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These Espanola High School (EHS) friends were among a group of eight EHS teens who visited the memorial honouring the students of the boys' and girls' Indian residential schools at Spanish last Friday, respectfully placing children's shoes and other tokens. The monument is located on the grounds of the boys' school and across from the ruined remains of the St. Joseph's School for Girls. They are, from left, sisters Acadia and Nyssa Solomon from Massey and Ryan Forcier of Lang Lake. See story on Page 10.

Expositor staff photo

Island communities share anger, grief at unmarked children's graves at residential school site in BC

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following story may contain imagery and memories that could prove triggering for some readers. The Expositor wishes to alert the reader to

that possibility and urges care. The Indian Residential School Survivors Society is available for counselling support by calling 1-800-721-0066, or call the national crisis

line at 1-866-925-4419, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—The recent discovery of 215 unmarked children's graves near the site of a Kamloops residential school has once again cast a dark shadow across the lens through which we view ourselves as a nation—holding up a mirror that shatters the mainstream vision of Canada as a just and caring society—again.

Those 215 nameless children's graves are widely viewed as just the very tip of a memory that the nation has tried to put behind it

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Henley Boats is tapped to build solar 'cabin boats'

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter MANITOWANING—The North Channel CabinBoat Company announced last week that Henley Boats in Manitowaning will produce their custom solar powered catamaran cruisers. Henley Boats, the only boat manufacturer in the world that builds roll-form aluminum lapstrake hulls, will be constructing the unique 10 ft x 30 ft catamaran coastal cruisers.

The North Channel Thirty was designed from the keels up with an older demographic in mind, specifically for bareboat chartering in the North Channel of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay where it's mostly sheltered but can get rough quickly, but it is also suitable for other cruising areas, said the company. It will be an easy boat to drive with a single Suzuki 115 hp outboard and just as easy to

dock with proportional bow and stern thrusters controlled by a joystick.

The Thirty features an industry first: an environmentally friendly

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Lillian McGregor Park

Toronto honours BI elder with park named for her in Queen's Park area

by Michael Erskine

WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION—A new 1.6-acre L-shaped park located in downtown Toronto, at 25 Wellesley Street West, mere yards from the heart of the city and a few paces from the steps of Queen's Park, will honour the late Dr. Lillian McGregor, a tireless Anishinabekwe elder who once advocated on behalf of Indigenous rights, treaties, opportunity and dignity.

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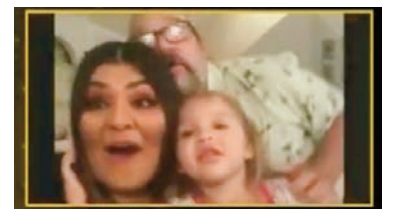
Wiikwemkoong's Crystal Shawanda scores JUNO win: 'Best Blues Album'

by Michael Erskine

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Wiikwemkoong kushkusgunaje (nightingale) Crystal Shawanda won the 2021 JUNO Award for Best Blues Album on the weekend and the reaction of her four-year-old daughter "yay, mommy, you won!" was captured in what has to be the perfect acceptance speech for the age of pandemic Zoom meetings.

Stop by The Expositor Facebook page to see what CBC has dubbed the Juno award for the 'cutest moment of the year.'

A humble Ms. Shawanda admitted that she did not anticipate winning, and her ensuing scramble to unmute to deliver her acceptance would be familiar to most of those of us who have worked virtually this past year—you just can't top that for authenticity. In fairness to Ms. Shawanda, her daughter did take up a bit of her speech time as she hugged mommy and adjusted her hair



Crystal Shawanda, left, with daughter Zsa-Zsa and husband Dewayne Strobel, responds to announcement of her JUNO win at the Zoom awards event.

and she was just following her publicist's instructions.

"I was so shocked," laughed Ms. Shawanda. "It caught me completely off-guard, I really did not expect it. That's why I just told our daughter Zsa-Zsa to come sit with me, I thought it would just be 'nominated is Crystal Shawanda' and then the camera would go to the winner. I was sitting there in my Cher T-shirt and was eating pizza and doughnuts just before it was our turn on camera."

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Griffon searcher says he's certain he's found LaSalle's lost vessel

by Tom Sasvari

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich.—After having spent most of their adult lives researching the elusive Le Griffon, Steve and Kathie Libert believe they've found the remains of the French ship near the Huron Islands, a chain of small, rocky islands northeast of Green Bay, Wisconsin. They have just published their findings in a book titled, 'Le Griffon and the Huron Islands - 1679, Our story of exploration and discovery.'

The book details the research the Liberts have engaged in while

searching for the elusive vessel.

The Griffon disappeared while returning from its maiden voyage in 1679. It was last seen struggling in a storm near what is now Washington Island in the state of Wisconsin. "We feel pretty good that what we found is the Griffon," Mr. Libert told The Expositor in an interview. In the book, the Liberts take their journey to this conclusion.

"I was an eighth grader in Dayton, Ohio when I first became intrigued by the mystery of a ship

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Divers search ship pieces of what Steve and Kathie Libert, the authors of the new book, 'Le Griffon and the Huron Islands 1679,' feel is part of the elusive Griffon.

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Did you know?

In 1850, the Robinson Huron Treaty was initiated when the Crown granted mining location tickets to companies on lands North of Lakes Huron and Superior. Regional Chiefs of Mnidoo Mnising disputed this, pointing out that the lands had never been purchased by the Crown or companies, or relinquished by the Anishinabek.

Today, the Robinson Huron Treaty remains the subject of litigation and negotiations in contemporary times with several Mnidoo Mnising First Nation communities involved in these ongoing negotiations.

It is important that we all know and continue to learn and understand the shared history and relationships between Canada and Indigenous people. As an Anishinabek place of learning, Kenjgewin Teg is one of many places to both begin and continue your journey in understanding!



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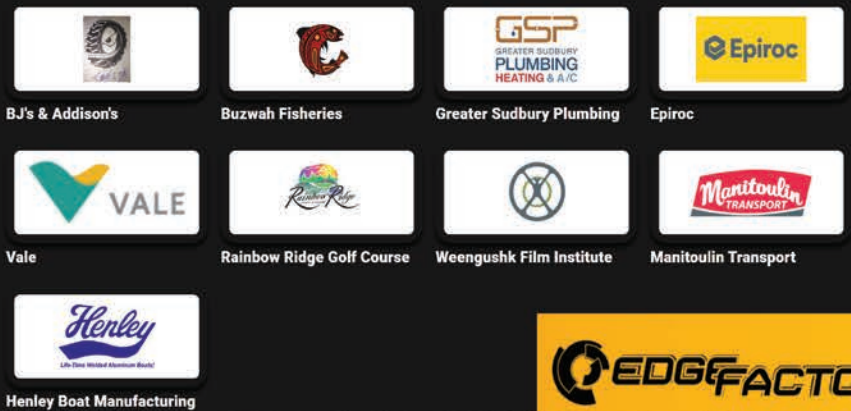
This virtual event features first hand perspectives from Indigenous Trades people in the region and across Ontario.

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Students in grades 6-10 from the Manitoulin region will be eligible to win prizes for completing the scavenger hunt during the event.

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ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (AQ) TEACHING FNMI CHILDREN (SCHEDULE C)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

First Nations, Metis, and Inuit (FNMI) children are the fastest growing population in Canada, and therefore, in the Ontario school system. In addition, Canada is in an era of reconciliation in the wake of residential schools, and assimilationist policies. Candidates will learn about: the history of colonization in Canada; decolonization theory; current efforts of grassroots people to decolonize themselves and their nations; and finally, their role as teacher and educator in an era of truth and reconciliation. Participants will reflect individually and collaboratively, with the encouragement to draw on their experiences to scaffold the learning. Main topics will include: origin stories and legends; a revisionist colonial North American history from the perspective of FNMI nations; decolonization versus reconciliation; the teacher's role in today's era of reconciliation; and pathways moving forward. Reflection, investigation, collaboration, experience and student directed learning inform the learning.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The AQ—Teaching FNMI Children course is 125 hours; open to candidates who meet the entry requirements identified in the Teachers' Qualifications Regulation. Successful completion of this course will be recorded on the candidate's Certificate of Qualification and Registration.*

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SESSION DATES

Location: Remote/On-line Learning
July 27, 28, 29 (T, W, TR, 8:30am-3:30pm daily)*
Aug 3, 4, 5 (T, W, TR, 8:30am-3:30pm daily)*
Aug 10, 11, 12 (T, W, TR, 8:30am-3:30pm daily)*
*synchronous learning, w/ daily breaks (54 hours)
+ asynchronous learning (71 hours)

Total: 125 hours**
** Course will include a combination of synchronous and asynchronous hours to total 125 hours required for the course.

TUITION FEES

\$499.00 per person*
*Fee includes a Teaching FNMI Resource Kit that may be required for course; will be supplied to registered participants via priority courier.
Important Note: Participants are responsible for their own internet connection, computer hardware, and computer software. For improved learner success to access and participate in online content, participants should have a reliable internet connection and a functioning reliable laptop and hardware. Accessing online content for the course through a mobile device (cell phone) is not recommended.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER

July 2, 2021



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ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (AQ) TEACHING OJIBWE/ ANISHINAABEMOWIN (SCHEDULE C)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Teaching Ojibwe (Anishinaabemowin) is a 125-hour intensive course that focuses on improving teacher fluency in order to improve the quality of Anishinaabemowin education that they provide in their classrooms. Teachers will improve their fluency, as well as learn new hands on, activity-based approaches to language learning and teaching by participating in the activities themselves. Grammar instruction will also be provided to transmit the finer details of a speaker's speech, and to provide a greater depth of language understanding and knowledge. This course stresses that the greatest way to achieve fluency in Anishinaabemowin is to speak it, use it, act it out, and experience it, with the objective that teachers will implement this method of teaching in their respective language classrooms.

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DEADLINE TO REGISTER

June 4, 2021

SESSION DATES

Location: Remote/On-line Learning
July 5-9 (M-F, 8:30am-4:00pm daily)*
July 12-16 (M-F, 8:30am-4:00pm daily)*
July 19-23 (M-F, 8:30am-4:00pm daily)*
*combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning

Total: 125 hours**
** Course will include a combination of synchronous and asynchronous hours to total 125 hours required for the course.

TUITION FEES

\$499.00 per person*
*Fee includes a Teaching Ojibwe Resource Kit that may be required for course; will be supplied to registered participants via priority courier.
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Debbie Wright, an employee at the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home in Gore Bay for the past 43 years, will be retiring later this week.

photo by Tom Sasvari

Community garden's Come Grow and Play program narrowing in on Ground Youth prize

by Tom Sasvari

WESTERN MANITOULIN—The Western Manitoulin Community Garden (WMCG) Come Grow and Play project sits in first place in the final voting thus far for a Future Ground Youth Prize from the David Suzuki Foundations sponsored by the Desjardins Group. As has been reported previously, WMCG was selected as one of five finalists in the online voting contest.

WMCG applied for a Future Ground Youth Prize from the David Suzuki Foundation to “create an outdoor educational play space set in our local community garden that invites children to deepen their connection to the land, themselves and their community,” said Linda Willson. She explained WMCG intends to make a safe area where kids “can have fun making mud pies in the mud kitchen, built of all natural materials that will include measuring cups, pots and pans, bowls, spoons and spatulas to spark imagination and creativity. They can sit in the willow sapling lodge with a weather proof, mini library at the entrance and read books about nature, garden themes and a beautiful collection of books by local Indigenous authors about traditional legends that will further capture their imagination.”

“They can experiment with seeds and planting in the mini-garden planting box, enjoy the feel of healthy soil and exploring the tactile beauty of it. A worm or frog may present themselves for further delight. Or they can rest or play in the shaded stump sitting area with a stump table and several stumps to sit, balance and climb upon or eat their snack.”

Food security is a primary focus of WMCG. The garden was initiated in response to the local health unit survey revealing that over 60 percent of children on Manitoulin go to school hungry. In its fifth year of operation WMCG has become very successful, with over 60 members including kids from local schools, people with disabilities, members from various cultural backgrounds, LGBTQ, Indigenous communities as well as senior citizens. There are 20 individual rental plots, 13 raised

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After over 40 years at Manitoulin Lodge, retirement ‘bittersweet’ for Debbie Wright

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Debbie Wright has seen and been a part of just about everything involving the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home in Gore Bay, having worked there for the past 43 years. And to say that it is a bittersweet moment that she will be retiring as of June 11 is an understatement.

“It’s almost scary to think I’m going to leave,” Ms. Wright told The Expositor. “It’s going to be hard to leave, working here at the Lodge has been my life and I’ve had a wonderful career.”

“I’ve had so many wonderful opportunities since I started working here,” said Ms. Wright. “It’s been a great career. And the Jarlette family (which owns the Lodge) has been absolutely fantastic to me. They really make you feel like you belong. Even when they come to visit they ask and talk to staff by name and about how you and your family are doing.”

“I would never hesitate to have a person I know move into to live at the Lodge,” said Ms. Wright. “The

staff here is fantastic, everyone works so hard to meet the needs of the residents and fellow staff members.”

Jaime-Lynn Kalmikov, administrator of the Lodge, told the Expositor, “Debbie has been a dedicated employee at the Lodge for the last 43 years. She has held many positions throughout the years and has a wealth of knowledge about all aspects of the home. She has been a dependable go-to for all the staff and management team and she will be greatly missed by all.”

“We wish her all the best with the next chapter of her life and truly wish here a very happy retirement to enjoy her family and the lake life,” said Ms. Kalmikov. “She is not only hanging up her nurse’s cap after 43 years, but also her superhero cape.”

“I am in my 43rd year working here,” said Ms. Wright. The Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home

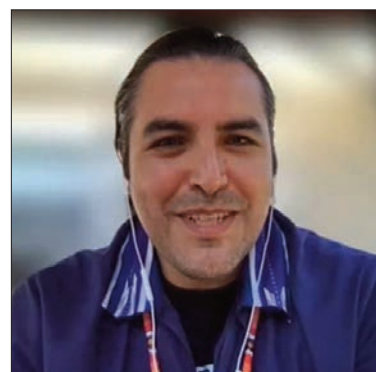
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Reginald Niganobe elected as the new Anishinabek Nation grand council chief

ANISHINABEK NATION—Reginald Niganobe has been elected as the new Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief by the Chiefs-in-Assembly following a virtual traditional stand-up election hosted by Chippewas of Ket-

tle and Stony Point First Nation via Zoom last week.

“Miigwetch to Glen (Hare) for your service and dedication to the Anishinabek Nation communities and the Anishinabek peoples.



Grand Council Chief Reginald Niganobe

I appreciate, value and most of all, value your shared words of wisdom. Miigwetch to the elders who have guided me to this point that we are at right now. Miigwetch to the chiefs—the gimaas—for selecting me as grand council chief,” says Grand Council Chief Reginald Niganobe. “There is much work to do. I know there are many issues to tackle and we will address them. I’ve been taught to keep my mind, body and spirit fit – and my heart open. We will

move forward in a good way.”

Candidates Reginald Niganobe, Chief of Mississauga No. 8 First Nation and incumbent Grand Council Chief Glen Hare, participated in a traditional stand-up election led by Anishinabek Nation Head Getzit and appointed Electoral Officer Nmishomis Gordon Waindubence of Sheguiandah First Nation during the virtu-

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Support sought from Island governance for broadband info

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—With the support of the Manitoulin broadband committee, Blue Sky Net is issuing a request for information (RFI) to its network of internet and broadband service providers to see if they have, or are considering, infrastructure development or future projects on the Island.

“On the request for information, we are going to send out letters to service providers looking for information from them on any plans they have for Manitoulin Island,” said Susan Church, executive director of Blue Sky Net. “We know folks have applied for

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Gore Bay Theatre summer season cancelled again, due to pandemic

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—For the second straight year, Gore Bay Theatre will not be presenting a summer season of plays because of the pandemic.

Established 28 years ago, the theatre has always offered a summer season and for the past 15 years the group has produced at least two, sometimes three, different plays, performed in repertory so that audiences could see all the plays on consecutive evenings.

Directors Walter Maskel and Andrea Emmerton are extremely disappointed that there will be no summer season. Mr. Maskel stated, “in March of 2020 we competed in the annual Northern Ontario drama festival (Quonta) with a play called ‘Molly Sweeney,’ against groups from North Bay, the Sault and

Espanola. We swept the major awards including best production, director, lead actress, visual presentation, ensemble acting and original music. We were going to represent Northern Ontario at the all-Ontario Festival in May 2020, but with COVID it was cancelled and unfortunately we could not perform the play for our summer audiences as well.”

“The actors, Tara Bernatchez, John Robertson and Will Smith, did a great deal of work on this production, mastering Irish accents and were only able to present the play a few times. It was very disappointing to our entire production team,” said Mr. Maskel.

Ms. Emmerton added, “we were hoping to present ‘Molly Sweeney’ again, possibly in the

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End of an era

Clover Hill Dairy holds special memories for Hietkamp, Vander Weerden families

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The sale of the Clover Hill Dairy in Gore Bay closed last week, having been the place where the Hietkamp and Vander Weerden family members had worked, and for a long time, lived.

“It gets a little emotional when you talk about the farm and where we lived for a long time,” said Debbie Hietkamp, of the sale



The Clover Hill Dairy milk delivery wagon in about 1958.

which became official on Thursday of last week.

“We made it to 60 years and a couple of weeks,” stated Harry Vander Weerden. “We had a full three-way partnership in the farm, with Be (Hietkamps’) dad Albertus and his wife Johanna Woestenenk, myself, and Be and Debbie (Hietkamp) in the partnership. We

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"who dares not offend, cannot be honest"

editorial

A new downtown Toronto park provides a ray of hope

Dark clouds have risen once again over our nation's sunny ways with the discovery of 215 unmarked children's graves near a former Kamloops residential school, another reminder of the legacies of our colonial and imperial foundations—sometimes it seems that we are forever destined to be challenged when we look in the mirror.

Calls for the removal of statues commemorating our founding fathers, particularly Canada's first prime minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, frequently reverberate through our national media and just this past week a statue of Egerton Ryerson, one of the principle architects of the residential school system, was toppled at Ryerson University. Some days it seems we will never be able to celebrate those individuals who laid the first foundation blocks of our nation.

Then, bursting through the clouds, comes a welcome ray of sunshine.

News that a new downtown Toronto park celebrating the memory and accomplishments of Whitefish River First Nation's Lillian McGregor is under construction arrived on our desks this past week. Dr. McGregor's life and accomplishments are truly worthy of celebration and something of which we can all be proud.

Towering legends of yesterday may have accomplished monumental tasks, but too often those accomplishments have been built upon a

foundation mixed with the blood and suffering of countless nameless, faceless, victims.

While much of the work for which Dr. McGregor is being celebrated was necessitated by the ongoing and oftentimes racist legacies of the likes of Mr. Ryerson and Mr. Macdonald, hers were labours of love and encouragement, tempered with an unrelenting determination to make this world a better place.

Now that is a legacy that we as Canadians can get behind.

It is gratifying that the park celebrating Dr. McGregor's legacy is located in the central downtown core of our nation's greatest city, mere steps from the seat of provincial power and in the very epicentre of our nation's economic heartland.

Better yet, the decision to memorialize Dr. McGregor with this most innovative of parks came about through a community consultation process taken in arguably the most multicultural of our urban centres.

So, even as the darkness seems to be closing in once again on our national identity, a brilliant beacon of hope shines through.

Thank you, Dr. McGregor, for providing us with your vision, your heart, determination and dignity—and for a legacy of which all Canadians can take pride—M'chi-miigwetch.

letters

We must address our past and deal with it

Otherwise no Canadian anywhere can hold their head high

To the Expositor:

Residential schools were an integral part of a conscious policy of cultural genocide against the country's Indigenous population, according to a Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada report in 2015.

The remains of 215 children, some of whom were believed to have been as young as three years old, were discovered in the grounds of the Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia. Most are thought to have been undocumented.

This is it for me! If it takes the bodies of 215 little kids—taken away

from their families and dying alone—to hit Canadians over the head, so be it. No more talk. No more delays by governments dealing with land claims and children's compensation and fresh drinking water on reserves.

We have to address our past and deal with it. Our government has to do the right thing. Otherwise no Canadian anywhere in the world should be able to hold their head up high.

Cindy Cook
Bay of Islands resident

Are recreation planners looking through rose-tinted glasses?

The cost of running a complex proves they are not money-making operations

To the Expositor:

I don't know Mark Smith, but can he ever paint a Cinderella story. Wow! If he kept on calculating the expenses on the 5 Points Recreation Complex I am sure the complex would not only pay for itself, but make a pile of money for the taxpayers of Central Manitoulin. According to Mark, to build a state of the art complex for our small, retiring, aging population would cost just \$8 million and empty our reserves, which council keeps for emergencies, which is \$500,000. That would leave us to pay an amazing \$7.5 million. He says it could be financed at 3.1 percent over 30 years and that amounts to another measly \$385,000 annual payment. Tear down four perfectly good buildings and now we would only pay another measly \$235,000. And with sun and recycled energy from the solar panels we have it down to a mere \$155,000. I'm sure if Mark

kept figuring, this complex could be a real moneymaker. Even though, after talking to the NEMI chief administrative officer, Dave Williamson, it cost approximately \$700,000 just to run the Little Current complex (and that was two years ago).

Somebody must be looking through rose-coloured glasses. Guess who?

Lyle Dewar
Providence Bay

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Mark Smith referred to by Mr. Dewar should in fact be Adam Smith, chair of the Central Manitoulin recreation committee. Mr. Smith was incorrectly named in the June 2 Page 1 story 'Central goes public with concept plans for new '5 Points' recreation complex.' The Expositor regrets the error.

A counter to a settler elder's perspective

"We can do better, we must do better, we must work together"

To the Expositor:

I hope that this doesn't become a habit, writing letters to the editor. My last letter was in December 2019, when I invited a fellow Islander to stop by for tea after yelling some not so seasonal greetings to us as we sat in our teepee.

This time I write in response to 'A counter to an Indigenous elder's perspective' submitted May 19, 2021 in your letters to the editor pages.

I admit that this letter may be a little biased, kinda like those NHL TV analysts, all pro Leafs. Mr. Gary Lewis asserts that the Indigenous elder's perspective (or was it rhetoric) was over the top and less than helpful in improving the situation in Canada. I read Ms. McGregor-Pitawanakwat's letter and what I drew from it was that Indigenous peoples still hold allodial land title. This has been determined through the Supreme Court of Canada using case law, that aboriginal title applies to territories, such as Manitoulin Island and have existed for a very long time. These lands can be taken up by government through cessions, such as treaties. Treaties are internationally legally binding instruments signed between sovereign nations. Unfortunately, courts and governments in Canada have not always recognized this fact.

Now, I don't see where or how, these facts are over the top. Mr. Lewis states that "we need to work at solutions that bring us together, not pull us apart," but offers no proposed solutions. I have one: how about renaming all the Manitoulin settlements in Anishnawbemowin? I mean it will recognize and acknowledge the fact that Ojibwe, Odawa and Potawatomi have historically been here. Look at the United States, there are many towns that retain the traditional indigenous name, such as Chicago and Milwaukee. Amongst Indigenous Islanders, Manitowaning is known as Manitowaning, Mindemoya, as Mindemoya, Tehkummah as Tehkamuh and Little Current is known as Wewebijiwong. The point is that there is a history on Manitoulin that begins prior to colonial settlement, and there was an economy as well. Did you know that back in the 1800s maple sugar exports were recorded at over 400,000 lbs in a single year? Other projects we can work together on is being more inclusive, for example the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy can have partnerships with the First Nations. First Nations ability to live their

inherent rights is diminishing on Manitoulin because the majority of land is held privately. How can we feel welcome to harvest plants, animals and have ceremony?

Now Mr. Lewis said it was demeaning to call Canada a foreign government. I have to say that is a matter of perspective. My biases will appear here, the advantages of not being a reporter. I mentioned earlier that the courts and governments in Canada have not always recognized Indigenous peoples as sovereign nations, except when they signed the Treaties in 1836, 1862 and 1850, or when they asked us to fight with them in the war of 1812, or when they "discovered" us in 1492 and needed supplies and healthcare, and again in the 1600s and 1700s during the fur trade. What I find demeaning is Canada's ignorance in regard to acknowledging and recognizing Indigenous rights, treaties and history, or Canadians lack of recognition, of the success of the numerous government legislation and policies that forced our people to choose to live off-reserve. It is all part of government's design, to remove us from the lands we know.

Lastly, "LandBack" is not meant to be a threat, but a call to action. A call to recognize that as Indigenous people, our rights are continually being eroded, by development, by the sale of Crown lands. Remember, as a part of our history as Islanders, this island, Odawa Minis, was originally set aside for Indigenous peoples, now we hold less than approximately five percent of it.

Mr. Lewis, I agree with you. We can do better, we must do better, we must work together.

Sam Manitowabi
Wewebijiwong

P.S. In light of the discovery of the 215 deceased children, let's call for the United Nations to investigate these residential school crimes, to hold a tribunal based on international laws. Call on the churches to release all the records relating to the residential schools, to call on the federal government to repeal the legislation to destroy all the residential school evidence collected by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Gabe Abotossaway demonstrates incredible resilience on 10th anniversary of accident

by Alicia McCutcheon

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—It's hard to believe that a decade has passed since Gabe Abotossaway's life was altered forever following a near-fatal car crash on Highway 69.

This newspaper has been privileged to have followed Gabe's progress throughout those 10 years. From being the youngest recipient in the country to receive a diaphragmatic pacer, allowing him to breathe on his own and without an invasive ventilator, to being bestowed with an eagle feather from the people of Aundeck Omni Kaning during the community's traditional powwow, where Gabe was a dancer, to the excruciating lows and repeat hospitalizations. Throughout it all, and with his family by his side, Gabe has shown a remarkable strength of character, bravery and a positive attitude that would be the envy of most.

The Expositor sat down with Gabe and his parents, Beverly and Max, the week following the 10-year anniversary of the accident. There was a serenity and a sense of happiness among the family that this reporter had not fully encountered in her 10 years of interviews.

"It doesn't feel like 10 years," Gabe begins.

The family shares that Gabe's medical team is very impressed with how well he's been doing. For a time, Gabe found himself in and out of hospital with one ailment leading to another. His last hospital stay was last summer. It was serious—touch and go even—and required an extensive stay in the intensive care unit and surgery, from which his wounds have yet to fully heal. This last visit to the hospital also required Gabe to be placed on a ventilator. Communication occurred through the family writing on a wipe board and Gabe nodding yays or nays. Gabe is a C4-5 quadriplegic which means he has almost no feeling from his shoulders

down.

"There was a chance he wouldn't pull through," his mother shares.

"I was super sick," Gabe adds. "I couldn't eat at all."

The one bonus, he says, was having drop-ins from hospital staff at Health Sciences North who remembered him from his stay there years ago, when he became a hospital celebrity for his diaphragmatic pacer. They all wanted to check in and say hello. Even when he's non-verbal, Gabe's positive attitude is infectious.

Gabe is very much in charge of his health care needs. After two years of trying, Gabe was approved for Direct Funding, a program that "enables adults with physical disabilities to become employers of their own home attendants," according to the website.

To become approved, Gabe had a grueling interview where he was quizzed on all manner of employment standards laws, among much more. The accident has made his short-term memory challenging at times, but he studied hard and it paid off.

Having a good business sense comes naturally to Gabe. He recalls the time when he and a group of friends made it to the national round of an Indigenous student business plan competition in Saskatchewan. While his team didn't win, he felt they should have, he says with a laugh.

The Abotossaway home is the main family gathering place. It's spacious and well-equipped for all of Gabe's needs. The pandemic changed all of that, as it did for families across the globe.

At first, no one was allowed to enter the house and Ms. Abotossaway took care of all of Gabe's needs. After all, Gabe is compromised and COVID-19 could have dire consequences for the young man. Then the family allowed one

personal support worker, slowly adding members of the team as the pandemic marched forward. One of Gabe's favourite team members is Derek Debassige of Manitoulin Physio, who visits him at home at least once a month.

"We talk about everything. He's more than a therapist, he's a friend," Gabe says with a smile.

Gabe is responsible for training each of his personal support workers. After all, who knows his needs better than Gabe?

There is a new spark in the Abotossaway's hearts these days. Gabe is the proud uncle of Griffin, son of his little brother Wesley. Griffin will turn two in August and his uncle's eyes light up at the thought of him.

"I'm going to teach him some bad stuff, and some good stuff too," he grins. "And I can't wait to fill him in on my

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Expositor correction

A vigilant reader noted an etymological error in The Expositor's reference to the Manitoulin soldiers depicted in a photograph of a group of some relaxing with copies of this newspaper with stories from home (May 19, page 4 editorial, 'Providing a link to Islanders and events for 142 years'). The outline on the photograph identifies the relaxing troops as "doughboys." This term was used in the Mexican-American War, as well as World War I and the Second World War as a nickname for American soldiers, but there seems to have been no equivalent nickname for Canadians. paper takes great pride. The Expositor regrets the error.

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Billions offered for Indigenous improvements meaningless without justice

It is distressing there will be no accountability for those crimes on an international level

To the Expositor:

Re: 'Manitoulin KAIROS group organizes portable display of 215 pairs of kids' shoes in mourning for unmarked graves at BC residential school,' June 2, Page 1.

The discovery of the 215 slain First Nations children in an unmarked burial site beneath the old Kamloops Indian Residential School now solidifies Canada's place among a notorious group of maniacal regimes all guilty of crimes against humanity. There is no longer a moral difference between ourselves and the Nazis who murdered 13 million people; no counterpoint to the actions of China as it murders ethnic Uyghurs and sterilizes them. Equally disheartening is the realization that Canada will never face international accountability for its actions leading to the deaths of Indigenous women and children.

Genocide is typically enacted by a lie cleverly concocted to seduce its easy facilitation; killers don't want resistance by victims or non-victims. In Germany, the wholesale slaughter of the "feeble-minded" or "insane" was dis-

guised as "euthanasia." In Canada, the government and the churches invoked the pretense of "re-educating" Indigenous youth. Here, cattle cars were not needed. But the result was the same: children abducted and killed wholesale behind closed doors. The residential school system, death camps by another name, is no different than Hitler's Chelmno, Belzec, Treblinka, Sobibor and Auschwitz-Birkenau.

The crime of genocide as defined by the International Criminal Court includes actions intended "to destroy in whole or in part a national, ethnic, racial or religious group by killing its members or...causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group," or "deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its destruction" and any measures "intended to prevent births" or "transferring children of the group to another."

How distressing to know that there will be no accountability for these crimes on an international level since the

International Criminal Court cannot punish nations nor hear crimes committed before 2002. The concept of sovereign immunity means that a nation cannot be prosecuted internationally nor face civil litigation beyond its borders.

Any justice for Indigenous people must be won inside Canada itself. The Liberal government's \$2.2 billion pledge to improve living conditions for indigenous women, including a basic income concept, are meaningless without justice. Equally upsetting is the refusal of the Catholic Church to compensate residential school victims or issue a public apology in a meeting with the Indigenous community.

All of the Liberal government's promises are rendered more meaningless when compared to the speed with which they apologized for the historical abuse of the Italian community. In that sense, justice is not 'colour' blind. Sincerely,

Christopher Mansour
Barrie

Thoughts on the report on Tim Hortons traffic issues

Issues identified have yet to be addressed by council

To the Expositor:

In regards to the May 18 Town of NEMI agenda, New Business 7.1, the Toivu report on traffic issues, I wish to offer my thoughts.

Currently, sketch A of that report suggests that the northbound parking lane between Draper and Blake streets be converted into a travel lane in order to ease some traffic concerns around the Tim Hortons entrance. For now, the Town of NEMI supports this as the best option, although eliminating the parking lane on the highway will increase the parking of large vehicles on Draper (and maybe Blake). Solutions to the current problem that increase traffic and parking on Draper and Blake should not be undertaken due to school safety.

I am aware that discussion is also ongoing about sketch

C, which is a new turning lane (fourth lane) that would cut significantly into the pedestrian area between Blake Street and the Tim's entrance.

Sketch C must not be considered. The tapering will remove one sidewalk altogether, and effectively render useless and dangerous the remnants of the other, especially at the point of entry to Tim Hortons. It would also be unfair for the rest of NEMI, including business owners that directly compete, for such an economic advantage to be awarded to Tim Hortons. I look forward to a full and transparent process prior to any work being announced.

I have also noticed that with the nice weather finally upon us, parking on Draper Street can become a nightmare. Drivers habitually ignore the no parking signs beside Tim Hortons (where a new sidewalk is planned),

and when those spots are full, some motorists choose to park entirely on the street. Sometimes they are on or blocking the existing sidewalk from the highway. We could prepare a photo journal to support this, although we can only anticipate the grief this will cause us as we work to protect our neighbourhood. This situation will only continue to worsen as the tourist season opens.

Neighbours share our concern that Tim Hortons has yet to install bushes or hedges to shield us from their noise and lighting (most disconcerting at night as headlights point directly into our homes).

Sincerely,

Zak Nicholls
Little Current

Central Manitoulin council is embarking on a campaign against Island heritage

Big Lakers will stand firm against these attacks

To the Expositor:

Due to a past difference of opinion between the former editor of this newspaper and myself in regards to actually how much latitude a citizen has to the right of freedom of speech in a free and democratic country, I really never thought I would ever be putting pen to paper to her again, but there comes a time when one must swallow their pride for the greater good.

I write this letter to bring to the forefront to the residents of Manitoulin Island public information on an attack on what makes us all true Islanders—our history and our heritage! What would you be without it? You would have no identity, nothing to carry on to future generations, nothing to keep instilling that pride in your very soul!

At this very moment in time, the mayor and councillors (all but one) of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin are embarking on a campaign of destruction with the sole mission of deactivating halls and schoolhouses in the wards, to dump all cost from all of them to enable them to build a tax gouger, commercial yuppie-plex in Mindemoya!

I am a life-long proud Big Laker. I do not reside or own property there any longer, but every childhood memory of mine is there—every birthday, every Christmas, every sup-

per at grandma's table, everything—including my first three years of education at SS#2 Sandfield, also known today as the Big Lake Community Centre. I even remember the first day I arrived there in Ernest Moody's 1949 purple van school bus!

Very simply, Big Lake is my heritage and history and those three years at SS#2 were a huge part of it, which I will never forget.

Many years have passed and back a few years ago after Uncle Tommy, Mr. Sears, Keith Size and I had just finished barbecuing 400 steaks at a Big Lake Community Association (BLCA) Hillbilly Steak Supper, I thought to myself, 'Wow, this place never ceases to amaze me. Such pride in community, in fellowship and in working hard for a good cause.' That is what SS#2, Big Lake Schoolhouse, means to me.

I always told my kids when they were growing up, 'know your history and you can better your future!'

I am particularly disappointed in Councillors Diebolt and Shaffer. Councillor Diebolt, simply because she is a Ward 3 councillor and is mandated to be 'the voice of the residents of her ward.' She is clearly deaf to the voices coming from Big Lakers, BLCA members and former stu-

dents of SS#2, and Councillor Shaffer because he is originally from the US where historic sites are held in reverence, respected, maintained and preserved by the state. He obviously has no sense of community, history or heritage by being in favour of going forward with deactivations of historic and heritage sites.

At this time, I want to personally thank Mr. Tribinevicius who is the only councillor who supports maintaining the history and heritage of SS#2 Sandfield, the Big Lake Schoolhouse.

I want to go on record as saying to Central Manitoulin council: Big Lakers will stand firm against these attacks on our history and heritage and will not take one step back on our goal of seeing our history and heritage respected, maintained and preserved! Central Manitoulin, you have picked on the wrong bunch of hillbillies this time!

Thank you,

Greg Young
Former student of SS#2 Sandfield,
Big Lake Schoolhouse
and proud Big Laker

CRTC seeks input on establishing national number for suicide prevention services

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

OTTAWA—The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) wants to hear from interested persons on whether there is a need for a three-digit number for a national mental health crisis and suicide prevention service, similar to the 9-8-8 three digit code in the United States, it announced on June 3. The CRTC is currently examining the advantages, challenges and costs associated with deployment of this number.

In a statement, CRTC Chairperson and CEO Ian Scott said, “With physical distancing measures in

place, the pandemic’s impact on mental health is even more apparent throughout the country. Suicide related calls, texts and chats have increased across Canada. We are asking Canadians and other interested parties for information to better understand the advantages and challenges associated with implementing a three-digit number for mental health crisis and suicide prevention services and how any challenges can be overcome.”

According to Statistics Canada, there were more than 4,000 deaths by suicide in Canada each year between the years of 2014 and 2018. In 2019, that number was 4,012, or about 11

Canadians dying by suicide each day. One third of deaths by suicide occur among people aged 45 to 59 years and rates are three times higher for men as compared to women. Suicide is the ninth leading cause of death in Canada; for youth and young adults aged 15 to 34 years, suicide is the second leading cause of death. Those numbers have been increasing since the beginning of the pandemic.

On December 11, 2020, federal MPs unanimously voted to support Conservative MP Todd Doherty’s (Cariboo-Prince George) motion calling on the federal government to “take immediate action in collaboration with our

provinces to establish a national suicide prevention hotline that consolidates all suicide crisis numbers into one easy to remember three digit (988) hotline that is accessible to all Canadians.”

A September 2020 survey of 163 people living in Canada indicated a high level of interest and support among those surveyed, with 77 percent stating they would use a three-digit suicide prevention number themselves and 95 percent of those surveyed would provide a three digit number as a referral to others needing assistance. The report suggested the number should

work similarly to 911, operate 24 hours per day and be manned by trained staff. The three-digit number should be the sole number for suicide prevention in Canada, with consideration to aligning this new number with the three-digit number used in the United States to “increase consistency, visibility and recall.”

More than 240 municipalities across the country have indicated their support of the hotline as have Canada’s major telecommunications providers including Bell, Rogers and Telus. The CRTC has included the investigation for a three-digit crisis

number in its departmental plan for this fiscal year and in its 2021 spring budget, the federal government pledged to ensure funds are available for this investigation and for the hotline. Bill C-294, An Act to amend the Telecommunications Act (suicide prevention) has completed its first reading as of May 7, 2021.

The CRTC’s role in establishing three digit numbers is limited to administering phone numbers and requiring telecommunications service providers to implement this three-digit number across Canada. The CRTC

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Trial date set for suspended chief of police

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

WIKWEMKOONG—Suspended chief of police for Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) Terry McCaffrey will go to trial next March. Mr. McCaffrey is scheduled for a one week trial from March 14 to March 18, 2022. The date was set at a virtual hearing on June 1.

Mr. McCaffrey was hired

in 2018, bringing more than 22 years of First Nations policing service across Canada to his role as chief of police for WTPS. He was charged with one count of sexual assault by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Criminal Investigations Branch in January of this year. An investigation had been launched after an individual came forward about an incident that had

occurred in 2019.

Legal representation for the accused previously stated that “Mr. McCaffrey is presumed innocent and will be pleading not guilty to these allegations. We will be vigorously defending this matter and look forward to the truth coming out in a court of law.”

A publication ban is in place to prevent revealing information pertaining to the victim or their identity.



Law & Order

Wiikwemkoong man arrested for weapons charges

A Wiikwemkoong man wanted for numerous weapons charges was arrested on May 26 by members of the Wik-

wemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) and the Greater Sudbury Police Service. As a result of a weapons investigation that occurred on March 15, 2021 the WTPS was seeking the arrest of 24-year-old Clin-

ton Trudeau. The public had been asked to refrain from communicating or interacting with Mr. Trudeau. Mr. Trudeau is scheduled to attend court in Gore Bay later this month.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Last week, Team Fergmeijer (your unofficial Billings tourism ambassadors) did NOT welcome you to our lovely village, due to the main street being inaccessible because of construction. But we need detour no longer! While construction continues, you are cordially invited to Kagawong as local shops and businesses begin opening again under the province’s reopening plan. Tell them Team Fergmeijer sent you!

Congratulations go out to Billings Senior of the Year Jim Chambers! Jim has served, and continues to serve, in a variety of roles within the township over the years. From church events, to the Recreation Committee, to the Fire Department, Jim has his hand in most volunteer activities happening around here. Thank you, Jim, for all your hard work, dedication, humour and caring that you share with us every day!

In related news, we’ve heard that Team Fergmeijer has been shortlisted for a new award for Billings’ most secretive person. We can’t tell you how excited we are to be nominated!

With summer on our doorstep, Billings is slowly but surely waking up. With construction moving forward at a blistering pace (oh wait, that’s just the recent heat wave), the future of the Kagawong Market looks bright. Rumour has it the popular outdoor market will be returning to its regular Wednesday time slot and to its regular location at the pavilion by the tennis courts. We will strive to confirm this with the proper authorities, as our extremely high journalistic standards would never permit us to print something that was not entirely accurate and fact-checked.

In addition to the town market, Kagawong is also welcoming a new venture that will be located in the Austin Hunt Marina. Artisans by the Bay will host local artists and craftspeople, their various arts and crafts items, as well as products carried and/or created by various entrepreneurs. The opening is dependent on the provincial reopening plan, so stay tuned for more information!

Side note, when the COVID-19 restrictions are finally lifted and the landfill is allowed to return to its traditional functions, may we suggest a name change from the “Kagawong Mall” to the “Billings Emporium?” It adds a sophisticated edge to the whole experience. Don’t worry Denis, you won’t be expected to wear a tie. Not right away, anyway.

There will be a planned power outage this coming Sunday, June 13, from 8 am until 12 noon. Plan to rise a little early to get the coffee going, and then enjoy a quiet morning! At the time of writing, Billings Township is in a full fire ban until further notice. Check the township website (<http://billingswtp.ca>) for the latest details.

A very happy 29th birthday goes out to Maria M-L! Once a Kagawongian, always a Kagawongian (and hence, always

fair game for mention in this column!). We hope you have a fantastic day. We would be remiss if we missed Karlene’s 29th birthday as well - she keeps us in line, on our toes, and always smiling. Happy birthday, Karlene!

If you know of anyone you would like to have us embar... umm... celebrate here in the community column, drop us a line at kagawong@live.ca or message us on the Kagawong Facebook page ([facebook.com/Kagawong1](https://www.facebook.com/Kagawong1)).

The government has approved vaccines for youth ages 12 years and up, and they are available on the Island. Book your child’s appointment by calling 705-674-2299 or visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>.

The Late Bloomers are hard at work sprucing up the village - flowers are popping up everywhere! The flower boxes and gardens around town are looking beautiful thanks to those green-thumbed volunteers.

One half of Team Fergmeijer saw a doctor about their hearing problems last week. The doctor asked her to describe the symptoms. She replied, “They’re yellow, Homer likes doughnuts, and Marge has blue hair.” Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Today was super-hot. Thanks to Rick for working so hard to get our irrigation installed and working in our garden. We are concerned about all the crops around here being so dry. Hopefully we get rainfall soon. We drove down to the gas pumps at the water front to get gas today. It is so convenient to be able to fill up in town, now that summer is here and the pumps are open. There had been two large recreational vehicles staying at the campground for the last few days. When we arrived, they were at the waterfront getting a sewage pumpout before leaving. Rene put gas in our truck and while we were there Archie Cadden arrived to get gas as well. Everything went smoothly. Rene was telling us that although we already have people using the facilities, that on June 14 everything will be totally up and running. Campgrounds, washrooms, showers, laundry facilities, gas, diesel and wi-fi will all be ready for use. The campground sites each have their own water and power.

We took a drive around the campground and there’s been a nice addition. We now have a nice picnic and swimming area prepared at the campground, next to the breakwall. It has white sand, is fenced with a snake rail fence and has picnic tables. It looks delightful. I texted Rene to tell him how nice it looked, and he told me that Joe Weston was the driving force. Thanks Joe.

Randi and her partner Marcus are good friends of ours and our neighbours as well. We were excited that they had opened up an eating spot in Sheshewaning, across from the gas station, and have been quite busy. We have eaten at Stop 540 and enjoyed it but had not yet tried Randi’s. We were told by Rose how good the chicken was and Patti told

us that she had had it too and really liked it. John enjoyed his poutine. We still have to get there and try out the food that we are hearing is so good. We are looking forward to some hamburgers and fries. Randi said that she will be open all week but will be closed on Wednesdays. Good luck to both of you.

To show our respect and sorrow concerning the tragedy of the 215 indigenous children buried at the residential school in Kamloops, a community gathering has been planned for Wednesday, June 9. Community members will be gathering at the waterfront-park, breakwall, docks and marina at 5:25 pm. If you are anywhere close to Meldrum, come and join us for this time of remembrance.

Silver Water Karen Noble

June 1, I saw the first fawn trying out his legs just before Paul and Betty Lou Purvis’ driveway in Gore Bay. The monarch and swallowtail butterflies have arrived in our yard.

The lilacs, rhododendron, irises, columbine and more are flowering.

We planted a lot of garden vegetables in the last week. Gladys Duncanson and I had our first swim on June 4. The water was warm enough on top and forced us to swim keeping our feet off of the bottom.

The Local Services Board of Robinson held their meeting by zoom on June 6. We were pleased to have so many join in. Jim and Birgit Martin and family have been filling the fields with cattle in the past weeks in this township. We can hear the bawling all the way to our yard.

Happy 90th birthday to Ardeth Burmaster on June 8.

Happy 65th anniversary to Arthur and Jean Addison. Condolences to the family of Tim Batte who died suddenly at age 59 on May 30.

The recycle bins will be open Monday, June 14. Anyone who would like to donate their empty liquor containers to local charities, please drop them at our garage or bring them to the recycle bins when they are scheduled to be open.

Janice Frame has asked to let people know the following, “In honour of the 215 children whose remains were found recently in unmarked graves on the grounds of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School, there will be a bell-ringing ceremony at the United Churches in Silver Water and Elizabeth Bay on Wednesday, June 9, at 5:30 pm, coinciding with Vigils of Remembrance happening in Meldrum Bay and Little Current.”

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Virtual derby, creates actual fun!

The second edition of the Wiikwemkoong Anglers' spring pike derby was once again well attended with 63 paid fisherpeople and lots of fish being caught...and released! The format for their tournaments is a two fish, total length for one day. The fish had to be caught by artificial baits only and video submissions must see the pike being released, safe and sound. Their rule about using lures only is great because there is much less of a chance that a fish will swallow an artificial bait and be injured because they need to see the fish actually swimming away to counted in your total length.

The winner of the "Volume 2 Derby" was **Dave Lammi** with a whopping 75 inches of pike and pocketed a cool \$1,890! In second place, with 74.5", just half an inch behind, was **Kaiel Parlee** (a youth angler!) who still brought home \$1,290! Rounding out the prize money giveaway was **Lorne Agawa** with 70" and \$600. Their honourable mentions included **Justin Debassige** 65.5", **Hunter Lammi** 64.75" and **Evans Pitawanakwat** 60.25".

One of the organizers, **Santanna Eshkawkogan**, wanted me to let potential future participants that the standings were very tight with the video submissions. She says they, "need to see those recording to take your time and show a clear view of measurement. In the heat of the moment people had shorted themselves 1/4 to 1/2" in length. We watch the videos to make sure that each submission is valid and to check the proper measurement. We honoured their total combined length to what we had seen in the videos. This happened with two people in this past derby."

Their next derby switches over to bass with the "Legends" event for those 55 and over on June 19. The kids and youth bass tournament (for 12 and under kids and 13 - 17 youth) is on the 26th. Then on July 3 everyone can get back in on the action with their bass derby. The Wiikwemkoong Anglers actually have events right through till September. Stay tuned, fish on!

OHL drafts first female player

Taya Currie, a 16-year-old goalie, became the first female player to be chosen in the Ontario Hockey League draft when Sarnia selected her in the 14th round (No. 267) on Saturday. Currie (5'7", 143 pounds) has been playing AAA boys hockey for the Elgin-Middlesex minor hockey organization for seven seasons.

"It hasn't fully sunk in yet," Currie told the OHL website Sunday. "Just awesome. I can be a role model for so many young girls to follow your dreams and just do all you can."

Currie will have the chance to become the first female to play in the OHL next season. She also could switch to girls hockey and play on an AA team with her older sister, **Tristan**, and progress toward playing college hockey. Playing in the OHL would make her ineligible to play for an NCAA team.

If she does make it with Sarnia, Currie said she hopes to be seen as just another player. "Treat me like a normal player, don't think of me as a girl, that I stand out," she said. "I want to be a normal teammate to the boys."

One of the goalies Currie said she patterns her game after is **Shannon Szabados**, a two-time Olympic gold medal winner with Canada who became the first female to play in the Western Hockey League in 2002-03. Go girls!

Canada wins world hockey championships!

When Canada's entry into the 2021 IIHF world championships started with a dismal three straight losses "many people counted us out," Captain **Adam Henrique** said after winning the gold medal in a dramatic turn of fortunes! The Canadian made it into the playoffs with a little help from Germany. Their preliminary win over host Latvia 1-0 in regulation allowed Canada to sneak in.

The many negative messages about the team's roster and their early play was apparently put to good use. **Maxime Comtois**, in fact, said Team Canada "was 100 percent fueled by doubters!" What a great lesson to us all. Take the negative in your life and turn it around!

Usain Bolt's record broken!

An American sprinter just broke a sprinting record that **Usain Bolt** once laid claim to for 18 years. Tampa's **Erriyon Knighton**, who just turned 17, ran a 20.11-second 200m race, beating out Bolt's record from 2003 which stood at 20.13.

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A great day down on the Little Current waterfront

It was a great day on the Little Current docks for 14-year-old Jack Keohler, who had gone out for a day's fishing with his buddy Bradley Slaght. Once Jack realized he had a real whopper on the line, he sent his buddy Bradley up to grandma's house to collect the net needed to land the fish.

photo by Jason Koehler

Chi-Cheemaun sets sail for summer season

by Tom Sasvari

OWEN SOUND—The MS Chi-Cheemaun began its 2021 ferry sailing schedule yesterday, Tuesday, June 8.

"We will start the season on June 8," stated Susan Schrepf, chief executive officer and president of the Owen Sound Transportation Company last week. "We are pleased to announce that the Chi-Cheemaun will begin the 2021 ferry service on Tuesday, June 8 with the 9 am departure from Tobermory (to South Baymouth)."

Ms. Schrepf pointed out all COVID-19 mitigation measures remain in place, including limiting the number of individuals who can sail at any given time, maintaining social distance and mandatory wearing of masks (please see at www.ontarioferries.com/covid-19 for details).

"We will be under the same protocols and restrictions as last year," said Ms. Schrepf. She pointed

out there will be no food service on board the ship. Washrooms in the ferry terminals will be open an hour before the ship sails for ferry passengers who have purchased tickets.

"We will be able to have 150 up to a maximum of 300 passengers on board the ship, depending on weather conditions," said Ms. Schrepf. The minimum 150 passengers will be permitted to board during inclement weather when passengers are all inside the vessel.

"We will keep the same schedule as has been advertised, with the summer schedule to start, with three trips per day (between Tobermory and South Baymouth)," said Ms. Schrepf.

For more information and to book a reservation, visit ontarioferries.com/ms-chi-cheemaun/book-a-reservation/ and see the advertisement on Page 14 of this newspaper.

Almost all of Manitoulin under fire ban

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—With the hot and dry weather conditions the Manitoulin Island area is currently experiencing, a fire ban has been in place in virtually every community on the Island for about a week. Robinson Township fire department has applied for a fire ban to be put in place, but as of press time Monday, was still awaiting approval from the Ontario Fire Marshal (OFM)'s office.

"Yes, we have a fire ban in place," said John Reid, fire chief for the municipality of Central Manitoulin volunteer fire department last week, noting that the fire ban was put in place on May 31. He pointed out that Tehkummah, Northeast Town, Billings, Gore Bay, Gordon/Barrie Island and Burpee-Mills all have fire bans in place. Assiginack is waiting for the province to declare one for the township.

"It is super dry and we've had what, a half inch of rain in the past few weeks?" said Mr. Reid.

"It wouldn't take much for a major fire to take place," said Martin Connell, Billings township fire chief. "An ember from a bonfire, or a spark from an ATV with it being as dry as it is wouldn't take much. It's right on the cusp of a forest fire index rating of extreme."

Mike Addison, Town of Gore Bay fire chief said the situation, "is scary, it's so dry and hot."

Tim Mackinlay, a member of the Robinson Township fire department, on behalf of Fire Chief Doug Wismer said in an email June 2, "this afternoon

chief (Doug) Wismer filed the necessary paperwork to our (fire ban) advisory to the OFM. At this point in the process we are not sure of the actual time."

Jane Wismer, secretary of the Robinson Township Fire Department pointed out it was only earlier this year that they were granted permission to request fire bans when needed from the OFM. Previous to this it would be up to the province to put a fire ban in place for unorganized townships.

Shayne McCool, fire information officer with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) told The Expositor late last Friday, "for the Northeast region the fire rating is high to extreme in most areas. Manitoulin is under an extreme hazard."

"No at this point we have not put a restricted fire zone (RFZ) in place," said Mr. McCool. He explained an RFZ is put in place, "based on a combination of things, the number of fires in an area that crews are working on, weather conditions, the fire-fighting personnel we have available as well as other mitigating factors that play a role." He noted 800 fire crew personnel can be utilized by MNRF, "and we can move rangers in quite quickly to an area where a fire is taking place."

Under a fire ban no campfires, fireworks or chimineas are allowed and there is no special provision for campgrounds. No open fire cooking, including charcoal, is allowed.

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...Crystal Shawanda scores JUNO win

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for Blues Album of the Year for her album 'Church House Blues' and Indigenous Album of the Year, winning the former despite tough competition from Angel Forrest, Dionne Taylor, Samantha Martin and Delta Sugar, as well as Café in the Woods regular Rick Fines.

Ms. Shawanda was also nominated in the Indigenous Artist or Group of the Year, but that honour went to Leela Gilday for 'North Star Calling.'

When the announcement of her win came, Ms. Shawanda dutifully scrambled to follow instructions. "I am all about doing what I am told by my publicist," she laughed. The email she was sent told her to go to the media room should she win. "It didn't say 'after you say your thanks,' then I was trying to get back in."

"You would think that after a whole year of everything being on Zoom we would be old hands at it now," she laughed.

Ms. Shawanda said that "just being in the same company with so many talented people I admire and respect was incredible. I am so grateful."

The win comes as a very special validation for Ms. Shawanda, having switched from being a country artist to singing the blues.

"Everybody thought I was crazy," she laughed. "They said I was 'giving up' my career, so receiving this attention for doing what I want to do is very



Crystal Shawanda's return to her blues roots has been validated with a Juno Award for Blues Album of the year.

affirming."

Ms. Shawanda grew up in Wiikwemkoong and she credits her parents with teaching her to sing and play guitar and encouraging her to play country songs. She enjoyed a strong country music career, but having grown up in a home filled with the blues that were her oldest brother's first love, she found herself drawn back to those roots. Ms. Shawanda was signed as a country artist to RCA Records in 2007 and produced a Top 20 hit on country radio, selling over 50,000 copies in the US, going Top 20 on Billboard's Country Albums chart. So there was some foundation for the naysayers to latch onto when she

switched to the blues.

Ms. Shawanda's citation notes that despite her country music success, she felt "like a fish out of water." A sentiment she reaffirmed in conversations with The Expositor. While she was on the road promoting her country album and visiting radio stations across North America, Ms. Shawanda wrote 'The Whole World's Got the Blues,' inspired by the music of her youth.

'Church House Blues' is Ms. Shawanda's fourth blues album. Her accomplishments include performing for then President Barack Obama and his wife during his 2013 Inauguration and she has served as a board member for Nike 7 for the past 11 years.

Ms. Shawanda is also a world class motivational speaker who speaks regularly to colleges, communities and reserves on the themes of "never giving up and truly believing in yourself."

Her song 'When It Comes To Love' from her JUNO winning album also went to No. 1 on Indigenous Countdown and the album was Top 10 on the Living Blues Radio Chart in the United States.

As for a message to the folks back home, Ms. Shawanda said "I just want to thank everybody for all of their continued support and for sticking with me while I follow the path my heart is leading me."

...Toronto honours Lillian McGregor with downtown park

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Dr. McGregor was a dedicated nurse and community leader who spent much of her life supporting our nation's urban Indigenous populations. She received the City of Toronto Civic Award, the National Aboriginal Achievement Lifetime Award and the Order of Ontario. She was the first Indigenous woman to be awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Toronto and its first elder in residence.

Dennis McGregor was ecstatic upon learning that his mother was to be honoured in such a highly visible and notable manner. The process took several years from concept to shovels going into the ground, but Mr. McGregor said that



Dr. Lillian McGregor has been honoured through the creation of a centrally located new downtown park. The Whitefish River First Nation elder dedicated much of her life to improving the lives of the urban Indigenous.

from childhood through to adult. Her *dodem* is particularly appropriate as it represents wisdom and communication for all Anishinabe and whose bywords are to think carefully and thoughtfully before speaking and to do so in a clear and honest manner—it is the crane to whom the Anishinabe look for guidance.

The process of designing the park began in April 2016 with a community consultation and culminated in the final refined park design in September 2017. The artist selected for the creation of the public art, centred on a theme inspired by Dr. McGregor's *dodem*, was Eric Lavallee, a Metis from the small Winnipeg of St. Laurent near Winnipeg and



The park design will ensure that it is a place for peace and reflection.

he wanted to thank his brothers Dave and Ken, along with "kindred sisters," his cousins Francis Sanderson and Dawn Madahbee Leach, as well as Eric Stadnyk and his team from the City of Toronto for all their efforts and support in seeing this well-deserved recognition come to be a reality. "Chi-miigwetch," he said.

"I learned so much from her," said niece Dawn Madahbee Leach, who had the honour of creating her aunt's regalia. "It didn't seem like work," she said, noting the regalia "came together nicely." Best of all, when it came to donning the regalia "it fit."

Ms. Madahbee Leach spoke of the deep impact her aunt had upon her own

life, but noted that Dr. McGregor's legacy includes several projects that will continue to play a major role on Manitoulin—including the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre. "She always said that we needed the establishment of the hotel," recalled Ms. Madahbee Leach. "We talked about how we could do something like that—a centre we can be proud of—we talked of it many times."

Ms. Madahbee Leach spoke of her aunt's deep love and commitment to both of her homes, that of her birthplace Whitefish River First Nation and, like many Anishinabe who had to leave their home community to pursue economic opportunities, her adopted home of Toronto.



Dr. Lillian McGregor's *dodem*, the crane, features in the park's original artwork displays.

"It is so fitting that the park is located downtown," said Ms. Madahbee Leach, who noted that the bulk of the Indigenous population in that city live close to the downtown core. "It will be a special place for them to go for contemplation."

The park was originally intended to be completed last year, but issues regarding property parcels and underground parking locations complicated the construction efforts—then came the pandemic, Mr. McGregor explained. Those issues have now been resolved and the park will soon be a reality.


The design of the park includes several sculptures evoking Dr. McGregor's *dodem* (clan), the crane,



is of Metis descent.

"Traditional ideas of balance, order, harmony and interconnectedness gathered from both Indigenous and western learning continue to guide my work as I explore and respond to the spaces around me," said Mr. Lavallee in his artist's statement.


The project team consisted of developer Lanterra Developments' Linda Warth, parks, forestry and recreation staff Corinne Fox, Alex Shevchuck and project co-ordinator Eric Stanyk. Consultants included John Hillier, Tanya Brown and facilitators Jim Fraught and Niki Angelis. The public art team included Mr. Lavallee and public art officer Catherine Dean.



Manitoulin Secondary School


PLAYER PROFILE

by Zoe Redmond
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AYRIELL NODECKER

CONGRATULATIONS, AYRIELL!



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Ayriell Nodecker is a Mustang who has certainly accomplished a lot when it comes to athletics. She is a Grade 12 student, who constantly keeps herself busy. When she isn't busy with school, she can be found enjoying herself running, doing some photography, hanging out with friends or her dog, and even baking.

During her years at Charles C Mclean Public School she participated in every sport she could. Ayriell did volleyball, basketball, baseball, track, cross country, flag football, soccer, etc. However she found that her favourites were volleyball and track when she was younger. Throughout Ayriell's sports' experience she has learned a lot, and is especially well-rounded when it comes to both sports and life skills. She constantly shows how dedicated to athletics she is as she would often have people record her so she could see her game play and look for areas to improve on in any sport. Ayriell loved being with her team and working on her skills to get better at the sport she was playing.

Outside of school she can be found playing beach volleyball. She also does lots of running (long and short), and some hiking too. In her much younger years she also played some hockey. She continued to play sports in high school and in Grade 9 she played basketball and in Grades 9, 10 and 11 she played volleyball in the positions of setter, right side and power. In Grades 9 and 10 she also played badminton girls doubles, and did track & field 400m, long jump and shot put. In Grade 10 she ran cross country where she had a under 5 minute km for a 6km race (NOSSA in 2019). Her Grade 11 and 12 years got cut short for all her sports but Ayriell would've done them all seeing as she rained for them.


Ayriell's motivation comes from many people, all her teammates have inspired her over the years at many different points of highs and lows of games and practices. Most of her friends are athletes as well, and when she was able to see them training it pushed her to work harder and better herself too. Two people specifically to note are Amber Wiwchar and Bailey Yaschuk, they have been big inspirations and supporters of Ayriell over the years, and she appreciates them because of that. She has accomplished so much over the years such as making it to OFSAA for cross country in 2019. She also made NOSSA in track and field (for 2018 and 2019), badminton (2019), volleyball (2019), and cross country (2019). Ayriell's achievements don't just stop there; she also won NOSSA in badminton with Darci Debassige as her doubles teammate. However, the achievement that has stuck with her over the years was being offered to run for multiple Ontario Colleges as well as when she was in public school, she competed at Laurentian meets and broke many track and field records.

Her determination and leadership always reflects on her great sports abilities, and gives the people around her a great showing of encouragement. Ayriell's favourite sport would probably have to be volleyball. She loves the excitement of each game and how it's a team sport, especially how she and her team are always cheering each other on. With volleyball she finds there is no better adrenaline rush you get then when you make a good serve or hit. This sport is something that Ayriell has been playing since it was introduced to her in public school, and she has constantly been practicing it ever since. Ayriell likes playing sports because she likes being active and outside, so playing sports allows her to do both. Sports have a great environment that helped her make many friends, for Ayriell there is so much hope, passion and intensity.

In school Ayriell's favourite class is biology. Ayriell likes biology, simply because she loves understanding how things work. She is going to school to become a nurse, so Ayriell definitely felt like biology was the closest thing to her future career. She found that Mr. Wesno was a great teacher who helped to excite her to be learning about information similar to her career choice. After high school Ayriell will be attending BSCN program at Nipissing U in North Bay, to do a four year nursing program. Ayriell will certainly make a great nurse as she wants to help people and to help herself to learn about her own health to stay healthy and well. She is hoping that COVID-19 will end soon so she can play club volleyball and take part in track & field when she goes to Nipissing University in the fall.


Ayriell is one of many super Mustangs, and with her great ambitions, kindness, and hardworking attitude, she is sure to represent MSS well. Have a great year, and keep up the awesome work Ayriell!

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...anger, grief at unmarked children's graves at residential school site

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with numerous apologies, innumerable fine words issued and the allotment of a pittance of time and treasure that speak volumes to the continued devaluation that continue to be attached to Indigenous issues. The residential school system is something most Canadians would dearly wish to forget—but for those whose nations were nearly annihilated and whose families still suffer from its debilitating impact, the route to reconciliation does not lie through amnesia.

The Expositor reached out to a number of individuals who survived the residential system for their thoughts in light of recent events.

Joe Hare has spent a lifetime on the front lines of Anishinaabe leadership, serving for many years as the chief of M'Chigeeng First Nation and serving several terms in the leadership of regional and national Indigenous organizations.

Mr. Hare took part in establishing a recent memorial display honouring the memory of the 215 children and those whose resting places have yet to be discovered.

"My family and I took some kids' shoes and stuff to the band office," he said. "I said a prayer in remembrance of the children. We are hoping people will show their support and care over what happened so very long ago."

Mr. Hare went to the residential school in Spanish, St. Joseph's Residential School, for four years from 1953 to 1954. His brother also attended, as did his mother Ida Hare and his sister Christine Panamick. He said his experiences left him with a lifelong ambivalence toward the church. "I have always been unhappy with the church," he said. "The church hurt a lot of people in this area. We still feel the effects of their negative influence. They wanted to destroy



Residential school survivor Joe Hare of M'Chigeeng stands by the memorial created by his family to honour the 215 children discovered in unmarked graves in Kamloops, BC.

photo by Susan Hare

us as a people."

As for apologies, Mr. Hare said while they do mean something, Indigenous people need something more tangible in order to repair the damage done. "Help bring back our culture and teachings," he said.

He notes that most of the people he knew who attended residential school have since begun their spirit journey, but the legacy of the residential school system lives on in their children and grandchildren.

Hilda Corbiere, also of M'Chigeeng and a former Spanish residential school student, recalled her days at the residential school for girls. She said she finds herself appalled at the recent revelations from Kamloops, but noted that her experiences were not the same as those experienced at other schools.

"I remember seeing one post online where the superintendent (of the Spanish school) said something like 'I am happy to let you know your children will be coming home for Christmas,'" she recalled. "The time of that letter was so close to when I went there."

Ms. Corbiere attended the Spanish school during her high school years, from 1954 to 1958, and she said her experiences there were "nothing like they got."

Her mother, Clara Cada, also attended residential school and recalled a time when many children died at the school. "She called it the 'big sickness,' she used an Ojibwe word that sounds better," Ms. Corbiere surmised that the 'big sickness' was likely the Spanish flu pandemic that struck the world around that time. "I wonder if some of the ones buried were those that died from that time," she said.

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...Griffon searcher says he's found LaSalle's lost vessel

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called The Griffon, or Le Griffon in French," Mr. Libert said. "The story my history teacher told immediately caught my full attention and like most young men, stirred my imagination with tales of early exploration in an unknown country. This ship was the flagship of explorer Rene-Robert Cavelieur, Sieur de La Salle. It was the first upper-decked vessel known to have sailed above Niagara Falls and into the upper Great Lakes but disappeared on its maiden voyage."

"Unknown to La Salle, the loss of his ship and six crewmen would be the start of a legend filled with mystique and a search that would continue over 340 years," he continued. "My interest began that day when my teacher touched my shoulder and said, 'maybe one day someone in this class will find it.'"

The Liberts' research has placed the ship's final moments near the Huron Islands in Lake Michigan, precisely where they discovered a colonial era shipwreck. They wondered if this could be La Salle's Le Griffon. It took the Liberts 12 years to secure a permit to raise a bowsprit they first discovered during a dive in 2001. Litigation was involved. Eventually, they came to an agreement with France and Michigan and in 2013, put together an expedition of archaeologists, scientists, French diplomats, American representatives and themselves. They spent five years looking for the rest of that ship.

"One of the French archaeologists believed the ship was four miles from the bowsprit," Mr. Libert said. "He was very close. It was 3.8 miles apart. The discovery was of a colonial age shipwreck with uniquely French design features." Mr. Libert applied for a permit to bring up the wreck but was denied. "I wish we could get the permits to excavate and find out definitively," he added.

Mr. Libert's interests in undersea technology and exploration stem from a book he read by a former CIA deputy director about raising a Russian submarine. "I was captivated by the sheer idea and innovations required to raise a submarine from 17,000 feet off the bottom of the Pacific Ocean," he said.

Kathy Libert likes a good mystery and the thrill of solving complex puzzles with miniscule clues, said her husband. She is not afraid of getting wet and has been a diver and underwater researcher since 1981. "Kathie knew we needed to first identify the true location of the Huron Islands," Mr. Libert said. "After all, it was among those islands that historic records said the iconic ship disappeared. But what islands and where are they? The Huron Islands are the impetus for the title of our book."

"It's been a long haul with great dangers, happy and sad times," continued Mr. Libert. "When I started, the whole group was in our early 20s and now the oldest is probably 77 years old." There have been medical issues and they've had to come up with different ways of diving to help with injuries.

The search has been a contentious one too, involving a federal court battle with the state of Michigan that lasted more than a decade. A visit from France's top marine archaeologist in 2013 ended in a split among researchers on the site. The French team agreed with Libert that the beam of wood they'd found that June was likely the bowsprit of a ship but the American scientist concluded it was probably a piece of a commercial fishing net. The beam was not attached to anything and no ship was found.

Mr. Libert resumed his search with members of his original team, including friends he had met in Dayton while learning to scuba dive in the early 1980s. In

2018 they dove at a location that Mr. Libert had first located using Google's satellite imagery. It was a site that he and his crew had probably motored over about 100 times, he said. Numerous details about the site suggested a very old ship. "The metal fasteners are not threaded. The wooden pegs are constructed in the manner of seventeenth century shipbuilding and the nails are handmade of wrought iron."

"It is a colonial age ship from the 1700s," Mr. Libert argues. "Nothing on it whatsoever says that this is a modern ship. Not the fittings, fastenings or the wooden nails. I've never seen a ship that old."

They had four carbon dating tests done at different labs in Arizona and Miami. The dates confirm each other, he said but pointed out that "sometimes, carbon testing can be wrong." Because the dates were duplicated the probability is higher they are correct.

The Liberts have been working with a shipwright and diver named Allen Pertner. Originally from Northport, Michigan he has been studying boats since the 1950s when he found the wreck of a steamboat that had exploded and sank on Lake Leelanau. Mr. Pertner told the Liberts he'd never seen a ship frame like that and also that every piece of this boat was tapered from the centre. Treenails or trenails were used in ship construction at the time. Mr. Pertner suggested this boat was carrying a shipload of wooden nails, likely to be used building La Salle's next ship as he sought to extend French dominion down the Mississippi River into the heart of North America.

Ken Vrana, a recently retired Michigan archaeologist who has worked with Mr. Libert in the past said there is no way to tell from the photos on the website whether the ship is the Griffon or not. Ironically, if the ship rumoured to be cursed by local Indian tribes is Le

Griffon, she lays under tribal waters, only adding to her mystique, Mr. Libert said.

"There has always been an argument about where the Griffon's final resting place was located," said Mr. Libert. Using primary source documents, the Liberts detail their journey of historical exploration and decoding the first Great Lakes maritime mystery. Since divers and ship historians have long held a great interest in the Griffon, "The location of the shipwreck we found will not stay a secret much longer."

Any further exploration will require permits from the state to excavate the site. Michigan controls the bottomlands of all its Great Lakes water. The state turned down a proposal from Great Lakes Exploration Group (headed by Mr. Libert) to further assess the found wreck.

'Le Griffon and the Huron Islands - 1679' is published by Mission Point Press, Traverse City, Michigan. It is available in stores and online. The retail price is US \$34.95 hardcover and \$26.95 softcover. For more information, visit greatlakesexploration.com or lasalle-griffon.com

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Young love acts as enlightenment catalyst

by Expositor staff

SPANISH—Last Friday, The Expositor paid a trip to the town of Spanish and the sites of the boys' and girls' Indian residential schools that served much of Northern Ontario and beyond. They were called St. Peter Claver School for boys and, for girls, St. Joseph's School for Girls. The associated high school there, operated as part of the boys' school, was called Garner College.

The reporter was tasked to take pictures of any memorials left at the site of the old schools in light of the national discussion that has arisen after the discovery of the unmarked graves of 215 children at the site of a former Indian residential school near Kamloops, BC.

The girls school there was converted into apartments but fell victim to a tragic fire in the mid-1970s that claimed a number of lives. The dilapidated three-story shell of this building survives on Charles Garnier Drive, the street that also leads to the village's marina.

The boys' school, St. Peter Claver, was demolished in 2004.

There is a modern double-heart shaped, polished black marble memorial across from the former girls' school dedicated in 2009 to all of the students who attended both boys' and girls' schools and the high school. The inscription on the rear of the monument, written by Mae Evelyn Smith (Buswa), class of 1961, reads, "Dreams flash across the minds of many, terrifying,

satisfying, unrelenting, but dreams pass and we find peace at last."

It was in this setting that The Expositor encountered a group of young people who arrived in two vehicles and then set about placing children's shoes and stuffed toy animals around the base of the memorial sculpture.

They were quiet and respectful.

The only boy in the group of eight or so was Ryan Forcier who was sporting an Espanola High School track and field jacket. The Expositor learned that he is just completing Grade 12 and that he plans on studying mechatronics (an inter-disciplinary engineering technology program) at Cambrian College.

The paper also learned that he has lived his whole life on Lang Lake Road, just north of Whitefish Falls, and that he considers himself very fortunate to have had the privilege of living where he does. He is a keen and proud member of his school's track team and admits to also being a car enthusiast.

Ryan was part of the small group of Espanola High School students who had come to pay respect that day to all of the children who had been compelled to leave their homes and attend schools like the ones that once stood near where the modern Spanish marina facility is today.

Ryan was there in support of his girlfriend, Acadia Solomon, who lives in the town of Massey, is of Indigenous ancestry

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Still, she said she finds the stories of other residential school survivors appalling and can't quite wrap her mind around it. "It is so unbelievable that the priests and nuns would do such things to children," she said. "They were supposed to look after the children."

Not all of her memories are pleasant, however. "We had a principal, Ms. Barrington, she was so strict," recalled Ms. Corbiere. "She never smiled, she was like some kind of Russian soldier." Unlike many nuns at the time, the Daughters of the Heart of Mary did not don the black and white habit commonly associated with the religious orders.

Grace Fox, also of M'Chigeeng, did not find her experiences at residential school harrowing. Ms. Fox, a lifelong educator, spent 14 years at the school. She said she has a difficult time hearing the children of residential school survivors speak out about the experience and feels that Indigenous leadership should be held to account as well. She notes that despite spending 14 years in residential school, she did not lose her language or culture.

But the impact of the residential school system did have a major impact on many of those who attended the residential school at Spanish. Dawn Madahbee Leach recalled a visit to the site with her late mother Olive.

"My mother rarely talked about residential school even though she spent 12 years there," said Ms. Madahbee Leach, "her whole childhood pretty much."

She recalled her mother's humility, but sometimes wonders if part of that might have been borne of a low self-esteem inculcated through the residential school culture. "I think it was ingrained in her from her schooling," said Ms. Madahbee Leach. "She didn't teach her children the language so we wouldn't be called 'stupid Indians.' She also believed that if we learned the language we wouldn't be able to learn anything else. Of course we know now that when you have people that know more than one language, it makes it easier to learn more."

Ms. Madahbee Leach said she believes the ongoing and steady reinforcement that all things Anishinaabe were somehow less than equal, which infused the residential school culture and curriculum, impacted her mother all her life.

Growing up, the children in her family were discouraged from raising their voices or "stomping around." But when it came to the bad things experienced by her mother and her friends, Ms. Madahbee Leach noted they were rarely spoken of. "They had suppressed all the bad things," she said. "That came out in other ways."

"There were no expressions of love, hugs or anything like that, holding hands wasn't something they would do," said Ms. Madahbee Leach.

Her mother did eventually come around, however, and went on to teach her grandchildren the language and demonstrated her resilience. She was a teacher and encouraged her children to accomplish great things in their lives and was loved by all of her grandchildren.

"She became a certified teacher of the language and came full circle," she said. "I am very proud of her."

"People need to open their eyes," said Ms. Madahbee Leach of the residential school legacy. "Maybe this will be a pivotal point and recognition that when they see an Indigenous person in the streets they didn't choose to be there and there were circumstances they had to struggle through their lives."

Still, Ms. Madahbee Leach sees plenty of reasons to hope for a better future, especially given the huge number of Indigenous PhD candidates and graduates today. "I am very proud of our families and young people," she said.

Over the years, as revelations about the residential school system surfaced through hearings and the Truth and Reconciliation process, The Expositor had occasion to interview many residential school survivors. Some of their stories were harrowing, some relatively mundane, but all showed an impact.

What often gets overlooked are the peripheral streams such as apprenticeships. The most horrifying story related to this newspaper was that of the late Angus Pontiac of Wiikwemkoong, a self-described bitter man who became a respected elder and key participant in many Island powwow gatherings.

Mr. Pontiac described how he spent much of his life consumed with hate and anger. As a child apprenticed to a shoemaker, Mr. Pontiac described the horrors of being raped against the workbench repeatedly by the journeyman to whom he was basically indentured, with nowhere and no one to turn to. It is testimony to the resilience of the Anishinaabe, and Mr. Pontiac in particular, that he was able to transcend those experiences and pass on his knowledge of the language and traditions to those who follow on.

Across Manitoulin, bells will ring out from United Churches from Meldrum Bay, Silver Water and Elizabeth Bay through to Little Current, followed by 215 seconds of silence, to show respect and sorrow concerning the 215 children.

On Wednesday, June 9 at 5:30 pm, a vigil will be held on the Little Current United Church lawn with COVID-19 two-metre spacing and masks. The vigil will be simultaneously available online live at Facebook.com/LittleCurrentSheguiandahUC. Education, action and healing resources are available at manitoulinseekinghealing.ca.



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NOTICE

Please be advised that the Town will be holding a Public Meeting on June 15th for the presentation of the Audited Financial Reports.

OPENING SOON

The Farmers' Market in Little Current will be opening on JUNE 19th From 9 am to 12 pm.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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Interested parties are invited to submit their resume for the position of Secretary. Duties of this position will include: Accounts Receivable, Payroll, customer service, as well as other Municipal Administration functions including special projects. Applicants must have an accounting background and/or extensive experience in a similar financial environment. A job description is available at the Municipal Office.

Application Deadline: June 18th, by 12:00 noon

Forward Application to:

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NOTICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING PLANNING

As of January 1, 2019, the Province of Ontario legislated all communities in the province to create and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

The communities of Manitoulin Island have come together to engage Islanders in the process to create a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan for our community. Investigative Solutions Network Inc. has been retained to conduct the community engagements and prepare the respective plans for each community.

Investigative Solutions Network Inc. is hosting a community-wide virtual engagement session, to better explain Community Safety and Well-Being Planning and to hear from you the community priorities that you would like considered for inclusion in the plan.

You are invited to join us on June 9th, 2021 at 6:00pm, via ZOOM. Please use the following link to join the public engagement sessions.

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82236025242?pwd=Y2M1cmMycjhYCHZEcDE2NHpyY1hFdz09

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Meeting # 489 313 1974

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For a full copy of the agenda please visit our website.

...Come Grow and Play program narrowing in on prize

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beds that are ideal for elderly and people with disabilities. The garden also includes a large community food plot that provides over five bushels of fresh produce every week through the growing season for families and individuals who experience food insecurity.

"Although we have developed many community partnerships in an effort to create food security, we recognize that there is still a need to get families at risk involved in our community garden growing their own food. Many of these families have young children. So we have decided to attract these and other young families to our garden by creating a space for children to come grow and play in the communi-

ty garden," explained Sarah Earley, who is the lead on the design and development of the project.

"Deeply rooted in community, the WMCG is more than just a community garden," said Ms. Earley. "It is a place where the community comes together." The annual kite festival is a popular event (pre-pandemic times) that attracts over 300 people from across the Island, from infants to centenarians. WMCG also brought the Kids Can Grow program to local schools to create go green garden clubs that grow plants in their classrooms and then come to the community garden on a weekly routine to grow, tend and harvest the produce for their school snack programs. Throughout the growing season the garden also hosts a

number of interactive and hands-on workshops open to the community to share information about growing food and gardening. Workshops have included composting, seed saving, preserving food and mushroom logs, to name a few. The future vision for the garden includes a memorial garden and accessible pathway, a food forest garden and eventually to build a stage where local musicians, storytellers and theatre groups will perform.

"Creating our Come Grow and Play area is one of the ways that we would like to grow our community garden into an outdoor community gathering space," said Ms. Earley.

Come Grow and Play is an initiative to bring young families with children to the garden, grow community, and make gardening fun for children while at the same time emerging from this pandemic with families being able to access healthy food for themselves. You can show your support on the David Suzuki website Future Ground Youth Prize and vote for this initiative to help win. Voting takes place until June 15. The link to vote is at DavidSuzuki.org/future-ground-prize (and click on youth finalists).

As of press deadline this week, the WMCG project had 566 votes, with the second place contestant standing at 500.

...Gore Bay Theatre summer season cancelled again

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fall but it is so difficult to plan ahead not knowing what the state of the pandemic will be at that time. We have all missed doing theatre and for both Walter and I, this has been the longest we have gone in the past 40 years not doing a show. We are all hoping things will return to normal as soon as possible so that we can return to doing what we love and provide the community with the magic of live theatre."

Islanders and summer visitors were also hoping for an early return for Gore Bay Theatre. The group has estab-

lished an enviable reputation for producing award winning community theatre. In fact for the past 15 years the group has competed in various theatre festivals and has the distinction of winning more awards at the regional and provincial levels than any other group in the province.

With more than 100 competing groups in the province this is a remarkable achievement, particularly since Gore Bay theatre competes against groups primarily from larger communities with the financial, technical and human resources not typically available in a small town.

We know that community theatre will return. Let's keep our fingers crossed for a fall production.

...Reginald Niganobe elected as new grand council chief

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al Grand Council Assembly. The 39 Anishinabek Nation First Nations chiefs elected the new grand council chief. The final vote results were Chief Reginald with 20 votes to Glen Hare's 18.

Reginald Niganobe has been part of Mississauga No. 8 First Nation Chief and Council since 2009 where he started as a councillor and has held the position of chief since 2011. He has been a strong advocate for retaining history and preservation of traditional territories. He has strong ties to the community through his family and many relations and continues to be an advocate for youth and supports their knowledge around governance, treaties and the history of our territory. He has also served as the chair of the North Shore Tribal Council for the last six years.

Starting in 2018, there was a change to have four Regional Deputy Grand Council Chiefs rather than one Deputy Grand Council Chief. The increase in Regional Deputy Grand Council Chiefs allows for greater capacity and political representation at the regional level.

The four regions are: Northern Superior, Southwest, Southeast and Lake Huron. The newly-elected Regional Deputy Grand Council Chiefs are: Northern Superior Region, Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek; Southwest Region, Joe Miskokomon (acclaimed), Chippewas of the Thames First Nation; Southeast

Region, James R. Marsden (acclaimed), Alderville First Nation; and Lake Huron, Travis Boissoneau (acclaimed), Garden River First Nation. Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory has an ex-officio position on the Leadership Council. Ogimaa Duke Peltier currently holds that position.



Anishinabek

ANISHINABEK NATION
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...Support sought from Island governance for broadband

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projects on Manitoulin Island. We are going to ask them to let us know what infrastructure plans they are planning or have on the go for the Island, and what their future plans might be."

"The committee feels strongly we need to get the lay of the land, and find out what plans are being made," said Ms. Church, noting for about two years they put out a request for proposals for internet broadband improvements on the Island. This new initiative is asking service providers their current and future plans for the Island.

Ms. Church explained the RFI "will be sent directly to all service providers we're aware of in Northern Ontario and beyond over the next two-three weeks."

The informal Manitoulin broadband committee came as a result of the meeting Blue Sky Net had with

the Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) last year, said Ms. Church. "The end result is we're trying to gather information for the municipalities and First Nations to move the digital yard stick and improve services on the Island."

Ms. Church said a second initiative the committee was in favour of "is to encourage all citizens on Manitoulin to participate in our broadband speed test and information website, on www.connectednorth.ca. We can take the information to funding agencies and show them what the internet speeds are locally, and where there limited or are gaps in service. This information tells the story of what the actual internet broadband speeds are on the Island."

"Our next meeting with the committee will take place once we get responses back from service providers," said Ms. Church. "Basically, we are trying to find out who is

interested in providing improved service on the Island."

At a Billings Township council meeting last week, Todd Gordon, economic development officer for the township provided an update on the initiatives being taken by Blue Sky Net and the Manitoulin broadband committee.

"I think it speaks for itself," said Councillor Bryan Barker. "We all know how critical broadband is. Any requests for additional information is good."

Mayor Ian Anderson said, "I would encourage all our taxpayers to participate in the speed test survey, and we will be adding this to the township website."

On the recommendation of Mr. Gordon, council passed a resolution, "supporting the issuing of an RFI to internet service providers on behalf of the Island broadband committee."



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...Henley Boats is tapped to build solar 'cabin boats'

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microplastics collection system that consists of a filter installed on the engine's cooling water inlet. According to the United States Geological Survey, there are 112,000 particles of microplastics (plastic particles that are five millimetres in size or greater) per square mile of Great Lakes water. This innovative filter is designed to help clean up our waterways by gathering microplastics and other tiny bits of debris that are sucked in by the engine.

It will also be eco-friendly and energy efficient with up to 3,000 watts of solar power on the roof combined with Victron lithium ion batteries. The solar team consists of Jason Blier of FSA Solar, Graham Morfitt of Modern Outpost and independent Michael Murray from Tehkummah.

"We are working with solar panel creators to design and install custom solar panels that will fit snugly up against the curve of the roof for better aesthetics," said Ian Ross, vice president of the North Channel CabinBoat Company. "Our solar consultants insist that the small genset will only come on if the sun is absent for four or more days, thus keeping the boat nice and quiet at anchorages. The Suzuki outboard produces 20 amps of power at idle and 40 amps under power so moving the boat from one anchorage to another would charge the lithium ion batteries."

Interest in the boats is already high. Following last week's announcement, the phone at Henley Boats never stopped ringing, said owner Dave Ham. "You wouldn't believe the number of phone calls we've had here, from British Columbia and also a number of calls from Alberta and the east coast. We're blown away by people wanting to place an order for one of these boats."

They might have to wait to get their hands on one. Henley Boats is booked solid for the next two years, Mr. Ham said. "Orders have definitely increased since the COVID-19 pandemic began. We're just going gangbusters."

They're already working right now on an expansion of their existing facility. "We just do not have enough floor space. That's the big problem. Our overhead doors are 24 feet wide and 20 feet high and the doors are too small for some of the vessels we're building inside."

Mr. Ham couldn't comment on the solar powered catamaran itself. "We don't mind building it. Our naval architect is very excited about it. We can build the hull and quickly," he said, but explained there are still details to be confirmed, including information on the solar design.

The solar system is mostly finalized, said Jason Blier of FSA Solar, one of the solar design team. There may be design changes as they delve into the finer details. Right now, the vessel is being designed to use solar power with conventional power (diesel) as the back up



These solar-powered catamarans are looking to revolutionize North Channel boating, and Assignack's Henley Boats is at the forefront of this innovative new venture, having been chosen to manufacture the vessels.

method. The CabinBoat company would like to eventually use electric motors or possibly fuel cells or thermostatic generators for backup power, meaning much less fossil fuel on board, Mr. Blier said. "Right now those technologies are very niche and not really economically feasible for something like this but it's coming."

The company wanted a system that provides power but stays out of the way and lets the user know if something is wrong while still looking good and clean enough to show off. That criteria determined the equipment to be used. They've chosen to use Victron equipment, which is very big in Europe. "They're specialists in mobile and marine compatible products and they also have excellent connectivity between their components," Mr. Blier explained. "They can communicate by Bluetooth or wireless using a proprietary system and you can centrally monitor everything from one spot. Everything talks to each other, which is important on a vessel."

Victron equipment is a little bit higher priced, Mr. Blier continued, but you know it's all going to work together. "It's also very clean looking. All the components are attractive and there's no wires everywhere. You can open the hatch to show someone and there's nice blue covers on everything. It's aesthetical-

ly pleasing and gets the job done. Having something totally custom is great for bragging rights but it's horrible if something goes wrong. This equipment basically uses off the shelf components so it can be scaled up or down as needed and is easy to repair. This had to be something that any service guy or electrician can go in and figure out, order parts and fix."

For the project, Mr. Blier designed the main power components while Graham Morfitt of Modern Outpost designed the solar panels on the roof of the vessel and determined how to integrate those cleanly and Tehkummah contractor Michael Murray will be part of the implementation team. "We're still playing around with the final details," Mr. Blier said. "We're looking at various options, at cost versus usability versus serviceability versus durability. There are a lot of factors to balance there."

The solar panels themselves are worth mentioning. Mr. Morfitt looks for manufacturers that have third party verification audits, said Mr. Blier. "The panels we are using are from REC and they have a very high rating for both business ethics and environmental responsibility. They're also really nice looking, high performing panels. It's not just solar for solar's sake. For this system, we want to work not only with products that are

environmentally conscious but that the process for producing these is environmentally conscious also."

The company says the catamaran cruiser can host a small family or two couples for self-sufficient cruising in the North Channel for a week or more. Facilities include a cabin galley with convertible dinette, fridge and freezer. The head contains a bidet electric toilet, a 30- x 32-inch stand-up shower stall and is equipped with a diesel fired tankless on-demand water heater. The Muskoka room seats eight comfortably and contains two pull out settee/beds. There are plenty of sliding vinyl windows and patio style heavy duty marine doors on both sides. The vessel will be NMMA certified and will be constructed to ABYC standards.

Although the boat is being developed for bareboat chartering in the North Channel, it will also be offered for sale to the general boating public on a semi-custom basis. Charter ownership will be available to individuals or through fractional ownership as well.

The North Channel CabinBoat Company hopes to have the prototype in the water for sea trials around this time next year. They are planning on taking the boat all around the North Channel in its inaugural trial cruises. For more information, contact northchannel@bell.net.

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...Young love acts as enlightenment catalyst

...continued from page 10 and who, earlier that day had organized an information and support session at Massey's main intersection that included her grandmother, Sagamok First Nation elders, some teachers from Espanola High School, friends from school and drummers.

Acadia, he explained, had told the people who gathered there earlier Friday afternoon, about the general issue and how it had affected her own family. Two of her great-grandmothers had been students at the girls' school.

Others spoke about what a tragedy and trauma the residential school experience had been for First Nations communities across Canada and how that experience still ripples through Indigenous communities.

Ryan, who is of non-Native descent, stressed



A memorial stone commemorates the residential schools located at Spanish. St. Joseph Residential School and St. Charles Garnier College were familiar sights to young Island Anishinaabe sent off to school and away from their families.



Spanish artist Stacy Sauve's white willow carving 'For the People' evokes strong emotions from those who view it.

school) and I could feel Acadia's pain."

Ryan said that when he heard about the discovery of the graves at the Kamloops, BC school site, "I couldn't believe it. I always try to see the world positively, but this took me aback."

"Going forward," he added, "we all need to remember these things. We need to work together to make things better for Native people and for everyone."



Shoes and plush animals add a poignant touch to a memorial located across from the Spanish residential school ruins.

that it had been, "my girlfriend, Acadia, who organized the whole thing," including the well-organized placing of the tributes at the Spanish memorial, "and I was just being the supportive boyfriend."

But Ryan is a very thoughtful young man in his own right, The Expositor observed.

"Growing up, I had no idea what racism was until I met Acadia. This is the tip

of the iceberg but I want to do my best to support all of the people that I can."

In fact, although he was raised near Whitefish Falls and had attended school in Espanola, he told The Expositor that, "I had never known the residential schools in Spanish were as close as they were to us until I met Acadia." Last Friday was his first visit to the site of the boys' and girls' schools, in fact.

"My girlfriend told me about residential schools (like the local ones). I wasn't aware of that before. Now there is required teaching in the senior grades in elementary school and in high school about this chapter of Canadian history, but I understand how horrible it really was."

He said that when they drove down Charles Garnier Drive towards the site, "I was expecting some kind of abandoned warehouse, maybe, but not this ruined building. We put some stuffed animals in there too (the ruined girls'

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...Clover Hill Dairy holds special memories for West End families

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purchased the farm from Bernie Broesma, who had only owned the farm a couple of years, on May 22, 1961.

"The members of our family had all moved from the Harriston, Ontario area. My grandparents, Betty and Harry, and my mom and dad," said Jeff Hietkamp. "My parents and grandparents were all from Holland. When they emigrated in 1953, they looked at Australia, South Africa and Canada as places they could live. They settled in Canada, my grandmother had a sister in Canada, and she sponsored them on their move to southern Ontario."

The Clover Hill land was originally owned by George Gorrell and was sold in 1918 to become a dairy for the Purvis family in 1932, bottling and processing milk. In 1959 the farm was bought by Bernie Boersma. Two years later the farm was bought by Albertus and Johanna Woestenenk, Harry and Betty Vander Weerden and Be and Debbie

Hietkamp. In 2001 Jeff Hietkamp bought the farm and ran it as a beef farm.

"It was rundown a little when we purchased the farm, and we had to build it up a little," said Mr. Vander Weerden. "We had the farm and cows, and had to get permission to sell our milk."

There was a house on the farm property, with three separate apartments within it, said Jeff Hietkamp. "And the processing plant was also in the house. The milk was also bottled inside the house as well."

Jeff Hietkamp explained, "all three couples lived there. There were five kids in our family, and Betty and Harry had three children. So there were 14 people in the building at one time."

The house had two bathrooms with no double sinks.

Ms. Hietkamp pointed out Albertus and Johanna were in the apartment at the front of the house, Betty and Harry lived in the middle apartment, and she and Be were in the apartment at the back of the home,



An aerial view of the Clover Hill Farm.

upstairs. "We all had our own apartment but we were close together and worked together. It all worked out really well. We all got along very well."

"All of the kids went to school in town, and all ended up going to university," said Ms. Hietkamp.

"We had our own milk cows and processed and bottled milk, delivering it in town at the dairy and at stores around Western Manitoulin," said Jeff

Hietkamp. "In around 1973 we stopped processing milk (and being a dairy), so the house delivery stopped as well, and my grandparents retired back to southern Ontario. When we stopped processing milk we stopped being a dairy. We had a milking herd and we sold them to Farquhar's and Wagg's."

Be Hietkamp explained, "at that time dairy wasn't profitable, we were too small a farm for this, and we sold to Wagg's, and he sold us the cows and quota."

It was at that time that Be and Debbie Hietkamp and Harry and Betty Vander Weerden formed a 50-50 percent ownership of the farm. From 1973 to 1999 the farm produced fluid milk.

"The milk was pretty much available from Kagawong west, and in Mindemoya there was Wagg's, and then Farquhar Dairy," said Mr. Vander Weerden. "In

the winter it wasn't as busy but in the summer the population in the area would double or even triple. It was a very busy time farming. No, you couldn't do all of this alone."

Mr. Vander Weerden pointed out, "Be had been a farmer down country and his parents emigrated to Canada in 1953. I came to Canada (from Holland) around 1956-1957 and met Betty (who is Be's sister) on the farm in southern Ontario."

"We continued dairy fluid milk until 2000," said Jeff Hietkamp. It was at that time he purchased the farm, "and it became a beef farm."

"I had always said that I didn't want to be milking cows past the age of 65 and around 1999, we sold the cows," said Mr. Vander Weerden.

Jeff Hietkamp took over the ownership of the farm

and raised cows from 2000 on until last week.

"Jeff did very well on beef farming," said Mr. Vander Weerden, who continued to work on the farm until the recent sale of the farm and property.

"There is certainly a long history on this farm," said Mr. Vander Weerden. "We knew (the sale of the farm) had to come, but over the years it worked out well for Be and I, and then when Jeff bought it, things worked out well for him as well."

"Twenty years ago we sold the farm to Jeff, and he has been lucky enough to sell the farm again," said Be Hietkamp.

"It has all turned out really good over the years," said Debbie Hietkamp.

"All our families made a living here and made Gore Bay our home," said Jeff Hietkamp. "This has truly been our home, and it was a priority for all three families to be a part of the community." His parents moved into a home in Gore Bay in 2000, and Harry and Betty Vander Weerden built a new home in Gore Bay around 2003. Jeff and his wife Wendy recently bought the home that Vera Chatwell had lived in, in Gore Bay.

Jeff Hietkamp noted that a gentleman from Toronto, who is not a farmer, officially purchased the farm property last week and has leased out the pasture and land to area farmers Jim and Birgit Martin.

...retirement for Debbie Wright

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opened in May 1977 and she began her career as a nurse at the Lodge in October 1978. "I came here fresh out of school and Marie Foster took me under her wing. I started as a night shift registered practical nurse (RPN), and Marie was the day charge nurse. She taught me everything."

Ms. Wright's next job role at the Lodge was as a restorative care and volunteer services coordinator. Then I took over the role of administrator, taking over after Lorna Fogg had her fatal (vehicle) accident in 2009. I was the administrator for five-and-a-half years. Later she took on the job of staff education, right through to 2017 when she took over as co-director of care.

Ms. Wright noted, "I find that a lot of people like to job jump, there are not many people that stick it out in a job or one place for a really long time. Here at the Lodge only Gloria (Hall) and I stuck it out for this many years. I've seen so many changes here over the years." With her wealth of experience and knowledge accumulated over the years she has been sharing all of this with her co-workers in her department.

"For the past month I've been purging stuff in my office, trying to make life for

the employees that work with me easier," said Ms. Wright. "And they know they can call me whenever they need something."

"It's going to be very hard to break away from all of this," acknowledged Ms. Wright. "It's the staff members, and the residents I'm going to miss the most." She noted, "when I was the administrator years ago I found that I lost touch a little with the families and the residents. The first thing I did when I took on the staff education role was to get to know and spend time with everyone."

"Every employee at every level of service here at the nursing home, from the person who does the garbage pickup to the administrator, is important," stated Ms. Wright. "But I can tell you we would be nowhere without our personal support workers (PSWs). Every day they provide important care and service for our residents. They are the pivotal core of the nursing home and work so hard."

"We have been fortunate to not have had any (COVID-19) outbreaks in the Lodge," continued Ms. Wright. "Some homes in the province have not been as fortunate and have been hit hard with outbreaks." She said everyone at the Lodge has done a great

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...Gabe Abotossaway's resilience

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brother. He looks like a little Wes.”
Gabe's parents are at his side during the interview and they reflect on 10 years of the family's new reality.

“There's no written handbook on how to do this, we just did it,” Beverly shares.

“You're always expecting that, with the technological changes, that something will happen,” dad Max adds, explaining that the family always hopes for even more advancements for those with spinal cord injuries although he knows things have come a long way.

“Imagine, even 30 years ago having to stay in a hospital or hospice,” Max says. “It would be terrible.”

“Life is hard for most people, but because it's hard it makes it that much better,” Gabe says. “When you get through the hard part, when it's good, it's really good. The bad can't really be all that bad.”

Gabe admits to having felt the lowest of lows and to being in “the darkest places” over the past 10 years, but he knows that it will never be bad all of the time. “It'll even-

tually get back to being light, happy.”

One of the things Gabe is grateful for (on top of his family and friends, of course) is food. “I'm so happy I can still eat,” he smiles, listing his favourites, like fish and chips, pancakes and sausage and even Twinkies and the odd Joe Louis treat.

Gabe and his family feel fortunate for all the adventures they shared together before the accident and these memories are things he cherishes. “I've been to the tops of mountains and the bottom of the ocean.” While he knows his dreams of becoming an underwater welder might be over, he's happy to be alive and to be able to communicate.

Bev shares a story of when Gabe was fighting for his life in a Toronto hospital bed 10 years ago. She was out for a walk and could feel Gabe's presence with her. She remembers stopping and whispering to him an ultimatum: if he wanted to go, she would let him, but if he wanted to fight, she admonished him to get back to his hospital room and fight, and he did, and the world is a better place for it.



Parents Max and Bev Abotossaway gather around their son Gabe for a family photo at their Aundeck Omni Kaning home.



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Gwekwaadziwin Miikan success leads to new pilot project for adults 30 and up

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Five people 30 years and older began a life-changing journey on May 26 when Gwekwaadziwin Miikan (Gwek) kicked off a year long pilot project. There are five people in each cohort in addition to the 10 in the original Seven Grandfathers program for 19 to 30 year olds. A total of 15 individuals in three cohorts for adults 30 plus years are expected to complete the pilot program.

Gwek has 10 spots available for each of its original 19 to 30 year old cohorts. “Sometimes there are 110 people on our application list,” said Sam Gilchrist, executive director. “We work to find the best services for all applicants and from there, we look at people who are a good fit for Gwek’s land-based program.”

The pilot project is very needs driven and evolved through ongoing conversations, said Mr. Gilchrist. “We’re very active on social media, especially Facebook, and we’ve received numerous requests for service from people 30-plus years old. We also have a very good relationship with our funders and the various treatment centres and healing lodges. We all come together and meet with the ministry. If there’s an issue, we work together to try to solve it.”

The need for mental health and addiction services has increased dramatically since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. “The ministry was approaching their fiscal year end and there were extra dollars available,” Mr. Gilchrist said. “They asked if we could do something to fill some of those gaps.”

They weren’t sure if it would work. The Gwek team had always thought it was important to have smaller cohorts to maintain group dynamics. They asked whether they could make their cohort larger. “On May 26, we welcomed five 30 plus individuals into the existing program,” he said. It seems to be working. “You have 15 people and three or more staff and it feels like a bustling community coming together to experience living with the land and living with wellness.”

There are some distinct aspects that are specific to their age group, but otherwise, it’s the same as the original. This year’s



Gwekwaadziwin Miikan is one of the North’s only land-based treatment centres, which is now operating a pilot project to help adults 30 and over alongside its usual 19 to 30 cohort.

participants will build another 30-foot canoe through a partnership with Rob Melan. “We do a lot of canoe tripping and that leads to fishing and gathering plant medicines on the islands,” Mr. Gilchrist said. The fall cohort usually completes a 200 plus km canoe trip the length of the Spanish River to Killarney and back to Manitoulin. This year, they have to see what’s happening with the pandemic before finalizing plans.

“We’ve always participated in the UCCMM (United Chiefs of Mnidoo Mnisig) community moose hunt,” he continued. “Our program participants help with different aspects. They help with set up and clean up and then embark on the canoe trip. It’s an amazing opportunity to serve their community and give back to them.”

In addition to the hunt, some participants have begun learning to assist on the trap lines. They help with “move out” and work the trapline with the head trappers.

All participants learn many unique lifeskills, including working with traditional leather crafts or using beaver fur to make mittens. “This all helps to strengthen their connection with the land and to each other,” Mr. Gilchrist explained. “There are a lot of lessons.”

With the winter cohorts, there is storytelling, snowshoeing and cutting through the ice for fishing. There was an initial hesitancy in applications for the winter months, but now it’s almost equal for the seasons, he said. “They all have something to teach.”

The program has continued to evolve as new things work well and other things not as well. “That’s some of the beauty of the program, that it’s open and flexible. Our staff bring their own skills and passions and share those with the cohorts and other staff members so they’re always evolving, building skills and developing (into well-rounded people). Things change seasonal-

ly.”

The onset of COVID meant Gwek had to look at alternate ways of doing things. They decided to do a closed cohort; initially, the cohorts overlapped. They weren’t sure how it was going to work but the data shows it did. “Prior to COVID we had a 60 to 70 percent success rate but with the closed cohort model the success rate has gone up to 80 percent,” Mr. Gilchrist said. “Our aftercare program has seen a 100 percent success rate (even pre-COVID) in obtaining vocational, educational and also volunteer opportunities, mostly vocational and educational. We’re really pleased and we’ve proven our models.”

Outside of the staff and participant community building, the program owes its success to collaborations with other organizations and communities. Mr. Gilchrist acknowledged Gwek’s partnerships with each of the six UCCMM communities they serve as well as Kenjgewin Teg, Manitoulin Health Centre, Noojmowin Teg Health Centre, Mnaamodzawin Health Services, Assinack Family Health Team, Cambrian College, Centennial College and the pandemic paramedic program through the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board. It does indeed take a village.

The Seven Grandfathers program is a unique residential land-based treatment program created to meet the needs of Indigenous youth and young adults ages 19 to 30 years. Participants are supported on their recovery journey from stabilization through treatment, aftercare and transitioning back into their communities. The program balances traditional culture with therapeutic best practices.

The pilot project for those aged 30 plus years will extend to May 2022. “We will measure the outcome, collect some data and if the data shows positive outcomes, we’ll see if we can get more funding and make this a more permanent program option,” said Mr. Gilchrist.

The next intake date is September 15, 2021 and Gwek will be accepting applications on an ongoing basis. Application and admission information can be found at gwek.ca.

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Wiikwemkoong grad student recognized

by Tom Sasvari

TORONTO—Amy Shawanda of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories has been chosen as one of two recipients of this year's Henry Mandelbaum Graduate Fellowships for excellence in social sciences, humanities or arts. The awards are through the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA).

"The (OCUFA) is pleased to announce that the recipients of this year's Henry Mandelbaum Graduate Fellowships for excellence in social sciences, humanities or arts include Amy Shawanda from Trent University for the doctoral level of study and Laura Paolini from the University of Ottawa for the masters level of study," a release states.

"The Mandelbaum Fellowship recognizes graduate students who combine exceptional scholarship with deep engagement in their communities," said Susan Wurtele, vice-president of OCUFA. "Each year, we receive many excellent applications, and this year was no exception."

"Amy Shawanda, who is enrolled in the Indigenous studies program at Trent University, is a formidable candidate whose academic work explores Anishinaabe maternal teachings in a contemporary context to better understand how gaashuag (mothers) can share their teaching and knowledge with children. Her dedication to the community is moving. She creates care packages for homeless people in Sudbury, meal kits for low-income families, beading auctions to support Indigenous action and volunteers



Amy Shawanda

with at risk youth," said Ms. Wurtele.

"The depth and breadth of Amy's volunteering and leadership is impressive and inspiring," said Ms. Wurtele. "The project she has undertaken to understand Anishinaabe maternal teachings is important research that deserves recognition."

Ms. Shawanda, when contacted by The Expositor in Peterborough last week said, "I am enrolled in Indigenous studies and I am almost done completing my PhD this year (in her fourth year of studies)." She pointed out obtaining her PhD could have taken up to 10 years, "but with the pandemic we have all had to slow down our lives and I haven't been able to play hockey, partake in social gatherings and the like that I would normally. So I've focused a lot more of my time on my studies."

"Even though there are cultural teachings available to all Anishinaabe people my PhD is on Anishinabek maternal teachings and culture. I want to help empower Anishinabek mothers to reconnect to their culture,"

said Ms. Shawanda (who is the mother to two sons). "Colonialism has taken a toll on our culture and I am exploring why mothers aren't engaging themselves in our culture."

Ms. Shawanda is having a paper published on her findings and will then be seeking funding to publish a booklet to give back to her community.

The Henry Mandelbaum Graduate Fellowships for excellence in social sciences, humanities or arts were established to honour Henry Mandelbaum, executive director of OCUFA from 1996-2011. The fellowship is awarded to graduate students who have demonstrated academic excellence, show exceptional academic promise and have provided significant service to their community during their university years.

"Henry was passionate about social justice and improving the lives of those who faced formidable social and economic barriers," said Ms. Wurtele. "Sadly, Henry passed away in 2012, but we are honoured to continue his work through the Mandelbaum Fellowship."



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Greener Homes can lead to greener careers

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter
KAGAWONG—Homes and buildings account for almost 20 percent of Canada's greenhouse gas emissions. A new funding initiative aimed at supporting energy efficient home upgrades and creating energy advisor jobs in Canada was announced on May 17. The Green Homes initiative is in partnership with Efficiency Canada and will invest \$10 million in recruiting and training energy advisors. Retrofitting our homes to make them more comfortable and efficient is an important measure in the fight against climate change and will save money, said Jonathan Wilkinson, minister of environment and climate change.

Kim Neale of Kagawong may be familiar to some as the shared climate change coordinator for Central Manitoulin and Billings Township. She has been guiding the townships towards the development of Community Energy Emissions Plans with assistance from both municipality's respective climate advisory committee. She holds a degree in environmental engineering from the University of Guelph and a Certified Energy Management (CEM) designation.

Ms. Neale has already completed 16 weeks of the training program to become a Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN) energy advisor. "All you need is a curiosity for energy efficiency," she said. "You don't even need a university degree. The NRCAN course I am doing right now is so

much more practical and the certification leads to so many career opportunities. I was shocked when I learned about that in class."

In the May 17 announcement, Minister of Natural Resources Canada Seamus O'Regan said the initiative is another step forward in Canada's fight against climate change. Canada could get one third closer to its Paris Agreement goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent by 2030 with optimal energy efficiency, he said.

The Greener Homes Grant program was announced on May 27 and will help retrofit up to 700,000 homes by providing energy audits and grants up to \$5,000 for homeowners to make energy efficient retrofits to their primary residences and up to \$600 to help with the cost of home energy evaluations. Eligible home improvements and upgrades include replacing windows and doors, adding insulation, sealing air leaks, improving heating and cooling systems (such as with heat pumps) and purchasing renewable energy systems like solar panels.

"If you're a homeowner this will lower your home energy bills all while fighting climate change and creating good, middle class jobs," Prime Minister Trudeau said. "To make these renovations happen we need workers who can install windows, heating and cooling experts, electricians and insulation specialists. Before any of that work gets going on your house,

you need an energy advisor who can tell you where you're losing heat in the winter and why your house is getting too hot in the summer so you can make the best investment decisions for you."

People from all walks of life will be recruited to join the growing energy advisor sector but applicants from underrepresented and marginalized groups will be prioritized. Advertising efforts will be focused towards Indigenous and remote communities, LGBTQ+ people and women. Minister of Employment Carla Qualtrough noted women make up only 15 percent of the energy workforce sector and this recruitment effort aims to foster an equitable recovery from the gendered wage gap emphasized by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. Neale entered the program prior to this funding announcement but was able to obtain assistance through the Saint John Community Loan Fund based in New Brunswick. "The federal government is desperate to get more energy advisors certified, especially women (who are grossly underrepresented in the field)," she explained. "I just needed an updated resume and to demonstrate my passion for energy efficiency." Her fees were covered and she attends a course once per week alongside 20 women from across the country.

To become an energy advisor, candidates must pass two qualification exams and be affiliated with an NRCAN-licensed service organization. "The hardest part has been finding a licensed

service organization operating near the Island that can work with to get my hands-on experience," she said. The loan fund is helping her find one but the nearest Northeastern Ontario options have been limited to North Bay and hopefully Sudbury.

Proposals must be received by July 8, 2021 and Natural Resources Canada will schedule webinars with potential applicants to answer any questions and provide additional support. More information is available on NRCAN website; search for 'how to become an NRCAN-registered energy advisor.' Those with limited internet access can call 1-833-674-8282.

Energy advisors are expected to perform up to one million home energy audits and provide recommendations for effective retrofit measures. Ms. Neale is currently studying for her first exam and will be obtaining her mandatory 15 hours experience under a certified energy advisor over the summer before writing her final qualifying exam. She is starting a non-profit called Manitoulin Climate Consortium (MCC) which will, among other things, offer energy advisor services to Manitoulin homeowners. MCC will conduct two or three pilot home energy assessments over the summer. Ms. Neale anticipates MCC services will be available to Manitoulin Island clients beginning this fall.



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Manitoulin's first pizza vending machine proving popular

LITTLE CURRENT—It's been a little over a week since Manitoulin's very first PizzaForno pizza vending machine began pumping out piping hot 12" pizzas, and owner Brad Bond couldn't be happier with the community's support.

Mr. Bond is first to give full credit to his girlfriend Amy Clarke, who first suggested the idea of a PizzaForno on Manitoulin following the couple's experience with the one located in downtown Sudbury.

When Mr. Bond found out the strip at 30 Manitowaning Road (located just across from Elliott's Restaurant) had a portion of unused commercial property on its north side, he approached the owners to see if they might be interested in leasing it. When he explained why they were happy to accommodate the vending machine.

"I first called in February and they walked me through the franchise," Mr. Bond noted, adding that he loves dealing with the Ontario-based company. There are roughly 30 PizzaFornos located across Ontario, but their popularity is surging with the trend picking up both here and in the States. This is Little Current's second new franchise opening within the past year as the Tim Hortons restaurant opened last fall just down the street from the new pizza dispensary.



Jeni and Evan Farquhar of Little Current were the first customers of the very first PizzaForno pizza vending machine on the Island.

za dispensary. "It's just taking off now," he added.

Here's how it works

There are eight varieties of pizzas to choose from: meat lovers, pepperoni, barbecue chicken, Hawaiian, four-cheese, goat cheese and honey, deluxe and vegetarian.

The pizzas are put together in Mr. Bond's health unit-approved commercial kitchen, placed in boxes and put into the vending machine's refrigerator. When an order is placed, either from the

machine's touch-screen or through the downloadable app, the pizza is put on a conveyor, shuttled into the oven side, the pizza box lid is opened and the pizza cooked. Three minutes later, the pizza, tucked back inside its box, is hot and steamy and ready for pickup from the machine's slot.

A hand sanitizer is built into the machine, and biodegradable knives are also available to cut your pizza into slices, should you choose to share.

Mr. Bond explained that if a pizza hasn't been sold in two days, the machine

won't let it be sold.

"Everything is fresh," he added.

And Mr. Bond can't say enough about the quality of PizzaForno's ingredients.

"I eat healthy, so it had to be healthy," he explained.

The thin crust is made from organic spelt flour and high quality extra virgin olive oil that is hand-stretched, hand-rolled then shipped to Mr. Bond's door from southern Ontario. The sauce is hand-batched with tomatoes from Sicily. The

cheese is of high milk-fat content for that perfect mix of stretchy and ooey gooey.

"(PizzaForno) really spares no expense with their ingredients," Mr. Bond said. "Everything is of the highest quality."

All the pizzas range from \$12 and \$13.

At our Friday morning interview, Mr. Bond shared that eight pizzas had been purchased between midnight and 7 am.

He saw the vending machine as filling a void for late-night food options on Manitoulin, something stats are already starting to prove.

The first week of business was a busy one, and Mr. Bond apologized for some hiccups he encountered, such as running out of ingredients for a day

and problems with the tap option and some debit cards—all things he hopes to see ironed out as he gets accustomed to the wants and needs of his new customers.

In fact, the vending machine is proving to be so popular, and even before the busy summer months, that Mr. Bond is hiring a few employees to help pump out the pizzas (the vending machine holds 70 pizzas at one time).

The PizzaForno machine is located at 30 Manitowaning Road in Little Current, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Pizzas can be purchased from the machine or through the PizzaForno app and paid for with debit or credit. They can also be purchased cold to cook at home, too.



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School board, parents perplexed as to province's stand on graduation ceremonies

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—For the most part, parents, teacher organizations, school boards and public health representatives have publicly voiced their understanding as to why the Ontario government has decided to keep schools closed until the fall. However, the provincial stance encouraging graduation ceremonies being held for elementary and secondary schools, while still having tight limits on how many people are allowed to attend while maintaining the current pandemic protocols, has almost everyone perplexed.

"It was not unexpected that the Ministry of Education has decided to continue with remote learning for all elementary and secondary school students for the remainder of the school year," said Norm Blaseg, director of education for the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB). "Everyone was reading the papers, and the indications that the province would extend remote learning to the end of this school year. But what threw all of us is the comments they made in regards to graduation. It doesn't jive with their own policies."

Mr. Blaseg explained under the provincial guidelines under step one, June 11 the maximum number of people allowed at outdoor gathering is limited to 10. And for step two, for early July 25 people are allowed at an outdoor gathering. "So any school outdoor graduation would be in violation of these policies."

"This is not game seven," stated Mr. Blaseg. "For school boards, we have to follow the rules the province made. If we did allow for outdoor graduation ceremonies and even one student or person transferred COVID-19 to another someone would be in huge trouble."

Mr. Reid said, "as we announced last February and will continue at this point, we are looking at virtual graduation ceremonies at our schools. The other piece of this whole thing is that schools have been doing preparatory work, and it would be very difficult for them to stop

on a dime and change to a full blown outdoor graduation. It's a little late. Everyone wants their child to have a graduation and we as a board would want this in a virtual format."

"Just think about this, most Grade 8 classes have a minimum of 20 students," said Mr. Blaseg. "Clearly if allowed for outdoor graduations there would be a lot more people than the limits allow and it would be a violation of the current restrictions. You can't say 'follow the health and safety restrictions' and at the same time switch this around."

The Council for Ontario Directors of Education indicated that the province has outlined clear restrictions for outdoor gatherings, as had been pointed out by Mr. Blaseg. "So clearly any outdoor graduation would be in violation of those restrictions. Ten students, with only a single parent and school staff would violate the step two restriction."

"The reality is under the health and safety precautions, it won't allow for outdoor graduation ceremonies," said Mr. Blaseg.

Parent Terri-Lynn Leighton of Gore Bay, whose daughter Malia will be graduating Grade 12 from Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) at the end of this school year, said, "boards are saying there is no time or money to pivot to outdoor graduations. I certainly don't want to be negative about our school, which is basically at the mercy of the Rainbow School Board."

Ms. Leighton basically agrees with Mr. Blaseg's take on the issue that the province is encouraging boards and schools to have graduation ceremonies, when the limits for the number of people allowed is not enough and that provincial policies don't allow for this, perplexing.

"Premier Ford says this kind of thing all the time," said Ms. Leighton. "You give hope to people and grads, but nothing is put in place that would actual allow for this (outdoor graduation) to take place. He said have these ceremonies, but you are only allowed 10 people at them."

Bush fire could have been much worse with dry conditions, says local fire chief

by Tom Sasvari

PROVIDENCE BAY—With the dry weather conditions in the area, it was fortunate that a bush fire did not get too out of hand at a farm property in Providence Bay recently.

"The property owner had a little brush fire that just got away from him," said John Reid, fire chief for the municipality of Central Manitoulin. The burn area on a field got out of control, and made its way to the adjacent pine tree forest area. Fortunately, fire fighters were able to douse the flames before it spread past this area. "It could have been a heck of a lot worse; the ground is dry and the long-term weather report is for hot, dry weather in the area," said Mr. Reid.

The Central Manitoulin volunteer fire department responded to the call of the fire at 2:31 pm Saturday



The site of the brush fire in Providence Bay.

afternoon.

Fortunately, no one was hurt in the blaze, and the fire was not in close proximity to the house on the property.

The fire ignited again the following Sunday. "We got the call at 6:00 am that one small pine tree fell over and

ignited again on the edge of the strand of pine trees," said Mr. Reid. Firefighters were on the scene for about an hour putting out the blaze.

Mr. Reid said with the dry, hot conditions expected to continue, "I'm thinking of putting a fire ban in

place and will be getting in touch with other fire chiefs around the Island on this."

Since this story was written, most Island fire departments have enacted fire bans. See Page 5 for the story.



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MHC announces plans to have one weekly mass vaccine clinic set up at MSS

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—To accommodate the large number of persons being vaccinated on Manitoulin Island, Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) will be going to one large clinic per week.

“I want to highlight a couple of things in regards to the vaccination program on Manitoulin Island,” said Paula Fields, interim co-ceo, vice president of clinical services and chief nursing officer CNO of the MHC at an MHC board meeting held recently. She explained, “we will be moving to having one mass vaccination clinic once a week, at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS).

M’Chigeeng chief and council approved our request and helped in working out some of the logistics.”

“The goal is to have MSS as the central vaccine clinic location,” said Ms. Fields. In her report she said, “MHC continues to support local COVID-19 vaccination efforts through vaccine booking support, the deployment of employees for registration and logistics and through the provision of the information technology infrastructure. Mass immunization clinics of 1,000 doses per clinic have begun and will be held at the Northeast Town recreation centre (in Little Current) until mid-

June, then the plans are for the third week in June to have this transferred over to MSS. She noted the clinics in Mindemoya were discontinued several weeks ago. Manitoulin residents aged 18 years of age and older are becoming eligible for vaccination. Due to the province’s successful acquisition of large quantities of vaccine, MHC employees are now eligible for their second dose of vaccines. Second dose in arms is beginning for many of the employees.

Ms. Fields noted in early May the government enacted an emergency order that enabled the transfer of patients between hospitals

without consent. At the time, provincial predictions of COVID-19 activity indicated that MHC would be required to enable the surge plan through the activation of additional care spaces. Due to human resource constraints, there was concern over the ability to staff the additional beds. MHC reached out to local family health teams and Indigenous health care providers and was successful in recruiting over 40 registered nurses, registered practical nurses and administrative

staff to assist in case of a surge.

“This community support is representative of the collaborative relationship between MHC and local community health care providers,” said Ms. Fields.

Ms. Fields noted as well, “public health had approached MHC requesting a submission for MHC to become a COVID-19 vaccine storage site. MHC can safely store both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccine.” She pointed out Pfizer vaccines have to be stored in condi-

tions of minus 60-80 while Moderna has to be stored in refrigerators at minus 20-30.”

“We have our freezers set up,” said Ms. Fields. “Having vaccine available locally will also provide for increased flexibility in local COVID-19 immunization clinics and support local community health care provider efforts in getting needles in arms in a timely fashion.”

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NOOJMOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Indian Day School (IDS) Coordinator (Full-Time Contract - Six Months)

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is seeking the services of an Indian Day School Coordinator for six (6) months with the possibility of continuance through available funding. The IDS Coordinator will provide both cultural and health support guidance to former Indian Day School students and their families in the Indian Day School reconciliation process for their healing and wellness.

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is comprised of a multi-team of healthcare professions providing community-based services through the use of a holistic approach that integrates both traditional and western healing methods. Our unique team includes: Primary Care and Allied Health Services, Mental Health & Addictions Services, Health Promotion and Traditional Healing and Cultural Services. Services are offered on-site and community-based (through the Manitoulin Island District First Nations Health Centres). The IDS Coordinator will report to the Mental Health and Addictions Manager.

Given the traditional practices of the Anishinabek, from time to time, exposure to wood smoke and the burning of sacred medicines, including tobacco, sweet grass, sage and cedar, may occur within the work setting.

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

Duties:

- Establish a supportive rapport with Indian Day School (IDS) former students and their families through cultural and emotional support through the delivery of traditional/cultural and relevant health programming including mental health and addictions;
- Provide coordinated services to individuals seeking support and advocacy in the preparation of Indian Day School claim forms; which may
 - Include connecting individuals to preventative services and support such as referral to mental health and addiction counselling, harm reduction services, and referral to other healthcare services as required;
- Provide and establish collaborative networks and partnerships for access to support services, workshops, presentations, healing and wellness for individual IDS former students and their families;
- Provide liaison with health support services for counselling (professional, grief, healing and wellness), both individual and support circle groups as required;
- Conduct community outreach to provide emotional support and resources;
- Maintain case and file management and data collection and e-charting.

Qualifications:

- Post-secondary education in Indigenous studies, social work, and/or combination of an equivalent and relevant education in social studies with a minimum of three years of demonstrated and related work experience within an Indigenous organization or community working with adults and their families in a healing and nurturing cultural environment;
- Ability to speak, translate and/or demonstrated willingness to learn the Anishinaabemowin language;
- Demonstrated understanding of substance abuse principles including harm reduction practices;
- Self-motivated individual with the ability to utilize available resources in a team-oriented shared healthcare environment;
- Good interpersonal, listening and communication (written and verbal) skills with the ability to engage people to build trust and rapport;
- Ability to problem solve and take initiative;
- Strong organizational skills and ability to work with deadlines;
- Must be able to maintain confidentiality;
- Proficiency in using Microsoft Office, including database applications;
- Willing to work flexible hours as required;
- Current CPR Level C and First Aid;
- Ability to travel including clear driver’s abstract and a reliable vehicle;
- Clear vulnerable sector check is required.

Submission Pre-requisites:

- Cover letter, letter of application and resume;
- Three current work-relevant references with contact information;
- Current and valid vulnerable sector check (dated no later than three months).


Deadline: June 18, 2021

Send to: Human Resources
Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Hwy. 540, 48 Hillside Road
Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
Postal Bag 2002
Little Current, ON POP 1K0

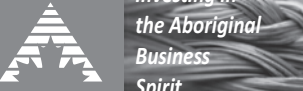
Email: info@noojmowin-teg.ca
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Fax: 705-368-2229

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WAUBETEK
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
A Community Futures Development Corporation



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CHAIRPERSON POSITION

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The Waubetek Business Development Corporation provides business and economic services to First Nations and Indigenous business people throughout North-eastern Ontario. The Waubetek Board of Directors seeking a Chairperson who will facilitate the Board as it deals with complex business decisions, governance oversight, external government and business relationships, and act as an ambassador for the organization.

Board Chair Qualifications/Duties:

- Must be a registered member of one of the following Founding First Nations: Aundeck Omni Kaning, M'Chigeeng, Sagamok, Sheguiandah, Sheshegwaning, Whitefish River and Wiikwemkoong;
- Must have a strong business/economic background with a minimum of at least five years of exceptional professional leadership experience and accomplishments;
- Must have formal governance experience with a minimum of at least three years membership on an incorporated for-profit or not-for-profit Board of Directors with a proven understanding of the role of a Board Director. Proof of formal governance training is an asset;
- Must have savvy diplomatic skills, a natural affinity for cultivating relationships among government and industry leaders and building consensus for decision-making.
- Must have excellent written, oral, and public speaking communication skills;
- Must not be a current loan client of the Waubetek Business Development Corporation or have an immediate family member who is a current applicant or loan client of the Corporation.
- The Board Chair and Members may not have a current or undischarged bankruptcy. A credit check through Equifax will be conducted;
- The Board Chair and Members may not be principals in any litigation that might affect their position or judgement on the Board or the interests of the Waubetek Business Development Corporation; and
- Naishnaabemaang shwii go washme ndawendaagod.

The Board of Directors holds one regular meeting per month with occasional special meetings. A small meeting honorarium is provided for all Board meetings. Travel expenses are covered when the Board meets in person or travels on Waubetek business.


All interested parties must provide an application package as follows:

- A signed cover letter expressing in general terms their understanding of Waubetek's mission, their reasons for applying, and the qualities and knowledge they would bring to the Waubetek organization;
- An updated resume demonstrating that the applicant meets all the above-noted requirements;
- Three letters of reference from parties with knowledge and experience relating to the applicant's business or professional work history; and
- Vulnerable Sector Police Record Check

Notes:

- Applicants are responsible for reading and understanding all conditions stated in this posting and confirm their understanding by submission of their application package;
- Waubetek reserves the right to verify any information provided by contacting any references or requesting additional documentation;
- All applications will be reviewed and screened by a committee of the Waubetek Board of Directors. This committee may call upon any applicant for a personal interview;

Please email the complete application package to waubetek@waubetek.com by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 14th, 2021 with the subject line "Board Chairperson Position".





Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc.

**Employment Opportunity
Personal Support Worker
Temporary Casual**

The Personal Support Worker is responsible for providing care that contributes to the quality of life of individuals who live at home by promoting their independence; dignity; social; emotional and physical well-being; mobility; personal appearance; comfort and safety so that they may remain and participate within their community.

The successful applicant must be willing to work flexible hours (possible evenings and/or weekends) and may provide services to all five First Nation communities. (Aundeck Omni Kaning, Sheguiandah, Sheshegwaning, Whitefish River and Zhiibaahaasing)

OBJECTIVES

- Provide personal support services based on the client personal care or home management needs.
- Provide assistance to the Long-Term Care Program with the provision of regular Diners' Club and Meals On Wheels program, Adult Day programming and may assist/provide generic transportation services for own client caseload; friendly visits and social safety.
- Provide respite services working flexible hours.
- Works collaboratively with healthcare providers in providing holistic care that focuses on achieving and maintaining optimal health.
- Submission of timely required documentation based on scheduled basis to immediate supervisor.
- May assume additional duties as assigned by immediate supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS:


- Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language.
- A Personal Support Worker Certificate from a recognized college with a minimum of two years community work-experience.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Current and Clear CPIC.
- Valid 'G' driver's licence and a vehicle.

Salary range based on qualifications and approved salary grid.

Submit a cover letter, resume, three work-related references and a CPIC/VSS (dated within 90 days) marked 'Confidential' by email, fax or in person to:

Human Resources
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
Postal Bag 2002, 48 Hillside Road
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
705-368-2182 ext.271
hr@mnaamodzawin.com
Fax: 705-368-2229

APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 18, 2021 @ 12:00 pm.
Only those applicants considered for an interview will be notified.



**Noojmowin Teg
Health Centre**
A place of healing

**NOOJMOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Traditional Knowledge Keeper Support
Permanent Part-Time**

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre seeks the part-time services (three days per week) of a traditional resource person to provide support for the Traditional Knowledge Keeper during the delivery of healer clinics and services. The Traditional Knowledge Keeper Support Worker will attend all healer sessions with clients and/or families to chart on behalf of the healer and provide an environment of safety for clients. The support worker will be available both on-site and in external clinics and other services provided by the healers.

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is comprised of a multi-disciplinary team of healthcare professions providing community-based services through a holistic approach integrating traditional and western healing methods. Our unique team includes: Primary Care, Mental Health & Addictions, Health & Wellness, and Traditional Healing. Services are offered on-site, at the Manitoulin Island District Seven First Nations Health Centres, and Espanola area. The Traditional Knowledge Keeper Support Worker will report to the Anishinaabe Aadzawin Manager.

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Given the traditional practices of the Anishinabek, from time to time, exposure to wood smoke and the burning of sacred medicines, including tobacco, sweet grass, sage or cedar, may occur within the work setting.*

Qualifications:

- Knowledge and demonstrated interest in traditional healing practices;
- Experience and/or ability to work within an electronic medical record charting system and other IT technologies;
- Ability to speak, translate and/or demonstrated willingness to learn the Anishnaabemowin language;
- Good interpersonal, listening and communication (written and verbal) skills with the ability to engage people to build trust and rapport;
- Strong organizational skills including ability to complete work with deadlines/to coordinate schedules and appointments;
- Proven knowledge and ability to maintain confidentiality;
- Willing to work flexible hours as required;
- Current CPR Level C and First Aid;
- Ability to travel including clear driver's abstract and a reliable vehicle;
- Clear vulnerable sector criminal record check is required.

Submission Pre-requisites:
Cover letter, letter of application and resume. Three current work relevant references with contact information and current vulnerable sector criminal reference check (dated no later than three months).

Deadline: June 18, 2021

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**Employment Opportunity
PART-TIME NIGHT ATTENDANT**

Summary
Night Attendant is responsible for a safe environment; ensuring care duties are completed according to minimal standards; preparing and maintaining administrative duties, promoting a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment.

Responsibilities

- Ensure that all rules and regulations are respected.
- Obtain update from previous shift.
- Provide update to next shift.
- Complete client "in" and "out" sheets.
- Monitor client's medication.
- Prepare and complete daily shift reports.
- Respond to crisis situations.
- Answer telephones and record messages.
- Oversee wake-up routines of clients.
- Oversee breakfast routines.
- Participate in staff training.
- Maintain CONFIDENTIALITY.
- Be prepared to make responsibility decisions on shift and follow through accordingly.
- Security monitoring i.e. ensure all doors and windows are secure, cameras working, etc.
- Follow the policy and procedures of NOOKOMISNAANG and Wikwemikong Unceded Territory Personnel.
- Follow the Mission and Vision Statement of NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre.
- Be able to work flexible night shifts.

Qualifications

- Minimum High School Diploma.
- Work experience in Social Work.
- Must demonstrate team work and leadership skills.
- Knowledge of Aboriginal Language and culture is an asset.
- Driver's Licence an asset.

Salary is in accordance to WUIR Salary Grid. All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts, marked **CONFIDENTIAL** to:

Nookomisnaang Night Attendant
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
Attention: Melissa Roy
16A Complex Drive, P.O. Box 101
Wikwemikong, Ontario P0P 2J0
Telephone: 705.859.3164
Fax: 705.859.3300
Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca
Deadline: June 10, 2021 at 4:00 pm

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



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*Do you love cleaning
and order?*



Looking for two energetic cleaners to maintain AirB&B property with three cabins in Providence Bay. Organization, attention to detail, COVID-protocols a must. Laundry off-site.
June-Sept mostly Saturdays.
woolsort@gmail.com or 416 575 6794

The Expositor Office can meet your various printing needs: wedding invitations, invoices, letterhead, business cards, rubber stamps, envelopes. Call 705-368-2744, ask for Dave.

Deadline for text ads, like this, as well as boxed ads is Friday at 4 pm.

KENJGEWIN TEG



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

KENJGEWIN TEG IS SEEKING AN ENTHUSIASTIC TEAM MEMBER TO JOIN THE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING TEAM COMMITTED TO PROVIDING SUPPORT TO STUDENTS!

SOCIAL WORKER FULL-TIME POSITION

Kenjgewin Teg is committed to making a difference and inspiring students on their educational journey. Our team members want students to be inspired and to find their gifts so that they can succeed in the world. We are currently recruiting a committed, dedicated and respectful individual who is interested in joining our team as a Social Worker. This position will require an individual who is compassionate and committed to supporting students through lifelong learning.

Social Worker – Full-Time:
Classification: Specialist SP2 Program/Service Delivery Specialist/Salary Grade Band G

UnderHire Level Salary Range:	Qualified Level Salary Range:	Advanced Qualification Salary Range
\$45,306 – 50,341 – 55,375	\$52,076 – 57,862 – 63,649	\$58,846 – 65,384 – 71,922

Position Objective: The Social Worker provides school-based mental health services and support to students of Kenjgewin Teg. This position works as part of the Student Services Team, and will liaise with external resources, in support of student needs.

Responsibilities:

- To provide clinical counselling through mental health assessments and treatment services to individuals, following referral to the Student Services Team;
- To provide for expertise in mental health services addressing the area of Mood and Anxiety Disorder(s) and/or Addictions;
- To manage a caseload of approximately 20-25 students on an ongoing basis, as per referral/intake cycle;
- Understand and provide trauma-informed care and response;
- Respond to students when crisis intervention is necessary;
- Participate as a member of the multi-disciplinary Student Services Team (attendance and engagement, Aadzwin, Guidance and Career Education);
- Assists in the development and planning of school-based, student-focused mental wellness activities;
- Liaise as appropriate with other staff members to ensure appropriate continuum of service for referred students;
- To maintain and continually develop professional competence through appropriate continuing education/professional development;
- To participate in organization-wide training and education, as it relates to the enhancement of growth of services to our student body; and
- Participate and contribute to other organizational events, activities and teams as part of organizational and community engagement and learning (festivals, traditional gatherings, conferences and annual special projects).

Qualifications:

- Minimum Bachelors of Social Work
- Registered member with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers
- Five years' proven work experience in the social work field
- Mental Health First Aid; SafeTALK and ASIST certification
- Counselling experience in the treatment of mood and anxiety disorders and addictions
- Demonstrated understanding of trauma-informed care in relation to adult learners and Indigenous populations, and experience in trauma-informed care and response
- Proven crisis intervention skills
- Excellent communications, interpersonal skills, and the ability to develop and foster relationships with a diverse demographic of students
- Ability to work as a team player and work with minimal supervision
- Administrative skills including scheduling, records management, completing annual work plans, quarterly reports, and support operational planning and policy development as required
- High level of proficiency with the Microsoft Office suite of software (Outlook, Word, Excel), including the ability to learn other data management and student information systems
- Appreciation and knowledge of the Anishnabek culture, principles, values, language, history and customs and supportive of Anishnabek practices, language revitalization and protocols

Application Deadline: OPEN UNTIL FILLED

For a complete job description or to learn more about this employment opportunity, please email humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca.

Interested individuals can send a complete application package that consists of:

Cover letter, a detailed resume, **three (3) current** (within one year) letters of reference, two of which must be professional on organizational letterhead and authored by direct supervisor, and written permission to contact references. Please note that the successful candidate will be required to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check.

Applications can be received marked confidential either through email to humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca or mail to:

Kenjgewin Teg
"Social Worker"
c/o Director of Operations
374A Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON P0P 1G0
Tel: 705-377-4342 Fax: 705-377-4379

Please note: Kenjgewin Teg has taken steps to ensure that the organization is inclusive and partnership with the school community. This includes the shared practice of First Nation tradition of smudging.

Please note: Kenjgewin Teg Fitness for Duty Program is implemented which is designed to promote the development and maintenance of the highest possible levels of worker health and safety in an efficient and productive workplace.

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KENJGEWIN TEG



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

KENJGEWIN TEG IS SEEKING AN ENTHUSIASTIC TEAM MEMBER TO JOIN THE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING TEAM DEDICATED TO PROVIDING SUPPORT TO STUDENTS!

PROGRAMS COORDINATOR - TEACHING AND LEARNING 2ND POSTING

TERM POSITION: JULY 2021 – MARCH 2023

Kenjgewin Teg is committed to making a difference and inspiring students on their educational journey. Our team members work collaboratively to inspire students to find their gifts so that they can succeed in the world! We are currently recruiting a committed, creative and respectful individual who is interested in joining our team as a Programs Coordinator - Teaching and Learning. This position will require an individual who is highly organized to manage multiple priorities and works effectively in a fast-paced environment.

Programs Coordinator - Teaching and Learning:
Classification: PSC3 Team Leader Operational Support/Salary Grade Band F

UnderHire Level Salary Range:	Qualified Level Salary Range:	Advanced Qualification Salary Range
\$41,106 – 45,673 – 50,240	\$47,248 – 52,498 – 57,748	\$47,934 – 59,322 – 58,586

Position Objective: Under the direction of the Dean of Post-Secondary Education and Training, the Programs Coordinator – Teaching and Learning ensures lifelong learning programs of Kenjgewin Teg designed for teachers and educators include Anishnabek traditional knowledge and are delivered in accordance with the organization's quality assurance standards and procedures. As a critical position supporting growth of Kenjgewin Teg as an Indigenous Institute in Ontario, appreciation and/or practice of Kendaamoowin – Anishnabemowin miinwaa Anishnabek bimaadziwin in teaching and learning perspectives is critical.

Responsibilities:

- Develop and oversee all aspects of program delivery in a new organizational framework for a Teaching and Learning Programs strategy with the post-secondary education and training team; this includes researching and compiling documents to support and draft proposals and/or reports for funding, as assigned;
- Plan and coordinate annual teaching and learning programs for delivery with the post-secondary team as approved by the Dean of Post-Secondary Education and Training (examples of teaching and learning programs may include teacher education programs leading to an undergraduate, graduate degree, certificate or diploma; additional qualifications (AQ's) courses for members of the Ontario College of Teachers; programs for early childhood educators; includes other workshop, seminars for professional development opportunities);
- Lead, implement, monitor and oversee teaching and learning program activities throughout each program's/academic year lifecycle; this includes monitoring and providing support to teaching and learning program faculty/instructors for course materials and equipment, textbooks, classroom bookings, accommodation and meals (if required) as part of each delivery site's program and/or course delivery location;
- Assist with research and development of articulation agreements with potential industry, government and post-secondary partners in collaboration with the Dean of Post-Secondary Education;
- Secure instructors, faculty and other resource/knowledge holders related to delivery of teaching and learning programs; lead the development and preparation of instructional/faculty contracts for teaching and learning programs, with final contract approval submission to the Corporate Services Team;
- Create program delivery schedules based on needs of students, faculty/instructors, community and available resources; liaise with community partners for delivery of community-based programs in additional locations as planned;
- Liaise and work closely with faculty/instructors and the Registrar in use of the organization's student information and learning management systems for student admissions, attendance, grades and other quality assurance processes;
- Prepare draft budgets and program costs related to teaching and learning programs for approval by the Dean of Post-Secondary Education and Training;
- Coordinate and lead meetings with instructors and program staff to ensure effective communication and planning on a regular basis;
- Liaise and work closely with the Dean of Student Services and other post-secondary team members in designing and ensuring student support services are provided to students enrolled in teaching and learning programs; coordinate and lead discussions regarding student issues/concerns affecting student academic success, as required;
- Contribute and participate in the organization's mandatory quality assurance audit and compliance processes as part of continuous improvement and program delivery excellence; this includes leading and monitoring the administration of instructor performance and student satisfaction evaluations in teaching and learning programs;
- Participate and contribute to other organizational events, activities and teams as part of organizational and community engagement and learning.

Qualifications:

- Minimum of diploma within the teaching and learning sector, or proven work-related experience in a coordinator capacity;
- Minimum of two (2) years of program coordination experience;
- Program Management and/or program coordination experience;
- High level of proficiency with the Microsoft Office suite of software;
- Must be willing to travel when required, possess valid Driver's Licence and have a reliable vehicle; and
- Appreciation and knowledge of the Anishnabek culture, principles, values, language, history and customs and supportive of Anishnabek Practices, language revitalization and protocols.

Application Deadline: Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 12 noon

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New Billings Township snowplow truck has arrived

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—Billings Township has now purchased a new snowplow truck for the township roads crew.

At a meeting last week, council considered a bylaw to approve.

“As noted in the office staff memo, the majority of the costs (to purchase the truck) came through funding,” stated Mayor Ian Anderson.

Council passed a bylaw



Billings Township has purchased a new snowplow truck for the roads crew. In photo, left to right, in front of the new vehicle is Floyd Becks, Chris Cyr and Bill Hore.

for the plow truck purchase of the 2021 International HV613 and equipment. Funding was received through the 2019 municipal modernization program to cover \$294,600 of this purchase.

The long awaited International snowplow truck was delivered on Wednesday of last week. “We received \$295,600 in funding and the total cost of the truck was \$323,391,” said clerk Kathy McDonald.

...retirement ‘bittersweet’ for Debbie Wright

...continued from page 14 job following the pandemic protocols.

Ms. Wright said, “I have never before had a summer off. I’m going to enjoy this summer. As for the winter I don’t know what I will be doing then, I’ll play it by ear. In the past, even when I’ve been on vacation I’ve been available to respond to messages from staff and sending emails back and forth. I’ll no doubt be thinking its April or October and we have to carry out this type of work at the Lodge. But I promise I won’t bother the staff,” she quipped.

However, she did indicate she will be keeping her nursing licence so that she can do flu shot clinics on the Island.

Ms. Wright was born and raised in Sudbury, with her dad being from Manitoulin and her mother being from

Garson. Her husband Mike is from the Island, but had worked at Inco in Sudbury for a number of years. Even though she is not originally from Manitoulin, “when I was younger I worked here in the summers at Northernnaire Lodge. My mom was a pastry cook at Northernnaire. Dad worked in Copper Cliff. After they retired they moved to the Island.”

“We live at the lake and I am looking forward to going kayaking, working in the garden and doing anything that I wouldn’t normally have to cram into a two-day weekend,” quipped Ms. Wright.

Ms. Wright acknowledged, “today I’m looking forward to retirement, tomorrow I could be hesitant. When I was down to 24 months until retirement I posted this on my office wall. But when it hit six


months I stopped posting it.”

“Management has been great to work with over the years,” said Ms. Wright, “and I’ve been proud to work with all the employees I’ve been fortunate to work with over the years. They all work very hard. We have a really good group here. A PSW, for instance, might say there may be a problem we should be looking at, and then say ‘but I might have a solution to the problem.’ Everyone really cares and they want to be part of a solution. I have always felt if you could help new staff by sharing your experience, do it. If you teach them well they become great employees. That’s what we have in every department of the Lodge.”



HELP WANTED
Manitoulin Chrysler is seeking a
Full-Time Automotive Service Advisor.
Customer Service & Automotive Experience is preferred (one year). Must have a valid driver’s licence and have the ability to work in a fast paced environment. Please email resume to Wayne Legge at wlegge@manitoulinchrysler.ca.





Investing in the Aboriginal Business Spirit

**BUSINESS SERVICES
MANAGER POSITION**

BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER



The Waubetek Business Development Corporation is seeking to immediately fill the position of Business Services Manager to serve on Waubetek’s management team and lead our Business Development Team.

As a financial institution involved in commercial lending, this position is critical within the organization to help oversee the delivery of Waubetek’s business services. This position reports directly to the Waubetek General Manager. As a member of Waubetek’s Management Team, the individual for this position must have the following qualifications:

Business Services Manager Qualifications/Duties:

- Five years or more of commercial lending experience;
- Must have graduated from a post-secondary program in any of business administration, commerce, economics and/or accounting programs;
- Demonstrated management and staff supervisory experience in guiding a team, ensuring proper and timely reporting, problem-solving skills, and accountability;
- Proven ability to prepare business analyses that may be required for the more complex cases for financing;
- Excellent communication and writing skills; and
- Information Technology (IT) management experience would be an asset to help manage Waubetek client database and loan software.

Please submit a letter of application addressing each of the requirements above, a detailed resume and three reference letters no later than **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30th, 2021**, to the attention of the General Manager, Waubetek Business Development Corporation via email to dmadahbee@waubetek.com with the subject **“Business Services Manager Position.”** Miigwetch!



Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc.

(Rainbow Lodge)

P.O. Box 81
50 Pilawanakwat Street
Wiikwemikong, Ontario P0P 2J0

Telephone: 705-856-2324
Fax: 705-856-2325
Toll Free: 1-877-646-2242
Website: www.ngwaagan.ca

Employment Opportunity: Programs and Services Coordinator Position

Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc. (NGRC Inc.) is a not-for-profit organization looking for a Programs and Services Coordinator to work in a dynamic addictions treatment and community-based programs facility located in the Wiikwemikong Unceded Territory. The successful candidate will carry out their duties in accordance with the Policies and Procedures and Vision and Mission of NGRC Inc.

Job Summary
Reporting to the NGRC Inc. Executive Director or their delegate, the Programs and Services Coordinator provides administrative support and program management of the day-to-day operations of the residential treatment program. The Programs and Services Coordinator is a member of the leadership team within NGRC. The Programs and Services Coordinator will always maintain the highest quality of service and professionalism.

The Program and Services Coordinator will perform the following specific duties, functions and/or activities:

- To provide support planning and coordination of programs
- Management and supervision of employees of the treatment program including scheduling and support of the team, review and approvals of applications for treatment programming and regularly review treatment client progress
- To ensure the highest of standards are maintained from the program development through its implementation
- Seek both start-up and long-term program funding
- Maintain budget and track expenditures/transactions
- Help build positive relations within the team and community
- Schedule and organize workshops, information sessions, meetings and maintain agenda
- Report regularly on progress of work plan implementation
- Assist with implementation of quality assurance processes and health and safety requirements
- Maintain inventory of supplies and ordering
- Keep updated records and create reports and/or proposals
- Support growth and program development

Requirements:

- Degree in Human Services related field is preferred
- Have proven experience as a program coordinator, management or relevant position
- Knowledgeable in program management and development procedures
- Knowledgeable of the Anishnaabe culture, language, community experiences, with an understanding of the dynamics of intergenerational abuse and past trauma
- Have knowledge of budgeting, bookkeeping and reporting
- Tech savvy, proficient in Office 365, Excel, Outlook, etc.
- Ability to work with diversity and multi-disciplinary teams
- Excellent time-management and organizational skills
- Outstanding verbal and written communication skills
- Detail-oriented and efficient
- Able to follow direction
- Must be willing to participate in extensive training in family violence, specific to intrafamilial sexual abuse
- A clear criminal and vulnerable sectors check
- A valid Ontario driver’s licence and a willingness to provide a driver’s abstract

Skills and Abilities:

- Self-motivated, patient, professional and flexible
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Knowledge of Anishnaabemowin an asset
- Ability to research and analyze data for project development and planning
- Ability to support cohesive team relations and foster positive working relationships
- Ability to communicate professionally and effectively with diverse stakeholders
- Ability to handle multiple demands and competing priorities
- Ability to work flexible hours
- Skilled in the use of computers, MS Office software and other technology

Salary Range: \$65,000 - 70,000/year

Please email your detailed resume to the attention of Tony Martens CEO tony@tonymartens.ca.
Deadline for Accepting Applications is Tuesday, June 15th, 2021 at 4:00pm EST by email.

NGRC Inc. has contracted with Tony Martens of Martens & Associates to conduct the recruitment, screening, background and reference checks. Selected person will be recommended to the Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc. for final selection.

Contact Person: Tony Martens Office Phone: 1-604-583-6612
Cell/Text 1-604-916-8564: email tony@tonymartens.ca

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Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc.

P.O. Box 81
56 Pitawankwat Street
Wkwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0

(Rainbow Lodge)

Telephone: 705-859-2324
Fax: 705-859-2325
Toll Free: 1-877-649-2242
Website: www.ngwaagan.ca

Employment Opportunity: Full-time Contract Counsellor Position(s)

Located on the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory on Manitoulin Island, Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc. provides community-based addictions services to the community of Wkwemikong as well as addictions treatment for First Nations persons in Ontario.

Position:

Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc is offering community-based counsellor contract position(s) within a unique and exciting opportunity to help implement a new holistic counselling program in the healing lodge. We provide trauma-informed addictions services to individuals and family members. Our programs use both Western therapeutic techniques and Anishinaabe cultural perspectives and practices. Extensive training in intrafamilial sexual abuse will be provided.

Qualifications:

- Degree in Human Services or Diploma in addictions or related field
- Experience providing individual, group and family support and/or counselling
- Knowledgeable and sensitive to the Anishinaabe culture, language, community experiences, with an understanding of the dynamics of intergenerational abuse and past trauma
- Education and experience working in the addictions field
- Excellent computer skills
- Excellent oral communication skills, verbal, written and time management skills
- A clear criminal and vulnerable sectors check
- A valid Ontario driver's licence and a willingness to provide a driver's abstract
- Must be willing to participate in extensive training in family violence, specific to intrafamilial sexual abuse

An immediate or negotiable start date with competitive NGRC salary grid and benefits

Please email your detailed resumes to the attention of Tony Martens CEO tony@tonymartens.ca.

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A Community Futures Development Corporation



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**BUSINESS SERVICES
MANAGER POSITION**

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The Waubetek Business Development Corporation (a Community Futures Development Corporation and an Aboriginal Financial Institution) is seeking an experienced Business Development Officer to work with our clients seeking to access Waubetek's financial services in North-East Ontario who wish to start a new business or who seek to expand or acquire an existing business.

Business Development Officer Qualifications/Duties:

- Must have graduated from a post-secondary program in business administration, commerce, economics and/or accounting;
- Must have a minimum of two years' direct experience in assisting individuals through the business development process;
- It would be preferred if the applicant has experience in a variety of business sectors and/or industries;
- Must have the ability to undertake and prepare business analyses, as well as financial projections/cash-flow statements;
- Must be proficient in use of various types of business and communications software (word processing, spreadsheets, email, net searching, etc.);
- Must have excellent written and oral communication skills;
- Must have experience in delivering workshops and public presentations related to business programs, entrepreneurship, marketing, etc.;
- Must have strong organizational skills and work cooperatively with the Business Development Team;
- Must have a solid working knowledge of the First Nation communities within the service area; and
- Must have a valid Driver's licence and own a reliable vehicle as extensive travel is required (when safe to do so in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines).

Please submit a letter of application addressing each of the requirements above, a detailed resume and three reference letters no later than **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30th, 2021**, to the attention of the General Manager, Waubetek Business Development Corporation via email to dmadahbee@waubetek.com with the subject "**BDO Position.**" Miigwetch!



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMUNICATIVE DISORDER ASSISTANT (CDA)

Job Summary

The CDA will report to SHSS Manager and work under the direction and clinical supervision of the contracted Speech Language Pathologist (SLP).

The CDA will provide direct one-on-one therapy sessions to individuals and small groups of children ranging from two to 21 years old in schools on Manitoulin Island, the Northshore and surrounding areas, under the supervision of the contracted Speech Language Pathologist. The qualifying CDA will need to drive between schools and home base office.

Responsibilities

- Plan and carry out treatment sessions based on specific therapy goals established by the supervising SLP;
- Collect and record client data;
- Report on client progress and any related issues to the supervising SLP and SHSS Manager;
- Provide Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) support for students; create low-tech communication aids; set up and program high tech voice output devices; assist with the training of students, teachers, Early Childhood Educators and Educational Assistants in the use of the devices;
- Implement individual and group communication, speech and language programs for eligible students; prepare lesson plans, activities and materials; document student performance, comfortable with play-based individual and group therapy.

Qualifications

- Graduate from an accredited CDA Program; Member of the CDAAC or equivalent.
- Excellent and written communication skills.
- Good computer skills and knowledge of MS Office applications.
- Training and experience related to: child development and childhood exceptionality, specific articulation and language development, speech and language disorders, treatments and interventions used.
- Set up and use of augmentative communication systems and technology, i.e. Proloquo2go, PECS.
- Assistive listening equipment, i.e. FM systems.
- Evidence of effective customer service, organizational, interpersonal, communication, judgement and decision-making skills.
- Able to work independently in carrying out communication screens and given therapy programs.
- Flexible, self-directed and able to work effectively with minimal supervision.
- This position requires travel to schools with the contracted First Nations Reserves, and therefore, the successful candidate must have a reliable vehicle and a valid driver's licence.

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

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

Deadline: June 10, 2021 at 4:00 pm

Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Licence and Abstract. DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE.

We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. No return of submissions.



WHITEFISH RIVER HEALTH CENTRE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS WORKER

Summary: The role of the Mental Health and Addictions Worker is to provide and promote vital prevention strategies and programs, interventions, aftercare services and referrals focusing on addictions and substance-free lifestyles. The Mental Health and Addictions Worker has a responsibility to remain aware of and adhere to all policies and procedures, including those that relate to client and staff safety, quality improvement, confidentiality, and risk management. Services delivered and evaluated will be community-based with concentration on culturally relevant mental health and addictions supports that address the holistic well-being of community members affected by addictions.

Qualifications: The Mental Health and Addictions Worker will have a diploma or degree and at least five years' experience providing service to indigenous people. This is complemented by knowledge and appreciation for Indigenous culture, language and healing practices. As a helper, excellent communication and mediation skills are essential, combined with the ability to relate and connect to people as individuals and within groups. A clear drivers abstract is important, along with access to a vehicle. Assets to have in the position include mental health first aid, CPR, ASIST certification and Critical Incident Stress Management. The ability to work flexible hours.

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

Whitefish River First Nation, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP 1A0
Email questions and packages to: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca

Applications should be submitted by **Friday, June 18th at 12 pm** and must include the following:
Cover letter, current resume, copies of certificates (Degrees or Diplomas),
and three current reference contacts.

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

Central Manitoulin council passes motion to regulate chickens

by Michael Erskine
CENTRAL MANITOULIN—A motion to regulate how residents who are not in rural/agricultural zones of the municipality can raise chickens was passed at the May 27 meeting of Central Manitoulin council, despite an impassioned last minute oration by Councillor Derek Stephens.

The motion, which was discussed at length at a previous council meeting, had been set aside after first reading to allow for community input.

“I am opposed to this bylaw,” said Councillor Stephens. “The principle it is based on is ridiculous.” He pointed out that “back in the day” most people raised chickens, horses and other animals on their properties before “the government took that away.”

Councillor Stephens placed much of the blame for restrictions on the Manitoulin Planning Board and voiced his opposition to this bylaw and others that placed restrictions on what property owners could do on their land.

“I am totally opposed to this bylaw,” he said.

The bylaw maintains that “a person may keep chickens in their backyard within the municipality in accordance with the provisions set out in this bylaw. The provisions in this bylaw shall only be applied to properties zoned either than agricultural or rural.”

According to the bylaw, “every person shall comply with the following requirements: no owner shall allow or permit their chicken to be at large; no person shall keep a rooster on a property smaller than two hectares and no person shall keep more than five chickens on a property.” Further, “any owner shall ensure all chicken coops be located only in the rear yard and fully enclose the chickens and prevent from escaping.”

“No person shall keep a chicken coop closer than five metres from the rear lot line of the property on which the chicken coop is located and five metres

from any side lot line of the property on which the chicken coop is located.”

“Any owner shall ensure dead chickens are disposed of immediately and in any event, within 48 hours and no owner shall fail to have hygienic storage of and prompt removal of chicken feces.”

The bylaw goes on to state a person who keeps one or more hens must: provide each hen with at least 0.37m² (four square feet) of coop floor area and 2.8.2

0.92m² (10 square feet) of roofed outdoor enclosure; provide and maintain a floor of any combination of vegetated or bare earth in each outdoor enclosure; provide and maintain, in each coop, at least one perch, for each hen that is at least 15 cm long and one nest box; keep each hen in the enclosed area at all times; and to provide each hen with food, water, shelter, light, ventilation, veterinary care and opportunities for essential

behaviours such as scratching, dustbathing and roosting, “all sufficient to maintain the hen in good health.”

In addition, the owner must “maintain each hen enclosure in good repair and sanitary condition and free from vermin and obnoxious smells and substances; construct and maintain each hen enclosure to prevent any rodent from harbouring underneath or within it or within its walls, and to prevent

entrance by any other animal; keep a food container and water container in each coop; keep each coop locked from sunset to sunrise; remove leftover feed, trash and manure in a timely manner; store manure within a fully enclosed container and in quantities not exceeding one cubic metre (1m³) at a time; and remove all other manure not used for fertilizing forthwith; follow biosecurity procedures recommended by Canadian Food Inspection

Agency; keep hens for personal use only and not sell eggs, manure, meat, or other products derived from hens; and finally, not to keep hens in a cage.”

The motion was moved by Councillor Al Tribinevicius and seconded by Councillor Rose Diebolt. Councillor Stephens was the sole vote against the motion. With that vote, and under a flurry of provisions, townies’s chickens can now come home to roost.

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PATIENT ADVISOR

The Manitoulin Health Centre is looking for a Patient Advisor to join its team. This is a volunteer position. Patient & family advisors are collaborative advocates and champions of patient and family centred care, working to improve patient relations at MHC. Working closely with the clinical and corporate teams toward improving the care experience at MHC, the advisor role brings individual expertise and the patient voice forward, through input into policies and processes which directly affect patient care and experience.

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

A patient or family member who has had recent experience within the last two years, with care provided at either the Little Current or Mindemoya MHC sites

Ability to maintain confidentiality of patient and organizational information

For a detailed position description and application, please contact Lee Ann Fawcett, LFawcett@mhc.on.ca.

Thank you to all who apply. Only those to be interviewed will be contacted.

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



TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK

Requires a PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE (Full-Time)

The Township requires a team player to work in the public works department assisting in the operation of the Township’s operations.

A detailed job description and pay grid is available from the undersigned.

Applications will be accepted until **4 pm, Friday, June 25, 2021.**

Township of Assiginack
PO Box 238
Manitowaning, ON
POP 1N0
www.assiginack.ca

Information collected for employment is done under authority of Section 29(2) of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, for the purpose of assessing eligibility for employment.

The Township of Assiginack is committed to an inclusive, barrier-free environment. Accommodation will be provided in all steps of the hiring process. Please advise the Township of Assiginack if you require any accommodations to ensure you can participate fully and equally during the recruitment and selection process.

We thank all applicants and advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE CAREER OPENING

Summary: The Director of Finance manages the financial and accounting departments for Whitefish River First Nation. The main duties include evaluating and directing accounting, audit or financial departments, developing financial policies for an organization, and evaluating and improving systems. The Director of Finance oversees a staff of financial clerks and interacts with departmental managers on a daily basis.

The Director of Finance develops a plan for accounting, finance, and auditing in cooperation with department managers. The DOF creates reports and evaluates internal reporting systems on an ongoing basis. A key role of the DOF is to establish and control budgets across all departments. Reporting of all financial information under the direction of the Band Manager is a requirement.

Qualifications: The Director of Finance will have a masters level degree in Business or an undergraduate degree and several senior level financial management experience. The DOF will have high financial acumen, superior communication skills and excellent computer skills. The DOF will possess high work ethic and morals and show evidence on accountability, transparency and responsiveness. The DOF is also an expert level problem solver, as the ability to take complex data and use metrics for high level analytics is essential.

MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS CAREER OPENING

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HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER CAREER OPENING

Summary: The Human Resources Manager is a key person within the Whitefish River First Nation administration. Principally, the HR Manager is responsible for the day-to-day management of HR operations, which means that they will manage the administration of the policies, procedures and programs within the organization. This is a valuable role requiring someone who enjoys planning and developing systems, has real attention to detail but particularly is interested in the personal development of the organization’s people and the community of Whitefish River First Nation. The Human Resources (HR) Manager is in the business of people- responsible for the day-to-day management of personnel, communications, and policy administration.

Qualifications: Degree or diploma in Social Services, Education, Human Resource Management or Business. CHRP designation or willingness to achieve designation within a year. Three (3) to five (5) years’ experience in the role of Human Resources including generalist, manager or administrator. Superior communication ability and extremely well organized to manage filing/database system/HRM systems. Excellent computer skills including Microsoft Office and any other software pertinent to HRM systems.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER CAREER OPENING

Summary: The Manager of Economic Development is responsible for leading development and implementation of economic development strategy, programs and projects, ensuring that Whitefish River First Nation grows the local economy. This growth includes knowledge-based, innovative, sustainable businesses and employment ideas are supported, strengthened and sustained. The Manager makes recommendations and implements approved direction to guide the economic growth of the community that includes training, employment and business development.

Qualifications: University degree or diploma in economic development, business, commerce, land-use planning, marketing, public administration or a related field Certificate in Economic Development and/or professional accreditation from the Economic Developers Association of Canada (Ec.D) considered an asset. Minimum three (3) to five (5) years in economic development, business development, investment attraction, land-use planning, development or related field, including management experience in economic development in a First Nation or municipal government or broader public sector environment or equivalent. Understanding and appreciation of Whitefish River’s economic development sectors and how they relate to the First Nations goals. Proven ability in writing strategic plans as it relates to economic development, Requests for Proposals, Special Reports and related high level reports.

Whitefish River First Nation, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island; ON POP1A0
Email questions and packages to: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca
Applications should be submitted by **Friday, June 18th at 12 p.m** and must include the following:
Cover letter, current resume, copies of certificates (Degrees or Diplomas),
and three current reference contacts (only).

Central councillor on one month leave

by Michael Erskine
CENTRAL MANITOULIN—A request for a leave of absence, effective immediately until the end of June, was presented to council at its May 27 meeting.

The motion, “That Councillor Johnston’s request for a leave of absence be granted for the remainder of May and all of June, 2021,” was passed unanimously.

No reason for the request was forthcoming, however Mayor Richard Stephens noted Councillor Johnston, who is a high school teacher, has “a lot on her plate right now.”

The motion was moved by Councillor Dale Scott and seconded by Councillor Derek Stephens.

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Northern Ontario's oldest newspaper
has openings for
Qualified Freelance Reporters

Successful applicants must be capable of writing both news and feature stories. Some stories will be assigned, others may be self-generated in consultation with the paper's editor. Photos to illustrate news and feature stories are an expectation.

Preference will be given to applicants who:

- Have had experience in journalism
- Can demonstrate the ability to work to a firm deadline
- Can demonstrate a good knowledge of Manitoulin Island, or at least the area of it in which they live
- Have a class G driver's licence and access to a vehicle

If you feel you meet these minimum requirements and would like to join a team of professionals dedicated to telling the interesting stories of this unique place, please send your resume, including writing samples to: editor@manitoulin.com.

PLEASE NOTE: Only applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.



**WATERKEEPER
POSITION**

Manitoulin Streams is currently searching for a hard-working, motivated youth (18-30) to join their team as a Waterkeeper for Mnidoo Mnising (Manitoulin Island). During the summer of 2021, Manitoulin Streams will fund a female Indigenous Waterkeeper (traditional knowledge blended with water quality "scientist") to better understand watershed issues on Manitoulin Island. The position will provide services to local communities through environmental water data gathering and protection; public educational awareness and stewardship activities that build and support improved water quality across Manitoulin Island.

Work Tasks and Responsibilities:

- Collection of water samples from Manitoulin Island stream watersheds and shorelines.
- Participate in stream assessments.
- Ability to engage volunteers, landowners, interest groups within First Nations and Municipalities to participate in stream/watershed protection and rehabilitation by helping plan stewardship activities i.e. tree planting, shoreline cleanups, help with phragmites removal and citizen scientist data collection initiatives.
- Ability to help build capacity in communities to provide relevant educational knowledge teaching opportunities by partnering with local schools, community interest groups and people of all ages through workshops, presentations, water ceremonies, community events, etc.
- Strong written and oral communication skills.
- Contribute toward educational awareness information on social media, local newspapers, website, etc.
- Organizational skills and ability to work effectively with minimal supervision.
- Enrolled in or pursuing secondary education in biology, environmental science or related resource management programs.
- Familiarity with computers (word, outlook, excel, etc.).
- Ability to work flexible hours and conduct fieldwork.
- Valid driver's licence and have access to a vehicle for the position.

Wage Rate: \$17.00/hour

Number of Hours/Week: 35

Position Duration: 8 weeks

The successful applicant should meet eligibility criteria to qualify for wage contribution from MMET and LDM subsidy requirements.

Please forward resume and cover letter to: Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association
c/o Seija Deschenes, 25B Spragge St., Box 238, Manitowaning, ON P0P 1N0,
Email: streams@amtelecom.net. **The deadline for applications is June 18, 2021 2:00 pm.**



**UCCM
ANISHNAABE
POLICE**

**EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY**

HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR

SALARY: \$72, 215/year plus benefits

TERM: Permanent Full-Time

The UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service is looking for an experienced HR Administrator who is dynamic and self-driven! The HR Administrator will report to the Director of Corporate Services and will be required to work closely with the Police Senior Leadership Team. This business administrative professional will provide human resources guidance and expertise to all levels of staff within the organization and will be handling sensitive information. This position requires interaction with approximately 25-30 personnel, external HR stakeholders, and other agency partners.

Education and Experience:

- Diploma/Degree in Human Resources Management, Business Administration or related field or equivalent education.
- 3+ years of experience working in an HR or Business field.
- Knowledge of Human Resource principles and/or previous experience in human resources is required.
- Membership in the Human Resources Professionals Association is preferred; however, eligibility to be a member is required.

Skills (Includes but are not limited to):

- Human resource management and HR file maintenance
- Ability to handle multiple projects, meet multiple deadlines
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to learn very quickly in a fast-paced environment
- Ability to exercise professional judgment and reasonableness in a variety of situations

Duties (Includes but are not limited to):

- Provides general human resources support and ensures compliance with all applicable labour and employment laws.
- Provides direction, expertise, and support to management on employee relations and performance management issues.
- Assists in the administration of compensation and monitoring the performance appraisal process.
- Champions the hiring process by coordinating job postings, reviewing, and selecting resumes, scheduling interviews and coordinates interviews and the hiring and onboarding process.
- Establishes, coordinates, and monitors health and safety programs.
- Manages pension and benefits, WSIB claims, and short-term and long-term disability claims.
- Assists Senior Management/Leadership with training requests and yearly allocations with training services.
- Manages uniform and equipment ordering and maintenance.
- Plans, develops, and implements, appropriate in-house programs, specific skill-based training, and sessions.

Other Important Information

- A thorough background check will be completed, and the background check must be clear before an offer for employment will be given.
- A valid Class G driver's license is required.

The UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service offers many employee benefits including: employee and employer matching 9% pension contributions, 100% employer paid health benefits, life insurance, EFAP, and many other benefits.

DEADLINE: Friday, June 25th, at 4:00 pm

Please apply for this position by submitting your cover letter, resume, and 3 **work** related references to:

CONFIDENTIAL

"Employment Opportunity: HR Administrator"

Human Resources
U.C.C.M. Anishnaabe Police Service
5926 Hwy 540, Box 332
M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0

Individuals of Anishnaabe ancestry are encouraged to apply.

For questions about this employment opportunity and a detailed job description, please contact: Taylor Sayers at taylor.sayers@uccmpolice.com.



**UCCM
ANISHNAABE
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**EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY**

FINANCE AND IT COORDINATOR

SALARY: \$69,216 / year plus benefits

TERM: Permanent Full-Time

UCCM Anishnaabe Police is looking for a full-time Finance and IT Coordinator to join our team. The successful candidate will provide financial and information technology support through compiling data, analyzing information, preparing reports, and handling IT servicing requests and supporting improvements to the IT infrastructure of the organization. The individual also applies accounting control procedures that ensures the accuracy and integrity of the accounting system. This position requires interaction with approximately 25-30 personnel, external stakeholders, and other agency partners.

Education and Experience:

1. University or College Degree/Diploma in Business or Finance, or combination of equivalent experience;
2. Minimum of 2-3 years of recent work-related financial and IT experience in a business environment;
3. Experience processing financial and payroll transactions;
4. Excellent written and verbal communication skills
5. Knowledge of IT infrastructures, software, hardware, and ability to troubleshoot minor issues; and
6. Experience interpreting and applying financial policies and guidelines.

Skills:

- Knowledge of accounting functions and principles: payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, chart of accounts, etc;
- Experience in financial management and financial file maintenance;
- Knowledge of IT infrastructures, software, hardware, and ability to troubleshoot minor issues;
- Ability to handle multiple projects, meet multiple deadlines; and problem solve;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Ability to learn very quickly in a fast paced environment;
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office software applications, financial accounting software, records management, systems, time management software, and general computer skills; and
- Ability to exercise professional judgment and reasonableness in a variety of situations.

Other Important Information

- A background check will be completed prior to start date;
- A valid Class G driver's license is required; and

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"Employment Opportunity: Finance and IT Coordinator"

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Casual And Temporary Administrative Assistant Positions

At Rainbow District School Board we are leaders in learning, inspiring success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts. We bring learning to life, enabling students to fulfill their aspirations.

Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for Casual and Temporary Administrative Assistant Positions.

For more information about this employment opportunity, please visit www.rainbowschools.ca/about/employment.

Interested candidates should apply by **12 pm Friday June 18, 2021** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

Doreen Dewar
Board Chair

Norm Blaseg
Director of Education

rainbowschools.ca



Indigenous Education Support Clerk

At Rainbow District School Board we are leaders in learning, inspiring success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts. We bring learning to life, enabling students to fulfill their aspirations.

Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for Indigenous Education Support Clerk.

For more information about this employment opportunity, please visit www.rainbowschools.ca/about/employment.

Interested candidates should apply by **12 pm Monday June 14, 2021** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

Doreen Dewar
Board Chair

Norm Blaseg
Director of Education

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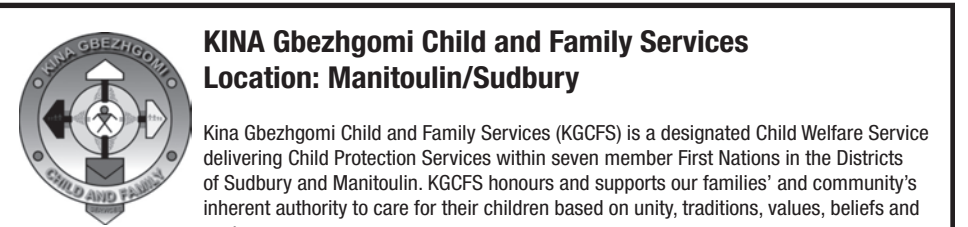
Help Wanted

Providence Bay Trailer Park is looking for a mature park attendant. Also hiring a front desk guest attendant. Must have good people skills. Will be responsible for registration and other park duties.

Resumes and reference can be mailed to P.O. Box 66, Providence Bay, Ontario P0P 1T0.

Passport photos are taken Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm at the Expositor Office. \$20.50 including tax. **No appointment necessary.** 705-368-2744.

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KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
Location: Manitoulin/Sudbury

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

FINANCE CLERK
(1) FULL-TIME POSITION - PERMANENT
LOCATION: MANITOULIN/SUDBURY

JOB OVERVIEW:

The Finance Clerk is responsible for performing financial, administrative, and clerical services for the agency's day-to-day operations under the direct supervision of the Finance Supervisor. The Finance Clerk will be trained to perform various tasks within Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Payroll, Benefits and Electronic Filing Systems. All KGCFs employees are expected to participate and respect the Anishinaabe culture and be committed to helping First Nation families strengthen and achieve a healthy level of well-being as part of adhering to the agency's mission statement, vision statement, and service principals.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education:

A combination of any 3 or more of the following:

- Bachelor's in Business Administration in Accounting
- Business Administration Accounting Diploma from recognized/accredited College
- 3 Year Business Administration/Accounting Diploma: Office Administration & Management from recognized/ accredited College
- 2 Year Accounting Diploma from recognized/accredited College
- Office and Payroll Administrator Diploma (non-accredited College)

Certificates:

- Business Administration Certificate
- Canadian Payroll Association Training: Payroll I & II, Employment Standards, Year-End Procedures and Terminations
- Computerized Accounting Software Training: Accounts Payable, Payroll and Purchase Orders
- Microsoft Office Training - Word, Excel, and Access

Experience

- A combination of any 3 or more of the following:
- Minimum 6 years' AR/AP Clerk experience
- Minimum 1 year Finance/Accounting Clerk/ Finance Assistant experience
- Minimum 3 years' Payroll Clerk experience
- Minimum 2 years' Office Management/ Business Purchasing experience
- Minimum 3 years' Receptionist experience
- Minimum 3.5 years' KGCFs experience
- Minimum 1 year Bookkeeping experience

Deadline: Open Recruitment until Position Filled

Applicants are encouraged to visit our website at www.kgcf.org/employment to review the full job description. KGCFs offers competitive wages, a generous benefit package and OMERS pension plan.

Please submit your application marked "**Confidential – Finance Clerk.**" Include in your application a cover letter, resume, and **(3) three reference letters - two (2) employment related from recent employers.** Please also detail in your application: education, employment experience, and cultural participation. Applications are accepted and in the following order of preference: by email, fax or in person, at

Human Resources – Confidential
FINANCE CLERK
Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
Main Office - 98 Pottawatomi Avenue,
Wikwemikong, Ontario P0P 2J0
Fax: (705) 859-2195
Email: hr@kgcf.org

KGCFs services is 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). Miigwetch for your application, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. As a condition of employment, the successful candidate will be required to submit the following: satisfactory Criminal Reference Check (within three months of application date), Vulnerable Sector Check and Driver's Abstract.



Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC)
Seeks Applicants – Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors, as the committee responsible for bringing forward suitable candidates to the Board, is seeking applications from persons within the District of Manitoulin who are interested in serving as Directors. While the Committee encourages applicants from all geographical areas of the Manitoulin Region, there is a current need/desire to recruit candidates from the Central Manitoulin, South Baymouth, Tehkummah, Assiginack, Sheguiandah, Aundeck Omni Kaning, Sheshegwaning and Zhiibaahaasing communities.

MHC is a two-site hospital corporation, with locations in Mindemoya and Little Current, whose Mission is "To contribute to the health and well-being of all who come to us in need." The Board governs the organization, and is responsible for issues such as strategic direction, capacity, quality, collaborative ventures, risk management and fiscal soundness of the organization. Towards these activities, Directors act in the best interest of the hospital corporation, ensuring through appropriate governance endeavours that the hospital fulfills its mission.

MHC selects Directors based on an identified need from within MHC's Board of Directors Skills Matrix. Consideration is given to individuals having the following experience or background:

- Business/Finance/Accounting/Insurance;
- Human Resources/Labour Relations;
- Law/Justice;
- Marketing/Fundraising/Public & Government Relations;
- Public Sector Administration/Education/Health Sector;
- CEO/Senior Executive/Management;
- Community-Based Organization and Engagement;
- Other relevant skills desirable to the Board.

Diversity of skills, knowledge and viewpoints is desirable for a high-performing Board, and so the Board encourages applications from suitable individuals with an interest in serving in this capacity. Manitoulin Health Centre is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal people, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

Interested persons are asked to submit:

- A cover letter indicating the reason(s) why they wish to sit as a Director;
- A resume outlining skills and qualities they will bring to the Board;
- A description of any past experiences in serving other non-profit associations, organizations or community groups; and
- Three (3) references

by **12:00 pm (noon) on Wednesday, June 30, 2021**
addressed to Chair, Nominating Committee, Board of Directors,
by email to lmastelko@mhc.on.ca.



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KENJGEWIN TEG

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on page 2.**

**WWW.KENJGEWINTEG.CA
705-377-4342**

Private classified word ads, like this, are \$8 for up to 25 words and 10 cents for every additional word, per week, plus HST. Pre-payment (VISA, MasterCard, cheque or cash) is required. Private sales only. Call 705-368-2744 to book your ad.

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KENJGEWIN TEG



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

KENJGEWIN TEG IS SEEKING A TEAM MEMBER TO PROVIDE FULL YEAR LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS!

LEARNING COACH

TERM POSITION: SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022 (JULY 2021 – JUNE 2022)

As one of nine recognized Indigenous Institutes in the province of Ontario, the organization is seeking to recruit dynamic individuals who are compassionate and committed to supporting students through lifelong learning as offered through the Pathways and Post-Secondary Education and Training Programs.

Kenjgewin Teg is an Anishnaabe controlled and directed education organization that strives to provide a comprehensive, qualitative, cultural and holistic approach to First Nations based education, training and services. Our vision is to give students the ability to see the gift they were given, to be able to succeed in this world!

Learning Coach:

Job Classification: Kenjgewin Teg Teacher Salary Grid

Position Objective: The Learning Coach will report directly to the Dean of Pathways under the Lifelong Learning department. The Learning Coach is committed to creating and promoting an environment that reflects our language, traditions and culture in all that we do, and will have an appreciation of the Anishnabek culture, principles, values, language, history, customs and be supportive of Anishnabek practices and protocols. The Learning Coach is responsible for working as a team in teaching and coordinating duties for the Pathways Program. This position is for an individual who is a passionate people person who will lead a student population with tremendous potential who require student support services to ensure academic success and student retention.

This position is highly interpersonal with constant interaction with students and the local community. The position demands an individual who can handle people with tact while being able to inspire, lead and be supportive at the same time.

Job Knowledge and Skill:

- Knowledge of Anishnabek cultural teachings or at a minimum willing to learn and participate is preferred;
- Possess coaching and mentoring skills;
- Familiarity with available community resources in our service delivery area;
- Ability to work effectively within a team environment approach to program development and delivery in a blended learning environment;
- Must possess strong interpersonal skills to interact with students, community service providers, and staff; and
- Must be able to function in an environment that requires multi-tasking.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Education degree with Intermediate/Senior qualifications;
- Special Education qualifications would be a definite asset;
- A member in good standing with the Ontario College of Teachers;
- Minimum three (3) years of successful teaching experience in the intermediate/senior division;
- Knowledge and experience working with e-learning applications and LMS including the Brightspace D2L environment;
- Appreciation and knowledge of the Anishnabek culture, principles, values, language, history and customs and supportive of Anishnabek Practices, language revitalization and protocols.

Deadline: Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 12 noon

For a complete job description or to learn more about this employment opportunity, please email humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca.

Interested individuals can send a complete application package that consists of:

Cover letter, a detailed resume, **three (3) current** (within one year) letters of reference, two of which must be professional on organizational letterhead and authored by direct supervisor, and written permission to contact references. Please note that the successful candidate will be required to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check.

Applications can be received marked confidential either through email to humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca or mail to:

Kenjgewin Teg
"Learning Coach"
c/o Director of Operations
374A Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON P0P 1G0
Tel: 705-377-4342 Fax: 705-377-4379

Please note: Kenjgewin Teg has taken steps to ensure that the organization is inclusive and partnership with the school community. This includes the shared practice of First Nation tradition of smudging.

Please note: Kenjgewin Teg Fitness for Duty Program is implemented which is designed to promote the development and maintenance of the highest possible levels of worker health and safety in an efficient and productive workplace.

Please note: Late applications will not be considered. While we thank all applicants, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information contained in applications will be used for recruitment purposes and collected as per Freedom Of Information (F.O.I.) And Protection Of Privacy Act, 1987.



Employment Opportunity FOOT CARE REGISTERED PRACTICAL NURSE (RPN)

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is currently recruiting an experienced and skilled Foot Care RPN with advance foot care training in the Primary Care Program. This nurse will work to provide basic (non-diabetic) & advanced diabetic foot care assessments and treatment services to Wikwemikong community members in a clinic setting.

Responsibilities

- Accountable for own foot care nursing practice and professional growth with reflection, evidence-based practice and available resources and guidelines;
- Builds a positive personal interpersonal, group, community and professional relationship to foster improved health for client experiencing issues of care in order to promote optimum health and reduction of lower limb complications;
- Practices Infection Control as defined within guidelines and regulations;
- Practices in keeping with his/her role and scope of practice, the standards for nursing Practice and Code of Ethics of CNO.

Qualifications

- Currently registered with College of Nurses of Ontario;
- RPNAO with general liability insurance;
- Advanced Foot Care Certification with Diabetes Foot Care;
- Valid CPR;
- Demonstrated analytical, evaluation and problem solving skills;
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills;
- Demonstrated excellence in organizational skills;
- Capable of working independently;
- Maintain client confidentiality, safety and comfort;
- Ability to manage own schedule;
- Compassionate;
- Responsibility.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copy of accreditations, and contact information of two work-related references, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

RPN - Foot Care

Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
P.O. Box 101, 16A Complex Drive
Wikwemikong, Ontario P0P 2J0
Telephone: 705.859.3164
Fax: 705.859.3300
Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Posted: May 26, 2021

Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Abstract, Accreditations, and Driver's Licence. DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE.



Mnaamodzawin Health Services EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

CUSTODIAN PERMANENT PART-TIME

Responsibilities:

- Perform general preventative facility maintenance and repair duties
- General cleaning of facility
- Maintain inventory of maintenance, cleaning supplies and equipment
- Seasonal Maintenance i.e. shovelling & clearing entrance and walkways, watering plants & vegetable gardens
- Reporting equipment deficiencies to supervisor
- Ordering supplies as required

Qualifications:

- One to three years' general maintenance and cleaning experience, preferably in a healthcare setting.
- Knowledge of WHMIS with certification (or option to obtain within three months)
- Knowledge of Occupational Health and Safety
- Current Ontario Driver's Licence (and vehicle)
- Current CPR, First Aid Certification (or option to obtain within three months)
- Knowledge of Anishinaabe language and/or culture considered an asset.

Deadline: Friday, June 18, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

Send resume, cover letter, CPIC, and three current work-related reference letters marked 'Confidential' by mail or email to:

Human Resources
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
Postal Bag 2002, Hwy 540
48 Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning
Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0
Phone: 705-368-2182 ext. 271
Fax: 705-368-2229
hr@mnaamodzawin.com

We thank all for applying, however, only those under considerations will be contacted.

It is the time of year where once a day, either for lunch or dinner, we eat a huge salad. The leaf and romaine lettuce and kale for the past month have been growing like crazy. Love it. I have a real issue with taking my fresh greens and covering them with a manufactured salad dressing with ingredients that you can't pronounce!

It is so easy to make your own salad dressing. One of my quickest salad dressing (I don't measure) is placing the salad in a large bowl, pour some olive oil over top, add a bit of really good balsamic vinegar (very important), a splash of maple syrup, then a sprinkle of salt and pepper. Gently mix with the tongs.

Kale/Romaine Caesar Salad

As my kale grows I keep picking off the outside leaves before they get too big because they are still very tender. By constantly



picking the outside leaves the kale never gets really big and after awhile it goes on strike. So, throughout the gardening season I am constantly planting kale seeds to keep my supply going for my salad but at the same time I will leave some kale plants to grow normal to be used for soup or kale chips.

SALAD DRESSING
(makes two cups)
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
2 Tbsp lemon juice
6 Tbsp real mayonnaise (not salad dressing)
1/2 cup packed grated

Parmesan cheese
1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
2 clove garlic
1 cup olive oil
1/2 tsp fine sea salt
1 1/2 tsp freshly ground black pepper

In a blender, combine the vinegar, lemon juice, mayonnaise, Parmesan, mustard and garlic.

Process on medium-high speed until smooth and well combined, 15 to 20 seconds. Stop the blender and scrape down the sides with a spatula.

With the blender running on low speed, slowly drizzle in the olive oil until

the dressing is thickened about 30 seconds. If the blender is finished blending and there is still a bit of oil sitting on top just mix it in by hand with the spatula at the same time you add the salt and pepper.

The dressing will keep for at least seven days refrigerated.

INGREDIENTS: This serves 1 person as a main meal or two for a side
3 cups chopped romaine lettuce
1 cup chopped kale
1/4 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

1/4 cup Parmesan flakes
2 slices bacon, cut into pieces and fried until crispy
1 hard-boiled egg
Croutons, optional
About 1/3 cup Caesar dressing
DIRECTIONS:
Combine all the ingredients in a large bowl. Top with the dressing, and using tongs, toss until well mixed. Add the egg on top and sprinkle with croutons.

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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All claims against the Estate of Margaret Patrick, late of Little Current who died on October 28, 2020, must be filed with the undersigned by June 15, 2021 after which date the estate will be distributed having regard only to claim of which notice has been received.

First issue date June 2, 2021.

Larry S. Humenik
19 Argyle St. N
Caledonia, ON N3W 2G6
Solicitor of the Estate

MCA
Auxiliary News

President Dawn Orr welcomed all to the May meeting. The meeting featured much discussion on items of interest to watch for in the future.

A large plaque will be mounted on a wall in the entry area. This plaque contains the article published in The Expositor to commemorate 75 years of auxiliary service to the hospital

in Little Current. Also, a logo was chosen by auxiliary members present to use when necessary.

Membership was discussed. Since September is membership month, new information is forthcoming to members.

The auxiliary has a Facebook page. Crystal Bossio-Vine and Carole Labelle are in charge of the site. Check

for information and updates.

Book sales resume at the NEMI Farmers' Market on Saturday, June 19. Many have been waiting for the market to open to stock up on reading material and support the auxiliary.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 17. Contact Dawn Orr (705-368-2608) to receive the

number for the conference call. These meetings have gone well over the last several months, allowing interaction, discussion and making decisions as a group.

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NEMI
NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN & THE ISLANDS

Application for CONSENT
Under Section 53 of the Planning Act
To be held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021
at 7:00pm via Electronic Meeting - Zoom

File No. : Con 2021-03
Applicant: Bruce O'Hare and Kelly Bolduc
Location: 42 Robinson Street West
Legal Description: Shaftesbury Town Plot 2, Lot 11
Official Plan: Residential
Zoning: R1

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION
The purpose of this application is to create a registered easement to allow for the installation of a sewer line.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:
The applicant created a new building lot and requires a legal consent to accommodate a sewer line.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN THESE MATTERS MAY ATTEND the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands public meeting concerning this application. If you have specific comments regarding this application, you may submit a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority prior to or at the meeting.

IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND this Hearing, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the Decision of the Planning Authority in respect of the proposed Consent, you must make a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority at the address shown below.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY THAT FILES AN APPEAL against a decision of the Approval Authority in respect of the proposed consent has not made a written submission to the Approval Authority before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application is available to the public for viewing at the Municipal Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday; or you may contact Ms. Pam Cress, Clerk and Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority, at (705) 368-3500 ext. 228.

Dated: June 9, 2021
Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands
14 Water St. E.; P.O. Box 608
Little Current, ON POP 1K0
Ph: (705)368-3500

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR: Creation and Updates of Policies & Procedures
NADMADWIN MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC, WIIKWEMKOONG, ON
16A Complex Drive, Box 101, Wiikwemkoong, ON, POP 2J0 Phone: 705-859-3164

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

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

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

SERVICES
The proponent shall provide the following services:

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

SCHEDULE AND TIMING OF PROJECT
Proposals must be received by July 16, 2021 @ 4:00pm EST
It is expected that the project will begin during the week of August 2, 2021. The completion date is likely to be on October 29, 2021. Alternative timelines could be considered.

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


P•AWS FOR THOUGHT

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Janice Mitchell is a veterinarian with Island Animal Hospital in Mindemoya and Little Current Veterinary Services in Little Current, a community volunteer and a beekeeper too!

by Dr. Janice Mitchell

Many of you may have heard and used Ivermectin as a dewormer for your cattle or sheep, or even Revolution on your dog and cat for flea, heart worm and tick prevention. The active medicinal ingredient in these products is an avermectin compound also known as a macrocyclic lactone. They comprise a family of anti-parasitic agents derived from fermentation products of soil bacteria. And up until now, veterinarians only considered these products for treatment and prevention of a multitude of parasites from fleas, mange and intestinal parasites in a range of species from the small, such as rabbits and birds, through the medium-sized dogs and cats to the large animals like horses, cattle and bison. Well, now we are finding that avermectins, ivermectin in particular, are now being used in the prevention and treatment of COVID-19. Ivermectin can now add "anti-viral" to its indication list.

The story of ivermectin goes back 40 years as an incredibly effective anti-parasitic drug with a robust safety record. The story of how ivermectin was discovered is quite incredible. In the late 1960s, a Japanese microbiologist, Satoshi Omura, was hunting for new antibacterial compounds and started to collect thousands of soil samples from around Japan. One culture, derived from a golf course, was sent to his collaborator William Campbell at the Merck lab in the US and was tested against parasitic worms affecting livestock and was remarkably effective. The bacterium in the culture was a new species and was baptized *Streptomyces avermectilis*. The active component avermectin was chemically modified to increase its activity and its safety and became ivermectin. Ivermectin was commercialized as a product for animal health in 1981 and soon became a top selling drug in the world.

Ivermectin was then studied and used to successfully treat a parasitic disease called 'river blindness', a devastating disease that left millions of people blind in sub-Saharan Africa. It was then approved for human use in 1987. It also won its collaborators the Nobel Prize for physiology and medicine in 2015. The WHO has included it on their 'List of Essential Medicines' for parasitic infections and to date approximately four billion doses have been given with very few serious adverse events. Over the years, there has been research into its use beyond the parasitic scope and there have been papers to suggest antiviral and anti-cancer properties. The key aspect is that it is a generic medicine and thus rather inexpensive compared to many modern medications.

Most recently, it has come to attention that there are two separate groups researching the use of ivermectin in the treatment, and prevention of COVID-19. The first was a cardiologist and faculty member of internal medicine at Texas A&M University, Dr. Peter McCullough. With much research and medical experience in his background, one of his recent research articles was published in the American Journal of Medicine discussing the combination use of ivermectin with an antibiotic azithromycin to knock down the COVID-19 viral load in symptomatic patients. Over the past years there have been hints of ivermectin being used but this is the first time of a published algorithm to treat patients with inexpensive medications including ivermectin and keeping patients out of the hospital.

The second source is Dr. Tess Lawrie, a British doctor with degrees in both medicine and surgery and co-founder of an independent medical research company. Dr. Lawrie identified ivermectin as a highlighted drug with evidence based, peer reviewed articles demonstrating its success in both preventing and treating COVID. Dr. Lawrie is also a founder of the group British Ivermectin Recommendation Development Group (www.bird-group.org). This group is affiliated with doctors from the United States, Brazil, Australia, United Kingdom and an international World Doctors Alliance. Collectively, this international collaboration have discovered the profound anti-viral and anti-inflammatory properties of ivermectin. In COVID-19 specifically, studies show that one of its several anti-viral properties is that it strongly binds to the spike protein, keeping the virus from entering the cell. These effects, along with its multiple abilities to control inflammation, both explain the markedly positive trial results already reported.

As a result of the emerging data by these doctors, multiple countries and regions have formally adopted ivermectin into their treatment guidelines. They include Macedonia, Belize, Northern India, and some states in Mexico and Paraguay. As of yet, Canada has not adopted any such policy from what I could research.

If one looks up ivermectin under Wikipedia it is quoted, "misinformation was widely spread claiming that ivermectin was beneficial for treating and preventing COVID-19." It is interesting that such a dichotomy exists, especially when one reviews the published, researched articles from these two groups. If anyone is interested reviewing these articles for themselves, the website www.bird-group.org may be a good starting point.

In today's era, our society benefits from the One Health approach. The goal of optimal health is recognized when there is a collaboration between the inter-connection of people, animals and the environment. Perhaps a common veterinary drug, with origins in the soil, will become another wonder drug for the health of we humans.

Death Notices

TIMOTHY JOSEPH BATTE

"Tim"

November 17, 1961 - May 30, 2021



Timothy Joseph Batte of Mildmay passed away suddenly at home on Sunday, May 30, 2021, in his 60th year with his beloved partner Rebecca Stein by his side. Tim was a loving father to Jessica Batte and a respected step-father of Tyson (Mikayla) of Walkerton, Ethan (Michaela) of Leamington and Curtis (Jenelle) of Innisfil. He was an adored "Papa Tim" by his grandchildren Annabelle, Jacob, Etta Jean and Remi Mae, and a faithful, loyal companion to "Buster." Timothy was predeceased by his parents Edward and Christine (nee Voisin) Batte and will be deeply missed by his siblings Dennis (Carol) of Belmore, Robert of Teeswater, James (Marianne) of Teeswater, Richard (Darlene) of Mildmay, Catherine of Waterloo, Michelle (Darren) of Mildmay and Joseph (Yvonne) of Walkerton. Tim will be fondly remembered by the Weber family and by his loving nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. Tim was a well-known neighbourhood businessman and devoted his entire career to the farming industry and the farming community. He was known to be very dependable and hardworking. He made friends easily with his quiet manner, quick wit and soft grin. Tim will be remembered fondly for his chuckle, his gentle demeanour, sense of humour, infectious smile and sparkling blue eyes, but most of all for his love and admiration for his 'Becca' and family. Tim impacted everyone he met, and he will be missed dearly by all who knew him or had the honour to meet him. A funeral service was held privately at Cameron's on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 11 am with Rev. Michael Anderson officiating. Tim's service was livestreamed through his memorial page at CameronFuneralHomes.com. Interment at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Formosa. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Community Living-Walkerton & District or donations to St. Mary's General Hospital Foundation, Kitchener, in Tim's name will be directed to cardiac initiatives. Cards available at Cameron's (519-881-1273). Donations and condolences may also be made online at CameronFuneralHomes.com.

DEACON DAN

DANIEL JOSEPH GERALD LAROUCHE

March 17, 1931 - May 30, 2021



In loving memory of Deacon Dan Daniel Joseph Gerald Larouche. Dan passed away peacefully into the arms of God with his family by his side at the Manitoulin Health Centre on Sunday, May 30, 2021 at the age of 90. Beloved husband and soulmate of Mary Larouche (nee Black). Cherished father of Linda, Dan (Cindy), Bernie (Lloyd) and Colleen. Father figure to Veronica, Betty, Marlene and Rob. Proud and doting grandpa of Desi (Jen), Kelly (Jessica), Mardan, Michelle (Ron), Lauren (Alex), Morgan, Alicia (Chris) and Corey. Bubba to Braeden, Brodie, Marina, Maddalyn, Dale, Alex, Sebastian (Baz) and Nathan. Predeceased by parents Louis and Florence Larouche. Brother of Veronica (predeceased), Stan (Cécile), Bernice (predeceased), Geraldine (predeceased), twin Damien (predeceased) (Lillian), Joe (Bev) (predeceased), Vernon (Muriel) (both predeceased) and Sharlene. Dan will also be missed by the Black family as well as many nieces, nephews and friends. Dan lived in Little Current in his youth and returned as a young man with his new bride where he raised his family. Dan had many self taught talents that included building his home, oil and sign painting, drawing and upholstery while working as the swing bridge operator. He enjoyed his community through church, school and Credit Union involvement. Installed as a Deacon in Little Current and he served local parishes and was well respected. He enjoyed curling, bowling, reading, learning and collecting tools. There was a private visitation at Island Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm with funeral service at 2 pm, cremation followed.

MARY THERESE ASHAWASEGA

(nee Naodegijig)

February 27, 1930 - June 4, 2021



In loving memory of Mary Therese Ashawasega (nee Naodegijig) who peacefully passed away on Friday, June 4, 2021 at Health Sciences North, Sudbury surrounded by her loving family. Born in Pickerel River on February 27, 1930 and raised in Belcanan and Cantin Island. Beloved wife of Stephen Henry Ashawasegai. Loving mother of Gordon Lenn Ashawasegai (predeceased) (wife Louise), Bruce Emerson Ashawasegai (wife Charlene), Gary Edward Ashawasegai (predeceased) (wife Wilma Pelky), Ralph Alfred Ashawasegai (predeceased) (wife Perry) and Brian Stephen Ashawasegai (wife Glenna). Cherished grandmother of 14 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Dear daughter of Genevieve Contin and Michael (Mishen) Naodegijig (both predeceased). Dear sister of Mary Louise Naodegijig (twin sister) and Beatrice Wickamakakis (both predeceased). She is survived by many nieces, nephews and extended family. She will be greatly missed. The family would like to give thanks to the nurses at Health Sciences North, 4th floor of the South Tower. They took very good care of her during her last days of life. The wake will be at 551 Pickerel River Road in Pickerel River starting at 12 noon on Monday, June 7, 2021 with a Traditional Ceremony on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 to be followed by cremation. For messages of condolence, LougheedFuneralHomes.com. Arrangements entrusted to the Lougheed Funeral Home.

RICHARD FLOYD CORBIERE

"Ricky"

"Mkwa ebaapid" "Laughing Bear"

September 10, 1952 - May 31, 2021



In loving memory of Richard Floyd Corbiere "Ricky," a resident of Wikwemikong First Nation who passed away suddenly on Monday, May 31, 2021 at the age of 68. Ricky was born on September 10, 1952 to Rita and Adam Corbiere. After high school he went on to study traditional Indigenous art at Algonquin College in Pembroke, Ontario. Ricky won a scholarship to attend the Jokkmok School of Arts in Sweden in 1974. After graduation, he moved home to Wikwemikong with Jane Martin where their two children were born: Tina (1975) and Keith (1976). Ricky later had Beverly (1987), Raven (1997), and Adam (1998), followed by grandchildren Mason Phoenix, Gabriel Nodin, Brett Martin and Shayla Jane. Ricky's children and grandchildren meant more to him than anything else in the world, something he often mentioned. He is survived by his partner of many years Beverly Peltier, sisters Jeannette, Elaine (Henry Hoy), Shirley Peltier (Chi Jim predeceased), brother Robert, Billy (Waabazii predeceased) and many beloved nieces and nephews, Nimkii, Waubmeme, William Ahzbik, Kelly, Guy, Bobby Joe, Dondi, Bernie, Cherie, Joseph and many more great nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family. Ricky was gifted working with his hands and he was a passionate and talented artist with work to be found in galleries and museums in western Canada and in Europe. Work such as pottery, silversmith, textiles, sculpture, bone carving, silk screening and archival reproductions...work that was renowned for combining the old ways with the new. In 1989 he was commissioned by the Treaty 7 Chiefs of southern Alberta to do a painting which was presented to then Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. Richard Floyd Corbiere was one of a kind, living life to the fullest and on his own terms. He was a character, a visionary, and was well liked by all those who knew him. He will be missed by his partner, by his children, his family and friends. Rest in peace Dad. The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be made in his name to the Wikwemikong Nursing Home. Family and friends gathered at the South Bay Centre for visitation on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 12 noon and a Celebration of Life on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 11 am. Cremation followed.

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

Summer has arrived on Manitoulin in sheared alpaca fashion

by Michael Erskine
SHEGUIANDAH—One-by-one the clients are led out of the stable, blown clear of dust and debris with an air hose, guided to the weighing station and then to the shearing table where they are hoisted up to be lightened of their coats, given a pedicure and inoculated before being led back to the barn for a snack. It's alpaca shearing time at Lobo Loco Alpacas.

Many of the animals being led to the shearing table are veterans from the first event in 2014, but they are not yet ready to submit to the inevitable.

Each of the 26 alpacas have their own personalities and each has their own strategy for delaying the process, some immediately fold their legs and settle into an obstinate sitting pose, others dig in their legs and resist the team moving them toward the weigh station, others engage in some lively bucking and kicking. Surprisingly, none of the docile creatures seeks to bite or deliberately kick their guides—it's full-on Gandhi-style non-violent resistance.

But the shearing team also contains plenty of veterans, including owner Richard Lathwell along with a number of his volunteer crew, and they have their own strategies for getting the job done.

Alpacas need shearing

and hoof clipping when living in these temperate and decidedly softer landscapes.

"Alpacas live naturally in very mountainous and stony regions in South America," explained Mr. Lathwell. "They are used to having their hooves and teeth ground down." The climate is also much

ally very close quarters," he said. "It just works better, and safer, if we do that part later. It's working out very well."

Another change is that the alpacas are not the only ones getting their temperatures taken. Outside the shearing barn is a chart for contact tracing and a no-



Dexter grins and bears it as he's shorn for the summer.

photos by Michael Erskine

warmer here in the summertime, so the loss of the heavy winter coats comes as a big relief, despite their initial reluctance to getting shorn.

Mr. Lathwell has made a number of changes to the shearing system he has perfected over the years due to the pandemic. One of the major changes is that the sorting of the shorn alpaca "fleeces" takes place at a different time.

"The sorting table is usu-

ally touch thermometre to record temperatures. A box of masks stands ready for those who didn't bring their own. Inside the barn, masks do double duty helping to keep dust and bits of floating hair at bay.

Lobo Loco Alpacas utilize their own products for a wide range of artisanal products that are often sold at Island farmers' markets across Manitoulin.



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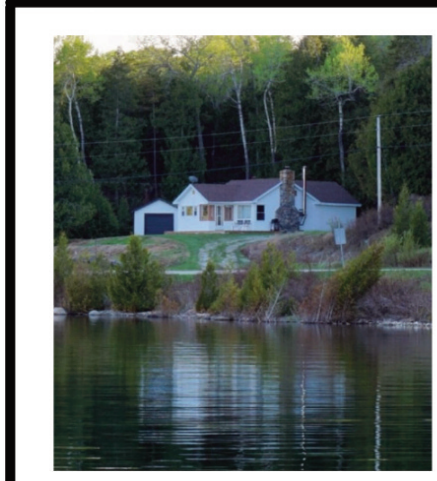
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The historic Gren Bay Hall is on the market.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Historic Green Bay Hall to be listed for sale

Trustees cite pandemic restrictions as 'nail in the coffin'

by Alicia McCutcheon
GREEN BAY—Trustees of the Green Bay Hall came to a tough decision last month. Their beloved community hall, formerly the community school, will be placed on the market in the coming weeks as ongoing pandemic restrictions have made it impossible for the small group of volunteers to fundraise the money needed to keep the lights on and the taxes paid into the future.

The pandemic has been particularly tough on rural community halls, with doors forced to close and limitations placed on fundraising ventures. All community halls in the Northeast Town—Green Bay, Rockville and Sheguiandah—are owned by their respective community groups and are therefore subject to taxes and insurance.

Jack Ferguson, a trustee with the Green Bay Hall, said his hall relied heavily on card parties to see them through the year, but since they haven't been able to host anything since 2020, the well is running dry.

Plus, he added, the popularity of euchre nights is waning. "Card players appear to be dwindling," he added, "and our volunteers are getting older."

The hall sits on the site of the original Green Bay school, which dates back to the 1800s. Many a Green Bay-ite attended school in this location, including Mr. Ferguson, until the Manitoulin School Board turned it over to Howland Township in the early 1970s.

"I hate to see anything happen to it, but I don't see a way around it," Mr. Ferguson continued. "We can't even open the doors with this pandemic. We've got no income at all, but we've still

got bills to pay." The Green Bay Hall's annual operating expenses run at around \$1,700 which include taxes, insurance and hydro.

Should the hall sell, the trustees will come up with ways to disperse the money to area causes, as well as to create an historic plaque to remember the school-turned hall. "But if it doesn't sell, we'll have to come up with something."

"It's a sad thing because this was always part of the community," Mr. Ferguson added.

The Green Bay Hall will be listed with a local realtor in the coming weeks.

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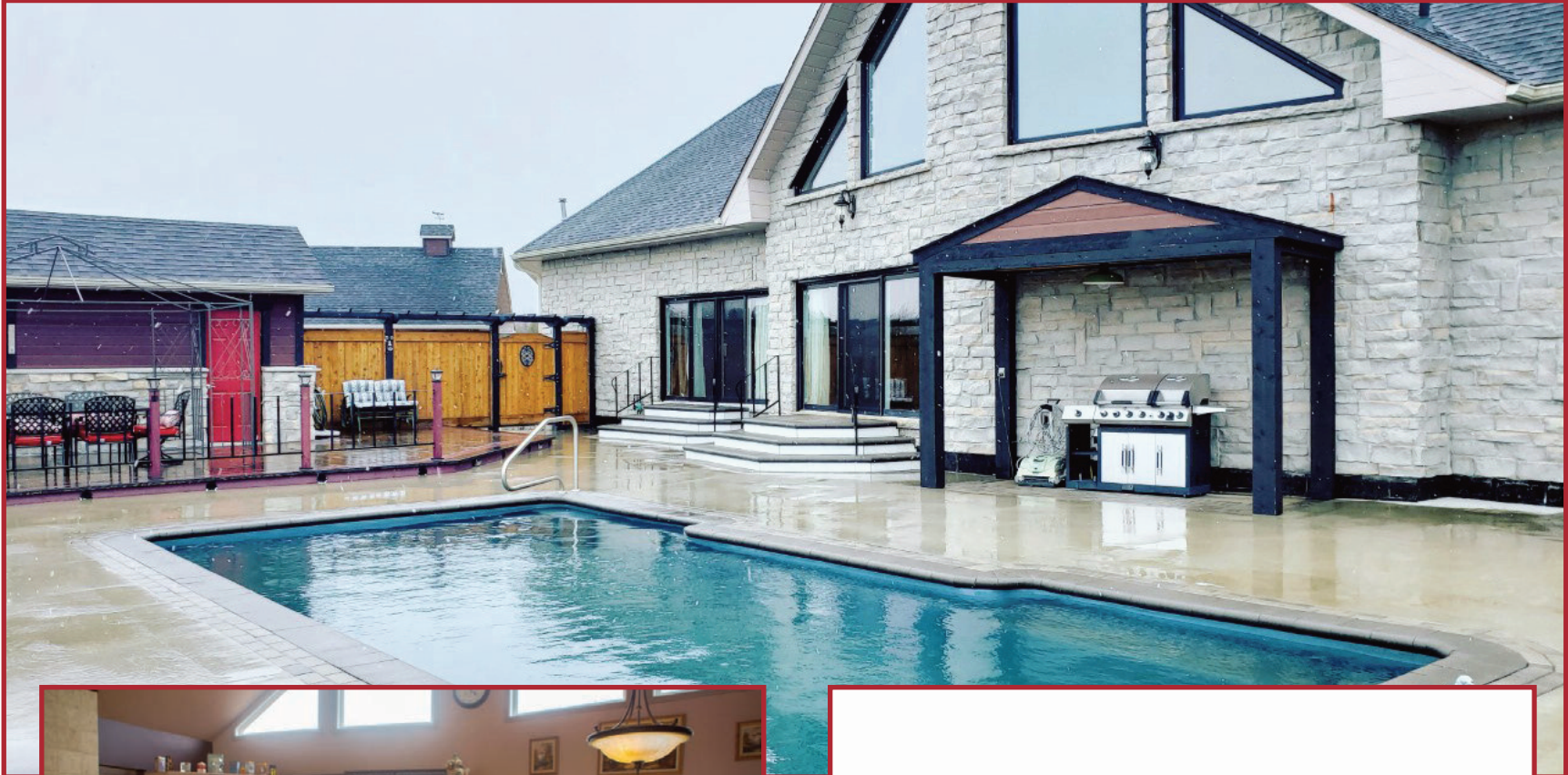
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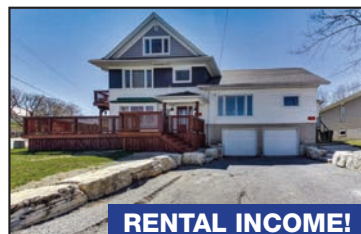
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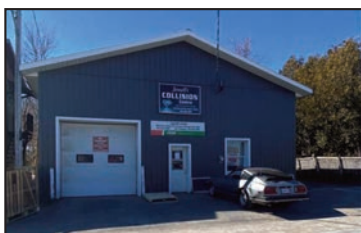
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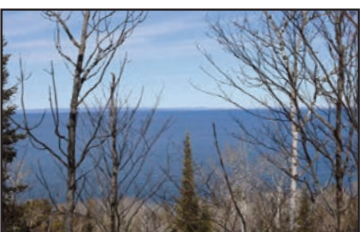
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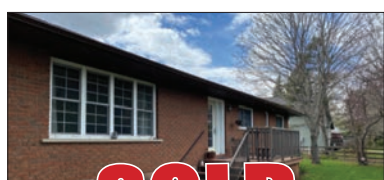
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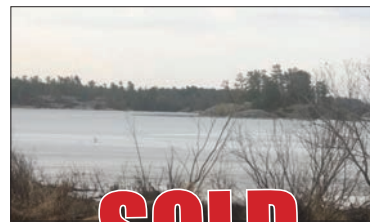
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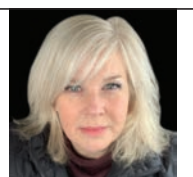
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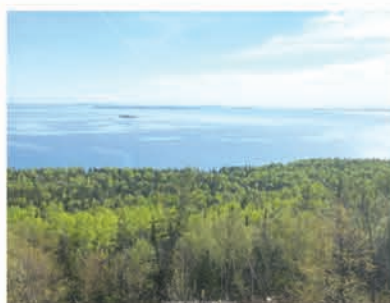
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