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Wiikwemkoong raises its first Pride flag Manitoulin woman

Community marks occasion with celebration

by Maureen Strickland

WIIKWEMKOONG—To the beating of the drum, all eyes were fixed on the rainbow flag as it slowly rose up the flagpole to soar over Wiikwemkoong.

Pride flags are raised across Canada on June 1 to celebrate and show support for LGBTQ and two-spirited people and communities during Pride month.

This was the first ever raising of a Pride flag in Wiikwemkoong and the result of many months of dedication by the Wiikwemkoong Pride working group.

As the event got underway, Kindergarteners drew rainbows on the sidewalk while elders settled onto the neat row of chairs all with tiny rainbow flags attached and flapping in the wind.

Winona Ominika, 27, planted the seed for this event back in July 2021 when she approached the band council and asked them for Pride flags. This initial request led to the Pride working

Seeing the flag dancing in the

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flag ever is raised at Wiikwemkoong's band

Opinions mixed on Ottawa gun legislation

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

OTTAWA—New legislation introduced by the federal government on May 30 to further strengthen gun control has received mixed reviews. Measures included in Bill C-21 include a national freeze on handguns, fighting gun smuggling, taking away the firearms licences of perpetrators of domestic violence or criminal harassment and the creation of a new 'red flag' law that would require individuals considered a danger to themselves or others to surrender their firearms to law enforcement. Long gun magazines would be required to be permanently altered so they can never hold more than five rounds and the sale and transfer of large capacity magazines would be banned under the Criminal Code of

The legislation tabled supports many of the 34 recommendations put forth by the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security (SECU) in their April report, 'A Path Forward: Reducing Gun

and Gang Violence in Canada.' The committee studied gun control, illegal arms trafficking and the increase in gun crimes committed by members of street gangs, as per a House of Commons directive

The bill does not ban handguns outright but seeks to cap the number already in Canada. While gun control advocates and others welcome the measures, many gun owners argue the new law, if passed, will not target the criminals who are responsible for the rise in gun violence. "Implementing a national ban on handguns has no bearing whatsoever on the crime problem in cities," said Blaine Williamson of D.A. Williamson and Sons in Mindemoya, who has been selling guns for about 50 years.

He points to statistics that show urban areas have the most crimes committed with handguns. "It's people that do not have a license that are criminally minded in the first place," he said. "They're not buy

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Swimming for MS: Part I of a series Matt's Manitoulin multiple sclerosis swim

EDITOR'S NOTE: Diane Sims was the editor of The Manitoulin Expositor in the late 1980s and when she learned of plans of Matthieu Bonin to swim around Manitoulin Island this summer to raise awareness for people living with multiple sclerosis (MS) she leapt at the opportunity to report on Mr. Bonin's motivation and progress. Ms Sims was diagnosed with MS at age 18 and has enjoyed a productive life and a variety of careers, including publishing five books. Ms Sims is a native of Sault Ste Marie and currently lives in Stratford where she is a vociferous advocate on access issues on behalf of citizens with mobility con-



Diane Sims

cerns. This is the first part of an ongoing series that will follow Mr. Bonin and is titled, 'Swimming for MS.'

by Diane Sims

SUDBURY—Matthieu Bonin's strokes for multiple sclerosis (MS) are mere weeks away with his mission to swim the 350-kilometre circumference of Manitoulin Island.

The 35-year-old Sudbury swimmer sees this swim as a message for those living with MS, a memorial for a cherished aunt who died from MS complications and a means to raise funds to cure this debilitating neurological disease.

Matt, as he asked to be called in a video interview, said his "main message is inspiration and hope for people struggling daily with MS.

"I just want to help people. I go to dark, difficult places and try to bring light and I think MS is a very

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named Ontario's top elementary math instructor

by Tom Sasvari

ALMONTE—Catherine Koehler is the recipient of the 2022 Ontario Association for Mathematics Education (OAME) award for 'Exceptional and Creative Teaching in Elementary Mathematics.' The award recognizes an exceptional and creative elementary educator who demonstrates excellence in mathematics education and contributes to the overall development of students.

"I was totally blown away by my colleagues' support and, to be honest, I was a very reluctant recipient," said Ms. Koehler. "I do not think I do anything different than thousands of teachers across Ontario. Being recognized by my peers means the world to me. I have always been fortunate to work with supportive colleagues, and just like kids, when teachers feel supportive, they thrive. I have

been extremely fortunate." Ms. Koehler (who was born and raised in Little Current, went to Little Current Public School, and then on to Manitoulin Secondary School), is a teacher at Holy Name of Mary Catholic School in Almonte and received the award virtually at the OAME annual

conference in May.

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario (CDS-BEO) said in a release, "Catherine is an accomplished mathematics teacher who brings numbers to life for students throughout the CDSBEO. She is known for her ...continued on page 11

Two more Ukrainian families call Island home, plan to stay

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The laughter of two small children playing in the next room could be heard as The Expositor sat down with two of Little Current's newest residents, Yuliia Zelenko and Yuliia Donskova, two young mothers whose harrowing journey from war-torn Ukraine provides a testament to maternal determination to protect their children. Refugee facilitator Vera Kuminov, of Providence Bay and Richmond Hill, joined the conversation as a translator as the two mothers have very little English at the

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Charles C. McLean students help a pal win his ribbon

by Tom Sasvari

here wasn't a dry eye among spectators and organizers on hand for the Charles C. McLean Public School track and field championship held May 30, as a group of student athletes provided the ultimate example of what sportsmanship is all about.

"I don't know if these young boys understand how important this was, or what they have did," stated Amanda Hore. "It was truly amazing. My son Maxim (Bell) has cerebral palsy and started doing the shortest race a few years ago at the track day. It's the only event he can do. This year he was racing (walking) the 100-metre

"A group of boys who were to be in the same race as Maxim come up with a plan all on their own, deciding to walk the race just behind Maxim so that he could get his first ever ribbon," said Ms. Hore. "Jaci (Olson Ewart) came up with the plan and got his friends on board." The other students who participated included Jayden Demero, Jack Hartin and Ronan Bentley.

Jaci Olson Ewart, who is 11 years old and in Grade 6 at C.C. McLean, told The Expositor, "a few minutes before the race I came up with the plan to hold back and let Maxim win the race. After that I went to ask my friends to help me, and I asked his mother Amanda if it was okay."

We insisted because it was only fair, and we felt it was right that Maxim got to have this moment," said Jaci. "I decided to do this because Maxim has a disability, and it would be very difficult for him to complete in the longer races." He explained he had talked to his other classmates and tried to get everybody on board. "I asked Amanda if it was okay. Amanda also told me that we didn't have to

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Local firefighters assist one of the victims in an airplane crash off the plane, at a mock disaster exercise held at the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport May 30.

photos by Tom Sasvari

Mock disaster event held at Gore Bay Airport

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON—Anyone visiting the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport last Monday would have seen vestiges of a Dash-8 airplane just off the runway and a tractor trailer unit about 50 yards away with debris, luggage and injured people strewn about. They can't be blamed for misinterpreting the scene of the mock emergency disaster for the real thing.

The 'disaster' was that the aircraft had hit a tractor trailer mower as the plane tried to land on the runway. First responders and an ambulance were on hand for the drill, as were several local fire departments as well as paramedics, doctors, nurses and other medical personnel from Northern Ontario School of Medicine and Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC), airport staff, employees from Manitoulin Transport, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers and amateur radio operators.

What was perhaps more impressive than the scene itself was how all the agencies involved worked

together to care for the 'injured' persons and to deal with the fire and numerous other surprises that arose as the scenarios played out. These included discovering there was a bomb; finding the plane on fire; and one woman was desperately searching for her baby amidst one report that a six-month-old baby had been seen crawling and a separate report of another woman walking around carrying a baby.

At a debriefing after the event, airport manager Robby Colwell called the event a great success.

"In a small community, in any emergency, this is what you will get," said Trent Gervais, CEO for Loomex Group, which had provided the demonstration aircraft, all the debris as well as the plane jet crash simulator. "It's obvious from this exercise that everyone is well prepared to handle an emergency," Mr. Gervais said. "There were some lessons but nothing major."

One paramedic pointed out that although there ...continued on page 14

Ron Cooper presented with first Randy Thibault Memorial Award

EDITOR'S NOTE: Manitoulin Hockey Association (MMHA) recognized three award recipients at a volunteer appreciation event held May 27 in the Mindemoya curling club. The MMHA presented the Jack Clark most deserving official award to Mike Payette (which was highlighted last week), the Randy Thibault memorial award to Ron Cooper, and recognized Greg Lockeyer for receiving the Northern Ontario Hockey League Angus Campbell Merit Award. The Expositor is profiling each of the award winners over three weeks. This week we are profiling Ron Cooper.

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—It is obvious with the comments of those who had nominated him and those who supported the nomination of Ron Cooper that he is a very deserving winner of the first Randy Thibault Memorial Award. The award is presented to someone other than a player that has made an outstanding contribution to hockey on Manitoulin Island. This person has gone above and beyond the call of duty to promote and represent hockey on our Island.

"Ron Cooper has been a coach, assistant coach and trainer for the



Ron Cooper receives the Randy Thibault Memorial Award.

past 22 years plus. He has been a president of Manitowaning Minor Hockey and a community representative for the Manitoulin

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Anishinabek Nation celebrates inaugural Anishinaabe Day

CANADA—June 6 marked the inaugural Anishinabek Nation holiday, Anishinaabe Giizhigad, in honour of the historic proclamation of the Anishinaabe Chi-Naaknigewin (constitution).

"What a wonderful opportunity to showcase that we are a strong, united nation," stated Jeannette Corbiere Lavell, Anishinabek Nation E'Dbendaagzijig (citizenship) Commissioner, of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory. "Ngo Dwe Waangizid Anishinabe will truly have meaning." "June 6 is our day," said Ms. Corbiere Lavell. "A beautiful day to honour and respect the teachings of our elders."

"Today, we recognize June 6 as a day of great historical significance for the Anishinabek Nation, member First Nations, and citizens, and is cause for celebration across the Nation," said Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe. He said in a statement, "it is a day where we remember and acknowledge the assertion of our sovereignty and responsibilities that are foremost guided by the Seven Grandfather teachings."

"It is a day where we celebrate Anishinabek and the resiliency of our people who have survived decades of assimilation and racism," continued Grand Council Chief Niganobe. "Our beautiful culture, traditions and people will continue on for generations to come. We encourage our E'Dbendaagzijig to join in on this wonderful day today and on every June 6 to come!"

The Anishinabek Nation executive leadership proclaimed the

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Gore Bay resident circulates petition calling on council to reconsider its washroom-free open air pavilion

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—While a resident of Gore Bay is seeking support from local residents on a petition calling for town council to reconsider approving tenders for the construction of an open-air pavilion where the former tennis courts were (until the project includes washrooms being included within the building), a town official indicates that while permanent washrooms will not be included at this time, a separate building will be constructed in the future that will house proper washrooms.

"Provisions are in place for new public washrooms to be built—there will be washrooms constructed and available in a separate building (near the open-air pavilion) at a later date," stated Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne. "It could be next year that they will be in place, but we have plans in place for washrooms to be constructed. If anyone hasn't informed themselves as to what

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Manitoulin municipalities, First Nation and business receive substantial project funding

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Town of Gore Bay and Billings Township, along with the Wikwemikong Development Commission (WDC) and North Channel Cruise Lines

Mike Mantha returned as MPP

by Expositor staff

ONTARIO—NDP incumbent Mike Mantha is returning to Queen's Park with a commanding endorsement from the voters of Algoma-Manitoulin.

June 2 was an evening filled with the heights of triumph and the depths of defeat as Doug Ford's Progressive Conservative Party was returned with an increased majority, largely at the expense of the NDP. Ending preelection speculation, NDP leader Andrea Horwath who has led her party through four elections won her own riding but has resigned as leader of the NDP. Liberal leader Steven Del Duca lost his own Vaughn riding and also resigned the leadership of his party.

Voter turnout across Ontario in this election was extremely low, barely cracking the 40 percent mark at 41.66 in Algoma-Manitoulin

Algoma-Manitoulin incumbent NDP candidate Mike Mantha was

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all received funding announced by the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario (FedNor). In recognition of national tourism week, which ran from May 29 to June 4, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, minister of Indigenous services and minister responsible for FedNor, announced FedNor investments totalling \$8,750,385 to 'protect, strengthen and grow Northern Ontario's tourism sector." Provided through the government of Canada's tourism relief fund (TRF) the investments support 58 tourism projects in municipalities and Indigenous communities across the region.

The Town of Gore Bay is receiv-

ing \$249,000 through the TRF to upgrade its waterfront and boardwalk to attract more tourists, and in turn, increase spending at local businesses. Specifically, the funding will be used to construct two bridges, pave the front parking lot of the Harbour Centre (an arts incubator and museum hub), landscape the shoreline and install educational signage, flooring and a chairlift to enhance accessibility to the centre's thirdfloor museum. This project will create six jobs during the construction phase.

"Woo ĥoo!" an enthusiastic Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne said to news of the funding announce-

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Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrated with gun salute

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The Sergeant Charles Golden Silver Star Veterans Rifle Team assembled on the lawn in front of Manitoulin Centennial Manor on Saturday, June 4 to an audience of residents for a special salute in honour of Her Royal Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's platinum jubilee—celebrating her majesty's 70 years on the throne, Britain's longest-reigning monarch.

Master of ceremonies for the event was Colin Pick, ably assisted by bugler Roy Eaton and firing team marshal Wayne Golden.

Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes was in attendance, accompanied by her intern Olha Sotska, a student from Ukraine who has been doing her placement with Ms. Hughes. The MP pinned each of the veterans in the fire team with the

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Lapel pin, including Manor resident John Parker, a British veteran late of Gore Bay who served in the Warwickshire Regiment.

Ms. Sotska addressed the assembly, thanking Canada for the assistance being provided to her homeland and for all of the efforts of veterans on behalf of peace and security in the world.

The platinum jubilee honours Canada's queen for her seven decades of selfless service while on the throne, but her majesty's dedication to public service extended well back of her ascension to the throne—she served as a driver during the Second World War, among other volunteer activities as a young princess.

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<u>editorial</u>

Jubilation for her majesty's seven decades of service

Her Royal Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is celebrating the platinum anniversary of her reign—the first time in history a British monarch has reigned for so long.

The queen's platinum jubilee comes at a time when support for the Crown is probably at its lowest (in "English" Canada at least) nadir in this country, with a majority now saying they would not support a British monarch remaining as head of state when Prince Charles ascends to the throne—but despite that sentiment—a significant majority of Canadians still hold a fond place in their hearts for the 96year-old current queen—she is the only queen most Canadians have ever known. Two thirds of Canadians think of her fondly and 60 percent report that they will be at least be somewhat affected when she

Although many of the royal family have slipped into controversy and scandal over the years, Queen Elizabeth II has largely remained high above the feeding frenzies of the tabloid press, both in Britain and abroad. Her steadfast dedication to her role has never wavered, remaining the rock-steady, if largely ceremonial, face of constitutional monarch. In these rapidly changing and challenging times, that in and of itself has been a tremendous accomplishment.

Her majesty's dedication to public service long predates her ascen-

sion to the throne, having served in uniform as a driver during the London Blitz in the Second World War, when she provided hope and a glimpse of that determination and dedication to her people that would serve her through the seven decades of her reign, a reign that officially began 16 months after her own beloved father, King George VI, died following a long illness.

Through all the time since she ascended to the throne, her Royal Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has turned the concept of monarchy on its head, seeking to serve rather than to be served, and thus setting the bar high for those who would seek to lead the nations of our Commonwealth.

It may well be that in the future, Canada will join other members of the Commonwealth in adopting a more republican model of government and the polls certainly indicate that is a very likely possibility, with the attendant changes of a move to an elected head of state rather than one who comes to reign by accident of birth. It cannot be reasonably disputed, though, that Queen Elizabeth has served in her role with dignity, gravitas, loyalty and selfless dedication.

On the occasion of her platinum jubilee, let us once more exclaim: Long live the Queen! Dieu Sauve la Reine!

Is this a harbinger of things to come?

Will a new global depression inflict profound psychic scars that last for generations?

I saw a meme recently that caused me to think of the people that lived through the Great Depression. The pictures, the movies, the books can give an impression of a rustic, unwashed folk helpless before the storm of an economic paroxysm. But were they? Let's take a moment to exam-

The seminal moment of the depression is often attributed to the stock market crash of 1929 and further negative development into the 1930s. Arguably, it started much earlier in the 1920s when there was a sharp decline in the price of agricultural goods, when demand from Europe for North American farm products dried up after the ending of WWI. This caused great hardship and many farms were abandoned.

However, despite this, a significant portion of our population remained agrarian and while times were most certainly harsher, these people had access to and knew how to make food.

Cities were much smaller then and were surrounded by towns, villages and farms, all of which formed a strong symbiotic network. You could get fresh milk delivered daily in the middle of a city and down on the farm, a doctor could show up to mend a broken arm after Billy fell

Manufacturing was everywhere. From socks to cars, almost everything was made relatively locally. People not only possessed the knowledge to make things but also how to fix things. Grow a garden. Hunt. Preserve, can and store food for the winter. Sew and mend clothing. Pitch a tent, catch a fish, start a fire and cook it for yourself. If you didn't know any of this, you either lived in very rarified circumstances or were considered kind of useless

Hurt feelings? So what. Got hurt playing baseball? Walk it off. People did care and cared deeply but something had to be pretty serious before it warranted attention.

Money could be a scarce resource but whatever you had retained great purchasing power. "Sound as a dollar" was a general expression of strength and integrity. Also, while prominent, only a small portion of the economy was involved in the financial trade.

Social networking was real and personal. Family hadn't all moved away to pursue their dream of teaching Yoga in Tahiti. There were clubs, dance halls and card games. Strength of community was pursued and, by many, seen as a duty.

The depression wasn't bad for everybody. Quite a few businesses and people thrived. There are examples of some who not only didn't know there was a depression, they didn't even know what a depression was. In addition, not everyone was a paragon of respectability. Society back then certainly had its share of knaves, scallywags and hopeless sods.

So, Douglas, you erudite and dashing fellow, I hear you say. What is it you are trying to tell us?*

It is this: I find it notable that a people who had recently endured a shattering industrialized war; that were sophisticated in their own way; that in aggregate, were tough, resilient and self reliant experienced an economic event that left a profound psychic scar that lasted generations

Heads up, boys and girls!

Douglas Miller Sudbury

*An expression happily borrowed from 'The Critical Drinker.

No green thumb? Don't fret, the buzz is you can still help the bees

by Maureen Strickland

MANITOULIN—Pollinator gardens and No Mow May are popular ways to help bees but the click of a camera or a messy garden can also make

"There is a misconception that just the honey bees are in trouble but we need to know how we can help the native bees," says Ted Smith, adding that native bees do a better job of pollinating plants.

Mr. Smith, also known as Farmer Ted, practices ethical and ecological farming on Union Road in Western Manitoulin.

On his farm Mr. Smith makes a concerted effort to use practices like minimal tilling, leaving strips of vegetation between rows and growing bee friendly plants to help native bees thrive.

Mr. Smith notes this is working since he has many native bees on his

One of Mr. Smith's summer goals is to see how many native bumble bees he can identify. There could be up to 19 different types of native bees on Manitoulin Island.

A North American program called Bumble Bee Watch encourages just this sort of identification activity.

Anyone can participate by snapping a photo of their backyard bees and then uploading the picture through the Bumble Bee Watch website. The final identification is made by bee experts.

Bee photography tips include parking yourself by an open flower and waiting for the bees to come to you.

'Taking photos of the bees from different angles also helps to identify them," said Mr. Smith, who is also a photographer. Wildlife Preservation Canada is one of the Canadian partners in

bumble bee watch. Sarah MacKell is the lead biologist with their native pollinator initiative. "Bee experts cannot be everywhere. They often study a very local

area, so people taking photos of bees can make a real impact," said Ms. MacKell noting that, "there are no reports from Manitoulin Island to Bumble Bee Watch.'

Manitoulin Island has a bee that is of special concern, said Ms. MacKell, the vellow-banded bumble bee. Bombus terricola to be exact.

By participating in Bumble Bee Watch, gaps in information about the yellow-banded bumble bee, along with other native bees, are filled.

This information can lead to decisions by governments and



It's not just honey bees like this busy little fellow that are endangered. Gardeners can help critical native pollinators by learning more about the 19 species of bee that make Manitoulin home.

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researchers to do more to protect the bees and help them thrive.

Besides taking photos, Seija Deschenes, project coordinator at Manitoulin Streams, says another way to help the bees if you don't have a green thumb is to hold off cleaning and raking your yards until well into June.

Ms. MacKell agrees. "Messy gardening helps bees."

Because native bees nest in the ground leaving patches of bare soil, tall grass and brush piles helps native bees find nesting and overwintering sites.

For more information on Bumble Bee Watch and to start uploading bee photos go to www.bumblebeewatch.org

For more information about the yellow-banded bumble bee go to wildlifepreservation.ca/species-showdown-bee/

Little Current and Gore Bay Legions host annual Decoration Day ceremonies

by Tom Sasvari

SPRING BAY—The annual Decoration Day ceremonies were held this past Sunday at the Manitoulin District Cenotaph to recognize all those Canadian men and women who fought for our freedom with many paying the ultimate sacrifice in World Wars One and Two, the Korean War as well as other conflicts.

After the March-on, led by parade marshal Ron Steeves with Legionnaires, veterans and visiting dignitaries, master of ceremonies Comrade Roy Eaton told the large gathering, "I begin by acknowledging that we gather here today on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe people: the Ojibwe, the Odawa and the Potawatomi. We acknowledge their stewardship of this land and its surrounding waters which is central to their lives and spirituality. With the Mnidoo Mnising peoples, let us live in respect and gratitude for all creation."

"We gather today to pay homage to the men and women who served in our country's forces and those of our allies," said Mr. Eaton. "Through their courage and sacrifice, these men and women have helped to ensure that we live in freedom and peace, while also fostering the same



Selena Bruno, accompanied by a member of the Manitoulin Sea Cadets, laid a wreath at the Youth in Partnership with Veterans Memorial, during the Decoration Day Service.

photos by Tom Sasvari

case. That is who we must continue to advocate, for and with, for the needs of veterans every day, lest we and the government forget our obligation."

MP Hughes introduced Olha Sotska, of Ukraine, who is one of 41 interns who have been brought from the country to Ottawa to intern for senators and MPs. "She has been a great spokesperson for her country."

An emotional Ms. Sotska said, "every morning I read about the awful attack on my country. Everyone deserves to be safe, but this has come with a high cost to my country."

"I am very grateful to those countries in the world, including Canada, who are supporting our country," said Ms. Sotska. "There are a lot of volunteers who are providing support by fighting side by side with those in my country. I am grateful for the kind words and all the help my country is receiving."

MP Hughes gave greetings on behalf of MPP Michael Mantha, while Ken Faubert, Legion District H Commander said, "it is a pleasure to attend these ceremonies here today in recognition of all the people that didn't come home from world conflicts and



Comrade Roy Eaton was the master of ceremonies at the Decoration Day ceremonies held last Sunday. Rev. Whitney Bruno, left, proclaimed the invocation.



The youth student choir at Central Manitoulin Public School, under the direction of Patti Jo Woods, led in a beautiful rendition of 'O Canada' at the Decoration Day service.

around the world. The white crosses you see represent the 129 names of Manitoulin veterans who gave their lives in the cause of freedom in the First and Second World Wars and in Korea. We thank you for your presence and for the respect you are giving all veterans."

The invocation was provided by Reverend Whitney Bruno of Little Current United Church Pastoral Charge, followed by the parade coming to attention and a beautiful rendition of "O Canada" led by the youth student choir from Central Manitoulin Public School (Mindemoya) under the direction of Patti Jo Woods.

Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Mani-

Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing, addressed the crowd. "It is great to be here, it has been a couple of years since this ceremony has been held. Comrades, dignitaries and dear friends, it is always an honour for me to participate in your annual Decoration Day as you recognize and honour the brave men and women from Manitoulin Island who served our country in times of war and peace and who lost their lives while serving."

"Today we pay tribute to them and to those veterans who are still with us today. We remember all that they have done for our country. We also express our deepest appreciation to their family," said MP Hughes. "We also do this as we keep in our prayers those who are currently serving and honour our veterans for their years of service and dedication to our country."

"Decoration Day exists to remember all Canadians who served and put their lives on the line to defend our nation and our values," continued MP Hughes. "And the government has a moral obligation to ensure veterans are cared for once they have completed their service. While many men and women return home to settle into civilian life, some are left to deal with posttraumatic stress disorder and other effects from serving in combat. The fact that a recent auditor general's report indicating it is taking far too long for (Veterans Affairs Canada) to complete the benefit file for veterans, some as much as 10 months and some even longer, should not be the



The Sudbury Pipe and Drum band leads the way out of Memorial Gardens following the Decoration Day ceremonies. The pipe band has always attended Island ceremonies.



Left, Carol Hughes MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing and one of her interns, Olha Sotska, who is originally from the Ukraine, were among those who spoke to those on hand at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 and Branch 514 Decoration Day ceremonies held at the Manitoulin District Cenotaph on Sunday.

those that are fighting now for our freedom."

A minute of silence was held along with the lament and the act of remembrance with the Sudbury and District Pipe Band performing 'Amazing Grace.'

Accompanied by a member of the Manitoulin Sea Cadets the following took part in the laying of wreaths ceremony: Silver Cross mothers, Leila Thureson; MP Carol Hughes, Patti-Jo Woods on behalf of the province of Ontario; Bob Lamb of the Canadian Armed Forces; District H-District Commander Ken Faubert, who also represented Legion Zone H-3; Ron Steeves on behalf of Indigenous veterans; Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) Branch 177 president Sue Morin; RCL Branch 514 president Jim Woods; Army Navy Air Force Veterans Branch 176 Manitoulin North Shore First Vice-President Jim Machum: Navy League Manitoulin president Bob Jewell; Manitoulin North Shore Naval Veterans First Vice-President Roy Eaton; Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Manitoulin 348-Commander Sylvain Boucher: Spanish River Chapter of the Eastern Star Worthy Matron and grand representative Vanesa Jo Woods; Noble Bruce Gordon of the Haweater Unit the Sudbury Shrine Sudbury/Manitoulin District Masons of Doric Lodge Worshipful Master Mike Terry; Sudbury District Masons Worshipful Brother Mark Woodlife escorted by Allan Lloyd; John Hill of the Manitoulin OPP detachment; Municipality of Central Manitoulin Councillor Al Tribinevicius: Olha Sotska on behalf of the men, women and children of Ukraine; Donna Foster on behalf of her parents, Don and Sarah Jane Watson, who both served in the British Army; and Marlene Jewell on behalf of John Bryant.

The parade then marched to the Memorial Gardens where Linda Bowerman, secretary-treasurer of the Manitoulin Cenotaph Committee, laid a wreath at the women's memorial and Miss Selena Bruno laid a wreath at the Youth in Partnership with Veterans Memorial.

The CMPS youth choir then led in the singing of 'God Save the Queen.'

...Two more Ukrainian families call Manitoulin Island home, plan to stay

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Ms. Donskova, a daycare nurse in Ukraine, brought her daughter Yeva (8) out of the Donbas region and Ms. Zelenko, a daycare property manager brought her son Tymofii (7) out of the same region. Both mothers worked together at a daycare facility in the Donbas region of Ukraine that cared for 220 children before the war. When the Russians invaded their country and began shelling civilian centres, the two mothers began a journey that saw them have to pick up and flee four times before finally arriving at safe haven on Manitoulin Island. Their husbands are both fighting against the Russian invaders.

Also joining the conversation is 18-year-old Leon, a teenaged refugee who will be working with Ms. Kuminov at her Providence Bay motel.

The mothers and their children faced a frustrating series of delays and disappointments as they sought refuge from the war. They spent the month of March sheltering in nearby Poland, awaiting visas to travel to Canada. What was



Little Current is boasting two new families. Back row, left, are Vera Kuminov, Serbian rescue dog Alicia and Leon, seated on couch are Yuliia Donskova and her daughter Yeva and Yuliia Zelenko with her

supposed to be an expedited process of a week turned into more than a month and a half of nail-biting worry and anxiety. Ms. Zelenko and Ms. Donskova had to ets twice due to the delays— elling to a foreign land but the critical travel where they do not even

photo by Michael Erskine papers finally arrived.

Luckily, the pair were also able to contact Vera Kuminov of Providence Bay on April 5 and suddenly the mothers' path to safety with their children became much smoother. Still, trav-

postpone their trips and cancel their airplane tick-

> November 2021, found more than one in every three homicides in Canada were committed with a firearm, rising to 37 percent in 2020 compared to 26 percent of all homicides in 2013. Almost half of those (49 percent) were committed with a handgun. One in five homicides were gang-related; however, the number of gang-related homi-

speak the language took an immense leap of faith, especially as they were travel-

ling with small children. While the current conflict in Ukraine has captured the world's attention, tensions and war have rocked the Donbas region since 2014.

Those requests for assistance have been pouring into Ms. Kuminov's inbox at a rate of around 10 per day. This poses a challenge to keep up with, but helping is something that she is determined to sustain as long as she can.

"The Expositor and the story they did about what I am doing has been a great help," she said. "I have to prove to people that I am not some kind of human trafficker." Sadly, that highlights a real issue. During times of great crisis, there are those who prey on the desperate.

Currently, the two mothers have found work cleaning homes, something that does not require a lot of linguistic fluency, but both are eager to hone their language skills. Ms. Donskova is determined to improve her English and to qualify her nursing credentials in Ontario so that she can resume her career, while Ms. Zelenko is also working on learning English in order to advance.

Both mothers intend to remain in Canada, whatever transpires in Ukraine. "It will take many years to rebuild Ukraine after this war," said Ms. Kuminov, translating for the pair. "They want to bring their husbands here when this is

Both Ms. Zelenko and Ms. Donskova expressed their gratitude for the warm welcome they have received in Canada and on Manitoulin Island. "The people are so warm and kind," they said through Ms. Kuminov.

"People have opened their hearts to them," translated Ms. Kuminov. "They too have their hearts open and want to be able to give back." Both mothers made it clear they wish to build productive and happy homes in which to raise their children. But for now. they will each have to do so without the children's fathers. Currently, men of fighting age are not permitted to leave the country.

Their children are currently not in school. "Ukrainian school ends at the end of May," explained Ms. Kuminov. It was felt that it would be less traumatizing to the children to not put them into school where they don't speak the language, just for a month. Instead, the children will have a few months to pick up the language before attending classes. Children tend to pick up languages very quickly.

Tymofii is a typically boisterous seven-year-old boy, but eight-year-old Yeva seems a little more reserved. Both appear little worse for wear after settling in for a few days in Little Current.

Leon, the 18-year-old young man (no relation to the young mothers), hopes to pursue a career as a software engineer—the very occupation of Ms. Kuminov. "We will need to raise funds for his schooling," said Ms. Kuminov, "but for now he is working and learning English." Leon also needs to obtain a student visa in order to start his studies here in Canada.

Ms. Donskova enjoys cooking as a pastime, while her friend Ms. Zelenko likes to make jewellery in her spare time, bracelets, and cloth children's books. Ms. Donskova makes baskets from paper. (Something The

Expositor can supply in fair quantity.)

"We would like to thank Olga and Greg Tyrovski and Olga Hanina for hosting the people when they arrived in Toronto," said Ms. Kuminov. "They helped them do all the paperwork, and Koba for picking them up at the airport and driving them to Manitoulin, as well as Mary Collins, Malene, Courtney Rae, Betty and John Szewczyk for hosting them on Manitoulin. We also want to thank Travis Dewer, Mike White Plumbing, Henderson Electric and Russ Hendricks for fixing up the trailer and making it comfortable for Leon, as well as the Dewar family, Teresa Rhinesa, Jan McQuay, Lori McAnsh and Dennis Fowler for donating money and other stuff."

Ms. Kuminov was effusive in her gratitude and admiration of the generositv of Manitoulin Island residents towards the refugee families. "I even had people coming and leaving money anonymously at the motel,' she said. "Thank you, and if I haven't mentioned someone, I am truly sorry. It takes a village, they say. I wouldn't be able to help anyone without all these people and I am grateful to this amazing community."

Not to be left out is Alicia, a year-old rescue pup who has her own story of luck and refuge. "She is a rescue from Serbia," said Ms. Kuminov. "She was lucky to be able to come to Canada, once the war broke out no more rescue dogs were able to fly out.'

Donations to the BIA Canada Day live auction for Ukraine taking place in Little Current are still being accepted through Expositor.

...Opinions mixed on Ottawa gun legislation

...continued from page 1 ing at gun shops."

A Statistics Canada report, 'Trends in firearm-related violent crime in Canada, 2009 to 2020,' released May 27, found that firearm-related violent crimes accounts for 2.8 percent of all victims of violent crime reported by police in 2020. While the rate of police-reported crime where a firearm was present during the commission of an office was unchanged compared to 2019, the rates increased in some areas and decreased in others. The northern rural part of Ontario saw an increase of 32

Another Statistics Canada report, 'Homicide in Canada 2020,' released in cides decreased in 2020 to its lowest level since 2016. Handguns were the most serious weapon present in the majority of firearm-related crimes, at 59 percent between 2009 and 2020. The number of registered handguns in Canada increased by 71 percent between 2010 and 2020, reaching approximately 1.1 million.

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Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

We've been spending our free time brushing up on our geography knowledge. Turns out Iceland is the only country on the planet without mosquitos. This time of year, it starts to look real appealing.

We've also been brushing up on our food knowledge. For instance, Hawaiian pizza was created in Ontario in the 1960s, specifically in an area just outside Windsor. Though in retrospect, perhaps they should have named the pizza something more local, like Chatham-and-pineapple.

If it felt a little more summer-y this past week, we're sure it's because Kagawong saw its first summer market of the season last Wednesday! If you missed it, not to worry - 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!

Did you hear about the orange and the apple that signed up for a tennis tournament? No one was surprised to find out they were both seeded. The Manitoulin Tennis Club runs weekly tennis sessions Sundays at 10 am all summerlong at the Manitoulin Secondary School courts. Beginners and seasoned players welcome!

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.

Want to have a say on the new zoning by-law? Stop by the Kagawong Park Centre on Wednesday, June 15, from 1 pm to 3 pm, for an open house on the topic. The proposed schedules and draft by-law will be available for review and discussion

Keep an eye on the flower boxes around town as volunteer 'Late Bloomers' are once again flexing their green thumbs and sprucing 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!

Happy Birthday to a pair of young Kagawongians who have more sass than a sassafras! Aging is funny. One day you're young and cool, the next you are getting excited over a new house plant.

True fact time! Many people know that technically, tomatoes are a fruit, but did you know that bananas are a berry? So are avocados! Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Congratulations to everyone who came out to vote. It is so important. I worked on the polls and enjoyed my day.

We had a fair bit of excitement this week. Richard McDonald and Jen Clarke got married. Their Aunt Rose VanEvery attended and said that it was beautiful. She said that it was sunny and that they were married in Gore Bay close to Buoy's and the breakwall area. The dinner was at the curling club and Rose said that Karen Noble's crew did a fantastic job catering.

The store is open and I have been there to buy some staples. I wish them well. It is so nice to have the store open

There have been some tents and trailers at the campgrounds and some boats at the marina. We bought some gas for our truck at the marina. It is so nice to be able to easily get gas when you need it.

The wildflowers are everywhere. I am especially enjoying the lady slippers.

Cards are starting up Friday on the main floor of the Meldrum Bay Hall. They will start at 7:30 pm and entry will be \$3 per person. Good luck to everyone who comes out to play.

> Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Carolyn and George Calback attended the wedding for

Margueritte McMurray and Travis Strong held at the Fielding Memorial Park in Lively on Saturday, June 4, 2022

Silver Water Karen Noble

We finished planting our garden last Sunday. A week later there are a few tiny plants up. Wednesday, June 1, my sister, Lara Chevrette and I took

Dad to Sudbury to a doctor's appointment. More instructions, more pills, more tests to come.

Thursday, June 2, I spent over 14 hours working the Ontario election. All three of the polls I worked at went smoothly and everyone working did a great job.

Friday, June 3, Albert and I delivered all the election materials to Gore Bay and did a number of other errands. When we got home, we made a pan of brownies for Morley Fleming's funeral luncheon and two pies for the wedding. Later in the day, we delivered the first load to the curling rink to get ready for the wedding dinner on Saturday.

Saturday, June 4, we had the beef roasts cooking by 5 am. We arrived at the curling rink at 2 pm and were home by 10 pm. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Richard and Jenn McDonald. It was wonderful to see all the happy relatives and friends gathered to celebrate. Thank you to Brenda, Myra, John and especially Albert. You all helped make dinner service a success. Thank you to Jan for the wonderful homemade rolls, they were a hit.

Murray and Gladys Duncanson travelled to Ottawa to attend the wedding of Chalid and Joan Brockelbank's granddaughter on June 4.

Jim Martin and family have been putting cattle out to pasture in the last few weeks. It is great to see cows and newborn calves in Dad's fields again. Dad is enjoying watching them.

I had a visit on the phone with John Wickett on Friday. He and Pat will be back in time for the July 1st picnic.

The UCW meeting is Thursday, June 9 at St. Andrew's United Church in Silver Water at 1:30 pm.

Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

Manitoulin Sporting Life



Wiki athlete, experiences OFSSA!

Congratulations to all of our Manitoulin athletes who have worked so hard this season and qualified to compete with the best across Ontario. I have just noticed that I forgot to cover Wiikwemkoong High School students, this track and field season. The small but mighty team, had three grade nine girls participate at NSSSA in Espanola. **DeeA Peltier** won the Novice High Jump event. She moved on to NOSSA and placed second, and qualified for OFSAA in Toronto. DeeA travelled there to represent Wiikwemkoong High School and had a great experience in her first year of High school. We all look forward to seeing what she can do over the next few years as an athlete!

Marathon Maven!

It is great to see that **Stacy Haner** is still running strong and is even participating in a slate of races, year after year. A couple of weeks ago, she finished her "umpteenth" marathon at the Ottawa Race weekend. She finished very strong, although needing to gut-out, the last few kilometers!

Her next race to conquer is the half-marathon in Niagara Falls. Incidentally, fellow local runner **Christian Kaiser-Fox** will also continue on his running journey on June 18 when he lines up for the full-marathon! Best of luck, you guys!

Off Season, began!

I was apparently too wrapped up in track and field news to know that there is still a lot of youth hockey still underway. **Kohyn Eshkawkogan** is continuing on his hockey path and has recently competed for Draftday North America internationally in Prague and in Nashville.

Although normally a defenseman, Kohyn helped fill in a depleted forward roster in Prague. The team had started out defeating Sweden, then fell to the tournament champion Czech Republic in a competitive game. They then fell to Kazakhstan but rebounded and defeated Slovakia and the Alps in preliminary games. In the quarter finals, they were then eliminated in a tight 2-1 game against Sweden.

Upon returning to North America and a tight turn around, Kohyn once again represented Draftday North America in Nashville, Tennessee. After falling to a strong Connecticut team with Montreal Canadians head coach **Marty St. Louis** helping out, Kohyn and his team qualified for the sweet-16. Unfortunately they fell to the Minnesota Blades and were eliminated.

To wrap up a very busy and eventful spring, Kohyn and a strictly, Northern Ontario team attended the Draftday Prospects Showcase tournament in Toronto. With another local hockey connection, M'Chigeeng and Manitoulin were well represented with Kohyn and trainer, **Jeff Panamick** on the team. In addition, **Ashton Pitawanakwat**, also on the team, has family ties to Wiikwemkoong.

Hosted at the Scotiabank Pond, this event was filled with representatives from various OHL teams, and the 2008 born Northern Ontario team was the talk of the tournament. With a busy Friday, after completing on and off-ice combines, Northern Ontario went on to defeat the Alliance East team . On Saturday, they then downed the Prospects West team quite handily.

In their semifinal, Northern Ontario faced off against a well-stocked Greater Toronto Area (GTA) team and after three, tight-checking periods, the teams were deadlocked at 2-2. After a five minute, 3-on-3 OT, the teams were still deadlocked and the game went to a three player shootout with Northern Ontario coming out on top.

This sent Northern Ontario to the finals against the undefeated, South Central Toronto Area (SCTA) team. Thanks to their strong momentum, Northern Ontario was a well-oiled machine and held the high flying SCTA offence to just two goals with sound, defensive play. With Kohyn contributing the insurance goal and the team potting two more, the six, Northern Ontario goals were more than enough to bring home Northern Ontario's first Championship title at the top-notch, went

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MSS athletes post impressive results at provincial track, field championships

M'CHIGEENG—The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs posted very good results at the provincial track and field championships.

"Many of the kids posted personal best performances and all the athletes represented our school with impressive and competitive results," said MSS sports coordinator Jordan Smith. "It is worth mentioning that all our participants at the Ontario Federation of Secondary Athletic Association (OFSAA) are in Grade 9 and 10, so they still have two years of opportunity to compete at this level."

Annie Balfe, in the girls' junior division, placed fourth in the triple jump with a personal best jump of 10.64 metres. She also competed in the 400-metre run and posted a time of 1:07.

Maren Kasunich, also in the girls' junior division, placed ninth in the 300-metre race, posting a personal best time of 10:23. She also posted a personal best time in the 1,500-metre race with a time of 4:54.

Brodie Pennie, in the boys' junior division, also posted a personal best time of 2:07 in the 800-metre race.

Brooke Gibeault, in the girls' junior division, took part in the long jump and posted a jump of 4.45 metres.

Davin Deschenes competed in the high jump in the boys' junior division, posting a jump of 1.55 metres. Saraya Eshkawkogan, also in the girls' junior division, posted a jump of 9.58 metres in the triple jump.

In the open novice 4x400 girls' relay event, the team of Sadie Bridgeman, Morgan Green, Mackenzie Green and Maren Kasunich posted a time of 4:30.

Wiikwemkoong High School also sent an athlete to compete at OFSAA this year. Deea Peltier, in Grade 9, finished in 22nd in the girls' high jump novice division, with a jump of 1.30 metres. Deaa had placed in first at the North Shore meet in Espanola and second place at the Northern Ontario championships in Sault Ste Marie to qualify for OFSAA

"All our athletes were awed to see the performances of the top track and field athletes in Ontario and are looking forward to training for next year," said



Deea Peltier a Grade 9 athlete at Wiikwemkoong High School competed in the novice girls' OFSAA high jump at York University in Toronto. Deea placed first at NSSSA in Espanola and second place at NOSSA in Sault Ste Marie to qualify for the all-Ontario championship. Deea is committed, attending high jump practices after school. Deea, centre, is flanked by proud mom Tia and proud brother Lattrell.

Mr. Smith.

The OFSAA championships were held at York University June 2-4.

Future looks bright for MSS tennis team

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—The future looks bright for the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) tennis team! With a number of younger players including student-athletes who are in Grade 9 and who have already tasted some success, things are looking good the next few years.

"They did good," stated Chris Theijsmeijer, coach of the Mustangs tennis team of the two MSS teams that competed in the provincial championships last week. "It is very tough competition at OFSSA (Ontario Federation of Secondary School Association) when you are taking on the very best players in Ontario."

"Our teams lost some close matches," said Mr. Theijsmeijer.

As had been reported previously, the MSS girls' and boys' tennis doubles teams had qualified for the Ontario championship. The team of Aspen Debassige and Zee Toulouse had finished second in



Two Manitoulin Secondary School tennis teams took part in the Ontario Federation of Secondary School Association championships last week. In photo, left, are Zee Toulouse and Aspen Debassige, members of the girls' doubles team, and Brett Mastelko and Trent Bell on the boys' doubles division team.

the girls' doubles division at the Northern Ontario championship. The boys' doubles division saw the MSS team of Brett Mastelko

and Trent Bell place third.

The provincial championships took place in Toronto May 30-31.

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Green organization helps Manitoulin businesses become more sustainable, new cohort this fall

by Lori Thompson.

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

SUDBURY—If you're an Island business wanting to improve your overall sustainability but unsure how to go about it, Green Economy North (GEN) has openings for a fall cohort. GEN offers a business-focused program that helps businesses find sustainability and costs efficiencies at the same time, said David St. Georges, direction of communications and events for reThink Green, which runs the GEN program.

"The biggest message we're trying to get out to businesses is that sustainability isn't just about saving the world," he said. "It is, but let's also look at the economic benefits. We know that when you reduce what you burn or what you

The first cohort began working its way through the

process milestones in April and includes some Manitoulin Island businesses, including Split Rail Brewing Co., Country 103/Hits 100 and CDM Agency. Split Rail was recognized as GEN Member of the Year at reThink Green's Sustainability Awards in April Acting General Manager Bar bara Erskine told The Exposi tor the mentorship and support from reThink Green has been key for Split Rail and they will continue on their journey to assess and reduce their carbon footprint.

The process is a journey. It can take a couple years to get through the milestone program. "Businesses can't flip a Manitoulin businesses are encouraged to sign up for the fall cohort switch," Mr. St. Georges said. of Green Economy North. "It's a measured approach. The first cohort is learning right now about their carbon

inventories. They're learning the science behind that, and in a simplified way that they can teach their own staff.'

It's really a two-fold program that involves infrastructure and processes. Energy advisors help businesses understand where they're "bleeding energy, in this case electricity and gas." They look at the day-to-day processes and then bring in world-class advice and technology, he noted. GEN is part of Green Economy Canada and has access to additional knowledge and resources through the national

People across Canada are participating in this program, he said. That includes people from Alberta to New Brunswick. He believes the program is good for any Island businesses, including smaller, seasonal businesses in the food and tourism sectors. "It's not just Northern Ontario. It's a world-class program and what I like about it is it's run by people in the North and I think that makes a difference." Applications are being accepted until July 4 for the sec-

ond cohort, which will begin in October (It is a membership-based program and there is a fee). The first step is to fill out an online application (www.rethinkgreen.ca/greeneconomy-north/). Simon Blakely, program director, will meet with the applicant and review their needs. They want to make sure the program is the right fit, said Mr. St. Georges. "It's not just about getting you signed up, it's about getting you signed up for what you actually need.

The first milestone includes an initial get-to-know-you meeting with discussions around data, emission sources and first steps. A baseline energy walkthrough will take place during the second milestone, resulting in a greenhouse gas emissions report and an understanding about what improvements are needed. Milestone three will include emission reduction goals and pathways, and an action plan. The final milestone is where the results are

> "The biggest thing overall is just to reduce your carbon impact," Mr. St. Georges said. 'That applies to everybody, but maybe you're looking at your fleet of vehicles whereas another business is looking at their utility bills.'

It's not a cookie cutter approach, he added. "At the end of the day, you're reducing carbon and saving money. We help you find those efficiencies that are there so if you don't have a fleet, you don't necessarily need to cut back on your gas and fuel costs.'

Another opportunity specifically for GEN members is access to a announced microgrant pro-Shutterstock gram through FedNor. "It's a bump to help you start," Mr. St. Georges said. "You want to

change some windows or some lights, or you've got to get that furnace fixed because it's not efficient anymore. It's a very open grant which is very fortunate. Because this microgrant is being issued through GEN, we get to work really closely with individuals and make sure they're right about the things that they need."

The microgrant could help fund things like solar panels or a new roof (there is a lot of heat loss through old roofing) or it could be for more efficient equipment. The grant provides up to 50 percent of the project cost up to \$5,000.

Businesses are great at what they do, said Mr. St. Georges. "They're great at manufacturing steel. They're great at driving tourism. They're great at cooking food. But they're maybe not as great at reducing their environmental impact, so we bring that to them so they can do what they do best. We help them do it in a more sustainable way.'



...Island opinions mixed on Ottawa gun legislation

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"One Canadian killed by gun violence is one too many," stated Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on the introduction of the legislation. "I've seen all too well the tragic cost that gun violence has in our communities across the country. Today, we're proposing some of the strongest measures in Canadian history to keep guns out of our communities and build a safer future for everyone."

Bill Elliott has taught firearms safety courses since "around the year 2000." He also has concerns with the legislation. "They're focusing their attention on legal firearms owners rather than doing what should be done to make the people who are committing the crimes with firearms bear the brunt of parliament's efforts," he

Mr. Elliott has no issue with guns being taken away from criminals, domestic violence abusers, and people who might harm themselves or others, but he does take issue with legal firearm owners not being able to pass down their firearms. "They're basically eliminating in a short period of time the ability of lawful firearms owners to acquire different firearms or to hand down their firearms. If I had children who wanted to have my handguns or some of my other firearms passed down to them, the legislation as it's drafted would prevent transfers.

He supports a ban on true assault weapons but feels the requirement to modify or replace magazines to comply with the proposed law would be cost prohibitive and nearly impossi-

ble in some cases. "Unlike the States, we already have magazine capacity limits for semi-automatic firearms in larger calibres and the .22 end fires. But centre fire, semi-automatic firearms already have limited magazine capacity. What the government is talking about doing now though is to as I read it put a magazine capacity on all firearms whether they are semiautomatic or not," he said. "The cost of modifying or replacing all those magazines, having new ones manufactured, would be pretty prohibitive. and there are some firearms, old military firearms, where it would be almost impossible to modify the magazine design to limit it to five rounds."

Mr. Elliott doesn't own any of the particular firearms that the government named as prohibited in their last legislation but, in any case, doesn't think those should all be considered an assault weapon. Rather than prohibit specific makes and models of firearms, he would like to see firearms prohibited based on a specific criteria: for example, if a firearm is capable of semi-automatic fire, or the calibre is not useful for hunting or other legal use, that firearm would be prohibited. A firearm should be prohibited for a specific reason or because it matches a certain description and not because the model is found on a list, he said. "It should be prohibited for these specific reasons and that description, rather than just a list of firearms they would like to

Another thing, he added, is right now there are a lot of people who own firearms that are on this list, and the

government is talking about a buyback program. "But that's going to cost billions of dollars which could probably be better used in additional law enforcement. I think they're looking in the wrong direction. I think they have spoken of some greater funding of border guards and those things are taking place to help prevent smuggling of firearms. Almost all illegal firearms, illegal handguns in particular, are smuggled in from the United States. Certainly, that needs greater attention.

As reported by SECU, when looking into handguns seized in Ontario, Kellie Paquette, director general of the Canadian Firearms Program, noted that tracing data reveals "79 percent of traced handguns (in Ontario) were foreign sourced. In Toronto, 86 percent of successfully traced crime handguns were sourced in the United States in 2021, a percentage that has been rising since 2019.

However, at the national level, RCMP Commissioner Brenda Lucki told the committee that most firearms are sourced in Canada, not in the US (when they can be successfully traced). It was also pointed out that only a small number of the overall firearms seized by law enforcement are currently traced.

Minister of Public Safety Marco Mendicino has already tabled regulatory amendments in both the House of Commons and the Senate to help stop the growth of personally owned handguns in Canada. These regulations are expected to come into force this fall.



by Aspen Debassige



CONGRATULATIONS, TRENT!



Proud Supporter of our MSS Mustangs

As a senior student of Manitoulin Secondary School, Trent Bell is looking

back on his years at MSS with fond memories. Trent has developed his talents over the years and has proudly become an all-around athlete and student at MSS. Unfortunately for the Mustang teams, Trent will soon be moving on to the next adventure in his education journey as he graduates this month but he has definitely left his mark as a great

Trent, for as long as he can remember, has enjoyed physical activity and playing sports. Growing up in Gore Bay and attending Charles.C McLean Public School, he had the opportunity to be coached by dedicated teachers and community members who took great pride in the athletic legacy of the school. Like so many C.C. McLean alumni, Trent participated in just about every sport available including baseball track and field, cross country, soccer, football, volleyball and basketball.

Trent has rounded the last turn of his Mustang sports' career and is now finishing up the last of his Ontario Secondary School Diploma graduation requirements. Through his Manitoulin Secondary journey he has been a proud team member on multiple Mustang squads. In past years he has played basketball, volleyball, and the boys' hockey team (this year there was no hockey team). This year he played on a mixed doubles badminton team (with Chloe Peltier), the senior boys' volleyball team and the tennis team with doubles partner Brett Mastelko. He enjoys playing sports because they are something that he can enjoy and they help keep him physically active.

For the last few weeks Trent has been able to enjoy getting outdoors and sharpening his tennis skills with his partner, Brett, leading them to do very well at NSSSAA (North Shore Secondary School Athletic Association) and NOSSA (Northern Ontario Secondary School Athletics) tournaments. Their hard work and dedication ultimately paid off as they accomplished every high school athlete's ultimate goal - qualifying for OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations).

Manitoulin Secondary School has produced an incredible number of great athletes but many of them never make it to OFSAA. This is an incredible accomplishment, especially in the sport of tennis! Trent admits that this will definitely be one of his more memorable achievements, and a memory that he will carry with him as he goes off to college. Trent attributes his inspiration to play tennis and join the tennis team came from seeing a clip online of Rafael Nadal, one of the best professional Spanish players in the world. Proof that a little inspiration can go a long way!

When Trent isn't playing competitive school sports he enjoys being outdoors, going camping, fishing, spending time with family, and simply hanging out with friends. He has a cat named Finn, and although he doesn't necessarily keep Trent active, he is great company. For work, Trent has tried several different job experiences. He has worked at the marina in Gore Bay and currently has a job at the Daycare Centre working with children.

When it comes to academics, Trent has found that his favourite subjects are in the sciences, specifically biology. He explains that he likes to learn and understand how plants, animals and all living organisms thrive in this world, how living things are connected and how they come to be. Looking into the near future at post secondary, Trent plans on attending Fanshawe college for fitness and health. He also has aspirations of one day attending university and becoming a teacher. His employment at the Daycare Centre has shown him that he not only enjoys working with kids, but that he is also good at it. Perhaps, this student work experience has awakened the teacher in him and you just never know, maybe the halls of MSS haven't seen the end of Mr. Bell, or should we say Coach Bell. It seems the possibilities are endless for Trent, congratulations on your graduation but you know what they say, once a Mustang - always a Mustang!

If you happen to see this graduate, please wish him the best in all his future endeavours! Let's go Mustangs!



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...presented with first Randy Thibault Memorial Award

...continued from page 3 Minor Hockey Association (MMHA)," wrote Jason Thibault (son of the late Randy Thibault), in a letter read by Mary-Jo Wabano, vice president of the MMHA at the recognition event held in May. "He is very knowledgeable about the rules and the game of hockey, and I firmly believe over the years he thinks the old rules of the Intermediate C league should apply in most instances. Ron has been a valuable resource for the local association and that is why we are here tonight with our first Randy Thibault Memorial Award as Randy also spent over 40 years involved in helping shape hockey on

"Over the years Ron has supported kids in hockey, so much in fact, he tried convincing MMHA executive one night that he could save families money by not wearing protective equipment and that shin pads, elbow pads and shoulder pads are optional when he played back in the Sabre quipped Wabano, reading the letter.

Manitoulin.'

Mr. Thibault explained, "I have had the privilege of working with Ron as a hockey official, where he refused to wear ear guards so that he could hear all the compliments and cheers from the players, fans and coaches for all his great

"And I have played hock-

ey in the 40 and over division as a player and he is passionate about the game, but also understand that it is just a game, we give our best effort and prepare for the next," wrote Mr. Thibault. "I am appreciative that MMHA has decided to honour my father with a memorial award and cannot think of anyone more deserving. You are a true ambassador of the game and most deserving. The game of hockey does not exist without the continued contributions and commitment from individuals such as yourself."

Randy and I used to fight in our senior hockey playing days," quipped Mr. Cooper. "I am very honoured to receive this award."

The Manitowaning Wolves executive nominated Mr. Cooper for the award and wrote in part, "Manitowaning Minor Hockey is delighted to put forward the nomination of Ron Cooper for the Randy Thibault Memorial Award. Ron has been around, well, forever. When the ice goes in, he lives and breathes hockey. He has served as a coach, assistant coach or trainer for the past 22 years."

"He served as president of Manitowaning Minor Hockey Association and as the community rep for Manitoulin MMHA. While he no longer sits in an executive role, he is still the person that we turn to when we need advice and guidance."

Mr. Cooper, "certainly has a colourful hockey past and it is so fun to hear the stories of the old days with Randy, Bob Dumond and Greg Lockeyer. But humour aside, Ron has been involved in hockey for that long and has volunteered for all those years. Ron brings wisdom and history to the table when it comes to executive decisions. He knows what has worked and what hasn't. Ron has seen the game of hockey change so much in those decades that he served for Manitoulin that he really has become someone to seek out for advice."

"On the bench or in the dressing room, Ron expects nothing less than your best effort," the Manitowaning Minor Hockey executive wrote. "Mistakes are overlooked, but not trying your hardest is not. Ron goes into every game expecting to win. Even when he has coached teams that have never won a game. He takes that positive attitude to his players and on the ice. The kids just don't learn how to play great hockey, they learn how to be a good sport, how to continue to try and how to never give

up."
"One of the greatest things we can say about Ron is as bad as a game may be, once the buzzer goes signalling the game is over, it's done. There is no negative impact, no hard feelings, he

is simply thinking about the next practice and what the teams need to work on,' the nomination continues. "We would say that every association needs a Ron Cooper, but we would never trade him for the world." Bob Dumond wrote, "to Mr. Ron Cooper, congratulations on being awarded the Randy Thibault Memorial Award. Your contributions to minor hockey cannot be quantified as I'm sure others can attest to. You are an appropriate choice for what this award stands for and the person behind it. Randy would be proud."

Greg Lockeyer said of Mr. Cooper, "my friendship with Ron began 41-42 years ago when we were both attending MSS. We both had the same interest in

"With everything you have done for minor hockey on Manitoulin Island, and Manitowaning, you are very deserving of this honour," said Mr. Lockeyer.

"During my years of involvement in minor hockey Ron has been a coach, referee and support person. I want to thank you so much for your dedication and contributions to the game," said Gayle Payette. Randy (Thibault) would be honoured that you are the first recipient of this award.'

"As we all know, Randy was an excellent ambassador for Manitoulin Island hockey," said Mr. Cooper. 'We wouldn't have minor hockey on the Island without him and some others."



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new holiday in November 2021.

The Anishinabek Nation Chiefs proclaimed June 6 as the Anishinabek Nation Holiday. "On that day, we asserted that we are sovereign with inherent and treaty rights and responsibilities, and guided by the Seven Grandfather Teachings," said Grand Council Chief Niganobe in Novem-

The Anishinaabe Chi-Naaknigewin was ratified by the Anishinabek Nation Grand Council resolution and confirmed by a pipe ceremony held in Sheguiandah First Nation on June 6, 2012. The Anishinaabe Chi-Naaknigewin is a commitment to establish a traditional government that will develop laws and policies for the protection and betterment of Anishinabek.

The Anishinaabe Chi-Naaknigewin was developed in consultation with Anishinabek First Nation leaders and citizens over the course of 13 years. During this time, the consultations process was done according to proper protocols, rules, order, and

teachings by former Anishinabek Nation Head Getzit Nmishomis Gordon Waindubence (Shiikwenh).

2011, the Anishinaabe Chi-Naaknigewing Preamble, Ngo Dwe Waangizid Anishinaabe (one Anishinaabe family), was approved by Chiefs-in-Assembly. The preamble contains instructions on how to live according to the laws the Creator has given to the Anishinaabe. The late Nmishomis Gordon Waindubence sat with an Elders Court to create the Ngo Dwe Waangziizid Anishinaabe, which provides the context, the spirit and intent in which the Anishinaabe Chi-Naaknigewin is

"June 6 commemorates the Anishinaabe Chi-Naaknigewin, a commitment to live as Anishinabek. Our entire Anishinaabe worldview is captured in Ngo Dwe Waangizid Anishinaabe, the Preamble to the Anishinaabe Chi-Naaknigewin," the preamble reads.

"In the Anishinaabe Chi-Naaknigewin document, we state that Anishinaabe-



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...Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrated with gun salute at Centennial Manor

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Queen Elizabeth has largely been credited with maintaining the relevance of the Crown in the 20th and 21st centuries through her seven decades of service, polling high above the rest of the British aristocracy in the hearts and minds of her subjects.

"Today, across Ontario, Canada and our Commonwealth, people are commemorating a truly historic anniversary—Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee: 70 years of Her Majesty's service and dedication," said The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario in her statement on the jubilee. "This platinum jubilee pays tribute to a person whose life has been defined by service. Her Majesty's long reign reminds us that she has lived through history. Indeed, she has served

through times of extraordinary trial and change, progress, and difficulty. She has been steadfast in duty, always with kindness and hope

"How timely is this moment of reflection. Over the past many months, the COVID-19 pandemic has, without question, tested Ontarians. We too, have been called upon to demonstrate resolve, character, and remarkable resilience.

"As we recognize the continuity of Her Majesty's presence over seven decades, may it cause us to reflect on who we are and whom we aspire to be. What forces have brought people together to make the world a better place—to advance equality, science, diplomacy and peace? What has held us back?

"Throughout 2022, as we join communities large and small to celebrate the platinum jubilee, let us be

indomitable spirit, unwavering courage, and devotion to others that has always characterized Canada's Queen. In the coming months, my office will be initiating events and opportunities for Ontarians to come together, whether in person or virtually. I invite to watch website, www.lgontario.ca, for more information. Dieu Sauve la Reine! God save the Queen!"

Following the Prayer of Remembrance recited by Mr. Eaton, a moment of silence, reveille and the Last Post, came the firing of three volleys by the seven-member fire team and the singing of O Canada and God Save the Queen to wrap up the proceedings.

The event was livestreamed and is available on The Expositor Facebook page.



The Sergeant Charles Golden Silver Star Veterans Rifle Team fired three volleys (a 21-gun salute) for Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee on Saturday. From left are flagbearers Jim Machum and Jim Corrigan, rifle bearers Gary Trimmer, David Healey, Debra Mastine, Paul Abbott and Ed Duncan.

photo by Michael Erskine

...petition calling on council to reconsider its washroom-free open air pavilion

...continued from page 3 we are planning, they might not know what we are proposing."

The petition reads, "This petition is in relation to the construction of an open-air pavilion on the Gore Bav waterfront as per the tender advertised to the members of the Gore Bay town council. We, the undersigned, are opposed to the construction of an open-air pavilion on the Gore Bay waterfront as per the tender entitled '2022-Gore Bay new pavilion closing date June 9, 2022.' The therefore undersigned respectfully request the Gore Bay municipal council to oppose the current process and recommend as follows: Immediate reconsideration of the design of the open-air pavilion to include washroom facilities. Washroom facilities are an important part of

providing a facility that meets the needs of the public/renters/users of the new facility."

Carmen Runnalls, who is circulating the petition in Gore Bay, told The Expositor the petition has been drafted, "because there are no public bathrooms available or usable washrooms attached to the building for those who use the facilities for an event. We already have a pavilion down there with no public bathrooms, and the marina washrooms are not for public use either."

"It is a big waste of money if there are no bathrooms at this pavilion, especially if it is going to be used for an event," said Ms. Runnalls. "We've all had experience of a porta potty being used and urine overflowing the toilet, and guys peeing around the corner of

the building. Without bathrooms it is a waste of space, and it is taxpayers' dollars that have to maintain the building."

Mayor Osborne told The Expositor tenders are out for the construction of the pavilion that will be opened, and then considered at the next town council meeting. He pointed out the facility will be an open-air building, "and we are constructing the pavilion to replace our large tent that had been rented out in the past for events. This will be a structure to be there that can be used by the public for events.'

"Why not a bathroom?" said Mayor Osborne. "Originally there was talk of renting the building out at events like weddings etc. But there are capacity limits that we (town) have to meet and to put in his and

her and handicapped accessible washroom would have made up a large portion of the footprint (we have available for the pavilion). But there are provisions for new washrooms, building a new structure for washrooms at a later date."

"The town is putting the tender out for the construction of this building, which will be lacking one of the things that is important and not available anywhere else in the area (of the new pavilion)," said Ms. Runnalls. She noted that a lot of local people have already expressed the same opinion. "Our population is mostly seniors; will they have to walk to the old Charlie Shell building (to use a bath-

room). And when they get there, the door might be locked.

"This does not meet the needs of the community," said Ms. Runnalls.

Mayor Osborne added "we expect the construction on the pavilion building to start in late summer or



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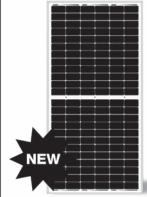
"The Elders gave us the Preamble to the Anishinaabe Chi-Naaknigewin: Ngo Dwe Waangizid Anishinaabe, which means One Anishinaabe Family. That is Anishinaabe Law.

"The Anishinaabe Chi-Naaknigewin is a blueprint to go forward to reclaim and

restore Anishinabek, a Nation of People. This is the way out of the Indian Act: 'Act Indian, not Indian Act,' the late Getzit Gordon Waindubence Shiikenh baa said."

As part of this past Monday's celebration, the Anishinabek Nation held a livestream day long event which included several speakers, and included the Anishinaabe creation story, delivered by Head Getzit Richard Assinewai.

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...Manitoulin woman named Ontario's top elementary math instructor

...continued from page 1 contagious passion for lifelong learning, creativity, quick wit and for inspiring student and peers to follow their dreams and be the best version of themselves."

Jennifer Clark and Lori Yee, OAME awards committee co-chairs stated in a letter to Ms. Koehler, "it is a great pleasure to congratulate you as the recipient of the OAME/AOEM award for exceptional and creative teaching in elementary mathematics. The letters of support for your nomination provided a comprehensive picture of your significant contributions to mathematics education."

"When I was a child, I always wanted to be a police officer, like my dad (Bill Koehler), but I always admired and appreciated my teachers," said Ms. Koehler. "if you were to travel back in time and ask my younger self, and my teachers, if they thought I would end up teaching math, everyone would have laughed. The truth is, growing up, I had a strong dislike for math and my report cards can back me up on that statement. I always struggled, had a great deal of anxiety around math and thankfully I had some good friends that helped me through some tough classes. I fully expect to get some well-deserved ribbing from my friends and family on the Island. They would have bet that I would have made it to the moon before becoming a math teacher, let alone winning an award."

As for how she ended up teaching math Ms. Koehler said, "when you are a young teacher, just starting out and hustling for a permanent job, you will teach anything that is offered to you. When I was offered my first permanent teaching job the principal asked if I could teach Grade 9 math. I enthusiastically said, 'of course I can!'"

"I spent the next year seeking out any and all professional development around the topic of mathematics I could find," continued Ms. Koehler. "In my mind I was a terrible math teacher in those early years, but I loved the job. With more opportunities for learning all those old math concepts that had eluded me all those years ago finally began to click. I started loving math, I started seeing math in everything, especially in nature. I was hooked."

"I have been teaching for 20 years," said Ms. Koehler. "I began my career teaching high school physical education and then transitioned to teaching Grades 7 and 8. In Eastern Ontario, where I teach, most of the high schools are Grades 7-12. I spent five years working as a mathematics consultant and I am currently teaching Grades 5-8 at a Kindergarten through Grade 8 school in Almonte."

James and Kristine Caldwell, who wrote in 2021 as parents in support of Ms.



Catherine Koehler, who is originally from Little Current, received the 2022 Ontario Association for Mathematics Award, recently.

Koehler's nomination for the award said, "Our daughter (Emily) is currently excelling in Ms. Koehler's Grade 8 math class at Holy Name of Mary School in Almonte; however, this was not always the case. Since a very young age, our daughter has always been more interested in languagebased activities and never cared much for math but was managing." Emily had started to develop a negative mindset when it came to math, saying she was not good in math. "It was not until the middle of her Grade 6 year when we started to notice a change in her. Curious to find the cause of this change of attitude, we quickly realized it was the dedication of Ms. Koehler.'

"Our daughter found someone who she could feel comfortable with, who was willing to work with her and her peers when they were struggling, who was willing to take the time to listen to her questions and not make her feel like she should just know it. Ms. Koehler has helped our daughter see the fun in math with her engaging activities that promote critical thinking. She has provided our daughter with a growth mindset when it comes to math and we could not be more appreciative for this opportunity," wrote the Caldwells.

Emily Caldwell wrote, "I am currently in Ms. Koehler's Grade 8 class and

I could not be happier. I love being in Ms. Koehler's math class because she is patient and always offers me extended help to always make sure I understand the lesson. I am a very visual learner when it comes to math and the current state our province is in (during the pandemic), we are doing remote learning, which can be difficult being the learner I am. When I ask for her help after class, she takes the time to break up the question bit by bit and helps me through it until I get the answer, even if it is after school hours. I am so lucky to have Ms. Koehler as my math teacher to show me how math can be fun!"

Katie Simpson, a teacher at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church said in a letter in 2020, "it is with great pleasure that I write a letter supporting the nomination of Catherine Koehler. When you go through your time in elementary school it is often easy to think of a teacher that positively impacted your educational experience. This person made school more enjoyable or created a lasting impact on you."

"Catherine Koehler has a passion and creativity for teaching math that is unlike anything I have ever seen; and it is contagious. Her gentle approach, and open-minded attitude helps to guide her instruction, while letting her students take the lead. She has a way of taking away the math anxiety and letting you think about math in a way that you never considered. She has a way of making

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...Wiikwemkoong raises its first Pride flag

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wind was an emotional and deeply meaningful moment for Ms. Ominika.

'It is a big step forward," said Ms. Ominika. "All the support we need for our future generations will continue each year and grow."

Ms. Ominika shared her own journey to self-acceptance as "a strong Indigenous two-spirit kwe" and encouraged those who identify as LGBTQ and two-spirited to "give yourself time and patience and be your most beautiful and authentic self."

Roxanne Recollet, a member of the working group, told the enthusiastic crowd that the flag represents, "kindness, peace, love, inclusion, hope and diversity.'

Ms. Recollet added that "as a parent this is something needed, and as a community worker it is important to show our sup-

And it is not just one flag that will be flying during Pride month in Wiikwemkoong. The working group presented flags to the Tribal Police, the schools, the health centre and Ontario Works.

Danielle Roy-McDonald, founder and lead singer of the Odemin Kwe Singers, was thrilled to be a part of the celebration. She beat the drum as the flag rose.

Ms. Roy-McDonald has been involved in many Pride events in Toronto over the years but with hand on heart she said. "this is the event that hits, home in my community, we are accepted."

Ms. Roy-McDonald added, "To come through town and to see all the flags that make LGBTQ and two-spirited people visible, means it is a safe and inclusive space."

...Ontario's top elementary math instructor

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everything into a game, that is challenging, but exciting," wrote Ms. Simpson. "I cannot think of a more deserving candidate for this award."

Caroline LaBelle, principal of Holy Name of Mary School, wrote in a letter of support in 2021, "it is with gratitude and privilege that I was asked to endorse Catherine Koehler as an outstanding educator, specifically in the area of mathemat-

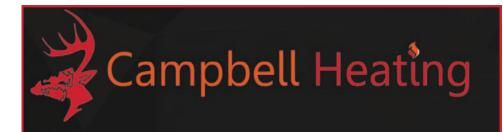
"Catherine has been a leader in both our school and within the CDSBEO," wrote Ms. LaBelle. "I sincerely appreciate Catherine's work ethic and ability to create confidence in our students' mathematical abilities. I appreciate her ability to change the attitude of so many learners from 'I'm not good at math' to 'I love math.' Catherine is an exemplary educator. This award is well

"I think when teachers are excited about what they are teaching the kids can also catch that excitement. I have always loved games and puzzles and I try to incorporate these as often as possible," said Ms. Koehler. "Before COVID, my classes really thrived on working in groups, collaborat-

ing, and moving around, writing and showing their work on white boards and windows rather than on paper. COVID has made being creative a bit challenging.'

Ms. Koehler pointed out, "My first and most creative teachers were my parents. As kids they were constantly inventing games and challenges for my brother and I to play. They always encouraged us to be creative and inventive. In elementary school, I really admired Wendy Smith (Gauthier) and in high school, Margot Bickell was a big inspiration. They were my phys-ed teachers and I loved and still love sport. They were both strict but fair, which I admired, and both made learning fun—they were both really easy to laugh. As an adult, my partner Erin has been a huge inspiration. She too is a teacher and has encouraged me throughout all my highs and lows. She is by far the best teacher I have ever encountered. I constantly ask her for advice on lessons and she always has amazing ideas and advice. This is as much her award as it is mine."

"We want to congratulate our daughter Catherine on this prestigious award. We are so very proud of her," said proud parents Bill and Sandra Koehler.



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.Charles C. McLean students help a pal win his track and field ribbon

...continued from page 1 do this," he said, noting, "I would say that she was surprised with our plans."

"We are very proud of Jaci," stated his father, Jonas. "I was working so I couldn't attend the track and field meet but his aunt texted me what had taken place," he told The Expositor.

"This was the first track and field ribbon that Maxim has ever had," said Ms. Hore. "I know these boys did it out of the goodness of their heart and were expecting no recognition for it, but they deserve to be recognized. These are the



A perfect example of sportsmanship! A group of four students at Charles C. McLean Public School demonstrated the true meaning of sportsmanship at the school's recent track and field championships. The four boys walked with, and a little behind classmate Maxim Bell (who has cerebral palsy) to let the latter win a ribbon in their 100metre race. In photo, left, is educational assistant Apryl Mayer Wright, Maxim Bell, Jayden Demero, Jack Hartin, Jaci Olson Ewart (who spearheaded the initiative) and Ronan Bentley.

things that still give us all social media there have hope and show us there are good people out there. On

been hundreds of likes and comments for this day," said made the day and gave us an everlasting memory. They are only 11 and 12 years old. This is a show of community and peers coming together in the best way. There was not a dry eye in the crowd!"

"Maxim crossed the finish line receiving third place," stated Ms. Hore. "He was happy to just be out doing the race and he cannot express through words how he was feeling, but I know seeing his peers walking beside him and the crowds cheering made that race extra special for

assistant is Apryl Mayer Wright, who always walks the race with him," said Ms.

"It is not just Gore Bay citizens who are proud of over Manitoulin and off-Island have seen the post on Facebook and are showing their love," added Ms. Hore.

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...Matt Bonin's Manitoulin multiple sclerosis swim

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dark place," he explained when I asked what makes him

Canada has one of the highest rates of MS in the world with approximately 90,000 Canadians living with this disease. Most people are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 49. For full disclosure this writer also has MS, was diagnosed at age 17, and am in an electric wheelchair.

Matt's inspiration is his mom's sister whom he watched deteriorate and eventually die with MS.

"I want to do this in memory of my Aunt Claire. She would just light up when we visited but I saw it take everything, her ability to walk, talk and at the end she was basically a prisoner in her own body," Matt stated.

'Really her spirit is fuelling the swim," he added.

Matt left his job as a high school math and sciences teacher to train for this voyage that begins July 1 as he steps into the North Channel off Little Current heading clockwise around the Island. He's given himself a month. Matt swims between 20 to 70 kilometres a week in a weekly training schedule.

'Quitting my job was a sign to me how committed I am to MS," said the man who only began swimming two years

And that commitment impresses Heather Saba, senior director community Central Canada, Multiple Sclerosis

"A community-hosted event like Matt is doing, the funds he's raising, will allow us to invest in research and services that are fundamental to changing lives," she told me in an interview from her Toronto office.

Matt isn't new to open-water swimming or achieving his goals. Last summer he swam 20 lakes for a fundraiser then swam Lake Wahnapitae as a fundraiser for NEO Kids in memory of his friend's son, Evvy, who died at age threeand-a-half.

But it was swimming in McGregor Bay when he fell in love with Lake Huron.

"I feel a real spiritual connection in that water," explaining he goes into a Zen place of "joy and contentment with myself and the water.'

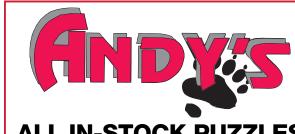
Matt knows how tough it is to fight, like people with MS he affirmed.

"I'm pretty open about this. I struggle with pretty severe depression. I've felt trapped in my body. I believe in a higher power and that's where I get my spiritual connection.

Sandy Stretch is the MS Ambassador for Sudbury-Manitoulin, a program through MS Canada offering peer-to-peer support for those newly diagnosed or any with MS.

'I think it's amazing what Matt is doing. It's a strive to show our strength. It's like he's going to have MS for a

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... Mock disaster event involving numerous agencies held at Gore Bay Airport

...continued from page 3 were problems communicating with the mock emergency coordinator, "If this was a real emergency, we would have communication for triage."

The baby was a symbol, said Mr. Gervais. "In these situations, it is imperative to find everything at the scene."

There could be many different scenarios, he said. In this one, the Dash-8 was an aircraft that carried executives from Manitoulin OPP Constable Mike Patter-

A doctor pointed out that information should only be provided to the victim's next of kin. "Our concern is that in a small community, everyone knows when something happens and they will be on us for information," said Mr. Cook.

One volunteer, who participated as a victim, said she felt safe as she was being reassured by a paramedic who held her hand during the exercise. "As a

of the MHC and OPP Constable Mike Patterson.

"We were very happy to be invited to participate to test our capabilities and combined with being with the other agencies, this was a great learning environment for our staff for an event like this that hopefully, no one will ever have to deal with," said Mr. Dewar.

"It was a really impressive opportunity to have so many professionals from across the Island get together and learn and work

number of agencies and personnel participating. The 33 firefighters included four from Burpee and Mills, 12 from Gore Bay and Gordon, nine from Billings, eight from Central Manitoulin, and observers from the NEMI and Killarney fire departments. A total of 15 health professionals were on hand from MHC and NOSM, 13 paramedics with Manitoulin-Espanola DSB paramedic services, two members of the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP, six employees from Manitoulin Transport, Mr. Colwell and two additional

airport staff, and two members of the Manitoulin Amateur Radio Club.

"That's why we help to put these exercises on," said Mr. Gervais. "It's a great way to identify training, personnel and equipment needs. Everybody ...continued on page 15

Bahá'í Writings

The world of humanity is one race, the surface of the earth one place of residence and that these imaginary racial barriers and political boundaries are without right or foundation.

— 'Abdu'l-Bahá

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Firefighters race to the scene of an airplane on fire just off the runway at the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport.

Transport. Pilot Wade Cook pointed out, "We didn't get any information on the conditions of the passengers or where they were going to be taken."

"These are your people. They need to know where their families ended up," said Mr. Colwell. "Is there a mechanism in place for that, like the OPP?"

The OPP "would have had a media spokesperson on hand who would have provided whatever information we could," replied (real life) health care provider, this was nice to see happening. We don't realize how difficult and scattered disaster events like this can be. It was really fabulous to see everyone doing their job so well."

Travis Dewar, superintendent of paramedic services with Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB), was in the command centre with Gore Bay Fire Chief Mike Addison, Dr. Maurianne Reade

together," said Dr. Reade. "From the MHC perspective, it was helpful to us."

Mr. Dewar added "we were very happy to be invited to participate in this to test our capabilities, and combined with being with the other agencies it was a great learning environment for our staff for an event like this that hopefully, no one will ever have to deal with."

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Released in 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada identified "94 Calls to Action that speak to all sectors of Canadian society." The Calls to Action aim "to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation" (Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, 2015).

Leading up to September 30th – Orange Shirt Day and The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – Noojmowin Teg Health Centre will be highlighting each of the Calls to Action.

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We call upon all levels of government to:

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- working in the health-care field.
- Ensure the retention of Aboriginal health-care providers in Aboriginal communities.
- Provide cultural competency training for all health-care professionals.

CALL TO ACTION #24

We call upon medical and nursing schools in Canada to require all students to take a course dealing with Aboriginal health issues, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, and Indigenous teachings and practices. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.

CALL TO ACTION #25

We call upon the federal government to establish a written policy that reaffirms the independence of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to investigate crimes in which the government has its own interest as a potential or real party in civil litigation.

CALL TO ACTION #26

We call upon the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to review and amend their respective statutes of limitations to ensure that they conform to the principle that governments and other entities cannot rely on limitation defences to defend legal actions of historical abuse brought by Aboriginal people







Source: www.nctr.ca

...Matt Bonin's Manitoulin multiple sclerosis swim

month. He can't quit because we can't quit (the disease)," she emphasized.

Matt's declared fundraising goal is \$100,000, just \$1 for every Canadian with MS. However, he prefers to quote Toy Story's Buzz Lightyear saying the goal is "to infinity and beyond!"

"I'm not going to limit myself. I'm pointing to a world free of MS," he told me with confidence.

But why choose Manitoulin, the largest freshwater island in the world, I queried?

Last summer friend, Richard, cycled the Island with Matt following in a car. He loved the beauty and the idea came to him.

"I wonder what it would be like to swim around this island?" he mused.

It seems like a cast of thousands has surrounded Matt from several openwater and distance swim coaches, a sports nutritionist, a sports psychologist, a sports therapist, a strength coach, half a dozen working logistics plus the fundraisers. Matt will have both a boat and ground crew accompanying him



he attested.

Fatigue is one symptom Matt will be battling that those with MS fight daily.

MS is extremely fickle, I'd say, causing symptoms of

impaired sensation, vision and bladder problems, mobility

loss, cognitive impairment and mood changes. So, its effects are physical, emotional and because so many of us must leave work and take pricey medication, financial.

It is an autoimmune disease of the central nervous system including the brain, peripheral nerves and notably the optic nerve. The disease attacks the myelin sheath, that's like insulation around an electrical cable. Damage can be slight

with minor interruptions. However, continued damage may completely disrupt impulses with the nerve fibres, like the electrical cable, eroded.

The cause of MS remains a mystery, but Matt is clear he'll swim for all of us.

What's next for Matt? "The swim will fuel the next chapter of my life which is to talk about

depression," he declared. Future installments in this series will deal with Matt's further preparation and, of course, the swim.



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Mock disaster event

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worked really well together and had the same mission in mind: to put the patients and pilot's care first.'

Transport Canada requires every airport to perform a full-scale emergency exercise every four years, and tabletop tests of their emergency response plan every year in between. The full-scale emergency training exercises are designed to gauge the airport's ability to follow through with their emergency plan and preparedness training.





Veterans and military take centre stage at 30th AOK powwow

by Michael Erskine

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—The first traditional community powwow of the season, and the first such event on Manitoulin in three years, took place this past weekend, June 4 and 5, and the weather cooperated beautifully for the occasion, sunny but not too hot, not too cool.

The theme of the powwow was 'Healing Our Spirit Through Culture,' a particularly appropriate focus given the focus of some of the visitors to the powwow.

A large contingent of soldiers from Canadian Forces Base Borden near Barrie led by Warrant Officer Andy Singh were taking part in their first powwow. The soldiers are taking part in transportation and logistics training on Manitoulin Island in an innovative program aimed, in part, at training Canadian soldiers to be sensitive to different cultures and ways of doing things.

WO Singh addressed the crowd at the powwow, noting



Head veteran Joe Endanawas received an Indigenous veteran's medal from Warrant Officer Andy Singh.

how excited and honoured the young soldiers under his command were to be taking part in the important cultural event

Last fall, the first group of soldiers (leaders for the training groups) and equipment arrived for logistics and cultural training and were headquartered at Sheguiandah First Nation. This latest group consists of new recruits who have been through the initial small groups logistics training and are acting as a "proof of concept" exercise.

The soldiers were part of the grand entry and were addressed by Head Veteran Joe Endanawas, himself a former US soldier and veteran.

In addressing the Canadian soldiers, Mr. Endanawas $\,$



A group of young recruits taking logistics training on Manitoulin as part of a proof-of-concept exercise stand at ease while waiting to be dismissed to wander about the grounds.

highlighted the possibility that the young men and women could well find themselves in harm's way in the future and admonished them to realize that they are only human, should that time arrive.

Mr. Endanawas spoke on the importance of the role played by head veterans at powwow gatherings and expressed his concern that, with the reduction in numbers of veterans as time has marched on, the role of head veteran is becoming diminished.

"A few years ago, we held a special workshop to go over the roles and responsibilities of the head veteran," he shared. (The Expositor was invited to attend and record that meeting by veteran Eddie King baa and Mr.



Young dancers shake hands with visiting soldiers following the grand entry.

Endanawas.) "I wrote down all that I could remember of that meeting afterward and I am willing to share that knowledge with anyone who is interested."

The meeting Mr. Endanawas referenced considered extending the ranks of head veterans by inclusion of the children of veterans, if they were properly versed in the traditions, protocols and responsibilities that came with the office.

Mr. Endanawas was presented with an Indigenous Veterans' medal by WO Singh for his efforts on behalf of veterans and his service to the community, as was Crystal Madahbee, who received the medal for her community service as well.

"Thank you very much for your service and everything you do," said WO Singh. "We understand the hardships and difficulties you went through in those difficult times (Vietnam War). Many of our senior troops served in



Crystal Madahbee, WO Andy Singh, Joe Endanawas and Doris Peltier stand in front of a troop of soldiers following medal presentations. Ms. Madahbee received an Indigenous veteran's medal for her work in organizing the soldiers' visit to Sheguiandah First Nation last year.

Afghanistan, so we know a little bit of what you went through."

"Our interactions last year when we were here, there has been a lot of collaboration," said WO Singh. "I want to recognize the guidance we have received. We are learning a lot about Indigenous culture." He noted that cultural sensitivity training is mandatory in the Canadian Forces. All of the soldiers taking part in the on-Island training have been through that course.

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Tenth annual passage ride gives cyclists the chance to enjoy northeastern Manitoulin

by Maureen Strickland MANITOULIN—Fluorescent jerseys, big smiles, loads of laughter plus bikes, bikes, bikes kickedoff the first morning of the tenth annual Manitoulin Passage Ride at Memorial Park in Little Current.

At 8 am on Saturday, June 4 in downtown Little Current it felt more like a busy weekend afternoon in August.

This year, because of uncertainty around the schedule of the Chi-Cheemaun due to COVID, the passage ride was based out of Little Current, said Maja Mielonen, of Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA), the non-profit organization that hosts the ride. The ride normally is based out of South Baymouth.

Cyclists had the opportunity to try out Highway 540 paved shoulders, which MICA successfully lobbied for, and to explore the northeastern end of Manitoulin Island.

Over the weekend of June 4 and 5, 250 cyclists from the US, Quebec and all over Ontario enjoyed short, medium or long rides which included mechanical support, rest stations and a bagged lunch. Saturday's routes included the Cup and Saucer, where some bikers took a break and hiked the trail. The short route (57 km) circled back down Bidwell Road to Sheguiandah, the medium route circled back through Rockville to Sheguiandah (82 km) and the long ride



Joeylynn France of Oshawa has 'Breakaway Bill' look at her bike before the first days ride.

photos by Maureen Strickland



Water Street is bustling at 8 am on Saturday, June 4 with cyclists in town for the passage ride.

(118 km) went all the way to Kagawong. The final stop was Little Current each day.

Sunday's routes were on the east end of the Island, taking riders through Sheguiandah, along the eastern side of Lake Manitou and included a stop at 10 Mile Point. The long route (85 km) took the cyclists to Manitowaning before returning to Little Current.

Saturday morning was a chilly 7°C at the registration table at Memorial Park. Many cyclists soaked



Island highways and byways saw a great deal of cycling traffic over the past weekend as participants in the 10th annual passage ride explored Manitoulin. These riders are heading back towards Bidwell Road.

up the sun at Breakaway Sports before heading out. "We opened early at 7:30

"We opened early at 7:30 am on Saturday and quite a few people picked up sweaters, hats and mittens because of the cold," said Sarah Quackenbush, owner of Breakaway Sports.

"Most cyclists can't stay away from bike shops," said Ms. Quackenbush. They planned to open early on Sunday and stayed open later than normal until 9 pm on Friday night. On Friday night the store, as well as downtown, were buzzing. They even sold a few bikes Friday night for the ride on Saturday.

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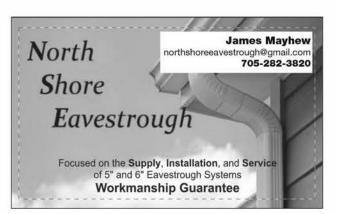
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Manitoulin Family

Resources offers programs to support and promote positive family relationships on Manitoulin and the North Shore. Violence against Women Prevention Services: House Shelter, Haven 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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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

Estate Sale, Saturday, June 11 and Sunday, June 12 from 8 am to 2 pm at 76 Manitowaning Road at the corner of Wilson Street and Hwy 6 in Little Current. Mobility devices, wheelchairs, bedding, kitchen items, garden items, electron-TV, curtains, knickknacks, dishes and cook ware, artwork, jigsaw puzzles, books, flower pots, patio furniture, clothes, tools, bone china tea cups, jewellery, and much more.

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i coming events

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.

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

help you.

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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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Silver Water UCW is planning the 124th annual picnic on Saturday, July 2, 2022. The theme is Circus. Get your float/costume ready for the parade and your lawn decorated too! More information coming soon.

3-6p

The Annual Meeting of the Michael's Bay Historical Society will be held on:

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 7:30 P.M. in the South Baymouth Museum.

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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.

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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
- 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 1SO
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.

Summer Sustainability by Anika Smith

s you may know these articles are written by students, and we want to encourage other students to act as Eco-Heroes, even when not in school. As summer approaches, we have to keep in mind that Manitoulin is a green space we must protect. Make green decisions while at your summer jobs or when you're having summer fun. We hope to encourage you to be more eco-conscious with your summer endeavours.

Whether you are local or a visitor, if this is your

vacation spot consider that this is also a home to many plants, animals and humans. When you go camping, take a before and after pic-

ture of your camping spot, attempt to make them look identical or even better at the end of your trip. Remember, the lake is not your washroom, Manitoulin is the largest freshwater island in the world, not the largest bath island. Using biodegradable soaps is one way to protect it. As always, use reusable water bottles when you are travelling—it is cost effective and the tap water here is safe. When you see someone lit-



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tering please call them out for it or pick up the trash they left behind. Consider using non-aerosol, mineral sunscreen to avoid the harmful effects of generic chemical-laden sun protection; you can protect both the environment and your health.

If you think that saving the world isn't fun, try some of these Eco-Hero approved activities this summer. Do a trash scavenger hunt around your location with

friends by making a list (e.g. chip bag, mask, coffee cup, soup can) and race to find them all and pick up other trash on the way. You can also try to make a bio-meal with your companions and aim for compostable packaging for each ingredient. You can also shop at the local farmers market and purchase your souvenirs from the many local artisans of Manitoulin. Biking, hiking, canoeing, swimming, board games and zero-pollution-picnics are all great ways to have fun while helping our planet.

You can also consider bringing bee-friendnon-invasive flower seeds on some of your adventures to amp up the green. When hiking, do not

go off the designated trail, vou could be infringing on habitat and protected plants—view from a respectful distance.

Even if you aren't travelling this summer, there are still ways to help out. If you are working in a restaurant, help introduce a composting program, or have a talk with your boss about greener takeout containers. Having a compost bin in a public place encourages education about the importance of waste management and ways to get involved. There are many inexpensive eco-alternatives to the generic plastic and styrofoam take-out containers. Research sugar cane fibre containers; they are compostable and made out of something that would have otherwise been thrown out.

There are many more ways to be an Eco-Hero throughout the warmer months, and we encourage you to think about them and share them with others. Ask hosts and business owners how they help the environment and do your part to preserve the beauty of this island. You can have all kinds of fun and memorable experiences this summer while leaving less of a carbon sandal-print.



SHARE/Go-Green and Robotics Team members Anika Smith and Alan Wilkin play washers during the E-



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE Experienced Police Officer (2) - Full Time - Permanent

Position: Police Constable

Location: Wikwemikong Unceded Territory

Responsible to: Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting applications from a police officer who has served or is currently serving with a Canadian police agency.

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

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

- Preserve the peace.
- Prevent crimes, other offences, aiding assistance and encouragement to other persons in their
- Assist victims of crime.
- Apprehend criminals, other offenders, and others who may lawfully be taken into custody.
- Lay charges and participate in prosecutions.
- Execute warrants and perform related duties.
- Perform the lawful duties that the Chief of Police assigns.
- Respond to calls for service.
- Successfully complete prescribed training.
- Commitment to Community-Based Policing principles and practices.
- Display cultural competence when interacting with members of the community.
- Participate in community events and cultural gatherings.
- Assist in the development and implementation of projects, acting as a resource to team members and
- Undertake assignments, including traffic point duty and crowd control, as required.

Basic Requirements:

- Ontario Police College Certificate or equivalent as recognized by the Ontario Police College.
- Diploma in Police Foundations or Degree in Law and Criminal justice an asset
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario Driver's Licence.
- Possess current First Aid/CPR Certificates.
- Provide proof of double Covid-19 Vaccination certificate from the Ministry of Health.
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook and Office.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions. Be physically able to perform the duties of the position.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST.
- Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Be of good moral character and habits.
- Pass a detailed background check that includes security clearance checks, credit, and reference

Employment packages are available for pick up at the WTPS office or can be emailed to those interested. Interested applicants are to forward a completed electronic employment package, letter of interest/cover letter, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates, and 3 work-related references to:

> Attn: Acting Chief of Police, Gregory Mishibinijima gregory.mishibinijima@wtps.ca

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

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

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



Location: Wikwemikong Unceded Territory The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting employment applications for a Civilian Crisis Responder

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
- 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
- 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
- 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.











Position Summary

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This position is funded as part of the Government of Ontario's 2022 Summer Experience Program.

Please send a resume and cover letter to: Assiginack Museum Summer Student Application Township of Assiginack PO Box 238 Manitowaning, ON POP 1N0

email: assiginackmuseumcurator@gmail.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Legal Assistant

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Job Requirements:

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- Advanced keyboarding skills necessary
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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.*



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Mental Health Clinician (Bilingual)

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

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

A valid driver's licence, access to a vehicle, and current insurance are required as travel throughout the assigned area may be expected. The successful candidate must provide a clear vulnerable sector criminal reference check.

The potential candidate will be expected to work from home at this time as well as using virtual and in-person formats.

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

Mary Katherine Howe – Executive Director Children's Community Network, 319 Lasalle Boulevard, Unit 2, Sudbury, ON P3A 1W7 Tel: (705) 566-3416 ext. 2547 Fax: (705) 521-7376 E-Mail: mhowe@ccnsudbury.on.ca Posted: Until Filled

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Behaviour Therapists (x3) For the: Sudbury-Manitoulin District, Algoma District and North Bay-Parry Sound District Hybrid / virtual work arrangement Permanent, full-time, 35 hours/week Salary range: (Bachelors) \$34.68 - \$41.64 (Masters) \$37.46 - \$44.97

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

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

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Many would say we are in the final countdown to the end of the school year. We are only two weeks from the beginning of exams which seems unreal since this is the first time in two years that students will finish the school year in-person.

On Monday, May 30, four MSS students travelled to Toronto to the OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations) tennis tournament. Trent Bell, Brett Mastelko, Aspen Debassige and Zee Toulouse represented MSS very well while playing against the best players in Ontario. Way to go!

Coinciding with the Ontario provincial election on Thursday, June 2, MSS students were able to cast a ballot of their own in the student vote. Students had to bring a piece of ID (ie. their student card) in order to vote or have their teacher vouch for them. The provincial vote across Ontario did not align with the results of the official Ontario provincial election, which is rare. In the province-wide student vote, the NDP won 75 seats with 28.6 percent of

the popular vote: the Liberal party would form the official opposition with 28 seats and approximate-

ly 22 percent of the popular vote overall: the PC Party took 18.7 percent of the popular vote and won 17 seats; and the Green Party took 16.0 percent of the popular vote and won four seats. In the Algoma-Manitoulin riding, the NDP won 46.57 percent of the votes, with the Green Party and PC Party coming in second and third, respectively, with 15.65 percent and 15.46 percent of the votes. At MSS, 170 students voted, and the NDP's Michael Mantha won 58 percent of those votes.

On Thursday, June 2 to Saturday, June 4, some MSS athletes participated at the Toronto Track and Field Centre at York University. In the junior girls' division, Annie Balfe placed fourth overall in triple jump with a personal best jump of 10.64 metres! She also ran the 400metre dash and placed 23rd overall. Saraya Eshkawkogan also participated in the triple jump event and



placed 19th with a jump of

9.58 metres. Mackenzie

Green placed 24th in the

junior girls' 800 metre race

and 22nd in the 3,000 metre.

Maren Kasunich placed

14th in the junior girls'

1500 metre and 9th in the

Gibeault placed 18th in

long jump with a jump of

4.45 metres. Brodie Pennie

placed 20th in the junior

boys 800 metre run with a

time of 2:07.27. Davin

Deschenes placed 20th in

the junior boys' high jump

event. Great job, Mus-

Monday, June 13 is a P.D.

Day (Professional Develop-

ment Day) for students

which means it is a three-

rehearsal for graduation is

Monday, June 2 at 11 am.

Graduation is Tuesday,

June 28. All graduates are

to be at the school by 6:15

pm and the ceremony

We are down to the final

A note for graduates: the

Brooke

metre.

3,000

tangs!

day weekend!

begins at 7 pm.

few in Spymaster! There are less than 10 people remaining and the rules are getting stricter. The final spies were assigned new

targets this past Monday, June 6 with the stipulation that they must get their target by this Fri-

day, June 10 in order to remain in the game.

Rachael

Orford

Joke of the week: What do you call a parrot when it has dried itself after a bath? Polly unsaturated.

Upcoming events include spymaster, a PD Day, Grade 8 shadow day and exams.

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



KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

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

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 guote 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 KGCFS 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).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Community Health Nurse

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

Reporting Relationship:

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

Position Summary:

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

Essential Functions

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

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

Qualifications & Requirements

Preferred

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

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

Other

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

The successful candidate will be required to submit the following upon hire: Current thirty (30) day Police VSS

Confirmation of their COVID-19 Vaccinations

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

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

> COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE c/o Human Resources M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333 M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1GO Fax 705-377-4980 or employment@mchigeeng.ca

Miigwetch for your interest, however, only applicants selected for an interview, will be contacted. For detailed job description, please email andream@mchigeeng.ca.

JOIN THE EXPOSITOR TEAM

The Manitoulin Expositor

Northern Ontario's oldest newspaper

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.

Western Community Garden group and school students to create heart garden

Reconciliation project involves Sheshegwaning, Gore Bay elementary school students

GORE BAY—The Western Manitoulin Community Garden (WMCG), in collaboration with Kids Can Grow, and students from Charles C. McLean Public School (Gore Bay) and St. School Joseph's (Sheshegwaning Nation) are participating in a reconciliation proj-

"We will be creating a heart garden," said Sarah Earley of WMCG, last week. "I was talking to some Indigenous women about a reconciliation project, and one of the calls to action for reconciliation is creating a heart garden. We felt this was a good way, and time, to bring together students from St. Joseph's and the C.C. McLean Go Green Club to bring together and plant a garden. And to create hearts."

One of the Calls to Action for reconciliation is creating a heart garden to remember those who were affected by the resi-

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services@ manitoulin.com dential school system.

A ceremony will take place on June 14. The school children will be decorating hearts to put in the garden which will be creatand they will be planting pollinator flowers to support the bees as well as planting the seeds of reconciliation.



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:

afarguhar@clmanitoulin.com or 705-665-8262 Board Chair, Pam:

plambert@clmanitoulin.com or 705-210-0515



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position: Family Wellbeing Worker **Term:** Full-time, Six Month Probationary Period

Hours: 34.5 hrs

Are you interested in making a difference in the lives of others in the community? Then this position might be right for you. Zhiibaahaasing First Nation is looking for a Family Wellbeing Worker to join our program. The Family Wellbeing Worker will assist our team in facilitating a community-led initiative focused on preventing and addressing the root cause of violence, and the over-representation of Indigenous Children and Youth in child welfare and the justice system.

The successful candidate will have the following key duties:

- To support Indigenous women by developing policies and resources to support families within the
- To support families, children, youth affected by the welfare and youth justice systems by reducing the need to bring children into care, the reduction of occurrence of violence and improvement of the overall health and well-being of Community.
- Responsible for delivering the range of programming that responds to the needs of the community.
- Designing culturally-based, preventive and holistic supports, providing counseling services.
- Development of safe space manual and managing safe space.
- Other duties as required.

Qualifications/Requirements:

- Post-Secondary Diploma in Social Services, Educational Support, Early Childhood Education, Child and Youth Worker or related field.
- A minimum of two (2) years of experience in a similar role. • Valid G-class driver's licence with a reliable vehicle.
- Current CPR and First Aid certification.
- Clear CPIC and Vulnerable sector check.
- What We Offer:
- Full time, permanent position
- Salary: Based on Education/experience
- Benefits: Yes

If you meet the qualifications above and are interested in applying to this position, we'd love to hear from you.

Application Deadline open until filled. Only full packages will be accepted.

Applications MUST include a cover letter, resume and three work-related reference letters. Copy of Valid G Driver's licence. Copy of CPR and First Aid.

> **Email to:** bobbisue@zhiibaahaasing.org

Based on the Current Covid-19 Pandemic Restrictions only emails will be accepted.

Attention: Band Manager, Bobbisue Kells-Riberdy RE: FWB Job Posting

Successful applicants will be requested to submit a CPIC, Vulnerable sector check.

Please note: Zhiibaahaasing First Nation welcomes applications from persons with disabilities and will provide accommodations during all stages of the hiring process, upon request.

Ms. Earley told The teaching, focussing around Expositor, "Verna Hardwick, an elder from Sheshegwaning, will be performing an honour song and a ceremony and

notice

Food Cupboard--The Gore Bay United Church is continuing this service during the COVID-19 outbreak with

some changes. They will be open noon to 3 pm on Thursdays. Come to the side (facing McQuarrie Motors) and knock. Food will be packed and passed outside to you. If you have questions, call 705-282-2011. Messages are

Tfn

Taking donations for the Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Yard Sale.

checked daily.

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.

reconciliation." She pointed out Ted Smith has donated plants for the event and the United Church has also been supportive of the project.

"The garden will be in the shape of a heart, with wood hearts painted and decorated by students with

words like 'love' and 'hope' on them.

The WMCG is grateful to the McLaughlin family for the use of the land and acknowledges that the WMCG sits on the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe.

Notice to Creditors

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

Bartley Case R.R. 3 Tehkummah, Ontario P0P 2C0

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE ZONING BY-LAW REVIEW

FOR

MANITOULIN PLANNING BOARD, TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS AND ALLAN EAST, AND TOWNSHIP OF GORDON-BARRIE ISLAND

TAKE NOTICE that the following public bodies will hold an Open House for the review of their draft Zoning By-laws. The purpose of the Open House is to provide the public with an opportunity to review the draft documents, ask questions, and provide feedback.

MANITOULIN PLANNING BOARD (Unincorporated Townships of Dawson and Robinson)

Date: **Tuesday, June 14, 2022** 2pm - 4pm Time:

Silverwater Community Centre Place:

Silverwater, ON POP 1YO

TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS AND ALLAN EAST

ISLAND

Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 Time: 1pm – 3pm

Kagawong Park Centre 39 Henry Drive, Kagawong, ON POP 1J0

TOWNSHIP OF GORDON-BARRIE

Date:

Place:

Thursday, June 16, 2022 Time: 1pm - 3pm

Gordon Community Centre Place:

29 Noble Side Road, Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0

Section 26(9) of the Planning Act requires that a planning authority or municipality enact a Zoning Bylaw that conforms to an updated Official Plan no less than three years following approval such Plan. A new Comprehensive Zoning By-law has been prepared for each of the above planning authorities that implements the District of Manitoulin Official Plan (2018), as updated based on Provincial Legislation, addresses emerging land-use planning issues, and is technically sound and user-friendly.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the decision of the Planning Board and/or municipality on the proposed zoning by-law, you must make a written request to the Planning Board and/or municipality.

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

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION and the draft Zoning By-laws are available at the Manitoulin Planning Board or at each local municipal offices.

DATED at the Town of Gore Bay this 8th Day of June 2022.

Theresa Carlisle, Secretary-Treasurer Manitoulin Planning Board P.O. Box 240, 40 Water Street, Unit 1 Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0 705-282-2237 mpbcarlisle@bellnet.ca

Kathy McDonald, Clerk Municipality of Billings and Allan East P.O. Box 34 Kagawong, ON POP 1J0 705-282-2611 ex 223 kmcdonald@billingstwp.ca

Carrie Lewis, Clerk Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island P.O. Box 680 Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0 705-282-2702 clerk@gordonbarrieisland.ca

.Mike Mantha returned as Algoma-Manitoulin NDP MPP

...continued from page 3 returned with a commanding 46 percent of the vote, followed by Progressive Conservative Cheryl Fort with 35.4 percent and Liberal Tim Vine with 8.7 percent. New Blue Party candidate Ron Koski was fourth in the polls with 5.3 percent, followed by the Green Party's Maria Legault with 3.1 percent and Ontario Party's Fredrick Weening with 1.6

"I am very happy to have received the support from local constituents," said victorious NDP candidate Mike Mantha following his re-election on Thursday night. "I'm ready to get back to work.

MPP Mantha told The Expositor, "I think one of the main reasons that I was re-elected is that I'm present in each of the communities I serve in this riding. I work hard and I'm engaged with

the communities. I also think people responded to a lot of our platform issues that we raised in our party platform."

"I'm super proud of the campaign I ran, how I conducted myself and the positive message my campaign ran," said an upbeat Progressive Conservative Cheryl Fort. "I want to give a big shout out to everyone who came out to vote and also everyone who ran. It is important in a democracy that we have strong candidates to choose from and we had that in our riding. I'm going to continue being the mayor of Hornepayne. I'm really happy for Doug Ford and about the Conservative majority and hopefully you will see my name on the ballot in four years."

"Obviously I'm disappointed with the results, said Liberal Tim Vine, "but I am grateful for the conversations I had on the doorsteps. We had some very deep conversations about what our communities need. I hope we will have a government at Queen's Park that will listen and serve the needs of the people of Algoma-Manitoulin." For his own part, Mr. Vine said that he will be continuing to work to improve health care for people in the riding.

'The main themes I heard from constituents when I went to their doors during the election campaign is the issue of the need for more doctor recruitment and having a proper number of registered nurses, registered nurse practitioners and personal support workers, and making sure that we fight to repeal Bill 124 which restricts increases in wages for public service employ-

"We also heard from people who had concerns with the state of public education and that the government needs to be making sure investments, and not the cuts that we have seen in the past few years; and to cancel the privatization of many services the conservatives want to put in place.' said that proper improved broadband internet for the district and North has also been raised as being an important issue by people in the riding, as has the need for increased funding for road and infrastructure improvements.

'These will all be my priorities as I go back to Queen's Park," continued MPP Mantha.

An issue that concerned



Michael Mantha has been returned to Queen's Park.

MPP Mantha with this election was the low number of eligible voters who actually voted, not only in the riding but provincially. "This is one thing that jumped out at me in this election, how eligible voter turnout in the province was only at 43 percent. And in Algoma-Manitoulin the numbers were even lower, at 41.66 percent. This is quite concerning to me. Why were people not inspired to follow their democratic right and vote. Why was there so much apathy in eligible voters not voting? There was certainly engagement at the doors of the people I visited, but not in the final numbers of those that actually voted.

"I was confident that I would be re-elected," said MPP Mantha. However, he noted again his concern with low overall voter

turnout. "We have to somehow get people excited in voting again. When you take the fact that almost 60 percent of the people in our riding did not vote, that's quite concerning. I'm happy I was re-elected, thanks in large part to our team and our party platform. But somehow, we need to look at how to inspire people to vote, in this province. Obviously, the election didn't inspire people to get out and vote anywhere in the province.

"I'm going to go back to work, I worked with the previous Conservative government, and will again this term, opposing and proposing," said MPP Mantha. "I will continue to work hard in my own party caucus, but also work with the government. The government overall needs to work for the betterment of Ontario.'

MPP Mantha said he is proud of what he was able to do in his last term as "with things like major investments being made to the hospitals on the Island, more infrastructure for roads and other projects, toward improved broadband internet services for everyone."

...substantial project funding

...continued from page 3 ment. "For sure this is great news. We have been putting money aside for this as our part of the costs for the project. This is

excellent news." "I would like to thank all those who were involved in putting the funding application together," said Mayor Osborne.

Billings Township will receive a FedNor investment of \$264,376. This funding will allow the township to advance phase two of its Kagawong waterfront development plan. Specifically, this targeted investment will help modernize the Austin Hunt Marina to enhance the visitor experience and increase spending local businesses. Upgrades to the marina will include expanded dockage, shoreline stabilization with sheet piling, a walking path and improved parking. Once complete this tourism initiative is expected to attract more boaters to the community and create six

"Perfect," Billings Mayor Ian Anderson. "This is really good news. This is a project that has been in the works for a long time, and one that incrementally we have been making progress. This is wonderful news."

local jobs.

The WDC will receive a non-repayable FedNor contribution of \$492,184 to support phase two of the community's Point Grondine Park development project. Specifically, the funding will be used to construct an off-grid comfort station that features solar power and various energy and water-saving technologies. The facility will be fully accessible, improve health and safety amenities at the adventure park, attract more visitors to the area, and create furopportunities to share Anishnaabek culture. This project will help maintain two seasonal positions and create 10 full-time jobs during the construction phase of the initiative.

"We greatly appreciate FedNor's assistance to help support Indigenous tourism recovery efforts and enhance tourism offerings during these challenging times," said Adam Kaboni, president of WDC. "This project will allow Wiikwemkoong to move forward with phase two of building a new clean and fully accessible off-grid comfort station for visitors who wish to explore Point Grondine Park and experience the rich Anishnaabek culture. The new facility will be eco-friendly, using various energy and water saving technologies, including

solar power to make your camping experience comfortable and enjoyable.

North Channel Cruise Line is receiving \$100,000 in funding to help the business to modernize and complete clean energy updates to its 100-passenger tour vessel. This strategic investment will help meet the growing demand for the company's services, create jobs and new tour products, and to improve the environmental efficiency of its operations. Specifically, the funding will be used to replace the vessel's propulsion system, install 16 solar panels to power electrical systems, and modify improve the cabin to enhance safety, and open a second ticketing outlet on the docks in Killarney to expand cruise and ferry services to Manitoulin Island. Once complete, this project is expected to create one permanent and six seasonal full-time jobs.

in memoriam



of David Austin, December 17, 1931 to June 8, 2017. The Dance

He stood up and silently took her hand, She smiled and moved to

him with grace cled her waist.

across the floor (A little slower than before). Old instinct told them just

instead of two. He forgot that his feet were sometimes sore, His knees didn't bend like

they did before. free and glad,

she sometimes had. Softly she sang and he hummed the refrain

Each had their memories of parties galore When they'd night, hardly left the floor.

He squeezes her hand as they join their friends, He doesn't thank her, he doesn't speak-

Always, Joan and family



AUSTIN-In loving memory

A favourite old tune was played by the band,

And his left hand gently cir-

what to do As they moved as one

Dancing like this made her She forgot the aches that

The years rolled away, they were young again.

danced all The music stops, their mellow mood ends

He just brushes a kiss across her cheek

In loving memory of Glenora (Anstice) Harrison, also known to many as "Grandma Glen", who passed away peacefully on Friday, May 20, 2022, at Extendicare York, in Sudbury, Ontario at the age of 97. Born on October 8, 1924 in Tehkummah, Ontario. Dear daughter of Victor and Dorothy Anstice

(both predeceased). Glenora was also the loving wife of her beloved husband, David Harrison (predeceased) for 64 years. Loving mother of Dorothy Lewis (Robert predeceased), Susan Ward (predeceased) (Ross) and David (Sherry Petheram). Grandmother to Christine (Richard), Heather (Ousmane), Justin (Keanna) and Jessica. Cherished great-grandmother to Danielle, Avery and Weston. Sadly missed by siblings Ken Anstice (Evelyn predeceased), Bert Anstice (Marie, both predeceased), Ron Anstice (Justeen) and Jeanette Stickles (Doug predeceased). Predeceased by infant brother Dennis and sister Kathleen. Sister-in-law to George and Dell Marwood (both predeceased). Forever remembered by many nieces, nephews, neighbours and friends. Glenora enjoyed her time spent on Manitoulin Island, Schreiber, Sudbury and at the camp at Michael's Bay, where many happy memories were made with her family and friends. She had many interests and hobbies which included knitting and crocheting, painting, word puzzles, baking (especially her famous homemade bread), travelling, snowmobiling, and driving her own ATV at camp. She loved the holidays and always prepared an extravagant family dinner followed by a game of cards with her loved ones. She was immensely proud of her grandchildren and greatgrandchildren and their accomplishments, always looking forward to hearing about their latest milestones. Thank you so much, Grandma Glen, for being the example that you were, are, and always will be, for generations to come. Special thank you to Dr. Gibb, PSWs assigned to Grandma Glen's care, and the kind staff at Extendicare York Rehabilitation Programme. Funeral Service is in the R.J. Barnard Chapel at the Jackson and Barnard Funeral Home on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 2 pm, reception to follow. (Friends may call after 12 noon on Thursday). Burial will be on Friday, June 17, 2022 at 11:30 am at Hilly Grove Cemetery, Manitowaning, Manitoulin Island. For those who cannot attend, the service can be viewed at: https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/authorise.php?k=1653180217185501. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. John the Divine Anglican Church, Copper Cliff or the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada would be appreciated. For donations or messages of condolence, LougheedFuneralHomes.com.

Death Notices

GLENORA (ANSTICE) HARRISON October 8, 1924 - May 20, 2022



EARL RUSSELL FREEMAN January 17, 1927 - May 31, 2022 In loving memory of Earl Russell



Freeman, a resident of Little Current, who passed away peacefully at the Mindemoya Hospital on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at the age of 95. Beloved husband of the late Effie Josephine Freeman (nee Case). Loving father of Karen (Hiram), Randy (Penny), Kathy (Tony)

(both predeceased) and Sheryl (Terry). Proud grandfather and great-grandfather of many. Cherished brother of Gelena Hopkin (predeceased), Marion (Harold predeceased) Case, Lorraine (Ted) Eadie (both predeceased), Margaret DiBonaventura (predeceased), Betty Lawson (predeceased), Myrna (Ken) Beaton, Brenda Robinson-Lavell (Dave), Larry Freeman (predeceased), Lynn Freeman (predeceased), Dick Freeman (predeceased) and Conrad (Judy) Freeman. Predeceased by his parents Ernest and Flora "Mildred" Freeman (nee Russell). Earl will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews and friends. Family and friends gathered at Island Funeral Home on Monday, June 6, 2022 from 11 am to 1 pm. Funeral Service followed at 1 pm. Burial in Hilly Grove Cemetery. Donations may be made in Earl's honour to the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary or the Little Current United Church.

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 P0P 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario POP

Death Notices

JEFFREY JOSEPH TRUDEAU August 17, 1964 - May 15, 2022



It is with great sadness we announce the Lapsing of our big brother at the age of 57. Jeffrey is predeceased by his brother Kenneth Trudeau and parents Alphonse Jeff Trudeau and Rose Marie (nee Odjig). Dear brother of Noel, Pierre (wife Patricia), Leon (friend Connie), Francis (wife Christine) and Ruby (husband

Warren). Godfather to Alphonse and Delani-Rae.

Godson to Marjorie Trudeau and Frank Odjig. Lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Jeff was a big brother who was dedicated to his family. He was a supportive uncle who always tried to be present for sporting events and other successes and accomplishments. He stayed in touch with extended family the best he could. He enjoyed family gatherings and special celebrations. A dear friend to many and had a big heart full of kindness and love. An honest man who gave what he could, when he could. Jeff accomplished so much in his life, met many people and touched the lives of others. He worked as a driver for WNH and drove the school bus for WBE as he didn't mind being in the driver's seat. He worked and toured with theatre groups. He worked at the famous restaurant and bar Schooners, where he developed many friendships.

He enjoyed late nights playing cards (bingo, euchre, poker) with auntie Marj and cousins, cheering on his nieces and nephews and visiting loved ones. Jeffrey's two favourite places were his home in Wikwemikong and his home on the road. He loved travelling and his real passion was becoming a truck driver. He joined the company in 2015 and was on the road since then. He always made time for himself and his family along his travels whether it was to catch up or snap a few pics. Jeffrey would always pop in to visit, mostly for a bite to eat, take in a bingo game or a movie. He was always up for a road trip and knew all the short cuts and backroads. He always updated everyone on where he was at and posted videos for us to see. We will miss those videos and updates from across the country. Most of all we will miss his presence. No longer by our side, but always in our hearts. He will be missed. Family and friends gathered on Saturday, May 21, 2022 after 12 noon at Buzwah Church. The funeral was Monday, May 23, 2022 at 11 am with burial at the Wikwemikong Upper Cemetery.

OUR BIG BROTHER JEFF Travelled the roads And many years past This life he chose, Hoped it would last. Driving all day and many nights Through provinces and states. His truck was bright white. Videos he made were so great. His truck is now parked, his engine has stopped. Those who loved him, their hearts have dropped. He travelled the country with a smile of great pride. Now he drives the streets of Heaven on the truckers' last ride. "Check back later folks" "Take care everybody"

Jeff CLARKE LLOYD



n loving memory of Cecil Clarke Lloyd of Guelph, who passed away peacefully on May 27, 2022 in his 89th year. Clarke was the son of the late Cecil and Eileen Lloyd. Clarke was predeceased by his loving wife of 67 years, Helen Lloyd. Clarke is survived by his sons Bill (Jan) and Greg

(Margaret); grandchildren Jeromy (Megan), Adam (Becky), Caitlin (Chris), Gavin (Kennadi), Colin (Heather) and great-grandchildren Coen, Emma, Ethan, Hudson, Zayden, Kairi and Jasper. Clarke was predeceased by brothers Gerald, Don and Robert. Clarke's family is forever grateful for the care he received at Groves Memorial Hospital in Fergus. The staff was exceptional in their compassion and caring of Clarke during his time there. On Saturday, June 11, 2022, Clarke and Helen's family will hold a funeral service for them at St. John's Anglican Church in Kagawong. Service will begin at 10 am with interment to follow at Kagawong Cedars Cemetery. A light lunch will be held in the Kagawong Park Centre following the interment for family and friends. In lieu of flowers, charitable donations can be made in Clarke's and Helen's names to St. John's Anglican Church Kagawong or the Alzheimer Society.

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

FREDERICK JOSEPH FRY



t is with profound sadness we Lannounce the passing away of Fred on Monday, May 30, 2022, in his 77th year. Beloved husband of Lynn (nee Patrick); and loving father of Kelly and David (Stephen); devoted and proud grandfather of Carter and Logan. Fred was born in Weston, ON in 1946 to

Frederick and Irene Fry. Fred will be missed by the many family and friends who cherished their time with him. Fred spent many of his formative years on Manitoulin Island and it's this wonderful place where Lynn and Fred built their dream retirement house on the land where he spent his summers with his parents and made many lifelong friendships. Their lakeside home was fully equipped with a workroom where Fred could build or fix anything with the precision of a master carpenter (including a working replica of the Chi-Cheemaun and possibly the odd science fair project for his grandsons), as well as his "man-cave" where he loved to watch his favourite escapes on Netflix and Britbox. An avid boater and amateur photographer, Fred loved to take his "House of the Ris1ng Sun" out for a spin around South Bay. The home they built allowed for many incredible memories with their kids, grandkids, neighbours and friends, and most importantly, time together with Lynn enjoying the foxes, birds and other wildlife around Ducks Bay. Fred was surrounded by loved ones when he passed and is at rest now. In lieu of flowers, a contribution to the Manitoulin Health Centre in Mindemoya is appreciated to show our thanks for the wonderful team who cared for Fred. A Celebration of Life will be held in the summer for family and friends. A lifelong Star Trek fan, we end with the knowledge that Fred enjoyed his time exploring where no one (or he) had gone before and with his wish for others to: "Live long and prosper."

MARIANNE GALLAGHER (nee Schouten)



With God in her heart and many loved ones by her side, Marianne peacefully passed at home in London, Ontario on Tuesday, May 31, 2022. Beloved wife of Timothy Joseph Gallagher, her husband of 45 years. Loving mother of Troy Gallagher (Tiffany) and Sheila

Gallagher. Cherished Oma of Owen, Luca, Carter and Nash. Marianne was the eldest sibling to Cor (Ruth, predeceased), Gerry (Wanda), Vera (Kelly) and David (Christine). She was predeceased by her sister Leah, her parents Catharina and Peter Schouten, as well as her sisters-in-law Jane Ahopelto and Betsy Gallagher. She was very grateful and maintained close relationships with her family in Holland, where both her parents were born. Marianne had wonderful in-laws whom she loved to spend time with; Pat (Paulette), Gord (Vivian), Danny (Judy), Jon (Pam), Kelly (Vera), Nora, Roy and Joan. She will be remembered with love by many nieces and nephews. Throughout her life, Marianne was blessed with many friendships and especially cherished the support of Heather (Larry), Nicole (Gary) and Susan (Rob). In addition to wife, mom, sister, aunt and friend, Marianne spent over 40 years as a Registered Nurse at Manitoulin Health Centre in Little Current, Ontario. She will be remembered by colleagues and patients for her compassion, patience, and willingness to work as a team. Born and raised in Espanola, Ontario, where Tim and Marianne also raised their children, she was an avid volunteer in the community. Her legacy will resound through her acts of kindness, generosity and compassion and will continue to echo for many years to come. Those who knew and loved her will always remember her strength of courage, generous heart, unshakable faith, and gentle, loving ways. There is nothing Marianne wouldn't do for the people she loved. Cremation has taken place. A funeral mass will be conducted by Father Gilles in Espanola at St. Jude's Parish, 247 Mead Blvd., June 17, 2022 at 10 am. A memorial gathering will take place following her funeral service at The Royal Canadian Legion, 370 Annette St. from 11 am to 3 pm, where friends and family can gather in her honour to celebrate her life. Those wishing to make a donation in her honour are asked to consider London Health Sciences Cancer Program or Manitoulin Health Centre. For donation information and online condolences, please visit Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd.

GLORIA PHYLLIS SANDERCOTT



Deacefully at Sprucedale Care Centre on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, Gloria Sandercott passed away at the age of 85. Beloved wife of William "Sandy" Sandercott for 62 cherished years. Loving mother of Kelly (Gerhert), Louise (John), Yolanda (Frank), Rob (Wendy), and Deryl (Monica). Proud

grandmother of 21 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Gloria is survived by sisters Darlene and Diana. Gloria is predeceased by her parents William and Phyllis. Gloria loved cooking and she took great pride in being a wonderful cook. She also loved to garden. She would always take two months off every summer to tend to her flower garden. Gloria travelled to numerous places throughout her life with her family. Gloria loved her family dearly and cherished the time spent with them. In memory of Gloria, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. A private family service will take place at a later date. Online donations and condolences can be left at StrathroyFuneralHome.com.

Burial Notices

DON LLOYD

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

CLARKE and HELEN LLOYD



Saturday, June 11, 2022, Clarke and Helen Lloyd's family will hold a funeral service for them at St. John's Anglican Church

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

Celebration of Life

PASTOR MAXINE McVEY

There will be a Celebration of Life service for Pastor ■ Maxine McVey on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 11 am at the Little Current United Church on Robinson Street, Little Current. The service will be led by the Reverend Whitney Bruno with participating Reverends, including Bea Arnill, Will Kunder, Mary-Jo Tracy and Catherine Somerville. The Canadian Shield Regional Council Chair, Barb Nott, will be participating along with a time of remembrance offered by Maxine's children. Ministry Personnel are invited to wear a white stole and gather 15 minutes prior to the service in the hall.

LESLIE (LES) BEHARRIELL



A Celebration of Life will be held for Leslie (Les) Beharriell at the Round Barn (community centre) Sowerby, Ontario on Sunday, June 26, 2022 from 12:30 to 4:30 pm. Family, friends and neighbours are all welcome to come and share in recognition of a kind and generous spirit who touched so many lives.

.Veterans and military take centre stage at 30th AOK powwow

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Following the ceremonies, WO Singh spoke with The Expositor about the important role the Island is playing in helping to train soldiers.

Napoleon (and/or Fredrick the Great) once famously said that an army marches on its stomach, referring to the importance of keeping armies in the field well provisioned and supplied. The soldiers and their military-green vehicles being seen across Manitoulin in the coming weeks are learning how to operate in larger convovs.

"They have already been trained in small group operations," said WO Singh. "Now they are learning how to operate in much larger groups.

The soldiers training on the Island come from all across the Canadian Forces, evidenced by



Old friends greet each other following Saturday's grand entry.

the berets of the soldiers taking part in the powwow. The green berets denote army, while most of the other branches wore a dark blue beret.

There are many considerations when planning an exercise of this scale in a rural area such as Manitoulin, noted Mr. Singh. "For instance, if one of our trucks were to lose power and we lost a bunch of supplies, if we went down to the grocery store and

stocked up, we could easily strip the shelves of the supplies people here depend on." So instead, the team learns how to ship supplies in from Camp Borden by transport plane.

Interacting with different cultures is an important part of the training. As logistical support, the soldiers of the transportation branch spread throughout the brigades, companies and pla-



Dawn Madahbee elbow bumps WO Andy Singh following the grand entry.

toons, bringing with them that knowledge and interaction skills. That much of the Island's population is Indigenous and holds different ways of thought, action and traditions than mainstream cultures provides an opportunity to train soldiers to take those differences into account when interacting with those from differing backgrounds here at home rather than doing so in foreign

Host drum for the powwow was Black Bull Moose, co-host drum was Chi-Ghiizis. Emcee for the weekend was Mista Wasis and the arena director was Robert Stonevpoint. Female head dancer was Carrie Waindubence, adult male head dancer was Adrian Trudeau, youth male head dancer was Pierre Debassige and youth female head dancer was Aiyana Nahwegahbo.

Dignitaries on hand included Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare and Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes.

Turnout for the powwow was strong and a large number of vendors were in place, happy to once again be able to travel the powwow trail.

"The lineups for a taco were 50 deep," said Expositor publisher, Alicia McCutcheon, who was there attending her baby daughter's first powwow. "I have never seen lineups like that.'

"It was super busy," agreed vendor Matthew Esquimaux, "but everyone was pretty good about the long lines.'

The parking lots were overflowing with dancers, drum groups and attendees streaming onto the grounds throughout the weekend—heralding a hugely successful powwow season to come.

...Tenth annual passage ride gives cyclists the chance to enjoy northeastern Manitoulin

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Ms. Quackenbush noted that most of the cyclists arrived Friday night and all local accommodations were booked solid.

'Breakaway Bill' Slaght, Breakaway Sports bike mechanic, provided preride mechanical service and roadside service for the weekend. All the cyclists have Mr. Slaght's contact number and he goes wherever he is needed to fix a bike and get the cyclist back on the road.

The temperature climbed throughout Saturday reaching a high of 20°C with wind gusts from the west up to 42 km/h by mid-afternoon.

At the rest stop in Sheguiandah at Centennial Museum Park cyclists stopped for washrooms, water and fruit before the final leg into Little Current.

Debra Smolkin Collingwood picked up a fruit slice. "This is a great event," said Ms. Smolkin. "This is my third year and the ride keeps us coming back, we love it."

"The passage ride is a really nice way to introduce people to your island," said Ms. Smolkin.

Ms. Smolkin did the short ride on Saturday so she could spend the afternoon exploring other parts of the Island. She planned on checking out Low Island for



Time to relax after day one's ride at the Manitoulin Brewing Company.

kite-surfing, heading to the powwow at AOK and going back to the Cup and Saucer for a hike before leaving the

Cyclists started trickling

down Highway 6 back into Little Current around 12

The passage ride included a post ride appetizer at Manitoulin Brewing Com-



Heading out of Little Current on Highway 540.

pany's silo and patio. By 3:30 pm on Saturday the bike racks at the brewery were full.

Ms. Mielonen addressed the crowd and noted 60 percent of the cyclists registered this year have participated in the passage ride before.

From the smiles and laughter at the silo and patio after day one's ride and a perfect forecast of warm temperatures, sun and low wind for Sunday it is likely some of this year's riders will be cycling off the ferry for the eleventh annual passage ride in 2023.

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Navy vessel HMCS Oriole to visit Little Current July 7

by Tom Sasvari MANITOULIN—The

HMCS Oriole, which is sailing through the Great Lakes this summer as part of the ship's 101st anniversary, will be visiting Little Current as part of the tour.

"July 7 is our current scheduled date for arrival in Little Current," said Scott C. Ferris, acting sublieutenant public affairs officer HMCS Oriole with the Royal Canadian Navy. "We will likely arrive the evening of July 6. Our intention would be to have the ship open for public tours from 10 am to 6 pm. Members of the public will have access to the upper deck. Our sailors will show the ship's features and answer any questions."

HMCS Oriole is the sail training vessel of the Royal Canadian Navy based at CFB Halifax in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She is a sailing ketch, currently the oldest commissioned vessel in the Royal Canadian Navy, and also the longest commissioned serving ship. Originally the yacht Oriole IV, the vessel was acquired by the Royal Canadian Navy during the Second World War, then

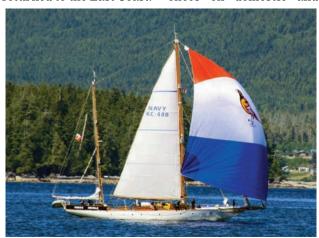
returned to private ownership at the end. Oriole IV was reacquired during the Cold War for use on the East Coast of Canada before switching to the West Coast of Canada. In 2018, the training vessel returned to the East Coast.

unique opportunity to tour one of Canada's naval ships and to learn about life in the RCN from our sailors. Canadians will be encouraged to stop by, say hello and speak to our sailors about their experiences on domestic and

began its tour in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island May 14-19. It is scheduled to visit Little Current on July 7 and Tobermory on July 20. The vessel was launched

on June 4, 1921 and commissioned June 19, 1952.





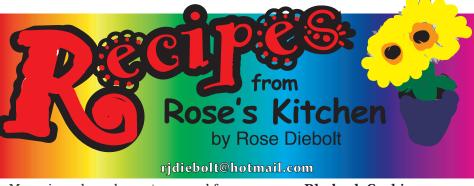
The HMCS Oriole will be visiting the Port of Little Current on July 7.

Her Majesty's ships HMCS Oriole and Glace Bay are the Royal Canadian Navy's ambassadors on the RCN's annual Great Lakes Deployment (GLD) this summer.

According to a Department of National Defence press release, "GLD provides Canadians with a international operations and also provides a learning opportunity about the different trades available in the RCN and to hear stories and anecdotes directly from sailors who have chosen the challenge of a career at sea."

As part of its 101st anniversary, HMCS Oriole





My recipe column has not appeared for several weeks. Recent family happenings have left me feeling like I jumped into a time capsule and lost a whole bunch of time. It was quite the journey with life lessons learned along the way. The passing of a family member prompted one our children to send me this article to read. I am passing it on, because I think everyone should read it and reflect!

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Preparing food is a great stress reliever that I rely on- so here we go.

Rhubarb, that much-loved sour/can be sweet fruit, is in season. Try the following

Strawberry Rhubarb Slump

This is what I call an heirloom dessert. It reminds me of the elderberry soup with the big doughy dumplings that we used to eat when we were kids. Switch the flour to spelt or whole wheat and the sugar to maple syrup.

- 1 pint strawberries, green tops removed,
- cut into large pieces
- 2 cups cut-up rhubarb 1/2 cup sugar your choice
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup milk or your choice

Whipped cream

In a saucepan with a tight-fitting lid, combine the strawberries, rhubarb, sugar and 1/2 cup water. Cook over medium heat for about 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a bowl, stir together the flour, baking powder and salt. Add the milk and quickly combine. Drop the batter by spoonfuls onto the surface of the slightly simmering fruit. Cook for 10 minutes uncovered, then place a lid on and cook for another 10 minutes.

Serve in shallow bowls, topped with whipped cream.

Rhubarb Cookies

The first time in a long time I did not make any substitutions in this recipe! The recipe calls for rhubarb which is different enough and knowing that rhubarb has a lot of moisture I just left well enough alone. What I did notice is that the cookies became softer and more cake like the longer they sat. It is very important to make sure you chill the batter. Overnight is the best.

- $1\,2/3$ cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp sea salt
- 1/2 tsp baking powder 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 10 Tbsp butter, at room temperature
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 large egg plus 1 large yolk
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup white chocolate chips 1 cup walnut pieces
- 1 1/2 stalks rhubarb (about 4 ounces)
- roughly chopped

1 Tbsp flaky sea salt (optional)

baking soda together in a large bowl. Beat the butter and brown sugar in a large bowl with an electric mixer until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Beat in the egg and yolk, then the vanilla.

Sift the flour, salt, baking powder and

Add the dry ingredients and beat until well combined, about 1 minute. Fold in the chocolate chips and walnuts then the rhubarb. Cover the bowl and refrigerate the dough for at least one hour or up to overnight.

Preheat the oven to 375 F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Use a 1ounce ice cream scoop to scoop the dough onto the baking sheet. Space the cookies about 2 inches apart and you should have about 10 cookies. Optional: sprinkle the sea salt on top of the dough balls.

Bake, rotating the baking sheets from top to bottom and front to back until the cookies are golden around the edges about 14 to 16 minutes. Let the cookies cool on a wire rack.

Store the cookies in a sealed container for up to five days only if they last that



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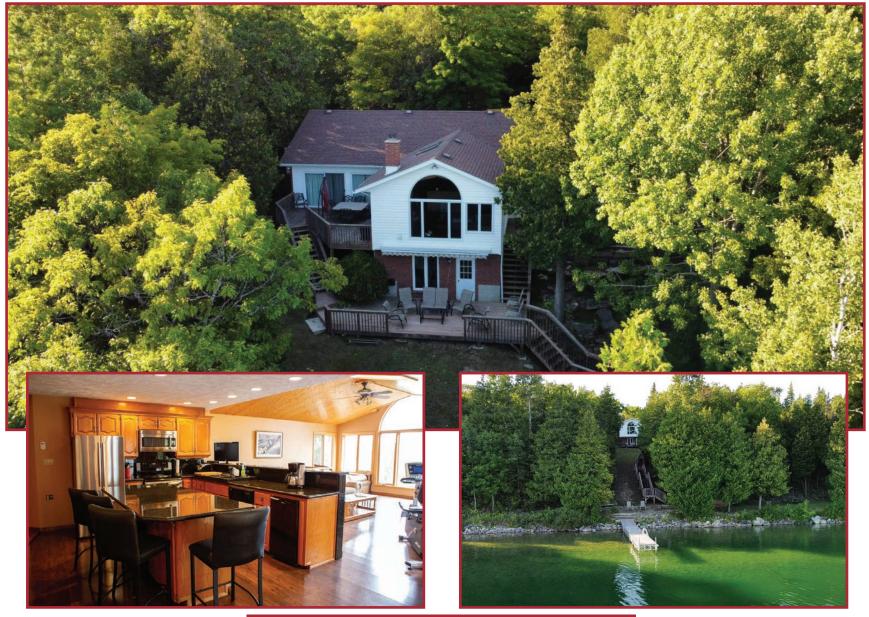
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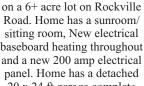
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