing services to the Home Care program
- Provide nursing expertise and support to the mental health clinic
- Other related duties as identified in response to community health needs

#### Qualifications & Requirements

##### Preferred

- Baccalaureate degree in Nursing from an accredited University or College
- Five (5) years' previous work experience in First Nation community health nursing and home care nursing would be an asset
- Direct clinical experience in providing mental health and addictions services
- Valid CPR and First Aid Certification

##### Minimum

- Diploma in Nursing or Registered Practical Nurse Diploma
- 2-5 years' work-experience working with First Nation people
- Valid and current registration with and member in good standing with the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO) and the Colleges of Nurses in Ontario (CNO)
- Valid CPR and First Aid Certification

##### Other

- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe people
- Understanding and fluency of the Ojibwe language would be an asset or must have the willingness to learn
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence and access to own vehicle

#### The successful candidate will be required to submit the following upon hire:

Current thirty (30) day Police VSS  
Confirmation of their COVID-19 Vaccinations

**Closing Date: June 10th, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.**

Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT REFERENCE CONTACTS (2 Work-Related references and 1-Character reference) and education certifications addressed to:

COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE  
c/o Human Resources  
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333  
M'CHIGEENG, ON P5P 1G0  
Fax 705-377-4980 or [employment@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:employment@mchigeeng.ca)

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For detailed job description, please email [andream@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:andream@mchigeeng.ca).*



### Children's Community Network Réseau communautaire pour enfants

is currently seeking

#### Behaviour Therapists (x3)

For the: Sudbury-Manitoulin District, Algoma District and North Bay-Parry Sound District  
Hybrid / virtual work arrangement  
Permanent, full-time, 35 hours/week  
Salary range: (Bachelors) \$34.68 - \$41.64  
(Masters) \$37.46 - \$44.97

The successful candidate will play a key role in the treatment of individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder who are referred to the Urgent Response Service with the Ontario Autism Program. They will work along with the Urgent Response Coordinator, Mental Health Clinician, and external partners to provide supportive treatment through a caregiver mediated model using principals of Applied Behavioural Analysis.

The successful candidate will have an Honours Bachelor's Degree or Master's Degree in Psychology, Disability Studies or another related field. The successful candidate will be registered as a Board Certified assistant Behaviour Analyst (BCaBA) or a Registered Behaviour Technician (RBT), or working towards this designation. The successful candidate must have a minimum 5 years' experience developing and implementing behaviour treatment plans for children with Autism; experience working in a multidisciplinary team, including with BCBA and other registered clinical practitioners; experience in the development, implementation, data collection, and oversight of clinical treatment programming for children with Autism; excellent organizational skills to support planning for client services in a multidisciplinary context, case management, assessment and intervention skills and data collection and analysis.

The successful candidate will have knowledge of both theory and the application of systemic interventions, child development, childhood disorders and syndromes, family/individual mental health assessments and intervention. The candidate must be self-motivated and able to work independently. Exceptional leadership, inter-personal, problem-solving, written and organizational skills are further requirements for this position. Bilingualism is an asset.

A valid driver's licence, access to a vehicle, and current insurance are required as travel throughout the assigned area may be expected. The successful candidate must provide a clear vulnerable sector criminal reference check. The potential candidate will be expected to work from home at this time as well as using virtual and in-person formats.

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### Children's Community Network Réseau communautaire pour enfants

is currently seeking a bilingual

#### Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Consultant

for the Sudbury office Hybrid Work Arrangement  
Full time permanent, bilingual, 35 hours/week  
Salary range: \$26.93 to \$40.48 per hour

The FASD Consultant will deliver family-centred service to children and youth with FASD and/or suspected FASD and their families by leading the development of a strengths-based support plan for children and youth with FASD or suspected FASD. The FASD Consultant will work with the family, service providers and educators to build capacity for supporting the child/youth and identify service options to meet the specific needs of the child/youth and family based on the best available evidence of FASD supports. The FASD Consultant will be knowledgeable about FASD and will complement the current efforts of service providers within the community to provide collaboration and system navigation across multiple sectors, such as health, education, youth justice, community and social services, post-secondary, and employment and training. The FASD Consultant will connect children and youth with FASD, their families and service providers to interventions and supports including those developed through the other components of the FASD Strategy.

The successful candidate will be committed to strength-based principles of child, youth, and family centredness, demonstrate the ability to build and maintain relationships with diverse stakeholders, have experience in data collection and analysis, have the ability to work independently and contribute to a team, and show strong organizational and time management skills.

The successful candidate will have knowledge of both theory and the application of systemic interventions, child development, childhood disorders and syndromes, family/individual mental health assessments and intervention.

He/She will possess a BSW or equivalent degree in one of the social sciences or helping professions, have a minimum of three years' work or equivalent experience with vulnerable or at-risk populations including special needs, have experience working with children/youth with FASD and their families, be fluent in both official languages, and have strong presentation and interpersonal skills. As travel throughout the assigned area is expected, candidates must have a valid driver's licence, access to a vehicle and provide a Motor Vehicle Abstract.

The successful candidate will be expected to work from home at this time. Those interested in this position should send their current resumes in confidence by June 1, 2022 to:

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Posted: May 17, 2022

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# National Paramedic Week celebrates ‘Faces of Paramedicine’

by Michael Erskine  
 MANITOULIN—There is one thing you never want to call a paramedic—ambulance driver—because they are so very much more than that. In fact, there is a veritable army of individuals that stand in support of out-of-hospital care behind the 8,600 men and women across this province who arrive on the scene of a medical emergency—hence the theme of this year’s National Paramedic Week: Faces of Paramedicine, May 22-28.

“This week, we recognize our amazing paramedics who demonstrate day in and day out, just how dedicated and professional they are in their service to our communities,” Manitoulin Sudbury District Services Board Chief of Paramedic Services Paul Myre told The Expositor. “This year’s theme is ‘Faces of Paramedicine’ which truly encapsulates the transformation and evolution the paramedic profession has undergone over the last several years. This theme also acknowledges all of the important people who contribute their support and expertise so that our paramedics can be successful in their delivery of patient care. This includes all of the support staff, communications officers, educators, researchers to name a few. The many ‘faces’ of our Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB paramedics are vital to the provision of patient care and are absolutely critical to the success of our society’s collective health care mission. From our 9-1-1 response to our community paramedics, our paramedics have demonstrated their unwavering agility in their approach to their mission of supporting our health care system when it needs them most. As chief of paramedic services, I am proud to lead and recognize such a diverse, engaged and effective force of paramedics who

stand at the ready to serve those in need.”  
 “Our paramedic services and their teams have

stepped up day after day to respond to the pandemic and provide care where needed—in homes and clinics,

on the roadway, on trails, in waterways,” said Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs president Peter F. Dundas in a release. “We rely on so many to help us do what we do and I’m proud to honour all of these brave women and men who work together to keep communities safe and healthy.”

This year’s celebration of National Paramedic Week focused on different specialities with the paramedic profession. The Paramedic Chiefs of Canada were encouraging paramedic services and organizations to highlight the many people in their

respective organizations, focussing on a different group each day of the week.

On Monday, it was the communications crew, those folks at 9-1-1 dispatch who are most often the first point of contact for those reporting a medical distress. On Tuesday, it is the civilian and community paramedics who were in the limelight, on Wednesday the spotlight centres on the specialties (including bicycle teams, professional development specialists, technical rescue teams, mental health and addiction response teams, falls prevention teams and emergency communica-

tions nurses). On Thursday, it’s educators and research, Friday, support services (that’s logistics, fleet management, procurement and occupational health and safety) before then wrapping up on Saturday with a recognition day for all paramedics.

An outstanding video presentation by OPSEU Local 679 that introduces members of the Manitoulin Sudbury DSB to the community they cover can be found by searching YouTube.com for ‘MSDSB OPSEU Local 679 Paramedic Week 2022.’



One of the younger visitors on hand for the Manitoulin Sudbury District Services Board paramedic services open house at the Gore Bay station was Orianna McGuin, shown in photo with paramedic Serah Williams. The youngster had a great time taking over the steering wheel, and turning on all horns and lights on the ambulance.



The Manitoulin Sudbury District Services Board held an open house at each of its stations to celebrate paramedics services week May 22-28. In photo are four paramedics who were on hand for the open house in Gore Bay on May 27. From left are paramedics Craig Hood, Francois Seguin, Ron Mailloux and Serah Williams.

**HELP WANTED – Canadian Yacht Charters in Gore Bay**

**CYC CANADIAN YACHT CHARTERS**

Canadian Yacht Charters in Gore Bay is hiring! Seeking part-time and full-time staff for the 2022 Season.

Looking for students & mature adults – all ages welcome – to be a part of our CYC Team! Flexible hours and great pay!

Spring & Summer jobs available to start in May, June & July plus August & September hours available.

Several positions available including boat cleaners, boat maintenance workers, plus retail store & office help needed. Training is provided - no experience necessary but a positive attitude can go a long way!

Check out our website: [www.cycnorth.com](http://www.cycnorth.com)

**If you would like to find out more or want to apply to be on our CYC Team please contact us:**  
 Pamela McLaughlin – CYC  
 Box 486  
 Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0  
[pamela@cycnorth.com](mailto:pamela@cycnorth.com)

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**Integrated Program Assistant - Espanola**  
**Temporary Full-Time**  
 Competition #2022-10-ISS  
 Closing date: June 9, 2022  
 For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at [www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers](http://www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers)

While all responses are appreciated, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

**Manitoulin Hotel - Conference Centre**

**Employment Opportunity**  
**Chef**  
 Department: Food & Beverage  
 Reports to: General Manager

**BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Ensures food meets quality standards, prepares requisitions for food and kitchen supplies, estimates food requirements and controls food and labour costs
- Holds a pre-function briefing to determine specifications of each function
- Prepares and cooks complete meals, banquets or specialty foods such as pastries, sauces, soups, salads, vegetables, meat, poultry and fish dishes, and creative decorative food displays for special guests and functions
- Controls supplies in the refrigerator and storeroom
- Assists with set up and tear down of buffets, banquets, and promotions
- Meets weekly (or as needed) with kitchen staff and servers to discuss up-coming function sheet for additions or changes
- Works closely with the kitchen staff to ensure food presentation consistency and delivery times for service and for each function
- Solves problems effectively and reports incidents to the General Manager
- Ensures all kitchen equipment is maintained and in proper working order and reports deficiencies to the General Manager
- Supervises the handling, storage and security of all kitchen equipment
- Ensures the maintenance of a clean and safe working environment
- Assists in training and up-grading programs for staff in preparation, cooking, garnishing, and presentation of food
- Demonstrates new cooking techniques and new equipment to cooking staff
- Explains all kitchen equipment and its safe handling to staff
- Organizes employees in preparing duty schedules and prep lists
- Encourages employees to offer suggestions and ideas toward improved production

**SKILLS, ABILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Full Time position that requires full flexibility, including the ability to work weekends and holidays and a varied schedule
- A true desire to understand and anticipate the needs of others in a fast-paced environment
- Refined verbal and written communication skills
- Must be proficient in general computer knowledge
- Candidates should be extremely creative, innovative, detail-oriented and organized
- Hotel experience and a thorough understanding of all levels of kitchen service
- Previous experience as a Chef/Sous-Chef

**Hours of Work:** FT, variable shifts, days nights, weekends & holidays      **Number of Positions:** 1

If you are interested in the above position, please submit your resume in complete confidence.  
 Corey Stacinski – General Manager  
[gm@manitoulinhotel.com](mailto:gm@manitoulinhotel.com)

**MANITOULIN HEALTH CENTRE**  
**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**PHLEBOTOMIST - CASUAL**

Manitoulin Health Centre requires a Phlebotomist to work on a casual basis at its Little Current and Mindemoya Hospital sites.

**QUALIFICATIONS (Education, Certifications, Experience, Licensure):**  
**Required:**

- Graduate of a recognized Phlebotomy course or equivalent experience
- Mandatory proof of fully immunized COVID-19 vaccine status

**Preferred:**

- Recent/related experience in hospital setting
- Certification in Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG)

**COMPETENCIES/BEHAVIOURAL:**

- Teamwork and Collaboration
- Service and Quality Orientation
- Creativity and Innovation

**COMPETENCIES/TECHNICAL:**

- Proficient in specimen collection, handling and processing
- Proficient in Microsoft Platform (Word, Excel and Outlook); Policy & Procedures platform and Learning Management System
- Proficient in Meditech Lab module

**SELECTION PROCESS:**

- Please email a cover letter and resume to the attention of Human Resources at [recruitment@mhc.on.ca](mailto:recruitment@mhc.on.ca).
- Please reference Job Posting # 2022-OP-01 in your subject line and cover letter.
- Applicants with the required qualifications may be interviewed. Thank you to all who apply.

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

# ...Now and Then: Jane and Art Deyell

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four dollars a day and could eat as much as we wanted.”

After he graduated from the Dorset Forest Technical College, he got a full-time position at the South Baymouth Fisheries Research Station for the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests. Art continued his love of sports, playing ball and hockey in the Sault and on Manitoulin. One memorable time was the Flying Fathers hockey game which included Father Les Costello who had played for Toronto. “We both curled and cross-country skied as well. Jane added, “I sang with the Christie Singers, a city choir group in the Sault and was part of the local church choir and women’s group. I also taught Sunday school for several years.”

In 1966, Jane attended the one-year course at North Bay Teachers’ College. “My roommate was Angela (Smith) Becks, who still lives in Mindemoya. My time in North Bay was more enjoyable with her there. Early practicums consisted of one day a week observing established teachers in the classroom. This time increased to a full week and finally two weeks. Monday and Tuesday were for observing, and by Wednesday the student instructed part of the classes and by Friday, they taught all day. Student teachers were graded on their work in the college and in practice teaching. Sister Sheila had become a teacher too. She and husband Allen Hern, a Baptist minister, later moved to British Columbia and are currently living in Kamloops. They have three children.”

Art and Jane married on Saturday, November 25, 1967 in St. Andrews by the Sea United Church, in South Baymouth. This date



Jane flashed that famous bright smile during her 2000 retirement party.

worked with both jobs and the annual deer hunt. Jane had begun teaching in Echo Bay outside of Sault Ste. Marie, two months earlier. Art was working in the Sault doing fisheries research for the Department of Lands and Forests. “We both had to be back at work on Monday morning.”

In January 1970, the couple bought their first house in nearby Bar River. “We had a nice bungalow on an acre of land and could plant a garden in rock-less soil. We got our first dog, Turk, a big black lab. Since we were the first of our friends to buy a house, it became a gathering place on weekends.” In 1971 Art transferred back to the research station in South Baymouth. The couple sold their house and moved to the Island. “We stayed with mom and dad initially, then moved into a dedicated apartment for staff at the research station.” Art adds, “Eventually I ran the research boat, setting experimental nets and planting fish in the North Channel, Georgian Bay and Lake Huron.”

“We bought these five acres we are now on from my parents and built a package house. Art and I, as

helper, learned a lot about drywall, flooring and trim work. Grandad’s carpentry skills were revived when he saw our pre-assembled house that came in a truck. He was fascinated. His lawn chair was permanently perched at the construction site, often with him in it, watching the progress. We moved in before it was finished.”

After returning to Manitoulin, Jane spent five years as a permanent part-time teacher at the Tehkummah School. In 1977, she taught at the Assiginack School and continued to take the practical Ministry of Education courses. Later, she enrolled at Laurentian University and over 10 years, got her Bachelor of Arts, all while sitting at her kitchen table. “It had been 20 years since I left teacher’s college and it was challenging to get back into the learning mode and deal with all the writing assignments. Leslie Fields, a fellow teacher, was also doing her degree by correspondence, so I had a supportive partner to discuss issues with.” Jane finished her degree in 1996 and retired from teaching in 2000.

Art trained as a volun-

teer firefighter at the inception of the program in 1976 along with Doug McMurray and Jerry McGillis. “The three of us took the necessary courses and began the program in Tehkummah.” Art also built a hunt camp off the eighth line, the original road to Michael’s Bay, near Poole Lake. He hunted deer there and moose off Island, cutting up the meat himself. “Art cut the logs he used to construct the camp, our garage, decks, cupboards and furniture. We have had many successful hunts and good times at the camp,” Jane adds. “I found it a great place to study, with no road noise, no television, and no interruptions.”

“Fondest memories? Time spent together as a family. All special holiday events like Easter or Christmas, have revolved around family. Most important event in my life? Meeting Art. If Art hadn’t come here to stay at the research station, my inquisitiveness

might have sent me out there to discover more of our world. Travels? We have been to both coasts. Art does not like the sunny southern locations, but I continue to travel with several ladies, most winters and we have been to Cuba, Mexico and the Dominican Republic. We travelled the Island, fishing in Manitoulin lakes, tenting in campgrounds here and across Ontario. We could have travelled more, but we don’t have any regrets.”

“Association I participated in? I was the Manitoulin District Chair of the Federation of Women Teachers of Ontario. Once I had to travel to Toronto for the annual teachers’ meeting. While I was away, Art answered the phone. He was cooking supper, cleaning dishes, and forgot the tap was running. I had joked over the years about getting a dishwasher and the following year, we got one. Pets? We had three Labrador retrievers, Turk, Cricket and Tip.”

Favourite season? “Fall,” Art says quickly. “I like the weather and it’s almost

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## notice

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

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**Taking donations** for the Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Yard Sale. Please leave small items on Lion Matt Young’s front porch at 5278 Mira Street, Providence Bay. Please call 705-968-1911 for large items or questions.

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## Notice to Creditors

In the estate of **William Henry Case**, deceased, late of Tehkummah, Ontario, who died on May 4th, 2022. Take notice that all persons having claims upon the estate of the above named must file with the undersigned by July 1st, 2022 a full statement of their claims and of securities held by them.

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POP 2C0



## TOWN OF GORE BAY NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE ZONING BY-LAW REVIEW

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Town of Gore Bay will hold an Open House for the review of the draft Zoning By-law for the Town. The purpose of the Open House is to provide the public with an opportunity to review the draft documents, ask questions, and provide feedback.

**OPEN HOUSE**      **DATE: Wednesday, June 15, 2022**  
**TIME: 6 pm – 8 pm**  
**PLACE: Gore Bay Community Hall, 52 Meredith St, Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0**

Section 26(9) of the Planning Act requires that a municipality enact a Zoning By-law that conforms to an updated Official Plan no less than three years following approval of such Plan. A new Comprehensive Zoning By-law has been prepared for the Town of Gore Bay that implements the District of Manitoulin Official Plan (2018), is updated based on Provincial Legislation, addresses emerging land-use planning issues, and is technically sound and user-friendly. This by-law will replace the current Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 80-23 for the Town.

**IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED** of the decision of the Town on the proposed zoning by-law, you must make a written request to the Town.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Town to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town before the proposed zoning by-law is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town before the proposed zoning by-law is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** and the draft Zoning By-law are available at the Town office, 15 Water Street, Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0.

DATED at the Town of Gore Bay this 1st day of June 2022.

**Stasia Carr – Clerk**  
Town of Gore Bay  
PO Box 590, 15 Water Street  
Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0  
scarr@gorebay.ca  
(705) 282-2420



## INVITATION FOR TENDERS General Contractor Washroom Conversion Project Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service invites tenders for the washroom conversion project at the existing WTPS detachment. Work will consist primarily of provision of services for renovation and addition to the women’s locker room area.

Please submit your letter of interest and proposal for:

- Removal of brick walls and flooring.
- Removal of countertop, sinks, shower area.
- Expansion of women’s locker room area.
- Supply of own tools/materials and processes required for the completion of the entire work job.
- Proposed locker room area job items for restoration, and remodelling.
- Interested companies may attend the WTPS office for viewing and assessment of the construction area to properly submit their proposal submission.

Please contact our Fleet/Facility Technicians - Thomas Assiniwe or Don McGibbon at 705-859-3141 for viewing.

All tenders must submit legible copies: proof of WSIB coverage and proof of Commercial General Liability Insurance that is valid during the entire contract period. Failure to provide the named documents will result in a non-compliant bid submission.

All decisions are based on price, quality, and service level of supplier. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Time frame for delivery of goods/services and duration of the contract; it is the intention of the WTPS to have this work completed by the end of August 2022.

**Tender closing date is Friday, June 10th, 2022 at 4 pm:**

**Please submit sealed tender to: Gregory Mishibinjima, Acting Chief of Police**  
Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service  
2074 Wikwemikong Way, PO Box 27  
Wikwemikong, Ontario  
POP 2J0

**Attention: WTPS Renovation/Extension**

# ...Now and Then: Jane and Art Deyell

...continued from page 30 hunting season. Jane adds "since our retirement, fall is often a time for getaways. Spring is special too; the snow is gone, and the garden begins to grow."

Favourite television shows? "Hockey, baseball, football, detective shows and interactive shows like Jeopardy."

If you could go back in time, would you change anything? "I would not have changed a whole lot," Art says. Jane adds, "I have begun to understand and enjoy football and I like watching the Blue Jays." Strengths? Organization and involvement are at the top of Jane's list. She was on the salary negotiation team for the elementary teachers of Manitoulin for several years. She mentored student teachers in the classroom as part of their training. She still volunteers at the Little Schoolhouse and Museum in South Baymouth and chaired that board for 10 years. For Art, planning and problem solving are areas of confidence.

Something you still want to know more about? "We are always curious."



Art hauls in a big one at Bass Classic 2007 in South Bay.

After retirement we learned to use the computer. We are both very satisfied with our lives. I like what we are doing here. We can see our family, enjoy our spacious yard, work on crafts: carpentry, painting, reading and sewing. I have started researching the genealogy of our families. I am hoping to convince cousins to write about their

Bowerman parents so we can combine all our information."

"Recipe for happiness? Patience for each other's differences. Art puts up with my silly ideas; he is not always patient, but love can smooth out these idiosyncrasies."

Most proud of? For Jane, "Teaching and influencing young minds. I enjoy touching base with classmates, colleagues, and former students on Facebook. I am so proud of the students who were part of my life. For Art, it is building this house and the camp. Most afraid of? Losing our independence."

"People who inspired me? For Art, it was Ivan Sisson. He was a mentor in maintaining and running tugs, as well as developing fishing and navigation skills. I eventually took

over his job when he retired." For Jane, "So many different people, neighbours and friends who provided support. The Serenity Prayer by Reinhold Niebuhr, as I remember it, has kept me grounded over the years: 'God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.'"

"We have always liked the laid-back lifestyle of Manitoulin. We do not miss busy city streets. We have many access points to the lakes; we love all the space, and you don't feel pressured here. We know all the visitors keep Manitoulin viable, but we also breathe a sigh of relief when the Chi Cheemaun leaves in October. Nevertheless, the friendliness is of a special

brand here. I recall hearing a comment at a teachers' meeting in Toronto. 'We can tell you are from the North because you smile and make eye contact. Manitoulin has changed over the years, but it is still an extraordinary place for all of us.'

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## thank you

On May 7, 2022 we said our final good-byes as Bruce was placed in his final resting place in Silver Water. My family and I want to thank Stewart and Sheila Simpson for their caring and professional services, Reverend Janice Frame for her understanding and support most recently and in the past. Thank you to the doctors and nurses who provided care for Bruce at the end. To my grandson, nieces and nephews who served as pallbearers and my sister Ardith and nieces who took on the lunch and clean-up detail, a very grateful and special thank you. We have appreciated all the donations made in Bruce's memory and the messages of condolences we have received over the past months. Our blessings go out to all of you. Friendships are strong inside our hearts for those we hold so dear.

Irene, Jeff and Judy, Glenn, Robin, Grace and Owen  
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**Talk about Community Spirit!** FOMOS, Friends of the Mindemoya Old School would like to thank the wonderful people who supported our efforts by contributing to and attending our big yard/trunk and bake sale on May 21. It was a resounding success. A special thanks to all the fantastic bakers in our community (many of whom are very senior). There are too many to name! Also a special thanks to local businesses and individuals who donated items for our delightful gift basket. Special mention to the Central Manitoulin Lions for use of the Pavillion and to the Municipality for their help. Watch for our 50/50 tickets on sale and plans for the second annual Mindemoya School Picnic.

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**We would like to thank** everyone for supporting our benefit auction. Thanks for all the donations of items, food and money. Thank you! The Amish School Committee  
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**Thank you to everyone** who came in my birthday drive by, for all the visits, cards, flowers, money, phone calls, tickets, cakes and hugs. Special thanks to Ronnie and Lisa and all my family. What a wonderful birthday.  
Darlene

## + in memoriam



**SIMON**—In loving memory of John Wayne Simon, December 2, 1954 to May 31, 2021.

To our dearest John, A year ago you were taken from us.

We lost a brother, best friend, an uncle and friend. Today we want to remember our wonderful, kind, sweet, funny, courageous John that filled our hearts and our lives.

And although we must continue to do the things that life demands, you are always in our hearts, our conversations and our thoughts. John you are forever embedded in our souls and no matter how many days, months or years go by; you continue to remain a very special part of us. You are our beautiful guardian angel in Heaven who watches over us and protects us.

You are the brightest star in the sky that we stare and talk to every night. With love Ed, nephews and family  
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**WICKENDEN**—In loving memory of Betty Wickenden who passed away June 1, 2020.

Miss Me But Let Me Go  
When I come to the end of the road,  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room;  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little, but not too long.

And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me but let me go.  
Always remembered by husband Dick and children Mary-Lynn and David  
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## Death Notices

### BERTHA MCKINLEY



Bertha McKinley of Evansville passed away peacefully with her family by her side, after a courageous battle with cancer, on Saturday, May 28, 2022 in her 71st year. Beloved wife to Cliff for over 52 years. Special mom to Janet (Jim) Vardon and Ron (Marcia Dusome) McKinley. Special grandma

to Katlyn McKinley, Alyx McKinley, Nick Vardon (Cas Fex) and Logan Cook. Bertha will be sadly missed by her mother Georgina Cada; siblings Albert Cada, Verna (Bill) Hardwick, Marie McLeod, Frank Cada, Nancy Cada, Randolph Cada, Ann (Mark) Cada, Grace (Morley) McLean, Marilyn Cada (Jim King-Seguine), Joan Cada and Elaine Cada (Mike Kearney), as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. Predeceased by her father Angus Cada; brothers-in-law Sam McKinley and John McLeod and sisters-in-law Betty McKinley and Mary (Bruce) MacDonald. Bertha McKinley will be fondly remembered by all who knew her as a family-first woman who enjoyed gardening and the outdoors. Whether it was fall hunting or dropping a line fishing and summer boating, she simply enjoyed being out in the fresh air. Travelling to different parts of Canada and exploring many places throughout the United States were fun adventures for her. But at the end of the day being home with her family and community is where she loved being the most. Visitation was held on Monday, May 30, 2022 from 7 to 9 pm at the Simpson Funeral Home, Gore Bay, where the funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 11 am. Interment at the Burpee Mills Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary.

### CLARKE LLOYD



In loving memory of Cecil Clarke Lloyd of Guelph, who passed away peacefully on May 27, 2022 in his 89th year. Clarke was the son of the late Cecil and Eileen Lloyd. Clarke was predeceased by his loving wife of 67 years, Helen Lloyd. Clarke is survived by his sons Bill (Jan) and Greg (Margaret); grandchildren Jeromy (Megan), Adam (Becky), Caitlin (Chris), Gavin (Kennadi), Colin (Heather) and great-grandchildren Coen, Emma, Ethan, Hudson, Zayden, Kairi and Jasper. Clarke was predeceased by brothers Gerald, Don and Robert. Clarke's family is forever grateful for the care he received at Groves Memorial Hospital in Fergus. The staff was exceptional in their compassion and caring of Clarke during his time there. On Saturday, June 11, 2022 Clarke and Helen's family will hold a funeral service for them at St. John's Anglican Church in Kagawong. Service will begin at 10 am with interment to follow at Kagawong Cedars Cemetery. A light lunch will be held in the Kagawong Park Centre following the interment for family and friends. In lieu of flowers, charitable donations can be made in Clarke and Helen's name to St. John's Anglican Church Kagawong or the Alzheimer Society.

"Always in our hearts, he will be forever loved and remembered."

## Burial Notices

### MARLENE SPRY

Burial Service and Celebration of Life for Marlene Spry will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022. Burial Service to take place at Cold Springs Cemetery at 1 pm and will be followed by a light luncheon at the Rockville Community Hall. All are welcome.

### ROD GIROUX

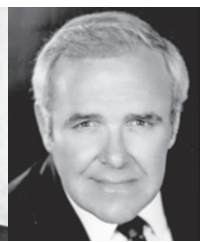


Please join the Dewar and Giroux families on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at the Providence Bay Cemetery to Celebrate the Life of Rod Giroux. The service will begin at 11 am followed by a luncheon at the Providence Bay Curling Club.

### DON LLOYD

Please join Don Lloyd's family for a graveside funeral service at Gordon Cemetery, Gore Bay on Saturday, June 11, 2022. The service will begin at 2:30 pm, after interment refreshments will be served at Robinson Hall which is attached to Lyons Memorial United Church, Gore Bay. In lieu of flowers, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated

### CLARKE and HELEN LLOYD



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will begin at 10 am with interment to follow at Kagawong Cedars Cemetery. A light lunch will be held at the Kagawong Park Centre following the interment for family and friends. In lieu of flowers, charitable donations can be made in their name to St. John's Anglican Church Kagawong or the Alzheimer Society.

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

It's hard to believe it's the first day of June and there are only a few more weeks until summer break.

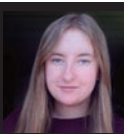
On select days over the past two weeks, the MSS robotics team visited all six Island elementary schools to share in the excitement of STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) and sustainability. Many elementary students of all ages had the opportunity to hear about the robotics team's great season, learn about the various aspects of robotics and try out robot operations. Each school was challenged to build a LEGO model of a robot, participate in a design challenge, and learn about STEM and sustainability in a trivia game.

A STEM joke for you: A sweater I bought was picking up static electricity, so I returned it to the store. They gave me another one free of charge.

On Wednesday, May 25 and Thursday, May 26, MSS athletes participated in the NOSSA (Northern Ontario

Secondary School Athletics) track and field competition in Sault Ste. Marie. All Mustangs competed well, and some personal bests were even broken. Some students even qualified for OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations) which is scheduled to take place this week from Thursday, June 2 to Saturday, June 4 in Toronto. Some of the top performances at NOSSA included: in the novice boys' division, Rhyis Arthurs came in second in the 100 metre dash, and Xavier Mara placed 3rd in the 1,500 metre and 3,000 metre races. In the novice girls' division, Sadie Bridgeman placed 3rd in the 200 metre dash and second in long jump. In the junior girls' division, Annie Balfe was second in the 400 metre and first in triple jump; Maren Kasunich placed second in the 800 metre, and first in both the 1,500 metre and

## M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Rachael Orford

3,000 metre races; Mackenzie Green finished third in the 3,000 metre; Brooke Gibeault came third in long jump; and Saraya Eshkawkogan placed second in triple jump. In the junior boys' division, Brodie Pennie placed first in the 800 metre and third in the 1,500 metre, and Davin Deschenes placed second in high jump. In the senior girls' division, Sophie Hietkamp finished second in both high jump and long jump, and she placed first in triple jump. The 4x400m relay team placed second overall. Great job Mustangs and good luck to those heading

to OFSAA.

From Monday, May 30 until Saturday, June 4, MSS SHARE/Go Green and Manitoulin Metal Robotics are teaming up to hold an electronic waste drive at Manitoulin Secondary School. This drive will run each day this week from May 30 to June 3 from 3 to 5 pm and it will also run on Saturday, June 4 from 10 am to 4 pm. Everyone is invited to bring any end-of-life electronics, including small or large appliances, batteries of any size, computers, and devices to be recycled. You can find the drive outside next to the tennis court at MSS. Please

spread the word to other community members and keep harmful items out of the landfills.

A reminder for university-bound students: today, Wednesday, June 1 is the deadline to respond to an offer of admission. Don't forget to accept an offer

before midnight!

Joke of the week: Did you hear about the monkeys who shared an Amazon account? They were Prime mates.

Upcoming events include OFSAA track and field, Spymaster and a PD Day.

Until the next time, "Dream and Believe. Learn and Achieve!"

## Manitoulin Streams receives funding support toward invasive phragmites removal

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA) has received funding to help carry out phragmites removal in two areas of Western Manitoulin.

The Invasive Species Centre (ISC) has announced a list of the recipients of the 2022 microgrants for Ontario program. The ISC, located in Sault Ste. Marie, awarded 60 microgrants of \$1,000 to \$5,000 each to catalyze positive action and support invasive species education, community action and management planning in Ontario. Manitoulin Streams has received \$1,000 in funding.

"We are pleased to support the exciting microgrant project work, and thank the individuals, groups and organizations that take action to help prevent and manage invasive species in Ontario," said Sarah Rang, executive director of ISC. "Work done at the community levels is critical to protecting lands and water from the impacts of invasive species."

Manitoulin Streams will assist in removing invasive phragmites from Lake Wolsey and Roszel Bay with the Manitoulin Phragmites Project and the help of community volunteers to protect native species habitat and species at risk.

The ISC acknowledged the province of Ontario and the Ontario Trillium Fund for their funding support.

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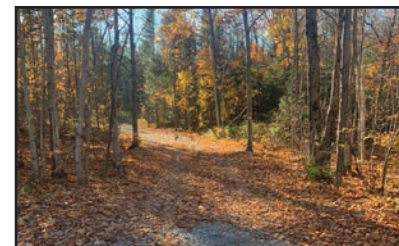
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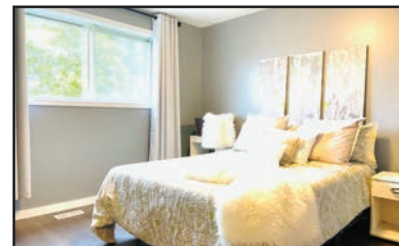
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Yard sale, book sales, parade float, coin boxes, June dinner, just read on!

For the last two years, Auxiliary meetings have been mainly by teleconference provided by the Manitoulin Health Centre. Thank you for the means and opportunity to continue to assess on-going activities, make plans for the future and hear the voices of our members in discussions. Perhaps, by September we will be able to hold an in-person meeting.

The focus of the last two meetings include reports on present and future activities, elections and other Auxiliary news.

Our condolences are extended to the family of Madeleine Charlton who passed away on April 4, 2022. We lost a dedicated, knowledgeable member who was always eager to lend a hand. Madeleine had a great impact on the whole community serving others in various capacities.

Congratulations to the senior executive team at MHC. Paula Fields is the CEO and Paula Ferguson is vice-president of clinical services as well as the chief nursing officer. We look forward to a great working relationship with the same objective of enhancing patient services.

Fundraising has been a challenge over the last two years. However, we continued with regular sources. Collections from coin boxes are doing very well.

Thank you for your participation. A decision was made to purchase 10 more boxes to extend the

potential for fundraising at other businesses. Call Carole Labelle at 705-368-3376 for more information. In Memoriam donations have declined substantially. Donations can be made at the funeral home or at Admitting at the hospital. Please specify MHC Auxiliary. The showcase\Tuck cart display case is continuing but at a slower pace since the tuck cart room is closed.

Thanks to those who support our efforts by buying from the showcase.

In April, the annual meeting was held in addition to the regular meeting. Elections were held for the executive. President is Dawn Orr; Vice-President is Carole Labelle; Treasurer is Marilee Hore; and Secretary is Debbie Heise.

Thanks are extended to the executive for their diligence and professionalism in representing the Auxiliary to the public in trying times. Representatives were appointed. Membership, Linda Diebolt; In Memoriam, Myra Henderson; Goodwill, Linda Diebolt; Coin Boxes and Facebook, Carole Labelle; Showcase\Tuck Cart, Dawn Orr and Laila Kiviahho; Headsets, Care Bags and Book Sales, Laila Kivi-

aho. Thank you for your leadership as you continue to inspire efforts for fundraising for patient services. The president, Dawn Orr presented her report. She spoke about upheaval as a result of curtailment of avenues of fundraising activities due to the pandemic crisis. Regardless of the hurdles in our path, we managed to raise funds. She expressed thanks to the members for their stick-to-it attitude in these circumstances. Objectives were met; patient services continued. Some of the achievements were the provision of water on the nursing floor, Christmas gifts for patients, baby\mother gifts were given to the New Year's baby and mom, two bursaries were given to graduating high school students. As well, to recognize the faithful efforts of staff at the hospital a gift card and a personalized Christmas card was given to each one.

Future plans are book sales at the NEMI Farmers' Market on Saturdays from 9 am to 12 noon beginning June 4 and continuing till October 8: call Laila 705-368-2580 to schedule drop off of donations. Yard sale on July 16 at the

United Church from 9 am to 3 pm. Call Debbie (705-368-3044) or Dawn (705-368 2608) for information: June dinner meeting is on June 9 at 6 pm at the Manitoulin Hotel float. Members were invited to the hospital during Volunteer Week for a meeting with the senior management team of Paula Fields and Paula Ferguson. The efforts of the Auxiliary were recognized and sincere thanks were expressed. Each member was given a beautiful Martha Washington geranium. May we grow and bloom like the geranium. The colours were varied just as our interests and talents are different. As an Auxiliary may we bring something beautiful to others by our efforts.



# Auxiliary News

and Conference Centre. Call Marilee at 705-368-2750. No details are available for the parade

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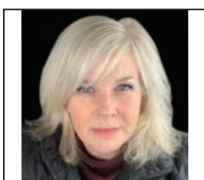
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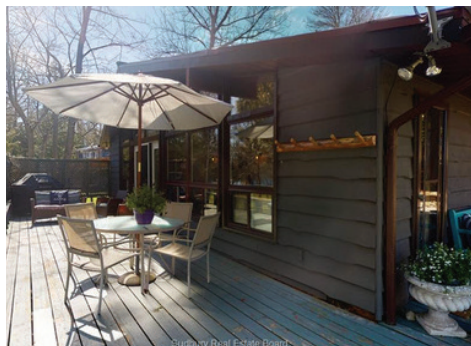
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