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Manitoulin mirrors national trend as food bank needs increase



From left, Naomi Recollet, Ojibwe Cultural Foundation (OCF) archivist, Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Duke Peltier and traditional knowledge keepers Alan Corbiere and Esther Jocko were on hand for the official welcoming back of the historic pipe used at the signing of the 1836 Manitoulin Treaty. The ceremonial pipe was to be sold at auction in California before Ogimaa Peltier and Wiikwemkoong legal counsel intervened and saw the important sacred relic returned home. **INSET:** The peace pipe.

Summer of 2022 expected to be toughest food banks have ever experienced

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—While food banks are stretched thin as food prices rise, increasing hunger and food insecurity, it is expected that the summer of 2022 will be the toughest summer food banks have ever experienced. This is not at all unexpected, according to the executive director of Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR), Marnie Hall.

"We have seen an increase in the number of users of our food bank since the pandemic started," said Ms. Hall. "It is not good news, but it isn't a surprise either. I think this will be continuing for the foreseeable future."

"With costs going up, we're seeing more people in, new people, and people who have not used the food bank for several years," said Ms. Hall. "We are seeing requests from people (for assistance from the food bank) part-way through the month, where in the past they would be able to offset their needs for the month. We provide as much support as we can, and we can at times if there is an emergency. But yes, (the food bank) is having to sustain more people."

"I thought it was interesting at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic that Food Banks Canada felt that all of this would happen," said Ms. Hall. "They had predicted the affects of the pandemic would affect individuals and families 18 months after the pandemic started. And now we are seeing this happen."

"We are so fortunate we received provincial funding last year for

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Central considering landfill solution without incineration

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Facing a Ministry of Environment 2023 deadline for the closure of the community's last landfill site in Providence Bay and the prospect of having to truck waste out of the community to an off-Island site at great expense, Central Manitoulin council voted at its June 9 meeting to enter into an arrangement with Gagnon Renewables Inc. to be the host of its Waste Processing Facility Project—pending confirmation of a suitable location.

In a series of motions, council agreed to provide the proponent with permission to access the Providence Bay landfill site, provide Gagnon Renewables Inc. with a legal land description and map, the current zoning of the land and a current copy of the municipality's environmental compliance approval certificate (ECA).

The municipality also supported Gagnon Renewable Resources Inc.'s application for Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) funding for a waste audit that would determine the amount of waste available to fuel the site.

Council also agreed to permit the company to seek support from five other municipalities (not

named in the motion) as co-applicants to the NOHFC.

There was concern expressed by members of the public in attendance over the lack of detail about the project as revealed in the chat discussion during the online council meeting. Previous discussion of the project with Gagnon

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UCCM Police funded \$1.6 million to address mental health concerns in Island communities

M'CHIGEENG—UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service (UCCM APS) is pleased to announce that it has received funding from the Ministry of the Solicitor General from various grants totalling \$1.6 million.

Receiving this funding will allow the UCCM APS to take a proactive approach to addressing Mental Health and Addictions within the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnising (UCCMM) communities. Over the next few months, UCCM APS will be conducting recruitment for the following positions: two special constables, two mobile mental

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Peace pipe used in 1836 Manitoulin Treaty signing being repatriated to Mnídoo Mnising

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—An emotional homecoming took place at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation (OCF) in M'Chigeeng recently as the Anishinaabe of Mnídoo Mnising welcomed home an important historical artifact, the Bond Head pipe, most likely presented to Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada Sir Francis Bond Head in 1836 during a treaty gift ceremony held at Manitowaning. The peace pipe paid witness to one of the most important historical events in Canada—the 1836 Manitoulin Treaty. Scheduled to fall under

an auctioneer's hammer, the pipe was rescued at the 11th hour by the timely intervention of Ogimaa Duke Peltier and the Wiikwemkoong legal team.

The Bond Head Pipe was introduced to the broader Anishinaabe community on Manitoulin during a ceremony held at the OCF.

In 1836, Ojibwe and Odawa on Manitoulin Island came to an agreement with the then-colonial government of Upper Canada. The agreement is known as

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Tuesday, June 21: National Indigenous Peoples Day Full day of events scheduled at Wiikwemkoong

by Michael Erskine

WIKWEMKOONG—June 21, National Indigenous Peoples Day, will be celebrated in Wiikwemkoong with Anishinaabe Giizhigad at Nimkii Bineshiinh Kaaning (Thunderbird Park).

The day will be filled with events from 10:30 am to fireworks after dark.

Things will kick off with opening remarks before a recital of Dewagan—Story of the Drum.

Champion hoop dancer Lisa Odjig will bring dance styles to the stage before the grand entry at

noon for a powwow social.

Science North's travelling Science Road Show will be on hand with The Great Ontario Northern Road Show.

Josh Manitowabi will hold a workshop on Manitoulin Island Treaties at 1:25 pm, offering the opportunity to learn more about the foundational documents by which the Anishinaabe shared their lands with Canada.

At 2 pm there will be an interactive hoop dancing

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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



Provincial Constable Marie Ford, centre, of the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) received the OPP Northeast Region Youth Foundation Award in a ceremony that took place in North Bay on Friday.

OPP Provincial Constable Marie Ford receives region's Youth Foundation Award

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Provincial Constable Marie Ford of the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police has received the OPP Northeast Region Youth Foundation Award. This award recognizes members of the OPP who have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to provide assistance and mentorship to youth.

"It is humbling to be recognized for the Youth Foundation Award. It is the best and most favourite part of my job," stated Constable Ford. Through OPP youth foundation funding, officers can apply to help in assisting or mentoring youth.

"It's financial support that is provided from the foundation to the OPP officers that we can use to help enrich a child's life in some way," said Constable Ford. "For example, through the OPP Marc Hovingh Memorial ride last year, the foundation bought 10 bicycles that they presented to deserving kids in

the Manitoulin community."

"We (OPP officers) send a referral to the youth foundation and they review and consider whether they will support it," said Constable Ford. She has applied for and received funding to assist youth for activities such as sending youth to summer camp, hockey, new clothes, horseback riding and more. "It is a phenomenal program and allows us as officers to make a special connection with youth. It's such a win-win thing."

The OPP Youth Foundation is a provincial, non-profit program operated by former OPP members.

"It is really nice to be recognized but it is even better that the program allows us the opportunity to provide funds to make a kid's day and make a real connection with youth," added Constable Ford.

EDITOR'S NOTE: See more coverage of the OPP awards in next week's edition of The Manitoulin Expositor.

Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association honours Greg Lockeyer on his recent NOHA decoration

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—At a special meeting held in May, the Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association (MMHA) recognized Greg Lockeyer for having been recently presented the Angus Campbell Award from the Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA). The MMHA had nominated Mr. Lockeyer for this

award.

"I would like to welcome everyone here tonight for this first awards celebration of the Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association (MMHA)," said Mary-Jo Wabano, vice-president of the MMHA at the event held recently.

"It is such an honour to be here tonight to be part of this celebration," said Gayle Payette, NOHA

representative. "The Angus Campbell Award is named after the founder of the NOHA, given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions. Greg was selected unanimously, and his nomination received many letters of support."

"Greg has been a trainer, refer-



Greg Lockeyer

ee, coach, schedule maker and much more, always displaying commitment, integrity and passion," said Ms. Payette. "And he ensured that all officials are treated with respect."

In its nomination for Mr. Lockeyer, the MMHA had forwarded a letter that stated in part, "when you think hockey on Manitoulin, a few names come to mind. One

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Indigenous economic development strategy cites 107 Calls to Action

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—Almost since the first days of contact with European settlers, the economic fate of Indigenous peoples has been steered by outsiders, with various governmental agencies and commissions creating reports ostensibly aimed at alleviating the endemic economic malaise that has afflicted First Nations communities with a "we know what's good for you" vibe running throughout their pages. Most of the recommendations in those reports remain collecting dust on various department shelves.

Spearheaded by a group of five national Indigenous economic development agencies and informed by 25 national Indigenous organizations, it was determined that the time was overdue for a study aimed at producing a blueprint for Indigenous econom-



Presenting the 107 Calls to Action in a new Indigenous-lens Economic Development Strategy are, from left, Victoria LaBillois of Listuguj First Nation (vice-chair of the National Indigenous Economic Development Board [NIEDB]), Dawn Madahbee Leach of Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation (GM of Waubetek and chair of the NIEDB), Tabatha Bull, Nipi First Nation (president and CEO of the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business) and Senator Brian Francis of PEI.

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MHC maintains masking requirements for patients, staff, visitors to hospitals

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) as well as other health care facilities across the Manitoulin region including other hospitals in the area, have decided that masking requirements will remain in place for the protection of patients, staff and visitors to the hospital. This comes despite an announcement by Dr. Kieran Moore, chief medical officer of health for Ontario, that most masking requirements were to be lifted as of midnight on Friday, June 11.

"With high vaccination rates and Ontario's COVID-19 situation continuing to improve, most of the province's remaining provincial masking requirements, including public transit, will expire as of 12:00 am on June 11," said Dr. Moore in a release. "To continue providing an additional layer of protection for the most vulnerable, masks will still be required in long-term care and retirement homes. Masking is recommended in higher risk congregate living settings, such as shelters and group homes."

"The Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC), even though the provincial mask mandate has been lifted, will continue to follow public health recommendations for high risk health care settings and require masks to be worn by all people entering the hospitals," said Paula Fields, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of the MHC.

Ms. Fields explained, "we met with our regional hospital partners in Espanola, West Parry Sound and Sudbury and we all agreed to continue a united front and continue mandatory masking. The pandemic remains a health risk. Just yesterday (June 9) at the HSN (Health Sciences North) 50 people were confirmed with COVID and visitors continue to bring the virus into facilities. We have a limited number of personnel available to screen and enforce masking. We are hoping members of the community will understand, and support this. After all, we are trying to protect everyone."

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Construction work begins on Hwy 6

by Tom Sasvari

LITTLE CURRENT—Construction work is underway on the section from Highway 6 between Little Current and Whitefish River First Nation.

"Construction is currently underway for this section of Highway 6," said Jaclyn Lytle, stakeholder relations advisor, regional services and relationships offices northeast operations with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO).

"The scope of the work planned for Highway 6 includes repairing locations susceptible to frost heaves, replacing culverts, repaving, ditch cleanout and replacing the guardrail," said Ms. Lytle. "This work is for approximately 16 kilometres of Highway 6, from 2.4 kilometres north of the Little Current Swing Bridge northerly."

"The work from the south junction of Highway 6 to north junction of Highway 6 includes similar work to that on Highway 6, as well as the replacement of the Whitefish River Bridge," continued Ms. Lytle.

Mr. Lytle explained, "Highway 6 improvements will be undertaken through daytime single lane closures using traffic control persons. A deep fill culvert will be replaced using 72-hour continuous flagging operations, tentatively scheduled to begin the last week of June 2022."

Construction is currently underway with completion anticipated by fall of 2023, added Ms. Lytle.

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National Indigenous Peoples Day opportunity for reconciliation

On June 21, our nation will be celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day and there will be several events taking place across Manitoulin observing the occasion—in fact, the month of June is Indigenous People's Month.

There has been a lot of talk over the past several years dealing with reconciliation between the Indigenous peoples and the settlers with whom they agreed to share their traditional territories, but generally reconciliation events tend to be very short on white faces—barring a few of the usual suspects.

If we are ever to hope to engage in real reconciliation, that needs to change.

This National Indigenous Peoples Day offers up a great opportunity for non-Indigenous people to start to become part of that change. An ideal example would be Anishinaabe Giizhigad, the Indigenous Peoples Day celebration and powwow social taking place throughout the day in Wiikwemkoong.

The day will be filled with workshops on the Manitoulin treaties, land-based learning, culture and traditions of the Anishinaabe—the peoples of the Three Fires Confederacy. While Wiikwemkoong is predominantly Odawa, the Potawatomi and Ojibwe heritage is also well-represented in the community.

The close association and friendships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people on Manitoulin Island, Mndoo Mniss, makes our

communities somewhat unique in Canada, but there is still a surprising amount of misunderstanding and communication that needs to be bridged—enter reconciliation.

There are still far too many schoolchildren in Canada who know the histories of Champlain, of Wolfe and of Brock and far too few who know of the contributions made by largely unsung heroes such as the Shawnee warrior Tecumseh and the efforts of Assiginack and Pontiac. Without the sacrifices of Tecumseh and his men during the War of 1812 Battle of the Thames, we would likely see the Stars and Stripes flying over our nation. The Anishinaabek stood as our allies when these lands were at their most vulnerable during the War of 1812 and the story of how our nation repaid their support needs to be redressed. That cannot happen if Canadians do not learn the truth of our history.

There is much to be proud of and to celebrate in Canada; the Indigenous first peoples of this land stand foremost among them. Their courage, resilience survival and, yes, resurgence are virtues to be much admired.

This National Indigenous Peoples Day, those of us of settler ancestry should take the time to learn more about Canada's host peoples. The Anishinaabe have always maintained an open door to dialogue and it is time to walk the talk through that door and take real steps toward true reconciliation.

A word about dads and the jobs that only they can tackle

by **Mike Brock**

Dads.

In a world where gender equality and distribution of expected norms are—rightfully—becoming a reality, there are still some very important and serious areas of life that only a dad can tackle.

For instance, it is absolutely a father's job to put safety fifth once in a while.

A skinned knee is an opportunity for a scar, and a scar means a story, and if you were to look after that skinned knee a little too well, then you wouldn't have any stories to tell. Right?

It is also a dad's job to tell his kids that the greasy, little crispy bits of skin are the best parts of the chicken, or the turkey. Most dads are deft enough to know that the skin is certainly not the best part of an avocado. Not all dads, but most dads. The most likely time for this lesson on cuisine to be shared is during Thanksgiving, or Christmas carving, because the message is usually more clearly delivered before the tryptophan hits.

Besides dietary direction, humour is a very important part of being a good dad. Dad jokes get a bad rap, but that's kind of the point. A good dad can take the hit, the groan, the pure and utter disdain. It's part of a dad's DNA to show imperfection and failure and still be all right with it. It is not a coincidence that "dad jokes" rhymes perfectly with "bad jokes". And, more importantly, the first answer to the whine "Dad, I'm hungry." should always be "Hi Hungry, I'm dad". The second answer should be, "Have you tried this dirty, greasy, turkey skin?"

Fitness. Some dads take it very seriously, and that's fantastic. But it is important to note that "Dad Bods" are also a thing now. And, while the acceptance of beer bellies, spare tires, love handles—none of which can be properly contained by an Old Navy t-shirt—may fly in the face of certain "health" considerations, Dad Bods are here to stay. The right way to do it is to make sure that you balance the pride in your girth with the depth of your mythological tales of former athletic heroics. That way, your child will grow up pursuing fitness with the goal of one day—when they're old enough—getting a "dad bod" of their own. Aspirational child rearing.



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BIKE CHAINS. The average dad knows how to do everything possible with a bike chain. Like, squirt some oil on them. And, you can put them back on. Yup, the average dad knows how to do just about anything with a bike chain. Oil, and putting them back on. Pretty much all you can do with a bike chain, right?

How many dads have offered to coach their kids' team in a sport they never played? It's kind of a right of passage. And, no one needs to know for a few decades, until when your kid comes back from university and sees an old team picture and asks, "Why the heck did you coach our tennis team? I've never even see you hold a racquet?"

Dads can burn skin-on, bone-in chicken better than anyone. And they do it with a straight face. As if that is exactly how it's supposed to be done. Like you're 4 years old making S'mores and you see how many times you can light your marshmallow on fire. Dads can burn chicken skin on a BBQ like nobody else.

Speaking of marshmallows, and fire... bonfires are great.

Everyone knows that. Grab some marshmallows. Lots of bug spray. Maybe a guitar. Good times. But UNNECESSARY bonfires? Nothing beats an unnecessary bonfire. "Honey, what are you doing this afternoon?" "Well, there's a bunch of brush we could certainly burn." If you're a dad—especially if you're a dad named Uncle Andy—well then, unnecessary bonfires are a very dad way to spend time. And your kids, with or without eyebrows, will remember those fires fondly.

Now, Moms may be pretty darn good at planning vacations. However, if you want to plan a road trip centered around interesting gas station stops and Top 100 Classic Rock Song Countdowns, then Dads are the dudes to pull that off. To be honest, they rarely end up where they should, and there are rarely any real reasons for a dad road trip, but you'll remember them, even if you and your siblings hated every kilometer of Foreigner, Trooper and Styx. The perfect dad road trip will end with the whole family sitting in the car in the driveway listening to Stairway to Heaven.

There are signs on every pool deck in every corner of the world, saying "NO RUNNING ON POOL DECK!!" Dads know, though, that a pool deck is one of the greatest places in the world to run. Pool decks were made for running. And horseplay? Don't get a dad started on horseplay. The signs should really say, "NO HORSEPLAY UNLESS YOU INCLUDE YOUR DAD!!!" Facts are facts. Again, great time for safety fifth.

Being a dad is the greatest privilege I have ever had. Being a dad is life itself. It teaches me something every day. My kids inspire me, make me laugh, make me better. Make me proud. Despite my goofiness in the paragraphs above, it's a really serious and sometimes—especially the last few years—really hard thing. And I would never trade it for anything. As we mark Father's Day this week, I hope everyone is able to enjoy your kids, your father, your family as much as possible. Whether they are near or far, or here, or gone. At the very least, have a laugh.

PS - I love you Holden and Bodhi.

op-ed

Ontarians should not be surprised at low voter turnout in provincial election: Democracy Watch

Group calls for democratic changes to Ontario's political system

Democracy Watch (DW) is calling for democratic changes to Ontario's political system in response to the clear crisis of lower voter turnout in the provincial election. Initial results show that the Progressive Conservative (PC) party won a majority of 83 of 124 seats with the support of only 17.5 percent of eligible voters.

Only 43 percent of eligible voters cast a ballot, the lowest turnout ever, and 41 percent of the ballots cast were for the PC party. For Algoma-Manitoulin, only 41.66 percent of eligible voters cast a ballot.

With less than half of eligible voters casting ballots in the Ontario election, the lowest turnout ever, alarm bells should be going off and questions raised about the legitimacy of the provincial government. More voters know from their experience of the past few decades of elections that they are not going to get what they vote for, and are likely to get dishonest, secretive, unethical, unrepresentative, and wasteful governments no matter who they vote for. As a result, no one should be surprised to see voter turnout at such a low level.

Voter turnout will go up significantly only if the voting system is changed, if the parties make changes to require everyone in politics to be honest, ethical, open and waste-preventing, and if Elections Ontario does its job properly and informs Ontarians of their right to decline their ballot.

Ontario's parties must work together to make the following changes if they want to increase voter turnout to the past modern high of 65 percent (in 1990) let alone 73 percent (in 1971). This includes passing an honesty-in-politics law that gives voters an easy, low-cost way to file complaints to the integrity commissioner and requires the

commissioner the power to penalize misleaders (and requires MPPs who switch parties in-between elections to resign and run in a by-election); change the voting system to provide a more accurate representation of the popular vote in the seats held by each party in the legislature (as in many other countries) while ensuring that all elected officials are supported by, and are accountable to, voters in each riding/constituency (with a safeguard to ensure that a party with a low-level, narrow-base of support does not have a disproportionately high level of power in the legislature); instead of having the right to decline your ballot (which Ontarians and voters in three other provinces have, but this has to be done verbally, which violates the right to a secret ballot) and voters should have the right to vote 'none of the above' and to give a reason on election and by-election ballots (as was recommended 25 years ago by Elections Canada); strengthen provincial ethics, political finance, lobbying, open government, whistle blower protection, and government spending and accountability laws (the Green Party receiving only a C- as the best grade of overall bad grades in DW's report card on the parties' democracy and accountability platforms); mandate Elections Ontario to spend the \$4 million or so it spends each election on voter education on advertisements that include the following two key messages—the real reasons to vote which DM's partner organization Democracy Education Network includes in its VoteParty.ca and VotePromise.ca voter turnout initiatives. One, "You never know when your vote may count, with examples from past elections, and from specific ridings in various elections, which show clearly that election results cannot be predicted in advance, and two—"If you don't vote, you don't count"—mak-

ing it clear that politicians don't really care about you if you don't vote, because non-voters do not help them get elected or defeated.

As well, Elections Ontario again violated the provincial election law by failing to inform voters about their right to decline the ballot and failing to include the total of declined ballots in its election results report. Democracy Watch is planning to file a court application asking for a declaration that Elections Ontario is required to inform voters of their right to decline their ballot.

These changes would give voters many more reasons to vote because they would know that voting for a specific party would mean their vote would count, and the party's promises would be kept, and they would be more assured of democratic good government overall no matter which party won. As well, moving the fixed election date to the last Monday in October would make it easier for people with kids, and students, to follow and participate in the election campaign and have the identification needed to vote.

These problems exist in all the provinces and territories across Canada. All of these changes should be made by the federal and provincial and territorial governments, and for their municipalities, before mandatory voting is even considered, because forcing voters to vote creates false legitimacy for political parties and politicians (and mandatory voting must never be implemented unless "none of the above" is one of the options on the ballot). Internet voting should also not even be considered currently, given it would dangerously undermine the integrity of the voting system.

Nina's walk—a journey of healing and strength

by Maureen Strickland

BIRCH ISLAND—It has been one week since Nina Toulouse ended a memorial walk for her mother, Linda Mae Toulouse, at her mother's home community of Whitefish River First Nation.

"We walk for those who couldn't, for family members, for elders, for other families, for girls and for two-spirited women and we speak for those who don't have a voice," said Ms. Toulouse.

From June 1 to June 3, Ms. Toulouse with her cousin Nala Toulouse and countless supporters along the way, walked and brought her mother's spirit home on a healing journey from Sudbury to Birch Island.

Ms. Toulouse chose these dates specifically because on June 3, 2019 the final report from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls was released.

Linda Mae Toulouse, 56, died in March 2020 at the Ledo Hotel on Elgin Street in Sudbury. Linda Mae Toulouse was a mother, step-mother, grandmother, aunt and friend.

As reported in The Sudbury Star "the Greater Sudbury Police Service said there was no foul play but Nina and her family were not convinced."

"My mother's death was not the first murdered and missing indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) death my family has gone through," said Ms. Toulouse. "When there are no answers, it is a different kind of pain."

Ms. Toulouse wanted the walk to also raise awareness of MMIWG, human trafficking and domestic violence and to educate the public that these things are still happening across Canada and the public needs to pay attention.

Ms. Toulouse met with The Expositor on Friday June 10 at Season's Restaurant in M'Chigeeng during her lunch break. Ms. Toulouse is an Indigenous Youth Prevention/Intervention Program worker with the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising (UCCMM).

Ms. Toulouse emanates a quiet strength as she talks about the walk, her mother and murdered and missing Indigenous women in Canada.

"Walking is a process, you do it



Nala and Nina Toulouse raise their fists during a walk to raise awareness of the continued plight of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. The walk took place between June 1 and 3 and was conducted between Sudbury and Whitefish River First Nation and in memory of Nina Toulouse's mother Linda. Although the police assert no foul play in Linda Toulouse's death, her family remains unconvinced.

photos by Linda Roy

step by step, just like a healing journey," said Ms. Toulouse.

The walk started with a dream this past winter, says Ms. Toulouse. Her mother came to her in a dream, Linda Mae was in Birch Island and she needed help. Around the same time, Nina's cousin Nala had a similar dream but Linda Mae was in Sudbury. As Nina pondered these messages from her mother she knew she needed to bring her mother's spirit home.

Nina talked to Nala and the two cousins worked together to make this dream and the walk a reality.

At the same time, Nina was working on awareness-raising of human trafficking, domestic violence, healthy relationships and consent through her work with young people. UCCMM gave Nina the creative freedom to explore this through the walk as part of her work.

On June 1 the walk began with a sunrise ceremony in Sudbury. They walked through areas of downtown Sudbury that her mother had frequented to honour her mother's struggles as part of taking her spirit home.

There were five core walkers to start, with other walkers leaving and joining over the next three days.

Nina and Nala did the entire walk. They were flanked by their protectors, Zack Corbiere in front

and Sonny Maguire Smith behind, both driving trucks the whole way.

Just two kilometres short of the first night's rest stop at Centennial Park before Regional Road 55 meets Highway 17, Ms. Toulouse wondered, "what did I get myself into?"

She was sore all over but then she heard 'Remember Me' by Fawn Wood drifting out of Mr. Maguire Smith's truck. The song reminds her of her mother. "My body flushed with goosebumps all over, the pain went away and did not return," said Ms. Toulouse.

Other signs along the road kept her going. She kept finding dimes. Dimes are said to be symbols of being on the right path or signs of love from someone who has died and they are sending encouragement and peace.

Mr. Maguire Smith, unknown to him, was playing the soundtrack to Linda Mae's life on the radio in his truck. All of this brought comfort says Ms. Toulouse.

In Espanola, the whole high school came out to cheer them on and the Ontario Provincial Police provided an escort through town, said Ms. Toulouse.

Ms. Toulouse said her mother was a hard worker. Nina attributes her own work ethic to Linda Mae. "She gave me the teaching to keep moving forward," said Ms. Toulouse.

Step by step, and as the tears flowed during the walk, I felt lighter, said Ms. Toulouse.

On the final afternoon, June 3, as they approached the end of the walk at the memorial site by the community centre in Whitefish River First Nation, Nina was walking with Nala and holding the banner the walkers had carried for 100 kilometers.

"I broke down crying," said Nina, "it hit me, what we had accomplished and how we are role models for resilience."

Nina and Nala hugged, soon to be joined by a community embrace as Linda Mae's spirit was finally brought home.

Ms. Toulouse could not have done the walk without the support of many others. She asked The Expositor to acknowledge all the helpers, the protectors, the

your children.

"Understand how everyone is healing, try to understand inter-generational trauma without judgement and know the history and the context - residential school, the child welfare system, MMIWG," she added. "We are at a pivotal moment for future generations. We are all healing and learning."

On Saturday after the walk, Ms. Toulouse did a bit of dancing at the AOK powwow. "I feel like I am brand new. It is still a process but I feel like I shed one skin and have a new skin," said Ms. Toulouse.

Ms. Toulouse is starting the Anishinaabemowin program at Algoma University in Sault Ste Marie this September.

She says the wound of her mother's death has healed but she has a scar that will always be



The community heals together at the end of the walk as a hand drummer sings a healing song.

grandmothers and youth who walked along side them, the committee We Dance for Life, Noojmowin Teg, Whitefish River First Nation and the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising.

"Say Chi-miigwech to all those who supported us through the hard times of our mother's death," said Ms. Toulouse.

People have come up to Ms. Toulouse since the walk asking how can they help.

Ms. Toulouse says, "listen to the stories, listen with compassion and an open heart, donate to local domestic violence efforts, get educated on human trafficking, open up conversations on racism with

there.

But this healing journey has changed Ms. Toulouse. "Before, I was shy and scared to speak the truth. Now I have the strength to speak out more."

Ms. Toulouse has four children, two boys and two girls, and she is committed to being a role model and breaking unhealthy inter-generational cycles in her own family.

Her 11-year-old's teacher heard a story about Ms. Toulouse embarking on this walk and said, "You're very lucky to have a mother like you have."

And the 11-year-old's reply, "Yes, I love my Mom."

Information leads to controlled drugs seizure in Aundeck Omni Kaning

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Seven people, including two young offenders, have been charged with drug possession, and for the purposes of trafficking in Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK).

On May 20, information was received by police regarding people trafficking controlled substances in AOK. A tele-warrant to search was obtained for the residence at 18 Maple Crescent, AOK First Nation as a result of the information received.

On May 21, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) tactics and rescue unit (TRU), community street crime unit (CSCU) and UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service, executed the warrant and arrested seven people, without incident.

A search of the residence revealed approximately \$5,000 in Canadian currency, 120 grams cocaine (with a street value of \$24,000), 12 5 mg pills (Percocet, with a street value of \$120) and a large



A total of seven people have been charged with drug possession, for the purposes of trafficking, in a police investigation May 20.

machete.

As a result, Leonard Neganegijig, 62, Dan Nahwegahbow, 41, Dayna Nahwegahbow, 26, Jonah Nahwegahbow, 22, Sean Cranney, 47, all of AOK, along with two young persons, both 15, with one being from Brampton and the second from Scarborough, were charged. Under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, the names of the young persons charged cannot be released.

The seven persons have been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking in a schedule 1 substance (cocaine), possession of a schedule 1 substance (pills), possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000 (Canadian currency), possession of weapon for dangerous

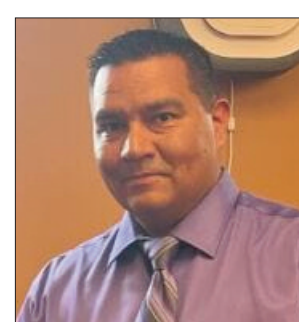
purpose (machete), young person failure to comply with undertaking.

UCCM Police welcomes back Constable Curtis Hare

M'CHIGEENG—The UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service (UCCM APS) is pleased to welcome an experienced constable back to their team.

“Constable Curtis Hare is a member of M'Chigeeng First Nation, where he lives with his wife and two children,” a release explains. “Upon graduating from Manitoulin Secondary School, Curtis completed his post-secondary studies in Sault Ste. Marie in the field of criminal justice.”

“Curtis rejoins UCCM APS after having many roles throughout the criminal justice system such as court officer, correctional officer, probation and parole officer as well as mental health and addic-



UCCM Police Constable Curtis Hare

tions. Most recently, Curtis joined us from Wikwemikong Tribal Police Services,” said Chief of Police James Killeen.

Through Constable Hare's career he has had the pleasure of serving 11 different First Nation communities as constable.

“The UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service, OPP Community Street Crime Unit and Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service remains committed to working collaboratively and will continue to focus its efforts on major crime operations that pose a direct and elevated threat to the safety, security, and wellness of our communities,” a release states. “This combined Integrated Street Crime Unit is a joint force operation and aims to identify and disrupt organized crime on Manitoulin Island through innovative technology, collaborative partnerships and traditional police work resulting in the arrests of those involved, holding them accountable for their criminal activities and the seizure of illegal drugs, prohibited firearms and proceeds of crime.”

If anyone has further information regarding drug trafficking and organized crime, please contact UCCM Police at 705-377-7135, or Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers at 705-222-TIPS (8477), or 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit an online tip at www.sudburycrimestoppers.com.



Law & Order

Trespass call leads to impaired charges

On June 10 at approximately 3:55 pm, the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a trespass related call on Monument Road in Billings Township.

Officers arrived on scene and observed an individual in their vehicle. Upon speaking with the driver regarding the investigation officers had determined the driver had consumed alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

Tania Mariotti, 49, from Sudbury was charged with: operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs; operation while impaired, blood alcohol concentration (80 plus); uttering threats, cause death or bodily harm; and dangerous operation.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on July 20.

Motor vehicle collision leads to impaired charges

On June 8 at approximately 5:15 am, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP responded a report of a vehicle in the ditch on Highway 6 in Mongowin Township.

Officers arrived on scene and after speaking with the driver, it was determined they had consumed alcohol. An Approved Screening Device was administered that resulted in a 'fail' and the driver was subsequently arrested.

William Moroz, 61, from Birch Island was charged with: operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs and operation while impaired, blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on July 18.

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health advisors and a mental health nurse.

The positions will provide support to individuals who require early intervention methods for mental health and addictions and individuals who are in crisis. Expanding on current policing services, the organization will build upon and enhance existing community mobilization and mental health initiatives.

“UCCM APS has had a social navigator on staff since 2014, and a need was recognized to expand the services to deal with the mental health and addiction crisis that our communities are experiencing,” Chief of Police James Killeen said in a press release. “Not only are we trying to enhance our enforcement efforts, but we are also thinking about proactive measures.”

The initiative will increase support for front-line officers, as well as increase community safety and well-being as the force states the calls for service that have an underlying mental health and/or addiction related component are increasing.

“With an integrated and coordinated service approach, the UCCM APS will build current capacity and be better able to support the community members through local partnerships, thereby ensuring a collective care approach for the UCCMM communities,” Chief of Police Killeen added.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Your friendly neighbourhood columnists have been getting their hands dirty lately, getting their gardens shipshape. In the process we've been reading up on plant and gardening history and learned some fascinating things about ancient Romans using plants as poison. They basically had four types. Poisons I, II, and III killed the victim almost instantly upon contact. Poison IV, though, just made the victim extremely itchy.

The Kagawong summer market will be up and running every Wednesday from 10 am to 3 pm, now through September at the pavilion by the waterfront. Be sure to check it out!

A friend of ours had a date with a tennis player last weekend. He took her out for soft serve. In related news, the Manitoulin Tennis Club runs weekly tennis sessions Sundays at 10 am all summer-long at the Manitoulin Secondary School courts. Beginners and seasoned players welcome!

Team Aelick is Strolling for Liver again this year and you can show your support in multiple ways. Join them for the 5 km stroll through the village, donate to the Canadian Liver Foundation, or stop in at the fundraising yard sale on Saturday, July 2 on Maple Ridge.

A friend was telling us that his HR department just asked him to sign up for the company's 401k. We're a bit nervous for him. We're not sure he can run that far.

The Old Mill Heritage Centre is open for the season, so stop in and take the tour! Check out their website at <http://www.kagawongmuseum.ca/> for information on hours and the latest exhibits. If you are looking for copies of the reprinted/revamped *How It All Began* book of township history, the museum and the library are the place to get them!

The long-awaited used book sale supporting the local library is coming soon! Soon-ish anyway. Mark your calendars - July 23 at the market pavilion you can browse row upon row of gently used books at bargain prices!

Yesterday we met two lovely women who pose in ads for a local bakery. They're great roll models.

The next council meeting is July 20th. Contact the town office for information on connecting virtually to watch the proceedings.

Got boat? Get a seasonal boat launch pass! Passes are available for purchase at the marina and town office for \$50.

Keep an eye on the flower boxes around town as volunteer 'Late Bloomers' continue to flex their green thumbs and spruce up the neighbourhood. Each volunteer takes on one or two of the flower boxes around town. The results are a variety of beautiful flower displays!

We almost didn't get the column in on time this week - we were abducted by aliens! They made us wash our hands, clean our rooms and eat our vegetables. Turns out we were on the mothership. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Friday night at cards went well and everyone had a great time. Twelve people played with three tables. High lady was Rose VanEvery. High man was Bob Benedict. Myra Duncanson won ladies' lone hands. Men's lone hands was won by Doug Carter. Most euchres was won by Jan Joyce. The juice was taken home by Sara-Lyn Arnot.

Tuesday a group got together at the hall to prepare disaster relief bags and quilts. The quilts are lovely. I am sure they will bring cheer to someone who needs it badly. Thank you to all the ladies who join together to work. It's not all hard work. There's lots of laughter and talking.

We are preparing for Saturday at Karen Noble's in Silver Water. Meldrum Bay will be having a bake sale at Karen and Albert's yard sale. Everyone come out, you will not be disappointed. Lots of good things will be there. As well, across the road and down the street, in the Hall UCW will be having a yard sale as well. Silver Water will be busy.

There have been boats at the docks and some tents and trailers at the campgrounds. The poppies are coming out at the lake shore and exploding in colour. On the trails the lady slippers are everywhere. What a beautiful time of year.

The store is open and if you want some staples, goodies, a chat or a cup of coffee, it is the place to go. If you come to Meldrum Bay, be sure to visit the store and take a walk on the breakwater. Afterwards take a drive down Mississagi Lighthouse Road. We have two new businesses. The first is

a blacksmith. He will happily do a display of his artistry but as well does work for people. Farther down the road is a lovely sign marking a gallery. I saw a display that they put on last year at the waterfront and I loved everything. I am hoping to stop by soon to see what they have to offer.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Jim and Patsy Kling are at their cottage for a short vacation and celebrating their anniversary.

Keith and Iris Clarke were at their cottage with grandson, Hayden for the weekend. They had Tom and Linda Rumley, Myra Duncanson and me in for six-handed euchre on Saturday night. We had a lot of fun and Hayden played for a while.

We planted the celery plants tonight that we bought at Kit and Sarah McEvoy's seedling sale. The garden is starting to show lots of rows of tiny plants.

There were a lot of ladies out to the UCW meeting at St Andrew's United Church in Silver Water on Thursday afternoon. There were many plans made, starting with the big yard sale at the Silver Water Community Hall on Saturday, June 18 in the morning. There will be coffee and muffins for sale. Items you wish to donate to the UCW yard sale on the 18th at Silver Water Hall, can be dropped off Wednesday, Thursday or Friday in the basement of the hall.

There were 15 people out to euchre at the Silver Water Community Hall on Thursday night.

Meldrum Bay euchre started on Friday night. There were 12 people out and it was great to get back to all the laughing. We had some new players. The Monday night movie was announced starting on June 13.

There will be a big bake sale as part of the market in our yard on Saturday, June 18. The ladies of Meldrum Bay are fundraising for the Dawson Citizens Improvement Association projects. I am sure they would appreciate anyone willing to donate baking and anyone coming out to buy.

Happy sixth birthday to Brooklyn Watson of Meldrum Bay.

Get well wishes to Debbie Clarke, Jason Topp, Max Trick, and Ian Stonebridge.

Happy Father's Day on Saturday, June 19!

Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

Track and field held for first time since 2019

The Island Elementary Track and Field Championships were held over two days last week in CC McLean in Gore Bay for the first time since 2019! After the long COVID break, kids were super eager to get out there and try to be: “faster, higher, stronger - together”! After being rained out on the Tuesday the festivities were pushed back to last Thursday and Friday with, thankfully, great weather.

The focus of this annual event is the team aspect, of course. Everyone can have an impact on the aggregate tallies if they can add even a point to their school total. With that being said, there were a couple of individual results that should be recognized because they both broke long-standing, Island records.

Ethan Ense (Lakeview) launched a shot-put 9.87 metres, breaking **Ferris Eshkawkogan**'s record (9.64m, Wasse Abin) from back in 2014! **Jack Bridgeman** put together a perfect meet with four firsts but in the high jump, he not only won, he beat a 17-year-old height set by **Sammy Trimmer** (152 cm, Assigniack 2005). Jack's top-mark of 158cm was great but he was regularly clearing 160+cm in training!

In the age group medal winners I will start with the up-and-comers. In the nine-year-old girls' category **Breeze Osawamick** (Wasse Abin) had a perfect 12 points, **Sydney Cunningham** (LCPS) was second and **Ella King** (LCPS) and **Sarah Joyce** (CCM) ties with six points apiece. **Boston Abotossaway** (LCPS) led the boys, **Evander Shawana** (WA) was second and **Simon Fessenden** (LCPS), third.

In the 10-year-old girls, **Rylee Williamson** (CCM), 1st, **Nova Debassige** (CMPS) 2nd and **Lilly Beaudry** (WA) and **Myla Edralin** (LCPS) tied for third with seven points each. **David Joyce** (CCM) was a point shy of perfect with his 11 points, **Finn Flanagan** (CCM), **Casey Bowerman** (LCPS) was third.

The 11-year-old class was graced with a perfect score of 12 for Assigniack's **Arabella Ostosquaiob**. **Corie Brown** (CMPS) tied for silver with CC McLean's **Brynn Best**. Tying for bronze were **Joey Ruyter** (CCM) and **Rowyn Kasunich** (Lakeview). **Ryan Carter** and **Roen Deschenes** both of Little Current P.S. had near-perfect 11s. **Kobe Mayers** (Wasse Abin) was second with classmate **Koda Peltier** took the bronze.

In the 12-year-old girls' category **Charmaine Webkamigad** (LCPS) had the same 11 point tally as Lakeview's **Lourdes Taukei**. **Damara Wassegijig** (Lakeview) earned silver and **Samantha Mackenzie** took the bronze. The aforementioned **Jack Bridgeman** from Mindemoya won the gold and his classmate, **Jonah Balfe** took silver with 10 points and **Landen Maloney** (LCPS) had 9 for third.

In the 13-plus girls' division CMPS's **Myah Balfe** had a perfect 12 points for gold. **Fia Flanagan** (CCM) amassed 11 points for silver. The bronze medal position was deadlocked with **Ava Corbiere** (CMPS) and **Madison McCarville** (APS) each receiving seven points. **Ethan Witty** (CCM) was the top body with 10 points, **Kohyn Eshkawkogan** (LCPS) won silver and Gore Bay's **Wyatt Williamson-Wright** took home bronze.

Thanks to the many teachers and parent volunteers who made the event happen without a hitch. Thanks especially to **Bruce Lindsay** and **Dan Smith** who put in extra hours in making sure things were perfect.

Caught being active!

I had heard that the Canadian Commuter Challenge was going to take place last week. With the great weather we have been having, I was down to zero reasons why I should not bike to work. At only seven kilometers into Mindemoya from Big Lake it wasn't a big deal and I biked every day. On Friday, when I arrived at the school I saw Grade 5 student **Aiden MacFarlane** already sitting at the crosswalk!



He had told me for a couple of days that he was going to do it and although I encouraged him, in the back of my mind, I just figured it was unlikely. He would have to take his heavy mountain bike along gravel roads and the highway for nearly 15 km, double what I do on a proper road bike. On top of that, there would be the waking up earlier, eating and getting his lunch ready.

Aiden MacFarlane met the Canadian Commuter Challenge and then some! Aiden got up at 6 am to cycle the 15 kilometres to class.

Often teased because of his diminutive stature, the small but mighty Aiden thought nothing of it and arrived at 7:30! Just 11 years old, he had made himself breakfast, having been up since 6 am, made his lunch and hit the road. He said that he had some problems with his bike but just the same difficulties he always had. When I checked his bike I noticed that his gear cables were so tight he wasn't able to change gears!

Congratulations, Aiden and all of the other kids out there who are getting more use out of their bikes than popping wheelies and jumping over their friends! If you are one of those energetic individuals or know someone who is, send me details to chipstoquips@gmail.com and I can feature them here.

Interestingly, the Commuter Challenge kept track of participants' fuel savings and the amount of CO2 not put into the atmosphere. For just my five-day tally of 72.5km, the algorithm calculated that I saved seven litres of fuel and prevented 15 kilograms of CO2 exhausted into the air. It was the mass of CO2 that struck me. That is 33 pounds of greenhouse gas I had been spewing out every week. Wow, scary!

A good sport is good for sports!
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Manitoulin Golf crowns mixed tournament champions

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON—The Justice Corbiere and Jackie Patterson team were the winners of the championship flight at the Manitoulin Golf mixed championship held this past weekend. They posted a 36-hole score of 146 (75-71) over the two-day event, beating their closest competitors by three strokes.

“I would like to thank everyone for coming out and playing this weekend,” said Cheryl Deeg, manager of the Manitoulin Golf Pub and Grill. “I hope everyone had a great time this weekend.”

“And thank you to Cheryl and her clubhouse and kitchen staff, and the course grounds crew,” said Dan Marois.

Finishing second in the championship flight was the James Beaudin and Laura Assinewai team which posted a total score of 149.

Taking first place in the second flight was the Stewart Simpson and Sheila Bray team, with a score of 166. Second in this flight was the Roger and Char Beaudin team with a score of 171.

Special prizes were presented, including for the longest drive. On Saturday the longest drive prize was won by Meranda Varey on the ladies' side, and Justice Corbiere on the mens' side. On Sunday, the winner on the ladies' side was Sheila Bray, with Warren Corbiere on the mens' side.

The closest to the pin prizes on



Manitoulin Golf held its annual 36-hole, mixed golf tournament this past weekend. Left, Cheryl Deeg manager of the Manitoulin Golf clubhouse Pub and Grill congratulates the championship flight winning team of Jackie Patterson and Justice Corbiere.

photo by Tom Sasvari

Saturday went to Laura Corbiere on the second hole, Jim Cahill on the 11th hole and Justice Corbiere on the fourth hole. On Sunday the prizes for closest to the pin including Justice Corbiere on the

fourth hole and Allison Idle on the second and 11th holes.

The raffle prize of a Patioflame, donated by Pat Noble Lumber, was won by Justice Corbiere.

New manager of Manitoulin Golf clubhouse Pub and Grill looks forward to great season

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON/BARRIE ISLAND—With a new season has come changes at Manitoulin Golf, and one of the changes is the announcement that Cheryl Deeg has taken over the position of manager of the Clubhouse Pub and Grill.

“I'm feeling pretty good about the season. We have had a huge success to begin the season,” Ms. Deeg told The Expositor. She had worked a couple of seasons previously at Manitoulin Golf, prior to taking over as manager of the clubhouse. Ms. Deeg owned and operated the Twin Bluffs Restaurant in Gore Bay for more than a decade.

“I have always enjoyed working here. It's nice to see all the people, to see familiar faces, some new faces and other people that I haven't seen in a long-time,” said Ms. Deeg. She pointed out a few new staff members have been welcomed this year. “We are very excited to have the new staff as part of the team, and I am looking forward to working with all our staff members this season.”

“Manitoulin Golf and the Clubhouse Pub and Grill are open to all members of the public,” said Ms. Deeg. “A lot of clubs are private in other areas, and they don't necessarily know that our facilities are open to all members of the public.”

The menu at the Clubhouse pub and Grill, “has a variety of items to choose from,” said Ms. Deeg, who pointed out the full menu can be found on the Manitoulin Golf website and Facebook, along with tournament dates and special events.



From left are Manitoulin Golf clubhouse Pub and Grill staff including Jess Hayden, Cheryl Deeg, Becky Deeg, Tara Sewers and Judy Johnson. Missing from photo is Janet Stafford, John Wright and Casey Deeg.

photo by Tom Sasvari

Currently, the clubhouse is open from Tuesday through Saturday from 12 noon until seven pm, and Sunday from 9 am to 2 pm. “We will be extending this to seven days a week and extending our hours of operation in the summer,” said Ms. Deeg.

As well, “we're excited that we have been able to add a couple of new golf carts to our fleet,” continued Ms. Deeg. “And we will soon be providing a stay and play soon, upstairs accommodations above the clubhouse for visiting golfers who want to stay and play at the golf course. All the details can be viewed on our website as these facilities become available.”

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Little Current public school repeats as Island elementary school track and field champs!

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—Little Current Public School (LCPS) has repeated as the Manitoulin Island elementary school track and field champions!

Dan Smith, one of the organizers of the annual competition, presented the Island championship trophy to a group of LCPS students at the award ceremonies after the two-day competition (Thursday and Friday of last week). “LCPS had only been leading by five points heading into today (the running events held Friday). Incredibly they ended up with a total of 203 points.” Charles C. McLean Public School (Gore Bay) placed second with 177.5 points, with Central Manitoulin Public School (Mindemoya) third with 119.5 points, Wasse-Abin (Wiikwemkoong)



These two C.C. McLean runners demonstrate good form in their relay race.



Setting the bar! Jack Bridgeman of Central Manitoulin Public School broke a long-time record set in the boys' age 12 division high jump at the Island elementary school track and field championship.

fourth with 108.5 points, Assiginack Public School (Manitowaning) fifth with 56.5 points and Lakeview (M'Chigeeng) sixth with 55 points.

“LCPS was also the winner of the most recent Island championship in 2019,” said Mr. Smith. “They have great athletes and showed great sportsmanship.”

The team per capita trophy went to C.C. McLean, based on the total of points a school accumulates in the competition divided by the number of students in a school. C.C. McLean took top spot with a per student average of 1.9 points per student. Finishing second was LCPS with a per student average of .76 points, and CMPS third with .7 points per student. Assiginack was fourth (.57), Lakeview fifth (.47 points per student) and Wasse-Abin had .29 points per student.

Individually, in the girls' nine-year-old division, Breeze Osawamick of Wasse-Abin was first with a perfect score of 12 (having finished first in all four of her events) to take the gold medal. Sydney Cunningham of C.C. McLean won the silver medal with eight points, while there was a tie for third place with Ella King of LCPS and Sarah Joyce of C.C. McLean each winning a bronze medal with six points.

In the boys' age nine division, Boston Abotossaway of LCPS was first with 10 points, with Evander Shawana of Wasse-Abin second with nine points, and Simon Fessenden of LCPS third with six points.

Rylee Williamson of C.C. McLean led the way in the 10-year-old-girls' category with nine points, one point better than Nova Debassige of CMPS, in second. There was a two-way tie for third place with Lilly Beaudry of Wasse-Abin and Myla Edralin of LCPS each with seven points.

Over on the boys' side, two C.C. McLean athletes won gold and silver, with David Joyce finishing on top with 11 points and Finn Flanagan with 10 points. Casey Bowerman of LCPS won the bronze medal with seven points.

Arabella Otosquaib of Assiginack had a perfect score of 12 points to take the gold medal in the 11-year-old girls' category. Corey Brown of CMPS and Brynn Best of C.C. McLean finished in a second-place tie, with seven points each. There was also a two-way tie for third place with Joey Ruyter of C.C. McLean and Rowyn Kasunich of Lakeview with six points each. In the boys' division, Ryan Carter and Roen Deschenes, both of LCPS, tied for first place with 11 points each, with Kobe Mayers and Koda Peltier, each of

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Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Aspen Debassige

CONGRATULATIONS, XAVIER!



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XAVIER MARA

Xavier Mara is an all-around student, athlete, and new Mustang at MSS. He is sure to show and improve his skills as he goes through his next three years in high school. Xavi grew up living in Manitowaning, attending APS (Assiginack Public School). Here he played all sports offered including volleyball, cross-country, track and field, soccer, three-pitch, and flag football and admits that this is where his love for sports started.

As a Grade 9 student Xavi is sure to be a great asset to the Mustangs' squads as he is a very versatile athlete playing almost all sports. These included the junior boys' volleyball and basketball teams, cross-country, track, tennis, badminton (though he wasn't able to compete due to overlap of robotics) and snowboarding. He did very well at the NSSAA (North Shore Secondary School Athletics Association) competition for track, placing first in the 3000m and 1500m and second in the 800m races. At NOSSA (Northern Ontario Secondary School Athletics) he placed third for the 1500m and 3000m qualifying him for OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletics Associations). Making it to OFSAA has definitely been his highlight from this year as not many athletes make it for any sport, only the top in Ontario. He also did very well in cross-country, placing first at NSSAA.

Xavier enjoys playing sports because they are a fun way to keep active and if you work hard you can always improve your game and work on different skills. If he had to choose, he says his favourite sport is snowboarding, he likes how you can let yourself go and soar down the mountain. Snowboarding requires spatial awareness, balance, coordination and cardio in order to be effective. Playing all sports allows all of these skills to stay sharp and ready for when the snow flies.

When Xavi isn't participating in competitive sports he can be found swimming, running, playing ping-pong, soccer, Clash of Clans, jumping on the trampoline and keeping up with his studies. He is also a part of the robotics team which takes up a large amount of time through the year. He has four cats, Leto, Spice, Gus and Robert, who don't really help him stay active but they are very cute and keep him good company. Xavi also owns a lizard named Zenith, who mainly just lies around but likes to look cool doing it. For volunteer experience he has helped with Mindemoya and Manitowaning soccer and other athletic-related events. This summer he plans on being a swimming instructor in Mindemoya.

When it comes to academics Xavier is on top of his game as well, especially when it comes to his favourite subject - math. He says he enjoys working with numbers because he likes figuring out the answer to equations. He is also a year ahead in his math studies. When considering post secondary options Xavi wants to first attend the University of Waterloo to major in Nanotechnology and then apply for med school at McMaster.

When it comes to inspiration Xavier finds it in a certain quote from one of his favourite movie series, Star Wars. It reads “Do or do not, there is no try” - Jedi Master Yoda. This quote means that you either do your best or don't do it at all there is no in between. An athlete who inspires Xavi is Eluid Kipchoge, who is a Kenyan professional long-distance runner who competes in various marathons. He is also the 2016 and 2020 Olympic marathon winner. He has also set the world record in the marathon in 2018. He is a very determined athlete and focused on what he wants to do, making him a great role model for a young athlete. Xavi has certainly picked the right role model because stamina will be a key to his success in his university aspirations! We are confident that he can achieve those goals for sure.

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...Indigenous economic development strategy cites 107 Calls to Action

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ic development produced through an Indigenous lens. The report, unveiled on Monday, June 6 at the National Press Gallery room in Ottawa, was structured along the lines of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee Report and contains 107 "calls to action."

Dawn Madahbee Leach, general manager of Waubetek Business Development Corporation and chair of the National Indigenous Economic Development Board (NIEDB) was one of the leads on the group that helped to draft the report.

Ms. Madahbee Leach spoke to The Expositor about her reaction to the event. "We had such a great day," she said. Ms. Madahbee Leach was quick to point out that she was just one of many of those who collaborated on the report. "We had found that previous reports didn't represent our voices," she said. So, in 2020, the steering group began working on an Indigenous-created report.

The importance of the issue cannot be overstated, she notes, as improved economic outcomes for Indigenous communities has a knock-on effect on the economies of surrounding non-Native communities—rising tides raise all boats, to the tune of an estimated \$30 billion potential for the Canadian GDP.

As a frontline organization on the Indigenous economic development front, Waubetek sees first-hand the challenges facing Indigenous entrepreneurs in taking their visions to fruition. Indigenous businesses have faced historical challenges, given the reluctance of banks to finance projects where there are challenges in securing equity. Lingering systemic racism and a stereotype that Indigenous borrowers would not pay off their loans added to the mix.

"We need to change the page on Indigenous people being the highest-risk capital and see that their participation in resource projects actually de-risks the project," said Shanin Metatawabin, CEO of the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association and one of the authors of the report.

Ms. Madahbee Leach pointed out that Waubetek's experiences in providing loans to Indigenous business has given the lie to those perceptions, boasting a completion rate that would put just about any lending institution to shame.

But Waubetek is limited in its ability to fund projects. As a federally funded Aboriginal Financial Institution (AFI), they face a \$400,000 loan ceiling which falls far short of what a construction company would need to finance a new excavator or to backstop an entrepreneur who wants to open a franchise restaurant on reserve.

"We feel like our hands are tied," Ms. Madahbee Leach said. "I'd love to do the loans because these are clients of ours who have already proven themselves, but we don't have that level of financing available."

AFIs have provided some \$2.4 billion in loans to Indigenous businesses over the past 25 years, leveraging \$365 million in government funding, but this falls far short of what is needed to end poverty and a lack of opportunity in First Nation communities. That shortfall costs an estimated \$27.7 billion each year, according to a 2016 report from the National Indigenous Economic Development Board cited in the Indigenous Economic Development Strategies.

Over the course of three meetings, with a first draft in 2019, a second in 2020 and a third in 2021, the vast on-the-ground expertise of the five contributing organizations was incorporated into the 107 recommendations contained in the strategy.

The strategy has four strategic pathways, explained Ms. Madahbee Leach: people, lands, infrastructure and finance. Contained within the report are 107 Calls to Economic Prosperity aimed at guiding Canadian society toward a more equitable and prosperous future.

Ms. Madahbee Leach noted that the release of the report was attended not only by members of the press, but also by representatives from major corporations and several cabinet ministers and bureaucrats, but unlike many previous reports on Indigenous economic development strategies, the people standing at the front of the room were not government representatives or bureaucrats, but Indigenous business leaders.

The strategy recommends strengthening funding for AFIs to meet loan demand. It also calls for major infrastructure overhauls, noting the current regime ensures infrastructure in Indigenous communities "costs the most to build, takes the longest to develop, and has the shortest operational life" when held up to other

government projects.

That infrastructure includes drinking water systems, as the report notes. In 2021, a report by the Auditor General of Canada found the federal government's efforts to address long-term drinking water advisories on reserves were hamstrung due to outdated policies and funding formulas.

...MHC maintains hospital masking requirements

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"And with the massive nursing shortages everywhere, including the MHC, we are hiring travelling nurses for the first time through the summer to give our staff members the opportunity for vacation time," continued Ms. Fields. "We can't afford an outbreak in staff, as it would result in a closure of some services."

...honours Greg Lockeyer

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of them is Greg Lockeyer. With a history spanning 40 years, he has literally done it all. From coach to referee, to district and MMHA referee in chief, to ref assignor to scheduler."

"Greg coached and was a trainer for seven years as his kids went through the divisions," the MMHA wrote. "He was the trainer of the Telus Cup championship team in 2008 (which included his sons Justin and Devin as players) but Greg being Greg, modest as can be, he called himself the 'chief skate sharpener' as the portable skate sharpening equipment travelled with the team."

"Greg has been an on-ice official since he was 13-years-old (roughly 40 years)," the MMHA noted. "The knowledge this man has is astounding, but what is more impressive is his delivery of it. Greg is always calm, cool and collected, no matter if he is on or off the ice. We have sat in meetings where he was verbally attacked, so to

"We just hope the public understands why we are taking these measures," said Ms. Fields. "We want to continue to protect staff, patients and visitors to the hospitals. We have had staff members who, over the past couple of years, have tested positive for COVID. Fortunately, there has not been a facility transfer transportation of the disease. Our staff have been champions through all of this, and we are very proud of them."

"In conjunction with health care facilities across our region, including Health Sciences North, the Little Current and Mindemoya sites of MHC, as well as Manitoulin Central Family Health Team, Assiginack Family Health Team, Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team and the Gore Bay Medical Clinic will still require those in attendance to wear a mask," a MHC release states. "Should you arrive without a mask or be wearing a cloth mask, a medical-grade mask will be provided. Screeners will continue to monitor incoming traffic for symptoms and mask compliance. We ask that those in attendance at the hospital or health care clinics across Manitoulin continue to be kind and patient with those staff who are there to help and protect you."

Dr. Moore added, "the province will continue to monitor for any significant changes, including any new variants of concern, to ensure we are adapting our response to protect the health and safety of all Ontarians."

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Tehkummah council looks to licence trailers in township

by Tom Sasvari
TEHKUMMAH—Tehkummah Township council has passed the first two readings of a bylaw to licence trailers in the township, the latest Island municipality to do so.
 “The main thing we did at our meeting, was to look at establishing a bylaw to licence trailers,” said Reeve Dave Jaggard, following a council meeting last week. He explained that Assinac Township introduced a trailer licence bylaw more than a year ago, and Tehkummah’s proposed bylaw is the same. “The only big difference is that we have to establish what the annual fees are going to be and what fines are going to be,” said Reeve Jaggard. He explained that “around 1980, the Planning Act came into affect but it didn’t include having travel trailers parked on

vacant lots.”
 Reeve Jaggard said even if a person can find accommodations and a lot to park their trailer, there can still be no sanitary standards to meet health unit requirements. And if you have a waterfront property you could be paying \$5,000-\$7,000 in taxes on a home or cottage in a year. But a person with a trailer, who just parks their trailer on a lot, is paying a fraction of the taxes.”
 “And there are cases where people are unhappy about others using their vacant property to park their travel trailers, without paying any type of fee or taxes,” continued Reeve Jaggard.
 Reeve Jaggard said that council will be looking at finalizing the bylaw at its next council meeting.

...Association honours Greg Lockeyer

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 speak, and he remained unflappable and presented his opinion in a respectful and relaxed manner. For Manitoulin hockey, Greg is our go-to for any questions about officiating. He was the district referee in chief for NOHA for five years and 10 years for MMHA.
 Mr. Lockeyer did extensive mentoring of new and young referees. “He taught numerous referee clinics for our young officials just starting out. No matter how heated things would get on the ice, there was always a strong presence and a calm demeanor with Greg,” continued MMHA.
 “Parents, coaches and players would breathe a sigh of relief when he skated onto the ice. All our Island officials are amazing but when we know a game may be a bit difficult, we call Greg,” the MMHA wrote. “We can count on him and know that he is delivering the best officiating that he can.”
 “Greg has done the scheduling for 23 years of Manitoulin MMHA, including the past year, and with the opening and closing due to the pandemic, he redid it, as he says, ‘67 times,’ all volunteer and all on his own time,” the letter continued.
 “What is truly remarkable is that after 40 years he continues to make himself available and always is positive and inspiring about hockey on Manitoulin,” wrote the MMHA. “Truly, there is no one in hockey on Manitoulin more dedicated than Greg Lockeyer.”
 Long-time Manitoulin hockey official Bob Dumond wrote in part, “to Mr. Greg Lockeyer, finally some well deserved recognition. Congratulations on being this year’s NOHA recipient of the Angus Campbell Award. Greg, I’m not sure what to say. Your commitment to the game of hockey and contributions to minor hockey across this district cannot be quantified. NOHA could not have selected a better person more deserving of this award.”
 “Greg, if and when you choose to step away from the game of hockey, it’s the

game that will lose out,” wrote Mr. Dumond.
 “My involvement started in minor hockey,” Mr. Lockeyer told the gathering. “When I was 13 I tried my luck as an official. My dad was my mentor, and another mentor down the line was Don Prescott. My current mentors are Gayle and Mike Payette.”
 Mr. Lockeyer noted, “in 2008 both my boys, Justin here and Devin, played in Triple A and their team won the national championship. Those memories I will cherish forever. Their team beat a Winnipeg team that had Mark Strome. I would like to thank the MMHA for nominating me for this award. I am very humbled to receive this recognition.”
 Ron Cooper, who received the Randy Thibault Memorial Award said, “Greg did a lot of things besides being a referee. As a ball player, he was the most dominant pitcher on the Island for awhile. He was dominant in any sport. And we all know how great an organizer Greg is, I can’t think of a better recipient for this award. He continues to give his all to all communities. Congratulations.”
 Delroy Prescott, said, “I’ve known Greg for a long time. It was an honour to hear him mention my father as one of his mentors. My dad was the secretary/manager for Manitoulin Minor Hockey for 18 years. I would like to congratulate Greg on receiving this award.”
 Son Justin Lockeyer told the gathering, “It’s clear I have big shoes to try and fill. I’m just happy for you, dad. This is a very well-deserved award. Without guys like you here there wouldn’t be NHL superstars.”
 “When a person receives a lifetime achievement award, it means that you have committed a lot of time and effort. My goal as a kid, to be an NHL superstar, has changed. Now it is trying to get the same type of award you have received.”

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...mirrors national trend as food bank needs increase

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construction of a new and larger food bank and thrift shop," said Ms. Hall. "We will be opening our new food bank in the next few weeks." With more room in this new food bank, "we were able to purchase commercial grade freezers and refrigerators. The funding was a godsend and we will be needing the expanded facility."

A new phone survey poll taken by Food Banks Canada, conducted by Mainstreet Research, indicates seven million Canadians report going hungry with nearly one in five Canadians reporting they had gone hungry, at some point, over the past two years. Twenty three percent of Canadians report eating "less than they should" due to rising inflation and not having enough money for food, and 61 percent believe the cost of housing is now the biggest contributor to food insecurity in Canada. More Canadians report that they are facing hunger and food insecurity due to rising inflation and housing access.

"This summer will be the toughest Canada's food banks have ever experienced in our 41-year history," explained Food Bank Canada's newly appointed CEO Kirstin Beardsley. "The majority of food banks in every region of Canada are already stretched to their limits, with demand expected to remain high throughout the summer months as more Canadians struggle to cope with rising inflation."

According to Ms. Beardsley, 61 percent of Canadians now believe that rising housing costs are the biggest barrier that is preventing Canadians from being able to afford food and this has doubled over the past year alone.

One in five Canadians (seven million people) report going hungry at least once between March 2020-March 2022. One in three Canadians who earn less than \$50,000 a year, report instances of not having enough money for food between March 2020-March 2022.

"When you see some food items in the stores having gone up in price from \$2.99 to \$7.99, if you only have \$100 to buy groceries for a month, this isn't going to last very long," said Ms. Hall. "It gets to the point people have to decide if they drive to the grocery store whether they are going to choose between putting gas in the car or buying food. And it's like that for all us who are privileged to have a job and an income. It is far worse for those people who are at greater risk."

Ms. Hall also said, "it is important that members of the community realize that the phone survey just conducted is great and it provides an indication of how things are for members of the general public. But those people who don't have access to a phone are already excluded from the survey. The most marginalized persons have been left out, (homeless and those living in a park)."

Typically, food banks across Canada see an easing of

demand during the summer months, but according to Ms. Beardsley, food bankers on the frontlines are reporting no signs of slowdowns.

"Food banks in most regions of Canada are experiencing an influx of Canadians visiting food banks for the first time, a number that's increased by up to 25 percent in some regions, which we haven't seen since the first few months of the pandemic," explained Ms. Beardsley, adding that food banks are also reporting that they are seeing former food bank clients forced to return, after five or more years of not having to rely on food banks to get by. This is also Ms. Hall's observation on Manitoulin.

"The biggest sign that inflation is seriously impacting hunger and food security in Canada is that the reasons why people say they are coming to food banks is changing," said Ms. Beardsley. "In the past, people would turn to food banks during times of job loss, or due to lower wages, but over the past six months, Canadians are telling us that they are running out of money for food because of rising housing, gas, energy and food costs. That's an indication that we need to find new longer-term solutions to fight hunger and food insecurity."

"Canada's outdated social reforms are failing to keep pace with the new pressures of inflation and dramatically rising housing costs that are affecting every region of the country," said Ms. Beardsley. "Fewer people are in a position to donate because their budgets are stretched. They might not need a food bank, but still don't have the money to donate food or funds to the food banks," added Ms. Beardsley.

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the Manitoulin Island Treaty, sometimes the Bond Head Treaty, or officially with the Canadian government as 'Treaty 45.'

Sir Bond Head described the 1836 treaty ceremony in several of the publications written during his lifetime and included a description of how he came into possession of the pipe. "After the lighting of the 'Calumet', or 'Pipe of Peace,' each chief smoked it and it was finally handed to Sir Francis to smoke and afterwards presented to him by the head chief. This Pipe of Peace is now a family heirloom."

The Bond Head pipe is described as "an object that gives voice to an important historical moment in the relations between the Indigenous nations and the

colonial government and is an object of significant aesthetic and cultural value. It is important because the pipe provides testimonial to the past as a witness and brings greater understanding to the present."

Pipes such as the one presented to Sir Bond Head have a legacy that stretches back into greater antiquity, with roots firmly dug into pre-contact culture and traditions. A deeply spiritual item, such pipes were intricately carved by Anishinaabe craftsmen and served as a means of communicating with the spirit world, primarily through prayers sent with the ascending smoke to the Creator. Such ceremonial tobacco smoking has been central to Indigenous life since long before the

arrival of Europeans and pipes which bear images of a living being or material object, like the Bond Head pipe are often referred to as effigy pipes.

A Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) historical document notes that "by the seventeenth century, Anishinaabe pipe makers near the Straights of Mackinac, between Lake Huron and Lake Michigan, were carving with metal tools. This stimulated an increased production and, with the advent of metal reamers, longer shanks came into prominence. With the advent of metal tools, effigy pipes grew increasingly complex and esoteric, to a degree where bowls displayed narrative scenes."

"Certain Indigenous communities, including the Anishinaabe of Manitoulin Island, took pipe carving to an extraordinarily high level of artistic achievement," continues the historical description. "Their bowls were coveted and acquired by Euro-Canadians who were generally of higher social status."

Given its stylistic accoutrements, it is believed the Bond Head pipe was likely carved by one of the earlier artisans rather than by one of the later carvers who fulfilled the 'tourist' trade demand for these items.

OCF archivist Naomi Recollet noted that the quest to repatriate the Bond Head Pipe began a couple of years ago when it came to the attention of Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Duke Peltier that the pipe was up

for auction through the Bonhams Auction House in San Francisco. The pipe had an estimated auction value of \$20,000 to \$40,000 USD.

Ogimaa Peltier was contacted by one of Wiikwemkoong's lawyers with an offer of assistance to save the pipe from the hammer.

"Our historical research and legal community learned the pipe was going up for auction," recalled Ogimaa Peltier. "We got in touch with one of the lawyers who does work for us and they offered to assist us."

In due time, the ROM became involved and, following conversations with the auction house and the pipe's former owner, the Bond Head Pipe was withdrawn from the auction. The pipe is currently under the "stewardship" of the ROM until a more permanent home on Manitoulin can be secured.

"The event at the OCF was the first time the pipe has been presented to the broader Anishinaabe community," said Ogimaa Peltier. "We held ceremony with it, feasted the ancestors who created and presented it. At the OCF I shared the story of the pipe as I knew it."

Ogimaa Peltier noted the pipe has deep significance for his community and for all Anishinaabe of Turtle Island, especially given the ongoing controversies surrounding later treaties that continue into the present day.

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...Full day of events scheduled

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demonstration, followed by a land-based presentation that will explore grounding learning in knowledge about the land and environment around us.

Chef Joseph Shawana will bring 'Prepared from the Land,' a taste of Odawa Mnis in conjunction with Wiikwemkoong Tourism, before a reprise of the Great Northern Road Show with Science North.

At 4:15 pm a ribbon skirt fashion show will take place before the closing remarks from Science North and the tourism staff—but things don't stop there. At 5 pm a community feast will be held before a community canoe launch and ceremony, followed by live entertainment from the incomparable Elijah and the Backburners, Johnny Cash Tribute and a host of local entertainers.

Crystal Shawanda will be livestreamed on APTN before the evening is made complete as the sky lights up with fireworks.

Planning for the annual satellite community traditional powwow is apparently underway as well, but details are not yet available. Please see the ad on Page 17 for full details.

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...Little Current public school repeats as Island elementary school track and field champs!

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Wasse-Abin, finishing second and third with 10 and seven points, respectively.

The 12-year-old girls' division saw Charmaine Webkamid of LCPS and Lourdes Taukei of Lakeview tying for the gold medal with 11 points each. Damara Wassegijig of Lakeview was second with nine points, while the bronze medal was won by Samantha MacKenzie of CMPS with six points.

Jack Bridgeman of CMPS had a perfect score of 12 points to take the gold medal, with Jonah Balfe of CMPS



The annual Manitoulin Island elementary track and field championships brought together elementary school athletes who took part in a total of 110 different running and track events.

second with 10 points and Landen Maloney of LCPS third with nine points.

In the girls' 13-year-old category, Mya Balfe of CMPS had a perfect score of 12 points to take the gold medal. Winning the silver medal was Fia Flanagan of C.C. McLean with 11 points, while there was a two-way tie for third place with Ava Corbiere of CMPS and Madison McCarville of Assinack both garnering seven points.

In the boys' 13-year-old category, Ethan Witty of C.C. McLean won the gold medal with 10 points, Kohyn Eshkawkogan of LCPS won the silver medal with nine points, and Wyatt Williamson-Wright of C.C. McLean finished third with eight points.

Mr. Smith thanked all the officials, volunteers, coaches and athletes for taking part in the 110 different events over two days.

Tim Lockeyer of LCPS said, "for the past 27 years, I have worked with Mr. Smith at this event. He is retiring at the end of this year. I don't think anyone realizes the amount of work he has put into this, preparing the track, putting the lines down, then having it rain, and starting this all over again. It has been a real pleasure working with you all these years. Hopefully, you will be back again next year to help out. Congratulations Dan."

A special presentation was made to Mr. Smith by Aman-



Island champs! Several members of the Little Current Public School team that won the annual Manitoulin Island elementary track and field championship pose with the trophy.



In the boys' 13-year-old division, left, Wyatt Williamson-Wright of C.C. McLean finished third, Kohyn Eshkawkogan of Little Current Public School was second with Ethan Witty of C.C. McLean taking first place.

da James, a former student and athlete of his at C.C. McLean, a red t-shirt signed by the athletes with the inscription "Forever our favourite coach, Mr. Smith."

"I would like to thank all of the athletes, coaches, volunteers and parents for supporting the students, and each other. The athletes are the reason we are here, for you," said Mr. Smith. "As students, you are with us for 10 years. We are your parents, guardians and supporters at school."

Mr. Smith talked about the importance of sportsmanship shown by the athletes, getting choked up as he told the story of Grayson Case of LCPS letting his team-mate Arron Townsend, who was cramping up at the end of a 400-metre race, win so the latter could garner his first place finish in the race.

There were two records broken in the competition. One new record was set by Ethan Ense of Lakeview, in the boys' 12-year-old division in the shotput. He set the new record of 9.87 metres, breaking the old record, set in 2014 of 9.64 metres.

"It is remarkable to me, that a 17-year-old record was broken in the high jump event," said Mr. Smith. He pointed out a jump of 1.52 metres is a mark that typically high school jumpers will attain at the provincial championships. Jack Bridgeman of CMPS set the new record of 1.58 metres.



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Bluegrass in the Country celebrated a return to live music

by Michael Erskine
PROVIDENCE BAY—The distinctive sound of banjos could be heard echoing across the Providence Bay fairgrounds this past weekend at the first Bluegrass in the Country (BIC) festival since the pandemic got underway to rave reviews.

Over the course of the weekend, some of the most talented names on Bluegrass scene came to join local musicians to entertain the audience, and entertain they did.

“Isn’t this wonderful?” said BIC organizer Brother John Featherstone. “These musicians are all so very amazing!”

Turnout for the event was solid, he noted, but there was one little fly in the ointment. “I really hoped we would see more people filling the campgrounds, but the local community has



Bluegrass in the Country organizer Brother John Featherstone introduces singer Ellie Maxwell. Mr. Featherstone is moving to Manitoba later this coming fall, marking this appearance as a bittersweet moment for the crowd.

certainly come out to support us.” The grounds might not have been full, but there were still a fair number of trailers and campers in evidence, somewhat remarkable given the recent spike in fuel prices.

“I think this tells us a story,” said Brother John. “You get your best result by sticking close to home,” referencing the on-Island market, the North Shore and Sudbury as key regions that

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Robbie Shawana enthralled the crowd, backed by Doug Hore, Urban Mejaki, Tim Shaw and Maurice Lebelle.

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Ellie Maxwell made a surprise appearance at the festival, bringing the crowd to its feet with a standing ovation for the young vocalist.

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We call upon the Federation of Law Societies of Canada to ensure that lawyers receive appropriate cultural competency training, which includes the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal-Crown relations. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.

CALL TO ACTION #28

We call upon law schools in Canada to require all law students to take a course in Aboriginal people and the law, which includes the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal-Crown relations. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.

CALL TO ACTION #29

We call upon the parties and, in particular, the federal government, to work collaboratively with plaintiffs not included in the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement to have disputed legal issues determined expeditiously on an agreed set of facts.

CALL TO ACTION #30

We call upon federal, provincial, and territorial governments to commit to eliminating the overrepresentation of Aboriginal people in custody over the next decade, and to issue detailed annual reports that monitor and evaluate progress in doing so.

CALL TO ACTION #31

We call upon the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to provide sufficient and stable funding to implement and evaluate community sanctions that will provide realistic alternatives to imprisonment for Aboriginal offenders and respond to the underlying causes of offending.



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...Bluegrass in the Country celebrated a return to live music

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were well in evidence at the festival. "If you try to get people from Nashville here, you will lose your shirt," he laughed.

Among the local performers were the talented Robbie Shawana, Doug Hore the fiddling barber, the incomparable keyboardist Maurice Lebel and new Great Northern Opry inductee Urban Mejaki, the ever-popular Island band Double Barrel and Friday night headliner Bonita Mercer.

The complete lineup included the Schotts, Granite Hill, Avery Drive, Rescue Junction, Bonita Mercer, Rob-



Alicia Robicheau and her band, one of the many musical performers who entertained attendees at the Bluegrass in the Country Festival.

photo Tom Sasvari



Fiddling barber Doug Hore was a popular addition onstage with Robbie Shawana.

photo by Michael Erskine

bie Shawana, Alicia Robicheau, Claire Lynch, Sweetgrass, Mr. Shawana, IIIrd Fox and Junction.

Bluegrass in the Country is a fundraiser for Manitoulin Special Olympics (MSO) and MSO organizer Janet Anning took a turn onstage to highlight the outstanding accomplishments of the Island's Special Olympians.

Among the athletes who have again taken up competition is a five-member team headed to competition in North Bay this weekend that includes Linda McCulligh, John Hopkin, William LeClaire, Aaron Nickol and Elizabeth Cooper.

A surprise performance by Island vocalist Ellie Maxwell brought the



One of the many musical entertainers at the Bluegrass in the Country Festival was the Island band 'Double Barrel.'

photo by Tom Sasvari

audience to its feet in a standing ovation following her songs.

Over the last couple of years, Matthew Bedard, who had qualified for the Special Olympic World Games in Russia, continued to train hard in the hopes the World Games would again take place. Sadly, the ongoing conflict in Ukraine stymied that hope as the games have now been cancelled.

Still, Matthew is in the best shape he has ever been, noted Ms. Anning, so who knows what the future might bring?

This BIC had a bittersweet moment, as the event is bidding adieu to founder Brother John, who is moving to Manitoba to be closer to family.

"We will miss him," said Ms.

Anning, "we will miss the whole Featherstone family. Austin Featherstone was our first athlete to qualify for the World Games. But we wish them well and are grateful for all they have done." Ms. Anning noted that Brother John will still be only a phone call away.

It is not clear yet who will be taking on the mantle of BIC organizer (there are some names being bandied about). "It's early days yet," said Brother John. "Right now, we are just focused on the weekend."

Although the event had to be moved into the Providence Bay arena due to a wet Saturday, the drizzle did nothing to dampen the mood and feet were kept tapping through the evening.

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...‘7 Days in May’ ride in memory of friend

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“We had some days riding that the weather was really hot and some days where it was really cold, and it was windy in the Bruce Peninsula,” said Mr. Carter.

“It was a very moving ride to be part of,” stated Mr. Carter. “It was an invigorating ride with everyone having a common goal, putting their hearts and souls into it, riding for a great cause.” He acknowledged that until he did more research about pancreatic cancer, “I didn’t know the mortality rate for people who get pancreatic cancer is as bad as it is. Ninety-two percent of pancreatic cancer patients pass on, and it is a very painful disease.”

“The Townley family knows all of the riders,” said Mr. Carter.

The bicycling will continue this summer for Mr. Carter. “I will be taking part in a cross-Canada ride later this month,” he told The Expositor. “I will be one of 20 bicyclists taking part in the Tour Du Canada. We will be starting June 22.” Riders will travel from Vancouver, British Columbia, through B.C. and east, eventually visiting Manitoulin Island on August 3-4,

then overnight and south to Tottenham. Eventually the riders will end up in Mr. Carter’s hometown of St. John’s Newfoundland on September 2.

“This is the 25th annual ride this year,” said Mr. Carter. This cross-Canada ride is something Mr. Carter has always wanted to take part in. “Life’s too short, and this ride is something I’ve always wanted to do. It will be challenging to ride 85 miles per day, but I

am certainly looking forward to it. Bicycling is so relaxing and soothing for me. For many years I’ve solved issues at work, for instance, by bicycling.”

Mr. Carter said the annual Gore Bay Rotary Ride will be taking place on August 13. “I will have to ride virtually this year,” he said. “The Rotary Ride should have over 100 people taking part with funds raised going to the food banks.”



Peter Carter, of Evansville, rode his bicycle in the ‘7 Days in May’ ride to beat pancreatic cancer fundraising event. Mr. Carter rode in the event in memory of friend Moe Marois, who passed away in December 2021.

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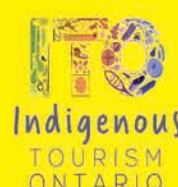
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Construction underway on Manitoulin Motel

After the Northeast Town gave its okay to the Manitoulin Motel's site plan last week, crews broke ground on the 10-unit motel, located on cul-de-sac Walcot Street, adjacent to the Tim Hortons.

photo by Michael Erskine

...Central considering landfill solution

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were held at the property committee level, in camera.

"There really isn't a lot to talk about yet," said Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens. "This is in a very, very preliminary stage." The mayor noted that the in-camera discussions were held under the property acquisition provisions of the Municipal Act. "There really isn't any story here yet," he added.

The mayor noted that the council was investigating all possibilities, given the generally unpalatable choices it currently has before it when it comes to dealing with the community's waste. He said that his

view is that the waste being created on Manitoulin should be dealt with on Manitoulin, rather than being trucked to another community at great expense.

Mayor Stephens was emphatic that what was being proposed "is not an incinerator."

"It is simply an idea we are pursuing," he said, noting that council has an obligation to find a solution.

During debate, Councillor Al Tribinevicius noted that discussions with Gagnon first began in March 2020 but had been curtailed by the pandemic. He pointed out that the facility being proposed was

"state-of-the-art" and in use in other jurisdictions.

Councillor Steve Shaffer made a proposal to support the project "in principle" due to its early stage, but Councillor Derek Stephens pointed out the NOHFC application would carry more weight with unqualified support from the municipality. Councillor Dale Scott agreed.

Councillor Tribinevicius said he believed that, should the project get to the point of providing a 'yes' or 'no' to going ahead, this would likely be three or more years down the road.

The motions presented to council were passed without dissent.



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with or as pleasing to the eye. They can also be causing unseen damage to the tissue of the oral cavity and jaw joint. Over the years the teeth wear down and become flatter. The teeth are only able to mash food when they get to this state instead of slicing into the food as they did when the dentures were new. You need to chew harder to do the same job. You may even lose enjoyment during meal time due to the extra effort needed to chew. The wear occurs slowly over the years and you adapt without any notice. Years later though there is a great difference in the dentures and you are likely coping without even realizing it. The teeth can also wear unevenly, affecting your bite. This causes more discomfort and possible problems with your jaw joint. Not only are older dentures likely to break from years of use, they can "greatly affect your appearance due to worn looking teeth, increased wrinkles around your mouth and stains from years of food, tobacco, tea and coffee.

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Annual Sherron Clarke Memorial Carp Derby enjoys a very successful return

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The Sherron Clarke Memorial Carp Derby returned in fine fashion this past weekend, after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic.

Cody Hunter, (who along with Kaleigh Harrietha) organized the derby this year announced that the first place team was the John Seabrook team, with 149 points. The Seabrook team, which won a prize of \$200 included John Seabrook, Kim Chatwell, Landon Seifried, Noah Thorpe, Jolie Labranche and Jay Lebranche. Taking second place with 25 points and winning a prize of \$150 was the Cody Hunter team, while the Joe Merrylees and Ron Hall teams tied for second, each with 24 points. The tie-breaker was won by the

Merrylees team which harvested more carp.

The largest fish prize was won by the Dustin Woods team, with a fish weighing 22.33 pounds. The smallest fish prize was won by Mr. Seabrook's team, with a fish weighing 3.28 pounds.

The Ron Hall team won the prize for the most unique garbage collected in the derby, a plastic slide.

The first-place prize for the most fish harvested on Saturday was won by the Seabrook team, which harvested 94 fish. This team also won for most fish on Sunday, 45.

The Don Chilton Mystery Draw, for next year's entry fee, was won by the Dustin Woods team.

"There were a total of eight teams in the derby, with 33 people taking part," said Mr. Hunter.

These totals included nine junior participants, three new shooters, and no new teams."

On Saturday, a total of 137 fish were harvested, 126 carp and 11 dogfish, while on Sunday a total of 61 fish were harvested, 51 carp and 10 dogfish. The grand total for the weekend was 198 fish harvested, 177 carp and 21 dog fish.

Both Landon Seifried and Jolie Labranche harvested their first fish in the derby.

Sponsors for this year's



derby included Lafarge, Jill Patterson, Williamson's Up Top Sports Shop and Island Promotional Products.

The John Seabrook team took the first-place prize in the annual Sherron Clarke Memorial Carp Derby. The winning team included left, Landon Seifried, Noah Thorpe, Jolie Labranche, Jay Labranche, John Seabrook, and Kim Chatwell.

photo by Tom Sasvari



A new sign of the times in Kagawong

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Addiction: We need to talk about it

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

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

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Little Current angler launches Vertex Baits lure company

by Alicia McCutcheon
LITTLE CURRENT—
There's a new lure manufacturer on the scene and he's already attracting a lot of angler attention, and real estate on store shelves.

Jason Buie of Vertex Baits is well-known on Manitoulin waters. Mr. Buie and wife Laura are often spotted fishing in and around Island lakes—muskie is his personal favourite—and love targeting large lakers during trips up north.

Some may not realize that many of those lunkers the pair boasts as catches were caught on lures created by Mr. Buie.

"I've been building lures for over 20 years," he tells The Expositor. "I've just been tinkering away, making stuff for muskie, and steelhead in the river—mainly spoons."

As any angler knows, once there's a go-to colour or pattern that works for whatever species you're targeting, there's really no looking back. So, when a company goes out of business or stops making a certain colour, it can cause angler-anxiety. This happened to Mr. Buie. The company agreed to make his favourite lure as a custom order, but this got to be expensive. The fisherman then took it upon himself to recreate the lure and got to work making them himself.



Jason Buie of Vertex Baits shows off one of his favourite lures, the Vertex Troller in Dragon Fruit. Vertex Baits also specializes in custom lures.

And they worked. "I then started to hunt down the components of the lures and started to build more and more," Mr. Buie says. "Then the stock started to build up."

"By my very nature, I'm detail-oriented," Mr. Buie (a professional engineer) continues, going through the meticulous nature of how a spoon goes from being a naked piece of stainless

steel to a deadly fish magnet.

Early this winter, he laid the groundwork for Vertex Baits while continuing to create more stock, putting together a website and a Facebook page with the help of his daughter Evan and in January he 'flipped the switch' and went live with the company.

Mr. Buie's a busy guy. He's a research and devel-

opment manager for a company that designs products and systems for communications and safety, based out of Sudbury. Once he's home from his commute, he can often be found working away in his basement-turned-workshop.

Vertex Baits makes Vertex Trollers in 13 patterns and two sizes, 3.75" and 4.75", the Manitoulin Minnow in 22 patterns starts at 6.75" and the Attractor Troller Combo, which comes with a colour-matched set of a 7" attractor spoon and a VT375

trolling spoon in four different patterns. The hooks are Eagle Claw or VMC and the spoons are all made of North American stainless steel.

A lot of thought goes into each spoon. Mr. Buie says he finds himself constantly thinking about light penetration at all depths and the colours that work best at those depths. He's always trying new things in the hunt for that perfect combo of size and colour.

As you can expect from a lure company, there are some interesting colour

names, such as Blueberry Sparkle Paints and Dracula and some old standbys, like Chicken Wing and Green Alewife.

Much of Mr. Buie's business comes from custom orders, for which he discovered he has a real knack and which, again, suit his meticulous nature.

Right now, the lures are available through his website, VertexBaits.com and at Up Top Sports Shop in Mindemoya.

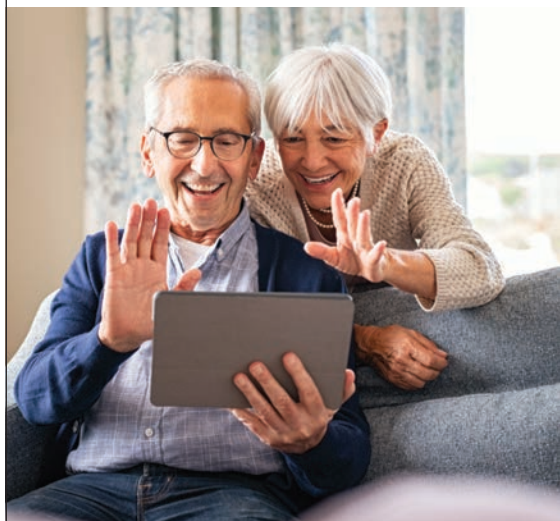
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At right, a painted turtle makes its way across Robinson Street in Little Current, reminding us to mind our half-shelled friends as they cross highways and byways this spring.

photos by Expositor staff



...launches Vertex Baits lure co.

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States. So far Mr. Buie's has filled orders from across Ontario to places like Gogama, St. Catharines, Ottawa and everywhere in between.

A muskie guy, Mr. Buie says the market is currently flooded with some pretty talented custom lure-makers, so he's focusing his talents on those spoons that will catch

you a trophy salmon, trout, walleye or pike. But he is dabbling in body baits—so stay tuned for more from Vertex Baits in the future.

To contact Vertex Baits, visit vertexbaits.com or drop Mr. Buie an email, muskyj.jb@gmail.com.

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3-6p

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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

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

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yard sale

Yard and Bake Sale, Saturday, July 2 from 9 am to 1 pm at Our Lady of Canada Church, 6289 Hwy 542, Mindemoya.

2-8p

Knox Church Rummage Sale in Manitowaning is open Mondays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Clothing, household, books, miscellaneous and more.

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UCW Giant Yard Sale, Saturday, June 18 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Silver Water Community Hall. Will also have muffins, tea and coffee.

2-4p

Huge Yard Sale, Bake Sale and BBQ, St. John's Church fundraiser, Saturday, July 2 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Kagawong Pavilion.

3-6p

Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay is holding a rummage sale for "Summer Clothing Only" on Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18 from 9 am to 12 noon. There will be clothes for men, women and children. All proceeds go toward the Gore Bay United Church Food Cupboard. Please bring your own bags.

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Is alcohol a problem? AA may be able to help. Meetings 7 days a week - visit www.area84aa.org or call 705-210-2135 for more info.

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Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. To receive adult or youth/parent information on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, more commonly known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, or to volunteer with our Association, please contact: The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association of Ontario. Tel: 416-222-8820 or 1-877-632-6682 (outside GTA) or write to: Ste. 402, 170 Donway West, Toronto, ON M3C 2G3. Please visit our web site at www.meao.ca.

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Manitoulin Family Resources offers programs to support and promote positive family relationships on Manitoulin and the North Shore. Violence against Women Prevention Services: Haven House Shelter, Outreach Counseling Crisis Line 705-377-5160; Toll Free Crisis Line 800-465-6788; Children's Services: Early ON Child and Family Centre, Little Current Child Care, Mindemoya Child Care 705-368-3400; Help Centre: Thrift Shop & Food Bank 705-368-3400; Administration 705-368-3400.

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Are you concerned about someone's drinking? Al-Anon has one purpose: Welcoming, giving hope and comfort to help family and friends of alcoholics. Changed attitudes can aid recovery. Stepping Stones Al-Anon Group: Thursdays at 7 pm in the library room at the Missionary Church, 51 Young Street, Mindemoya. Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Anglican Church, 213 Tudhope Street, Espanola, 705-869-6595. For more information call 1-888-4Al-Anon (1-888-425-2666, M-F, 8 am - 6 pm ET) <http://www.al-anon.org>. For meetings including electronic in Northern Ontario go to OntarioNorthAl-Anon.com. Please note the only Alateen meetings available in Northern Ontario are on a mobile app. Look for the app under Al-Anon Family Groups.

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Questions or concerns about diabetes? We can help. Please contact the MHC Diabetes Training and Care Centre. Individual and group appointments available with a registered nurse or dietitian certified in diabetes education. Clinics in Little Current, Mindemoya, Silver Water, Gore Bay and Manitowaning. Please call 705-368-2300 ext. 2415 for more information. Self-referrals accepted.

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Summer Market

60 Vendors
Providence Bay Arena
July 1: 2 to 6 pm
July 2: 10 am to 3 pm

FRIENDS OF MISERY BAY PROVINCIAL PARK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
Misery Bay Provincial Park Interpretive Centre
400 Misery Bay Park Road, Evansville
THIS WILL BE AN IN-PERSON MEETING

Guest Speaker: Will Kershaw, Ontario Parks
'The Importance of Wild Places'

Presentations on the Sifferd Cottage and Upcoming Projects at Misery Bay

Financial Report and more

Followed by snacks and beverages and a guided hike to Misery Bay

All are welcome. However, only members can vote. Memberships available online at our website: www.miserybay.ca and at the AGM

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Garage Sale
Garage Sale for Fritz and Anna Kettling
520 Goose Gap Crescent, Gore Bay/Barrie Island
This Friday & Saturday, June 17 & 18 9 am-2 pm

This will be the largest garage sale this year on Manitoulin Island. Sale includes a full workshop of tools for wood working, metal fabrication and tools for machinists. Fritz worked mainly with metal/wood specializing in ornamental blacksmith work. There are 1,000s of items, so bring your truck and trailers to transport. To include 40+ wood clamps, new snowblower, dock floats, piles of lumber, generator, deluxe wheelbarrows, machinists measurement instruments, garden tools, household items, cement mixer, cabinets and desks, trolling motor, deco dining room suite, etc.

Cash only! Follow signs in from Gore Bay Airport.
905-691-7355, rrtarp@hotmail.com
or follow Robbie White on marketplace for pictures

Sale rain or shine

Taking Donations!
Providence Bay Spring Bay Lions Yard Sale

Lion Matt Young's front porch for small items.
(5278 Mira Street, Providence Bay)

Call 705-968-1911 for large items or questions.

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**Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Corporation
Annual General Meeting**
Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Manitoulin Health Centre continues to follow COVID-19 social distancing practices and is holding a virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday, June 23rd, beginning at 6 pm.

Members of the Corporation and the General Public are invited and welcome to attend, but only members will be able to comment or ask questions during the meeting.

For meeting connectivity details, please send an email inquiry to Lori Mastelko at lmastelko@mhc.on.ca.

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

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HELP WANTED
Manitoulin Lodge is hiring
housekeepers, and kitchen help. No
experience is necessary as we will train
you. Come and join our team!
**Please call 705-282-2007 ext 223
if interested.**



**2nd Posting
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Civilian Crisis Responder - 2 Year Contract**

Reports to: Chief of Police
Location: Wikwemikong Unceded Territory

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting employment applications for a Civilian Crisis Responder position.

Summary: The Crisis Responder will be responsible for helping individuals, families, and the community in times of personal crisis as well as for cases of crisis prevention and education. The Crisis Responder will provide counselling and resources to help mitigate the effects of crisis situations, including but not limited to, family violence, police interventions, and drug/alcohol related issues. This role will require to create accurate and detailed records and case notes as well as develop and maintain sustainable relationships with other professionals in the community.

The Crisis Responder will work as an integral part of a multi-disciplinary team to provide crisis response services to persons with disabilities. Using a clinical assessment and solution focused therapy methods, the Crisis Responder will provide immediate relief and stabilization to individuals experiencing crisis and trauma. This individual will be responsible for conducting on-site assessment of clients and the administration of individual and situational appropriate treatment. They will also provide recommendation and aid in the coordination of any necessary continued treatment plans.

Knowledge and Skills:

- Excellent human relations and interpersonal skills to maintain professionalism to members of the public and external agencies.
- Experience in crisis service considered an asset.
- Ability to multi-task in a fast-paced business environment.
- Knowledge of social, education, and healthcare systems that case manage at risk individuals.
- Ability to exercise professional judgement, analyze, and solve issues effectively in a variety of situations.
- Excellent assessment, interviewing and counselling skills.
- Interaction with clients in a sensitive, tactful, diplomatic and professional manner always.
- Advanced communication skills required, written and verbal.

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

- Provide immediate care to individuals and families experiencing crisis and trauma through mobile crisis outreach.
- Conduct assessment of individuals with the ability to refer to the appropriate community organizations.
- Interview clients to assess situations and determine the types and level of services required.
- Assist in finding opportunities, solutions, and resources to address the individual's social and behavioural needs.
- Conduct on-site risk assessment and mental status examinations, determine risk of harm, required level of care and immediate treatment plan.
- De-escalate crisis through provision of immediate solution-focused therapy.
- Manage the transfer of client information to the receiving community organization, as per information sharing agreements.
- Liaise with a range of multi-disciplinary professionals who are involved in a clients' care, ensuring a smooth and coordinated approach, especially when multiple organizations are involved.
- Monitor and evaluate clients, provide follow-up and documentation to all parties.
- Respond to individuals and/or family members by telephone or on a walk-in basis to provide information and support for their needs and situation.
- Other case management duties as assigned.

Basic Requirements:

- College diploma in related field or other considered an asset.
- Minimum Grade 12 Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent.
- 3 – 5 years of previous work experience in the social work field considered an asset.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office software applications.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Must possess a valid Class G Ontario Driver Licence.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST and be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Must be of good moral character, no criminal record and must pass a background check.
- Must provide a signed WTPS Consent to Security Clearance Investigation Form, which is included in application package.
- Provide proof of Covid-19 Double Vaccination record from Ministry of Health.

To apply for this position, interested applicants are to forward their completed employment package, letter of interest, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates, and three work-related reference letters electronically to:

CONFIDENTIAL – Crisis Responder
Acting Chief of Police, Gregory Mishibinijima
gregory.mishibinijima@wtps.ca

Posting Deadline: June 24, 2022 at 4:00 pm

Employment application packages are available for pick-up at the WTPS detachment or can be emailed at the request of the applicant. Please call our office during administrative hours if you would like an application. Individuals of Anishinaabe ancestry are encouraged to apply. Please note, applications will be screened. Interviews will be scheduled and at that time a decision will be made to consider the successful applicant for hire.

COMEDY SHOW

Featuring Jeff Leeson
Opening Act: Charles Adams

JULY 2, 2022 | 7:30 pm
Community Complex
M'Chigeeng

Karaoke contest 6 pm to 7:30 pm
Dance to follow
DJ services by
Island Music Showcase DJ Service

Tickets | \$30 at Door

Contact Jeff Bebonang for more information at 705-690-2633 or email jeffb@mchigeeng.ca

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KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

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

We are now accepting applications for the following positions:

FULL-TIME Position on Manitoulin Island:
Administrative Assistant (closes June 17, 2022)

FULL-TIME Position in Sudbury:
Child Well-Being Worker (closes June 20, 2022)

CONTRACT Positions located on Manitoulin Island:
(2) Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator, 2nd posting (open until filled)

CONTRACT Positions located in Sudbury:
Services Supervisor (open until filled)
Specialized Services Supervisor (open until filled)
Customary Care Coordinator (closes June 20, 2022)

CASUAL Positions on both Manitoulin Island and Sudbury:
Receptionist

Apply to: Human Resources at hr@kgcfs.org and quote the position title in the subject line.

For additional position details and detailed job description, visit Employment Opportunities on our website at:
<https://www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities>

At KGCSF we are committed to providing a barrier-free work environment following the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Accommodations are available upon request for candidates taking part in the recruitment process. KGCSF services are based on a highly specialized approach to the delivery of child welfare in our area. Preference will be given to Anishinaabe Candidates (please self-identify).

**The Manitoulin Planning Board**

is seeking a competent Office Assistant to assist with a wide range of day-to-day operations related to 'Land Use Planning'

TERM:

Temporary - 35 hours per week for 16 weeks at a wage of \$15.50 per hour.

POSITION SUMMARY:

The ideal candidate must be hardworking, self-motivated, have attention to detail, have the ability to multi-task and prioritize the workload, have excellent organization and time management skills, have the ability to work with staff as well as independently, have excellent communication and computer skills, and have discretion and abide by confidentiality policies.

The ideal candidate will assist office staff with updating records ensuring accuracy and validity of information, carry out administrative duties of filing, copying, scanning, data entry, provide counter services, manage phone inquiries, assist with composing letters, reports and memorandums.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Proficiency with WordPerfect and Microsoft Office (Word & Excel) would be definite assets.

If you are an interested candidate, meet the requirements, and would like to assist us in a busy Office environment, please submit a cover letter, resume, and two work-related reference letters before

June 30th, 2022 to:
The Manitoulin Planning Board
40 Water Street, Unit 1
P.O. Box 240
Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0
Fax: 705-282-3142
email: mpbcarlisle@bellnet.ca

NOTE: The Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) thanks everyone who responds. Interviews will be conducted only for those selected. For more information about the MPB please visit our website at www.manitoulinplanning.ca.

Manitoulin Central Family Health Team (MCFHT)

MCFHT is looking to fill the following position:
Daily Cleaning Service Provision

The successful candidate will be required to:

Position Summary

- Provide daily cleaning services to a busy medical clinic and administrative office
- Provide cleaning services according to IPC guidelines
- This position will include but is not limited to the following services; floor stripping, waxing and polishing, disinfection of examination rooms, garbage and recycling removal, quarterly in-depth cleaning
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to move furniture and equipment as required to fulfill duties

Qualifications

- WHMIS Certification
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Satisfactory criminal reference check

Please submit resume to:
Manitoulin Central Family Health Team
PO Box 150
Mindemoya, Ontario
POP 1S0
Attn: Lori Oswald
Fax: 1-855-908-2517
Email: manitoulincentralfht@amtelecom.net

*Please reply in writing no later than 4:00 pm, June 17th 2022.
*Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Legal Assistant**

Mark S Ansara, Lawyer, is looking for a bright, motivated Legal Assistant to assist in the preparation and processing of legal documentation, schedule and greet clients, office administration, office banking and other related duties.

Job Requirements:

- Previous legal experience is a definite asset
- Knowledge of Office 365 necessary
- Advanced keyboarding skills necessary
- Interpersonal skills necessary

Competitive salary based on experience and performance.

Contact:

Mark S Ansara
70 Meredith St. E.
P.O. Box 771
Little Current, Ontario
POP 1K0
(705) 274-5918
mark.ansara.law@outlook.com

**SHESHEGWANING FIRST NATION****EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY****Elementary School Teacher**

Sheshegwaning First Nation and St. Joseph's Anishnabek School is currently accepting applications for an Elementary School Teacher.

Essential Duties:

- Work under the supervision of the Principal.
- Prepare and deliver lessons to the students according to the approved curriculum.
- Implement and deliver culturally appropriate Anishnabe teachings within the school and community setting.
- Teach students using a systematic plan of lessons, discussion, audio-visual presentations, field trips, hands-on activities to promote their physical, mental and social development and their school readiness.
- Develop and implement long range plans.
- Prepare and administer assessments.
- Evaluate the progress of students and discuss results with students, parents and school officials.
- Identify children's learning styles and needs.
- Prepare and implement remedial programs for children requiring extra help.
- Participate in staff meetings, teacher training workshops, professional development days and other school functions.
- May supervise teacher assistants and student teachers.
- Knowledgeable in literacy and numeracy practices.

Qualifications/Requirements:

- Must hold a valid Ontario Teaching Certificate.
- Must have a Bachelor of Education or ATEP.
- Must have knowledge and/or experience of the culture, tradition, history and customs of the Anishnabek.
- Understanding and fluency of Odawa or Ojibwe language is an asset or must be willing to learn the language.
- CRC/CPIC and Vulnerable Sector Screening.

Location: Sheshegwaning First Nation - St. Joseph's Anishnabek School

Salary Range: Negotiable as per the education salary grid

Deadline to Apply: June 28, 2022 (NOON)

Interested applicants may forward their resume, CPIC and three written references marked confidential to:

Jessica Sampson
Human Resources Director
Sheshegwaning First Nation
1079A Sheshegwaning Road
Sheshegwaning First Nation, ON
POP 1X0
jessica@sheshegwaning.org

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

JOIN THE EXPOSITOR TEAM

The Manitoulin Expositor
Northern Ontario's oldest newspaper

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www.manitoulin.com

seek a qualified individual as

Sales Manager

to liaise with the newspaper's client base (print and digital) on Manitoulin and beyond.

Duties include:

- providing ongoing support to existing clients, including the development of advertising campaigns;
- expanding the newspaper's and website's client base.

The successful candidate will:

- be self-motivated and able to work to multiple deadlines;
- be extremely well organized;
- be able to help design individual advertisements and campaigns;
- have graphic design knowledge in order to work independently on clients ads (InDesign, Photoshop, etc); and
- be able to communicate readily with the newspaper's production and design staff as well as with other departments (editorial, circulation, accounting).

This is a full-time position.

Salary: Commensurate with experience

Deadline: To start immediately.

The Manitoulin Expositor
Email: expositor@manitoulin.com
Fax: (705) 368-3822
Mail: P.O. Box 369,
Little Current, Ont. POP 1K0

or you may deliver your resume and application to
The Manitoulin Expositor Office in downtown Little Current
at One Manitowaning Road.

NOTE: The Manitoulin Expositor thanks everyone who responds but only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

Gordon Twp taxpayers to see increase in taxes

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON—A large increase in costs that cannot be controlled by the municipality has led to an increase in taxes for residents of Gordon/Barrie Island this year.

“Normally we pass budgets with an increase of between 1.5-two percent,” said Gordon/Barrie Island Reeve Lee Hayden after a council meeting last week. “This year’s budget had basically been set about a month ago, and at that time we knew there would be cost increases but when the actual numbers came in, they were very harsh.”

“Council passed this year’s budget with an increase of 3.5 percent,” said Reeve Hayden. “This is higher than for most municipalities on the Island this year, but we are realizing the tremendous increase in costs. For instance, at our meeting, our roads superintendent (Arran Campbell) informed council that in terms of the costs of surface treatment on roads, these costs have gone up 25 percent. This surface and roads treatment is a major part of our budget every year,” he said, pointing out as well, “we were also informed that calcium treatment costs will be increasing about the same amount. We have to be very careful on these extra costs.”

“As we all know, inflation is running wild,” stated Reeve Hayden. “All municipalities are going to come to the same realization we have and second guess how they are going to pay these extra costs. The figures alone on the surface treatment costs are frightening.”

Reeve Hayden said, due to the significant increase in costs, “instead of doing resurface work on eight kilometres of roads in the township, we will have to cut this back to six kilometres this year.”

Reeve Hayden said that fuel costs have gone up over 30 percent, “and of course everything we do

involves needing fuel for our municipal township equipment.”

“An increase of 3.5 percent in our budget will not go far in relation to inflationary costs,” said Reeve Hayden. “It is going to be a struggle, and when the year ends the final figures will be interesting. It is a very sobering thing when you hear some of these numbers.”

“At the end of the day, there is very little of the budget that we have control of. It is going to be tough operating the municipality even with these increases in taxes,” the reeve said, adding, “I should mention though, that our municipal tax rates are still some of the lowest on Manitoulin Island.”

COMMUNITY LIVING MANITOULIN IN SEARCH OF NEW BOARD DIRECTORS

Community Living Manitoulin (CLM) would like to invite you to support our mission by joining the CLM Board of Directors. The Agency is looking to fill multiple positions on the Board.

“At Community Living Manitoulin we advocate, promote and facilitate the full participation, inclusion and citizenship of individuals who have developmental challenges. We believe all people with developmental disabilities can lead meaningful lives in our community,” states chair of board Pam Lambert

Board members are vital to the success of an organization. CLM Board members provide governance oversight and possess an understanding of the Manitoulin community and a passion for inclusion and advocacy. Experience in Disability awareness/knowledge, finances and fund development is most welcome but not necessary. Meetings can be attended virtually.

Never sat on a board? CLM will provide third-party governance training to all new board members!

For more information about CLM or to discuss becoming a board member please contact our Executive Director, Adrienne:
 afarquhar@clmanitoulin.com or 705-665-8262
 Board Chair, Pam:
 plambert@clmanitoulin.com or 705-210-0515

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER
 Department: Capital Projects & Public Works
 Classification/Level: PS2 (\$61,200 - \$74,800)
 Employment Status: Regular Full-Time
2nd POSTING CLOSING DATE: JUNE 27, 2022 BY 12 P.M. EST

Position Summary:
 Under the supervision of the Capital Works and Capital Projects Manager, the Public Works Manager will be empowered to uphold the high-quality level of service that the M'Chigeeng First Nations' Public Works department offers to its members. This working Manager position engages in all public works job duties while effectively motivating and directing the Public Works personnel in undertaking all the work that is required to maintain and grow MFN's transportation and operations. This includes water, wastewater, and roadways infrastructure. The manager works closely with the Capital Works and Capital Projects Manager and the Housing Manager to maintain this linear infrastructure as well as the maintenance of vehicles, equipment, materials, and facilities within the Public Works department.

Responsibilities:

- Supervision of Public Works staff, including training, monitoring, providing ongoing feedback and providing input to hiring and professional development needs and time and attendance timesheets; Provide monthly and maintenance reports to Supervisor.
- Supervision of solid waste program, prepare schedules, facilitate weekly curbside collection; develop waste diversion plan and policy.
- Oversees, coordinates all activities in and around public works yard; monitors MFN owned equipment; keeps accurate records of materials, supplies, tools, and equipment.
- Oversee, coordinate and/or complete facilities, roads, and grounds, seasonal activities, maintenance tasks as required.
- Prepare budgets for maintenance and upgrade activities as per the E-ACRs, along with completion of annual Public Works budgets for approval.
- Oversee winter maintenance of roads and parking lots, and the homes of seniors and individuals with disabilities as required.
- Maintenance of First Nation fleet (GPS System) including performing inspections, maintenance schedule, fuelling and cleaning, ensuring valid commercial vehicle Operating Registration licencing keep files and up to maintenance schedules.
- Maintenance of cemetery including excavating graves, arrange for setting up tipi and supplying wood, lawn care and snow removal.
- Ensure building and equipment meet all safety, security and fire regulations and policies; work in compliance with the provisions of the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications & Requirements:

- Completion of post-secondary diploma program in related field of study
- High School Diploma and relevant combination of experience and training will be considered
- At least two (2) supervisory experience in a related field
- Certification or experience in wastewater systems, hydrant maintenance, distribution and drinking water systems
- Must have good working knowledge of computer software systems (i.e. Microsoft Office); a maintenance management program would be considered an asset
- Knowledge of construction and/or maintenance of roads, ditching, heavy equipment is preferred
- Must demonstrate strong leadership and organizational skills with the ability to manage change and direct multiple employees
- Excellent knowledge of Public Works infrastructure and best practices
- Knowledge in roads, streets and sidewalks maintenance and repair (including winter operations)

Other:

- Excellent time management and organizational skills; Strong written and oral communication skills.
- Understanding and fluency of Anishinabek language is a strong asset or a willingness to learn.
- Knowledge of Anishinaabe culture, traditions, customs, and practices.
- Must be flexible to work long hours in peak periods, evenings and weekends as required.
- Must have or be willing to obtain Standard First Aid and CPR Certification.
- Must possess and maintain a valid 'G' Province of Ontario Driver's licence, clean driving record.
- Valid 'AZ' or "DZ" licence considered an asset.

**Condition of Employment: Must provide proof of COVID-19 Vaccinations and Police Criminal Reference Check upon hire.*

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

CONFIDENTIAL: Public Works Manager
 c/o Human Resources
 M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333
 M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980) or to employment@mchigeeng.ca

*Please be advised that only those selected for an interview will be contacted. For a detailed job description, please contact andream@mchigeeng.ca to request.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Community Living Manitoulin Casual and Part-time

Community Living Manitoulin is looking for dedicated staff with a passion for working with adult individuals with developmental disabilities.

Do you want to play a vital role in inspiring possibilities and creating an environment that fosters meaningful living for all supported individuals?

There are casual and part-time employment opportunities available within one of our many programs.

These unionized part-time positions are scheduled at a minimum of 30 hours bi-weekly and a maximum of 32 hours weekly with a starting wage of \$22.79.

You are qualified if you have:

- Post-secondary diploma for Developmental Service Worker or equivalent in the Human Resources Field (preferred)
- Personal Support Worker certificate or equivalent
- First Year Developmental Service Worker students may also qualify
- A valid Ontario driver's licence (Class G)
- Vulnerable Sector Criminal Reference Check

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to the attention of Mrs. Megan Wickett; Operations Manager by regular mail to:
 Community Living Manitoulin
 PO Box 152
 Mindemoya, Ontario POP 1S0
 Or by email to mwickett@clmanitoulin.com
 Or by fax to 705-377-7175

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

Billings gives first reading to regulate keeping, licencing of backyard chickens

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Billings township has given first reading on a bylaw to regulate the keeping and licencing of backyard chickens, which would include permits being required and fines in place for those not abiding by the bylaw. At a previous meeting, council had agreed that a new bylaw to regulate the keeping and feeding of domestic and exotic animals or wildlife, other than cats or dogs (not including chickens), along with a separate

bylaw including the keeping of backyard chickens would be established.

At a meeting last week councillors Sharon Alkenbrack and Bryan Barker moved and seconded the motion to approve first reading of the bylaw for licencing backyard chickens.

Township bylaw enforcement officer, "Arthur (Moran) has done a lot of work researching other municipal bylaws in Ontario," said Mayor Ian Anderson. "He has incor-

porated three other municipalities' bylaws. The document is lengthy and will take time to digest," he said, proposing that council hold a special meeting to discuss the proposed bylaw in the near future.

"Rather than spending an awful lot of time on this tonight, I would like council to be able to do this justice, take initial comments tonight and schedule a second special council meeting to discuss this issue at length."

"I would like to congratulate Arthur on this bylaw, it is very well done," said Councillor Alkenbrack. She brought forward a question concerning the issue of disposal of harvested chickens and that proper setbacks are needed for chicken housing away from septic systems, as well as suggesting that when an application comes in from someone wanting to have backyard chickens, that this should require permission from neighbouring property owners.

Mayor Anderson told council, "One question I have in particular, is how many chickens we would allow? The option has been proposed at between four and six."

"I don't have a problem with six," said Councillor Alkenbrack. Councillor Barker said, "I don't really have any particular questions this evening. My questions can be saved for the special meeting we will be having." He also raised a concern as to how harvested

chickens would be disposed of.

"On the issue of neighbouring permission for someone to have backyard chickens, the problem with that is if neighbours have a dispute on any issue, I can see problems with trying to get permission for having chickens," said Councillor Barker. "I'm not convinced that neighbours' permission should be required. But this is worthy of discussion." He said six should be the maximum number of chickens allowed.

Councillors Sharon Jackson and Michael Hunt also voiced support with permit holders being allowed to have a maximum of six chickens.

Mayor Anderson said as part of the bylaw, "I want to emphasize we are only talking about chickens here, not roosters (as they would not be allowed under the bylaw). And there is a need for proper housing and care of the birds in the bylaw."

Mayor Anderson also noted, "there is nothing here (in the proposed bylaw) that is etched in stone. We will hold a special meeting to provide further input by all members of council."

Council passed first reading of the bylaw.

Under the proposed bylaw, "persons who are wishing to raise backyard chickens, at a dwelling, for eggs and food purposes in designated residential zones and shoreline residential zones within the township of Billings, shall obtain a permit issued by the township prior to having chickens on their property. As well, there will be an annual \$40 administration fee upon submission of an application to raise backyard chickens. There is also a fine schedule for not following the provisions of the bylaw that includes fines ranging from \$250-500, the maximum for not having a permit."

Get snapping: all ages, abilities welcome at Photowalk

by Maureen Strickland

MANITOWANING—All ages, cameras and abilities are invited to get their creative juices flowing at the Photowalk on June 25 in Manitowaning.

Seasonal resident, Jan Heastont is a photographer and ambassador for Lensbaby, a camera lens company. Ms. Heastont participated in a photowalk in Hamilton in April and enjoyed it so much she has brought the walk to Manitoulin.


Ms. Heastont encourages those interested to register at the link in the events section of What's Doin on the Manitoulin on

Facebook.

Then "just show up with your camera" at the Assiginack Public Library at 25 Spragge Street in Manitowaning, at 2:30 pm on June 25. The walk will end at 4 pm in front of the library.

Participants will go on a photographic treasure hunt, get some swag from Lensbaby and have a chance to submit your photo to a Lensbaby competition.

The Manitoulin Expositor wants to see your photos too and encourages everyone to send them to editor@manitoulin.com.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Mental Health & Addictions Educator

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

Position Summary
Under the supervision of the Mental Health Clinic Manager, the Mental Health and Addictions Educator will provide education & awareness to M'Chigeeng First Nation as it pertains to mental health and addiction challenges. The Mental Health and Addictions Educator is responsible for the implementation of a community-based service that includes prevention education, and awareness programming that reflects and promotes a healthy lifestyle through both traditional and western approaches. These activities will be geared to children, youth, young adults, adults, and elders. The Mental Health Addictions worker will also work in collaboration with the Peer Support and Outreach Program.

Essential Functions

- Educate membership on mental health and addiction challenges and provide information as it pertains to such
- Provide education on colonial trauma as it relates to addictions and mental health challenges
- Promote Wholistic Wellness & Traditional approaches to understand mental health and addictions
- Promote Trauma Informed Care services and Harm Reduction approaches to wellness
- Promote services within the framework of client centred care
- Coordinate the annual National Addiction Awareness Week conference
- Facilitate Mental Health and Addictions psycho-educational awareness workshops and support groups including workshops on intergenerational trauma
- Promote current MFN services and collaborate with MFN Departments to support the education and awareness of addictions
- All other duties as assigned

Qualifications & Requirements

- College Diploma in Social Services or related field of study (i.e. Addictions & Mental Health Diploma, Social Services Worker Diploma) and/or lived experience and knowledge
- Entry Level to two (0-2) years' work-related experience in the field of mental health and/or addictions
- Understanding and knowledge of M'Chigeeng First Nation Community and its Membership
- Experience with presentation and facilitation of workshops, information sessions and training opportunities
- Willing to participate in training opportunities to gain knowledge and build capacity

Knowledge Requirements

- Working knowledge of Harm Reduction approaches
- Ability to make connections with community members
- Ability to work independently and with minimal supervision
- Ability to work with confidential and sensitive information
- Ability to display a positive and helpful attitude
- Ability to work within a team environment and with other key partners of the community
- Must be a role model both during and after regular work hours
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office and general office procedures
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Must have a valid G Licence with access to own vehicle
- Understanding of Anishinaabe language, culture, traditions as it relates to traditional healing
- Understanding and fluency of Anishinaabe language is an asset or the willingness to learn
- Strong understanding of colonization and its impacts on Anishinaabe communities (Intergenerational Trauma as a result of IRS, Day Schools, 60's Scoop, child welfare, etc.).

Conditions of Employment:


- Police Vulnerable Sector Check
- Proof of COVID-19 Vaccinations (2 doses minimum)

Closing Date: June 27th, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

Interested applicants can submit a cover letter, resume, three (3) current references (with names and contact information; two recent work-related and one character reference) and applicable education certifications addressed to:

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

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

HOUSING MANAGER

Department: Housing
Classification/Level: Department Manager Salary Grid (\$67,280 - \$82,230)
Employment Status: Regular Full-Time
4TH POSTING CLOSING DATE: OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Reporting Relationship
The Housing Manager reports to the Capital Works and Capital Projects Manager.

Position Summary:
The Housing Manager is responsible for overseeing and managing the administrative functions of housing department for M'Chigeeng First Nation (MFN). The Housing Manager will oversee the MFN Housing Department programs and services, as well as planning and supervising construction and renovation projects. The programs and services include, but are not limited to, the On-Reserve Mortgage Program, Renovation Loan Program and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporations Section 95, Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) and Home Adaptation for Seniors (HASI) Programs.

Responsibilities:

Planning:

- Responsible for developing the housing plan and housing policy implementation.
- Prepare short- and long-term housing maintenance plans as well as capital replacement plans for MFN.
- Oversee all new construction and renovation sites to ensure they are up-to-code; ensuring Health and Safety standards are being met through annual housing inspections.
- Prepare applications for various housing programs. This includes developing proposals and tenders and using technical reports to make smarter decisions and recommendations.

Financial Management:

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

Administration:

- Coordinate, manage, and oversee all housing activities to ensure that houses are maintained, rents are collected, files are kept up-to-date, tenants are adhering to policy as set out in housing policy and tenant agreements.
- Create work order system to meet the needs of the housing department for maintenance and renovation projects.
- Preparing reports and presentations to Chief and Council and the MFN community when requested.
- Develop work order systems to meet the need of the housing department for maintenance and renovations.
- Organize community meetings, housing authority and/or advisory group meetings and preparing reports.

Qualifications

- First Nation Housing Certificate or equivalent combination of post-secondary education and experience
- At least three (3) years' First Nation housing experience
- Good understanding of the CMHC program and other housing programs
- New construction and renovation experience would be considered an asset
- Experience and certification in Project Management / Property Management would be considered an asset
- Proficient with computer software programs (i.e. Microsoft Office)

Other:

- Understanding and knowledge of Ojibwe culture and traditions of the Anishinaabek
- Fluent in Ojibwe language is an asset or the willingness to learn
- Valid Ontario driver's licence and access to own vehicle
- Excellent public relations skills, interpersonal and leadership skills
- Demonstrated ability to work in a team environment with minimal supervision
- Ability to exercise discretion in handling highly confidential matters

Conditions of Employment:

- Police Vulnerable Sector Check
- Proof of COVID-19 Vaccinations

Interested applicants can submit a COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT REFERENCES (with names and contact information. Two recent work-related references and one character reference) and applicable education certifications addressed to:

CONFIDENTIAL: Housing Manager
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980) or to employment@mchigeeng.ca

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Over many years of cooking and baking, I have tried to use gluten free wraps! All I can say is that certain explicit words that one could use to describe them still do not get across the fact that they simply will not roll up or fold like wraps need to. So, I am going to tell you a little story but you need to wear your “imagination” hat.

First you need the following: a sunny day on a deck, a person taking the video, two people with the knowledge of how to play ‘rock, paper, scissors,’ gluten free wraps, a mouthful of water and the strength not to laugh. Then you need a Diebolt family chat on Signal and you are in business.

It was hilarious watching Becky (daughter-in-law) facing off with Sullivan (grandson). Both had their mouths full of water and each time they played rock, paper, scissors the person that won got to smack the other person on their cheek with the gluten free wrap. The trick was not to laugh and spill the water out of your mouth. Between the giggling of the video recorder and the last round where Becky spit the water at Sullivan—it was hilarious.

My question then was, ‘what happened to the gluten free wraps?’ Were they put back into the package and used for later, or did they go into the compost?

I use regular wraps and if a gluten free is needed I use gluten free bread, which is much easier to use.

Mexican Shredded Beef Wraps

I used a larger roast and we had it for dinner the one night and the leftovers I used for making wraps the next day. You can use venison, pork or chicken. The recipe calls for cayenne pepper but don’t add it until the meat has started to cook. Depending on how hot the jalapeño is you don’t want to be breathing fire when you eat it!



- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and minced
- 1 boneless beef chuck roast (2 to 3 pounds)
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 1 Tbsp chili powder
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper (optional)
- Tortillas — your choice

Place onion, jalapeño and garlic in a slow cooker. Sprinkle the roast with salt and pepper; place over garlic. In a small bowl mix tomato sauce, lime juice, chili powder, cumin and cayenne (optional); pour over roast.

Cook covered, on low 6-8 hours or until meat is tender. Remove roast, cool slightly and using two forks shred the roast and then return to the slow cooker.

Serve beef on tortillas with toppings of your choice—lettuce, cheese, tomato, peppers etc.

Indian Spiced Chickpea Wraps

You can change the Raita by using diced mango or


cucumber and add fresh herbs like cilantro or mint. Use Greek yogurt or if you are using regular yogurt drain it a bit in a paper-lined colander so it doesn’t become too runny when adding the fresh pineapple or mango. I also will take my immersion blender or potato masher and break up the chickpeas just a little while they are cooking in the tomatoes.

- Raita:**
- 1 cup plain yogurt
 - 1/2 cup unsweetened pineapple tidbits
 - 1/4 tsp salt
 - 1/4 tsp ground cumin
- Mix all together and set aside.

- Spiced Chickpeas:**
- 2 tsp olive oil
 - 1 medium onion, chopped
 - 1 Tbsp minced fresh ginger root
 - 2 garlic cloves, minced
 - 1/2 tsp curry powder
 - 1/4 tsp salt 1/4 tsp ground coriander
 - 1/4 tsp cumin
 - 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper, optional
 - 1 can (19 ounces) chickpeas, rinsed and drained
 - 1 cup crushed tomatoes
 - 3 cups fresh baby spinach or lettuce

In a skillet, heat the oil and sauté the onion until tender. Add the ginger and garlic and seasonings; cook and stir about 1 minute. Stir in the chickpeas and tomatoes; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered until slightly thickened, 5-8 minutes, stirring occasionally. Let cool.

To serve, place spinach or lettuce on the tortilla, then chickpeas then top with raita and roll up.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
2nd Posting - School Receptionist

Department: Education – Lakeview School
Classification Level: CA2 (\$36,000 - \$44,000) + pension and benefits
Position Status: Full-time Regular

Position Summary
The Receptionist under the supervision of the School Principal is the first point of call for visitors to the school, parents, staff, and children.

As the ‘face’ of the school the receptionist should be welcoming, personable, helpful, and able to represent the school in a professional and friendly manner. In addition, it is essential that the person for this role is organized, able to multi-task, work flexibly and have a ‘can do’ approach to work, as no two days are the same.

Essential Functions
Reception

- Performs all reception duties including greeting and directing parents and visitors, answering phones, recording, and distributing messages
- Performs and maintains an organized school filing system
- Responds to student and parent inquiries and concerns in a timely and professional manner
- Develops and implements individual annual work plan
- Responsible for organizing annual school events such as year-end awards and picture day
- Plans for additional bussing services that may be required during the school year
- Provides supervision of students in the main office when required

Clerical

- Prepares correspondence and reports as required
- Makes arrangements for staff meetings which includes preparing and distributing of meeting minutes
- Maintains staff time sheets records, submits them for approval to finance for processing
- Assists the Principal and Office Manager with various administrative tasks

Financial

- Prepares, monitors and updates financial data and reports for the Lakeview School
- Prepares and maintains purchase orders
- All other duties as assigned

Qualifications & Requirements

- Successful completion of Administrative/Office Administration College Program, Certificate or Equivalent
- At least 2-3 years’ work experience
- Excellent communication skills both verbal and written
- Demonstrated commitment to customer service excellence
- Proficient in Microsoft Office
- Working knowledge of office systems, procedures, and practices
- Working knowledge of meeting procedures would be an asset

Other

- Understanding and knowledge of Ojibwe culture and traditions of the Anishinaabek
- Fluent in Ojibwe language is an asset or the willingness to learn
- Must possess a valid driver’s licence and access to a vehicle

Conditions of Employment:


- Police Vulnerable Sector Check
- Proof of COVID-19 Vaccinations

Closing Date: June 24th, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Interested applicants can submit a cover letter, resume, three (3) current references (two work-related and one character/co-worker) and education certifications to:

Confidential - Human Resources
SCHOOL RECEPTIONIST
M’Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
M’CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
Fax 705-377-4980 or employment@mchigeeng.ca

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnísing
Indigenous Re-integration Supportive Services (IRSS)
Program Worker

INDIGENOUS RE-INTEGRATION AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM
Location: United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnísing Tribal Council – M’Chigeeng First Nation
Duration: Full-time Permanent (pending funding)

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

RESPONSIBILITIES

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

QUALIFICATIONS

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

Remuneration: \$42,000.00 + benefits and \$7,700 (UTurn contract) **Closing Date:** July 4, 2022

To Apply: **Mail or deliver** a complete package, which must include the following:
1) cover letter
2) resume
3) copy of valid Ontario driver’s licence
4) three work-related letters of reference including at least one from a supervisor/manager

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

Mark “Confidential-IRSS” to:
Hazel Recollet
Chief Executive Officer
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnísing
Box 275
M’Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0

EDITOR'S NOTE: Manitoulin is being transformed with the influx of new residents and business owners who bring with them fresh ideas, experiences and perspectives that are enriching the area. Some individuals and families are still unpacking boxes, having only moved in the past month or two, while others made the move over the last few years and are now comfortably established in their new communities. Here are some of their stories.

by Heather Marshall

Having been an immigrant who has moved to multiple countries over her lifetime, it's perhaps not surprising that Vera Kuminov would help refugee women who recently moved to Manitoulin after fleeing the war in Ukraine. A native of Crimea, she spent the first decade of her life the region so it understandably holds a special place in her heart. But Vera's journey would see her move many more times and call several countries home before she eventually found her way

to Manitoulin too.

The daughter of a mother from Crimea and father from Siberia, Vera and her two sisters spent the bulk of their lives in Israel, where the family moved when she was 10 years old. She lived in Ashqelon for more than two decades, attending elementary and secondary school before fulfilling her mandatory military service in the Israel Defence Forces, which all young women and men must do when they turn 18. After completing an engineering degree in computer science and mathematics, the fluent English, Hebrew and Russian speaker was recruited by an Israeli multinational computer company, Amdocs, and travelled the world doing its business.

A thriving IT career was just one aspect of Vera's life in Israel. She met and married her teenage sweetheart, another com-



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Welcome to Manitoulin, Vera Kuminov!



puter specialist originally from Moscow whose family also had emigrated to Israel when he was a child. The couple had a son and daughter.

During those very busy years Vera lived for a time in Amsterdam and London working on IT initiatives in the Netherlands and UK before being sent to Canada in 2014 to work on a project for Telus.

"This was a big move for us," says Vera. "Our daughter was less than two years old and our son only four when we uprooted the entire family for my career. It became a life-changing experience."

Vera's life took a totally different path after arriving in Richmond Hill where she met a neighbour running a home day-care, Inessa Taibert, who took her kids into care. That relationship became

LEFT: From left, Inessa Taibert and Vera Kuminov.

an exceptional friendship and, in time, a business partnership when Vera concluded that IT was taking too great a toll on her family and personal life. Among the casualties was the dissolution of her mar-

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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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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION Educator Opportunities (2nd Posting)

Starting end of August 29, 2022

1 – FULL-TIME ELEMENTARY TEACHER (with Health and Benefits) – As per MFN Teaching Salary Grid and Years of Teaching Experience

The Elementary Teacher will be responsible for the preparation of lessons/units for Lakeview School students. The teacher shall have the understanding of the Anishinaabe culture and promote Anishinaabemowin the culture, traditions and history as part of the curriculum.

Responsibilities

- As a teacher in a First Nation community, make every effort to learn Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe Language) and to reinforce and promote such language in the classroom, the school and community at large. The teacher acknowledges that cultural awareness and cross-cultural training, as designated and deemed appropriate by MFN, shall be mandatory as part of on-going training and professional development. The teacher further acknowledges the importance of participating in community and cultural events and shall endeavour to attend and participate.
- Demonstrates a commitment to assisting MFN students reach their potential and achieve academic student success while maintaining cultural integrity.
- Research and write lessons and units according to MFN and the Ontario approved curriculum.
- Instruct students utilizing a systematic plan of lessons, discussions, presentations, and field trips.
- Lead students in activities to promote their physical, mental, and social development and school readiness.

Qualifications & Requirements

- Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Education with 1-2 years of successful teaching experience
- Valid Ontario College of Teachers Certificate
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, tradition, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe
- Understanding and fluency of Ojibwe language is an asset or must have the willingness to learn

1 – FULL-TIME ANISHINAABEMOWIN TEACHER (with Health and Benefits) – As per MFN Teaching Salary Grid and Years of Teaching Experience

The Anishinaabemowin Teacher will instill the language and culture to the students at Lakeview School. They will be responsible for the instructional leadership and cultural teachings at Lakeview School and will provide support for all grade levels at Lakeview School. The student's ability to speak, write and read the Anishinaabemowin and make cultural connections to traditions is strengthened by the instruction associated with this role within the school. The Anishinaabemowin Teacher must understand the Ontario curriculum related to the Anishinaabemowin language, supporting student/staff achievements, ensuring IEPs are followed, contribute to a positive school environment, incorporate trauma-informed practice, and must be active in ensuring student success.

Qualifications & Requirements:

- Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Bachelor of Education, Program of Teacher Education – Primary, Junior, Intermediate Division, additional Qualifications, prior teaching experience instructing the language
- Valid Ontario College of Teachers Certificate
- Understanding and fluency of Ojibwe Language
- Knowledge and/or experience with the culture, tradition, history and customs of the Anishinaabe

Conditions of Employment with MFN:

Confirmation of Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check
Proof of COVID-19 Vaccinations (1 & 2 dose minimum)

Applications Due: June 24th, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

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

CONFIDENTIAL: "INDICATE POSITION"
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
Fax 705-377-4980 or employment@mchigeeng.ca

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Shelter Coordinator (2nd Posting)

Department: Administration (Peer Support and Outreach)
Employment Status: Full-Time Term
Salary: \$63,000 / year (including Health and Benefits)

Position Summary

Under the supervision of the Drug Strategy Coordinator, the Shelter Coordinator will carry out a variety of duties related to the operation of an emergency shelter including direct supervision of shelter staff, performing follow-up services for individuals accessing shelter, conducting referrals to service providers, as well as ensuring frontline staff have what they need to perform their duties to the best of their abilities.

Essential Functions

- Maintain a safe, supportive Trauma Informed environment within the shelter.
- Monitor facility to maintain safety of individuals and shelter space.
- Review shelter referrals and intakes and connect with frontline staff for follow-up services.
- Assist with any escalations or safety concerns.
- Cover shifts as needed; Responds to inquiries via phone and email.
- As required and as applicable, make suggestions that will improve shelter efficiency, working conditions or procedures.
- Complete and maintain related files, manuals, records, and documentation by performing duties such as filing incident reports, maintaining relevant statistical data, and providing referrals for follow-up services.
- Provide support and debriefing to shelter staff.
- Secure and maintain all equipment and materials needed and purchased for the shelter.
- Gathers pertinent information to gain a better understanding of homelessness in the community and to assist in improving support services that are offered.
- Participate in program, department and organization meetings and relevant training as required, as well as inter-agency groups that provide assistance and advocacy.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications & Requirements

- Bachelor's Degree in human services field or related field or Grade 12 Diploma with a combination of formal training and work experience
- At least two (2) years' experience working with the homeless population and/or mental health and addictions
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- At least 1+ years of supervision experience

Other

- Knowledge/familiarity with related resources such as: Mental Health, Income Assistance, Harm Reduction, Trauma Informed Practice, Addictions Support organizations, etc. is an asset
- Computer skills including use of Microsoft Office
- Able to develop good relations and make connections with shelter individuals; Ability to maintain clear personal and professional boundaries
- Ability to remain alert and on duty throughout shifts
- Ability to respond responsibly in emergency and crisis situations
- Ability to work independently and in cooperation with others
- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing

Conditions of Employment:

- Police Vulnerable Sector Check
- Proof of COVID-19 Vaccinations

Closing Date: June 24th, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Interested applicants can submit a cover letter, resume, three (3) current references (with names and contact information; two recent work-related and one character reference) and applicable education certifications addressed to:

SHELTER COORDINATOR
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
Fax 705-377-4980 or employment@mchigeeng.ca

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Vera went from being a project manager for a high-tech firm to running her own home daycare, which she began with Inessa's support. "I am endlessly grateful to her," she explains. "Inessa took me under her wing and taught me how to run a business. I was accustomed to running a team of IT specialists, but she helped me to do everything from interviewing staff and parents to selecting wonderful children. She let me build on her reputation to get myself established."

Their businesses were so successful that the friends were set to bid on a large-scale daycare operation they would jointly operate when their business partnership took another giant step forward. That's when Inessa vacationed on Manitoulin for the first time in 2018 and fell so in love with it that she purchased a house almost immediately. She told Vera there were affordable business opportunities on the Island and that they should consider taking their business plans in a new direction.

"I'd never heard of Manitoulin before, but Inessa was confident this would be a good fit for us and suggested we give it a try. After coming up here I understood why. The first trip up we arrived late at night and she told me to look up. I had never seen the sky that way before, staring at the Milky Way and billions of stars. I was sold!"

Vera initially looked at cottages for sale she could



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potentially rent out but, within short order, she and Inessa agreed to jointly purchase The Huron Sands Motel & Restaurant in Providence Bay. She set aside a stellar IT career, resigning from Telus, to run a tourist operation with her best friend and business partner.

"I got to know the real Canada by making this move. In the city you don't see Canadians as much because so many people who live there are immigrants. Moving to a quiet rural area you get to know real Canadians—and just how wonderful they are. When we began, we had no idea about wells or septic systems, but we got so much help from local trades people and so much support from our neighbours. We made a lot of rookie mistakes, yet people have been incredibly helpful and nurturing. When I come back to Manitoulin after being away, I get texts from people saying, 'welcome home'."

Given the seasonal nature of the tourism business, Vera has returned to IT, once again employed by Telus but now as a consultant working remotely. The enterprising entrepreneur is keeping her options open to potentially start another Island-based business, maybe a day-

care, in the future. All this while continuing to commute biweekly between Manitoulin and Richmond Hill, where she shares custody of her children with her ex-husband.

Ms. Kuminov has another, volunteer career at present: settling the refugees from her native Ukraine in places of safety, many now calling Manitoulin their home thanks to her diligence and empathy.

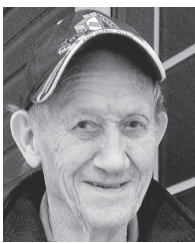
Despite the heavy demands of her new life, Vera is convinced the move to Manitoulin will be her final destination. "This has been an amazing journey. I feel I have become a different and better person because of this decision. I never want to leave this community as I feel this where I belong. Having just gained Canadian citizenship, I can proudly say this is my home, a place where local people leave me speechless with their kindness and goodness."

Heather Marshall and her husband worked as journalists and consultants in the National Capital Region for more decades than they care to admit before making their Sandfield cottage their permanent home. A lifelong learner, Heather loves discovering new things and people and relishes the opportunity to write about newcomers to the Manitoulin. If you would like to share your story or know of recent arrivals we should meet, send a message to hmarshall@videotron.ca

Death Notices

ARTHUR ATTILLIO BERTI

December 8, 1926 - June 9, 2022



In loving memory of Arthur Attilio Berti who passed away peacefully surrounded by family at Mindemoya Hospital on June 9, 2022 in his 96th year. Predeceased by his wife of more than 50 years, June Irene Goode. Art is survived by his four children Linda Wunderlich and partner Michael (predeceased) of Eady, Carol Jamieson and partner Dave Henderson of Mindemoya, Ron and partner Joahna of Tehkummah and Silvio of Tehkummah; by seven grandchildren Sabrina (partner Rob), Dylan (partner Meagan), Beckett (partner Elyse), Nicole (partner Jamie), Melanie (partner Bruce), Lucas (partner Brittany), and Emma (partner Felix); and by eight great-grandchildren Lauren, Kharessa, Nekoma, Naomi, Noelle, Hayden, Charlie Mae and Boreal. Art and June built four homes together – the first in the early 1950s on Weston Road, the second at Orr Lake in Huronia in the early 1970s, the third in the village of Hillsdale in 1999 and the fourth in Mindemoya on Manitoulin Island in 2005. Over the last decade and half Art became a familiar and friendly character in the local community donating his time and woodworking talents in many ways and remaining active at the curling rink and the golf course into his 90s. More recently he was seen around town on his bright yellow tricycle or blue scooter on his daily trip to the grocery store and the post office, and for the last six months made new friends at the Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay. Art was a first generation Italian Canadian and one of four sons born to Silvio Berti and Mary Calsavara. Art was loved by many friends and relatives and always enjoyed a visit with a cousin or neighbour to share pictures and memories of June and his family with pride. Art had a full life rich with friendly relationships and will be missed by many, particularly his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who he loved so much. A Mass for immediate family will be held followed by interment at Hilly Grove Cemetery. A Celebration of Life is planned for a later date. Donations in Arthur's name can be mailed to the Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary, 3 Main Street, Gore Bay POP 1H0 or Manitoulin Health Centre, 2120B Highway 551, Mindemoya, Ontario POP 1S0. Please put 'EMERG TOGETHER' in the memo line.

DAVID EARL LANG



David Earl Lang passed away peacefully on June 12, 2022, in his 83rd year. Survived by his wife of 49 years, Carol. Manitoulin has been his home since retiring from INCO in 1992. Predeceased by his sister Joanne; he will be missed by brothers Allan (Sue) and Brian; sister Kathryn Keenan (Pat); in-laws Doug and Sharon Alkenbrack; children Heather, Lianne, Marcia Ranger (Paula) and Kendal Maki (Kim); five granddaughters, many friends and, of course, his cat, Nomad. Much appreciation goes to the fabulous staff who cared for him at the Mindemoya Hospital. Expressions of sympathy may be made through donations to the Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya Emergency Department Expansion <https://www.mhc.on.ca/mindemoya-emergency-department-expansion>.

ELYAN EVA WHITE

October 6, 1931 - June 6, 2022



Elyan Eva White, born on the 6th of October 1931, passed away on the 6th of June 2022 in Collingwood, Ontario at the age of 90 with her family by her side. Elyan spent the last few years of her life suffering from dementia, living at the Chartwell Georgian Traditions Retirement Home. She remained very positive and optimistic during her residency, and was commonly known to all the staff as a very pleasant and happy person.

She was married to Bill (William) Gordon White until his passing on July 18, 2010. Elyan is survived by her three loving children Wendy, Gordon, Michael and their spouses Micheal, Janice and Kim respectively. She is also the cherished grandmother of Amanda, Alex, Christine, Nicole, Matthew and great-grandmother of Colby, Luca, Dexter and Declan. Survived by her two siblings Francine and Len Girard. Cherished sister-in-law to Katherine Vandusen, Irene Girard, Betty White, Carol and Gerald White and Grace White. Predeceased by brothers-in-law Gary Vandusen, Bob White and Raymond White. Elyan was a positive, non-judgemental person with an infectious giggle and a warm heart. With her love for cooking and baking she made a home a home for her family and friends. Family and friends gathered for a mass at St. Justin's Parish in London, Ontario on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 1 pm. Luncheon followed at St. Justin's Parish. A Celebration of Life will take place at Our Lady of Canada Catholic Church in Mindemoya, Manitoulin Island on Thanksgiving weekend and interment of ashes at the Providence Bay Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in honour of Elyan to the Hospice Georgian Triangle/Campbell House in Collingwood, Ontario.

BARB CRETZMAN



Barb Cretzman of Kagawong passed away on Thursday, June 9, 2022 in her 64th year. Beloved wife of Dan and cherished mom of Shannon (Chad Larocque), Robert and Robin. Barb will be sadly missed by her grandchildren Ethan, Hailey and Erika Wadge, Lily, Zachary and Noah Cretzman, Justin and Brodie Groulx; her brother Wayne (Sascha) Mills; sister Cheryl (Rick) Cooper; brothers-in-law Paul (Kim) Cretzman, Randy (Bev) Cretzman; and sister-in-law Lynne Cretzman. Auntie to Chris (Nicole) Cooper, Katherine (Ryan) Kelly. Mom loved sports of all kinds, especially talking while the Leafs played. She was very adventurous and up for anything and would try anything once. Loved gardening and living on Manitoulin Island. Loved her friends like family and loved family, especially my dad, more than anything in the world. She was a rock for not only our family but to anyone who needed it. When she loved she loved hard. Predeceased by her parents Fenton and Joan (Steadman) Mills. At Barb's request, cremation has taken place. Join us on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at 11 am at 36 Poplar Dr., Kagawong for a casual Come and Go Celebration of Barb's Life. All welcome. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the Lupus Ontario and may be made through SimpsonFuneralHome.ca.

Burial Notice

CARRENE ENGLISH



A Mass will be held at Our Lady of Canada Church, 6289 Hwy 542, King St, Mindemoya, at 11 am on Saturday, June 18, 2022. The blessing and interment will take place immediately following mass at Mindemoya Cemetery. We invite all friends and family to join us in remembering this remarkable woman, wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Reception to follow at the Mindemoya Curling Club. Dennis looks forward to seeing you all.

Celebration of Life

LOIS EVELYN NEWTON

February 17, 1944 - April 22, 2022



We invite friends and loved ones to join the family of Lois Evelyn Newton to Celebrate her Life. We'll share our favourite stories about her and create a vase with colourful flowers in her honour. Per her request, please bring a flower from your garden or a wildflower to contribute to the celebration on Sunday, July 3, 2022 from 1 to 4 pm at the Burpee Mills Cemetery, Union Road for the graveside service. Light lunch to follow at Burpee Mills Community Hall.

DOUG HUTCHINSON



A Come and Go Celebration of Life for Doug Hutchinson will be held at the Sandfield Schoolhouse on Saturday, June 18, 2022 from 1 to 3 pm. Join us and share a story or two. Everyone welcome!

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

thank you

We want to thank all our friends and neighbours for the cards, prayers, phone calls and offers of assistance over the past five months. Special thanks to Chris Wallace and the Mindemoya Medical Clinic team, doctors and staff at Mindemoya Hospital emergency department and at Health Sciences North, Maryanne and staff at Bayshore, Robertson's IDA for their consistent concern and care and Myke Argue for his always smiling response to any request, no matter how crazy it seemed. Very special thanks and love to all our family for their loving support. I'm not dancing yet, but soon!
Jim and Willie Munro

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† in memoriam

OVERFIELD—In loving memory of my beautiful Mother, Darlene Overfield, who passed away on June 12, 1992. God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around you and He whispered "Come to Me." With tearful eyes we watched you. We watched you fade away. Although we loved you dearly, We could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, Hardworking hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He chose to take the best. It's lonesome here without you. We miss you more each day. Life doesn't seem the same since you have gone away. When days are sad and lonely and everything goes wrong, We seem to hear you whisper "Cheer Up and Carry On." Each time we see your picture you seem to smile and say, "Don't cry, I'm in God's hands, we'll meet again someday!" We think of you often Mom. Sadly missed by her children Lynn, Dale, Darrell, Kevin and Loriann; grandchildren Natasha (Chris), Douglas and Raymond (Jessica); and great-grandchildren Hailey, Marcus, Xandre, Adelyn and Ryan.

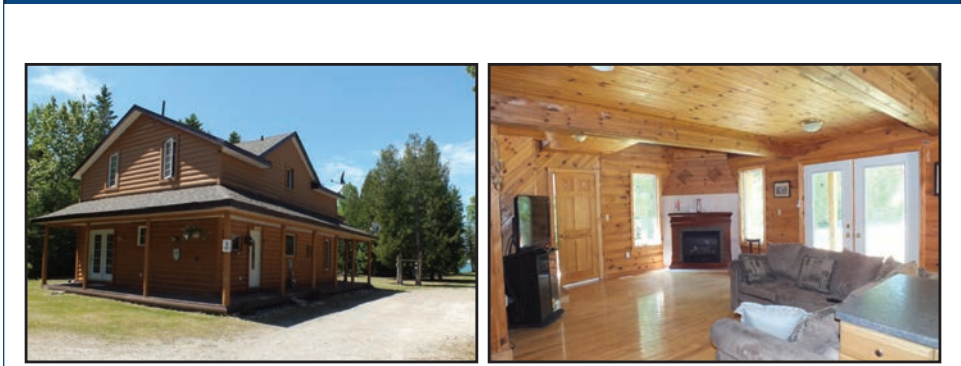
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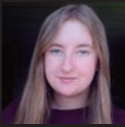
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We are now in the final crunch of the semester. The last few lessons of remaining units are being taught, culminating assignments are well underway and most exam preparation has begun.

It's been a while since MSS has been able to have a live talent show in the cafeteria. On Wednesday, June 8, that was able to happen. During the lunch hour, the Grade 9 music class, senior music class, concert band and a few other acts performed in front of staff and students. Thank you to all the participants who got up on stage and provided wonderful entertainment.

With all the stress that comes with the end of the semester, some fun was needed. So, on Friday, June 10 there was Student Appreciation Day. Student council, along with the assistance of some admin members, planned an afternoon of activities in hopes of surprising the rest of the students. After lunch, students were taken outside onto the soccer field where they were split into East and West End teams based on where they live on the Island. From there, students played capture the flag, which was followed by a game of tug-of-war. The game was so intense that the rope may have broken during the second round! After the little rope dilemma, students transitioned to eating hotdogs and freezies while other

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Rachael Orford

activities went on such as nail painting, spikeball, a photo scavenger hunt and basketball. It was great to see all the staff and students outside enjoying some time together and having fun in the sunshine.

This coming Friday, June 17, the Grade 8 students from Island elementary schools will be coming to MSS for Grade 8 shadow day. The event will begin with an introduction from some senior students and some icebreaker games. Grade 8 students will have the chance to shadow a junior student to their second period class as an opportunity to see what high school classes are like. They will have lunch at MSS and will get tours around the school during the third period. Can't wait to see all the future Mustangs there!

Don't forget that this Sunday, June 19 is Father's Day! A Father's Day joke

for you:
How is the baby bird like its dad? It's a chirp off the old block.

The exam schedule for semester two has been released. There will be three exam days: Thursday, June 23; Friday, June 24; and Monday, June 27. Two exam periods will occur on Friday, June 24, one beginning at 9 am and the second beginning at 12:30 pm. Exam periods begin at 9 am on both Thursday, June 23 and Monday, June 27. Best of luck, Mustangs!

The MSS Graduation for the Class of 2022 will take place on Tuesday, June 28 beginning at 7 pm. Graduates are to be at the school by 6:15 pm. The

graduation rehearsal is on Monday, June 20, at 11 am.

Joke of the week: Why did the baby strawberry

cry? Because his daddy was in a jam.

Upcoming events include spymaster, a PD

Day, Grade 8 shadow day, and exams.

I wish all fathers, stepfathers, uncles, grandfather and other fatherly figures a happy Father's Day!

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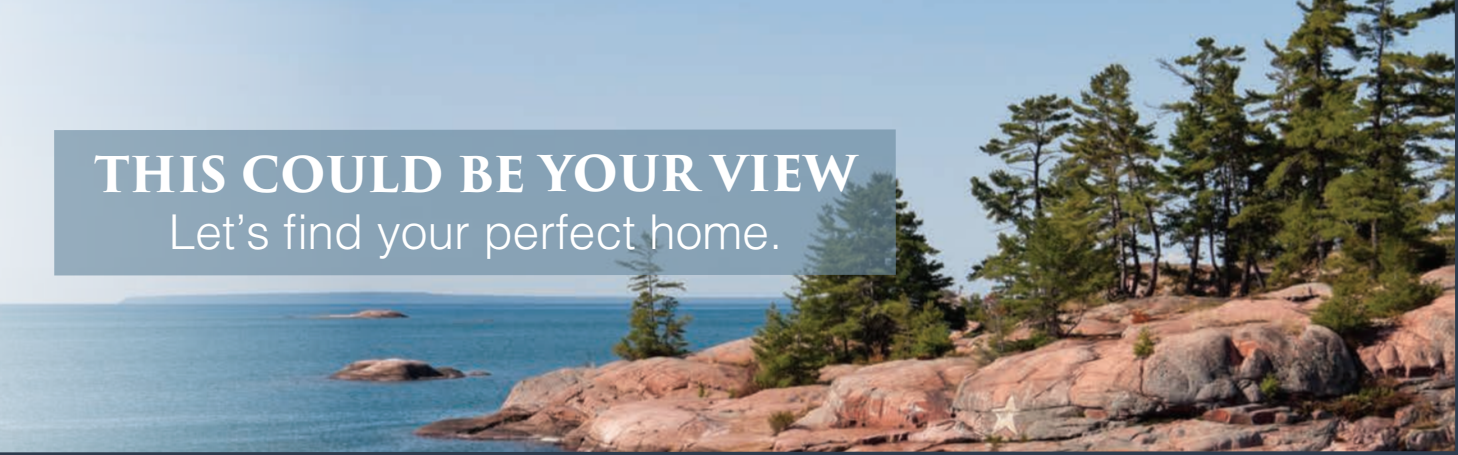
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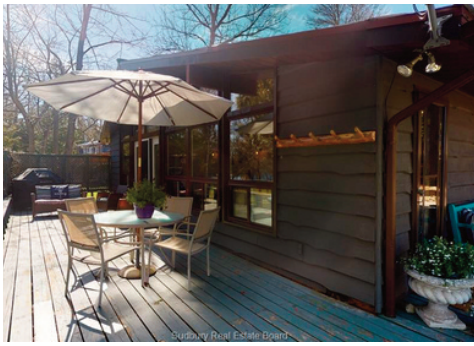
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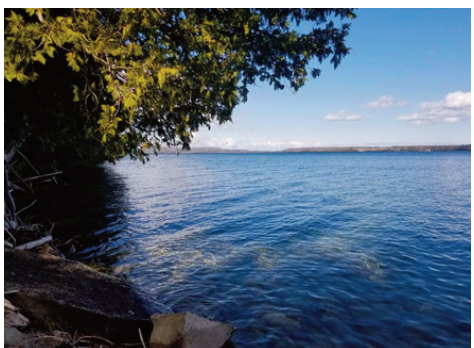
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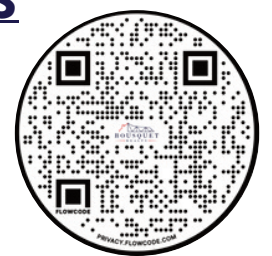


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