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IT'S SPRING AND THE CATERPILLARS HAVE ARRIVED!—Hailey Debassige, Caleb McGraw and Ashton Debassige (hidden behind) Caleb are all smiles as they compete in the caterpillar races at the Aundeck Omni Kaning winter carnival. Naomi Tomaselli and Taylor Goodfellow can be seen coming from behind, while Dawn McGraw in grey cheers them on. See story and more photos on Page 33.

photo by Michael Erskine

Manitoulin OPP, UCCM Police Service will gain crisis worker to assist at mental health, addictions police calls

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MANITOULIN—Two local police services have received a share of the more than \$4 million province-wide investment by the Ontario government to expand mobile crisis response teams (MCRTs). The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service are both recipients of funding to increase their capacity to respond to calls from individuals experiencing a mental health or addictions crisis.

"MCRTs are best positioned to respond to people experiencing a mental health or addictions crisis and to de-escalate situations that could pose a risk to public safety," said Sylvia Jones, Ontario's solic-

itor general. "At a time when police are increasingly confronted with the need to assist vulnerable people in acute crisis situations, this new grant program will expand their ability to deliver appropriate services and underlines our government's commitment to public safety."

According to OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique, the OPP has observed a 42 percent increase in mental health-related calls since 2017. MCRTs consist of police officers and crisis workers working together to respond to complex situations where mental health or addictions may be a factor. Supported by the police, crisis workers determine whether an individual in crisis should be sent to an

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Municipalities, volunteer fire departments worry about upgrading costs of time, treasure

New training regulations stipulated by province

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—"Daunting" is one of the words that was used by firefighters in describing the effects new mandatory fire certification regulations could have on some local volunteer fire departments. Ontario is requiring professional levels of training for all firefighters.

"My fire chief and I are dis-

couraged by the certification regulations as they have been drafted," said Tim Mackinlay, deputy fire chief for Robinson Township at a Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) meeting last week. "I can see not having a fire department in the next few years." He said both the township and the fire department "can't afford the costs involved, and firefighters

are not going to go for five days off the Island to learn pumper training."

"The outlook will be daunting if changes aren't made to the regulations. It won't be good at all. If the province is pushing this, they need to bring the trainers and certification training to us," said Mr. Mackinlay. "But my fear is that this is all a done deal, and the outlook will be grim four years down the road."

"Everyone is aware that Dwayne Elliott, the fire chief of Assiginack and I are the fire coordinators for Manitoulin," said Mike Addison, fire chief for Gore Bay and Gordon/Barrie Island. "We also coordinate mutual aid. One of the main concerns that I have is that some fire departments will have the chance to achieve the fire certification regulations, but some won't. With mutual aid, if we lose neighbour-

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Mindemoya councillor concerned with police patrols, recent vandalism

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—With more vandalism having taken place in Central Manitoulin recently and with additional concerns over potentially more serious crimes, the community is on edge, says a member of the Manitoulin Community Police Advisory Committee (CPAC).

"In Mindemoya right now, the community is on edge," Steve Shaffer, a Central Manitoulin municipal councillor and a member of CPAC stated at a recent meeting. "We just had a break-in at the post office building, with the mailboxes being vandalized and opened and mail taken. And because of this we are seeing a lot of things being posted on social media, that big city problems have arrived here. And there has been talk about police presence and staffing levels, especially after we lost the OPP detachment here in Mindemoya."

Mr. Shaffer noted as well the Mindemoya area recently saw a rash of ice hut break-ins and cars vandalized and broken into. "I know some of these things can be cyclical," he said, noting that the municipality has a neighbouring community that has seen an increase in drug addiction numbers, and serious vio-

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Expositor launches live broadcast

MANITOULIN—Expositor duo Dave Patterson and Alicia McCutcheon have launched a morning talk show, which will air Thursday mornings at 10 am and discuss Expositor news, Island events and more.

The inaugural Expositor Live was held March 17 to good reviews. "Apparently we have a good dynamic," Ms. McCutcheon, Expositor publisher, laughed. "I don't know how I let him talk me into these things."

Mr. Patterson, The Expositor's production manager, said he thought the idea of a morning show would resonate with the people of Mani-

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Dave Patterson and Alicia McCutcheon on the Expositor Live set last Thursday, March 17. Tune in Thursdays at 10 am for livestreaming on The Expositor's Facebook page.

Sheguiandah First Nation takes innovative tack on housing crisis

Small community posts big population growth in recent census report

by Michael Erskine

SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION—Recent population numbers from Statistics Canada indicate that Sheguiandah is the fastest growing First Nation community on Manitoulin Island at 17.9 percent. That community's population rose from 134 in 2016 to 158 in 2021. But with growth come challenges and like most of the province, housing presents one of those challenges. Sheguiandah First Nation is taking a cue from remote Northern communities for one solution.

"Things are looking alright, I suppose," said Sheguiandah Chief Elvis J. Mishibinijima of the population growth report. While the

provincial housing crisis has been making headlines from North to south, the issue has long been a significant for First Nation communities—and population statistics may well be an indication of some of the success being seen in that area. "Nothing too big," he cautioned, "but we are slowly making progress and moving forward."

Chief Mishibinijima noted that the community is currently installing six new units in the form of three duplexes that will "hopefully" be in place by July.

"These are tiny homes," he explained. "They are prefabricated units

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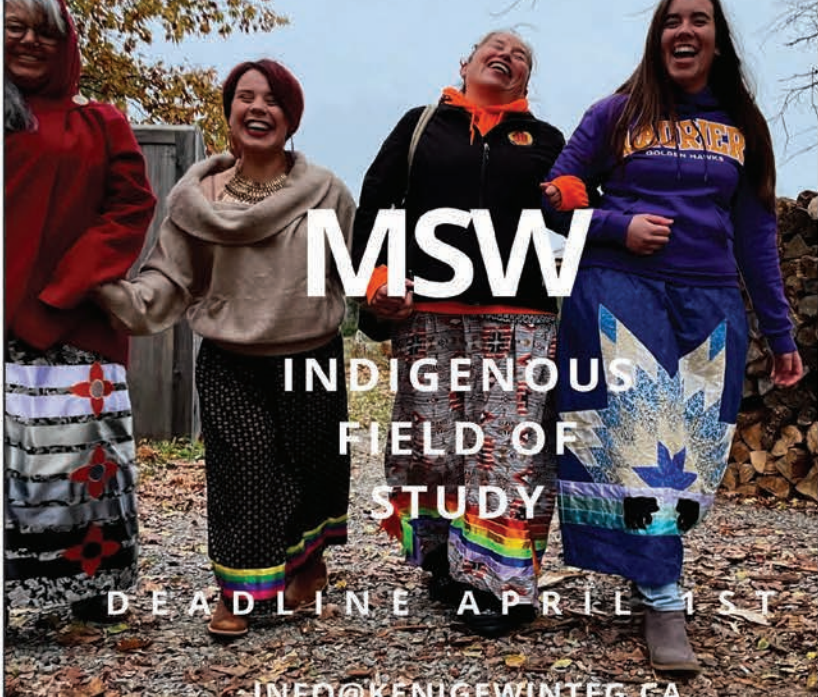
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Hannah Brown, a Gore Bay resident (shown in photo rear right) in competition in the world women's whitewater rafting championships in 2015. She was recently selected to be a member of the Canadian women's team that will be taking part in the world championships in Bosnia in May.

Gore Bay woman chosen to compete for Canadian whitewater rafting team

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Gore Bay resident Hannah Brown has been selected to be a member of the Canadian Women's whitewater rafting team that will be taking part in the world championships in a couple of months.

"Yes, I was asked to join Team Canada. They contacted me about a month ago," Ms. Brown told The Expositor. "The Canadian women's team won the national championships on the Ottawa River in 2019, and now will be taking part in the World Championships on the Vrbas River, in Banja Luka, Bosnia in May."

"My family moved to the Island six years ago. I was a student and was back and forth to the Island since 2017. But in May of last year, I moved with the children to live here permanently," said Ms. Brown.

Ms. Brown is a communicative disorders (speech) assistant at Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojinhik Wiin ni Gshkiwewziwaat (formerly school health support services) with Naandwechige-Gamig in Wiikwemkoong. "I started working there in October."

Ms. Brown told The Expositor, "I grew up in the Ottawa Valley and worked for the Owl White Rafting company there. I also lived in Costa Rica for 12 years and did a lot of whitewater rafting, ending up as a Costa Rica women's team member."

"I love outdoor adventure sports and I liked white water rafting right from the time I first tried it out," said Ms. Brown. "It is a very exhilarating, fast-mov-



Hannah Brown has a love of rafting.

ing sport. And the best part is seeing beautiful locations like Canada, Costa Rica and China."

"There is a small niche of people that compete in white water rafting," said Ms. Brown. "My ex-husband was a rafting guide, and while we lived in Costa Rica, he put a team together, and we trained in Costa Rica for competitions."

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Manitoulin First Nation, municipal leaders express opposition to 'floating accommodations'

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—While floating container dwellings have not been seen in the waters around Manitoulin Island thus far, they have become prominent in southern Ontario, but not without controversy. At least one municipal and one First Nation leader have indicated they do not want to see them around the Island.

A bulletin notice posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) indicates the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) is seeking public input on ideas to inform possible future regulatory amendments related to "camping" on waterways and the use of floating accommodations over Ontario's public lands.

"It hasn't happened up here yet, with floating cottages or big barges with full cottages on them docking around the Island," said Al MacNevin, mayor of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI). "We sit on the Georgian Bay Association Coastal Protection Committee. The MNR is looking for input and feedback, and our council passed a motion stating we don't want them to allow seasonal cottages on barges."

Patsy Corbiere, chief of Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation and chair of the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising, told The Expositor, "There is lots of private land on the Island and there are ongoing land claims. I want a cap on Manitoulin

Island. I don't agree with these floating accommodations."

Sewage and waste are leaked or dumped into the water, she said. "I definitely don't think we should support these floating cabins, especially in rural, remote areas. Keep in mind that the ministry already has very limited staff and has difficulty monitoring hunting, poaching and fishing infractions due to a lack of resources."

Chief Corbiere doesn't see floating accommodations as a benefit to the people of Manitoulin. "These will be run by large corporations which won't pay taxes on the Island. There would probably be an objection from First Nations about people using lands that do not belong to them. And what will happen to our shorelines if this is allowed to take place? Shorelines are part of our land claims."

She also pointed out that floating accommodations in the North Channel would have an economic impact by taking business away from marinas and town docks. "They would be taking away tourism and accommodations from our businesses on the Island."

"What happens if people on these floating accommodations have medical problems?" she asked. "It's not good for municipalities, First Nations or businesses. There are side effects."

Mayor MacNevin said it was through the GBA coastal protection committee that he first heard of

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Shirley Cheechoo recognized with WIFT Award of Distinction

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—Women in Film and TV Toronto (WIFT) held its 2021 award gala on International Women's Day March 8 and Manitoulin's own Shirley Cheechoo, actor, director, producer and serial founder of theatre and film organizations, including Debajehmujig and Weengushk Film Institute, as well as chancellor of Brock University, received a Special Jury Award of Distinction for her legacy of ground-breaking work in the industry.

"I dedicate this award to the voices of my people, as I never stand alone," said Ms. Cheechoo in accepting the award. "I would like to first thank my son Nano, who I call my masterpiece, who is always beside me, no matter what I am doing. I would like to thank my family, all my mentors, knowledge keepers, my friends and my supporters, a chi-miigwetch to Phyllis, Juliana and Patricia for your kind words; you are my sisters and my rock. My life has not been easy, I have been silenced for decades, but when you have women like these women who speak compassionately about you, they are my inspiration to keep doing what I do so I can help young people have a vision for the world to see and I am so proud of so many of them that have walked through the doors at Weengushk Film Institute."

Ms. Cheechoo has devoted her life to breaking paths for Indigenous artists and youth, and some of the most accomplished artists in the film and television industry cite her as their muse.

The citation for Ms. Cheechoo's award reads: "Dr. Shirley Cheechoo was born in Eastman, Quebec on the eastern shores of James Bay. She is an alumna of the prestigious Sundance Film Institute, Banff Centre for the Arts and Creativity, Women in the Director's Chair and the Canadian Film Centre. She is founder of the successful Debajehmujig Theatre Group, Spoken Songs Productions, Weengushk International Film Festi-

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MSS student selected to take part in once-in-a-lifetime program experience

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—At first, she did not expect to be chosen when she applied for one of the positions in the Canada-wide SHAD program, but Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) student Jocelyn Kuntsi will be taking part in a once-in-a-lifetime program experience. The SHAD enrichment program is named after Shad Creek in southern Ontario, which is close to the school where the program originated in 1981. The SHAD offices are now based in Waterloo, Ontario.

"I really wasn't expecting to get into the program," Ms. Kuntsi told The Expositor. "Then I received an email indicating I had been selected for the program, and I thought, 'it must be a fluke.'"

SHAD Canada is an annual Canadian summer enrichment program for high achieving high school students, held in July. The program is open to both Canadian and international students, and

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Jocelyn Kuntsi, a student at Manitoulin Secondary School, has been selected to take part in the SHAD Canada program this July and has also been awarded a full scholarship for the event.

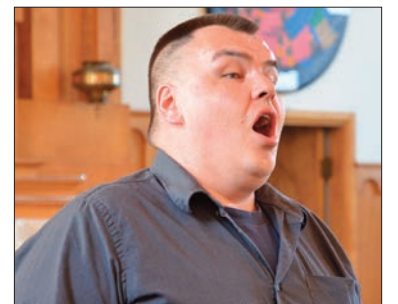
Wiikwemkoong opera singer headed to Canada's Got Talent

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—The reality TV show Canada's Got Talent has been on hiatus for the past decade, but it will soon be taking to the airwaves and Wiikwemkoong's own Everett Morrison will be competing on the show which debuts March 22 at 8 pm on Citytv and Citytv.com.

Mr. Morrison was unable to comment to The Expositor prior to presstime Monday due to contractual obligations with the show's producers, but Manitoulin Island will be rooting for him as he takes to the television stage.

The contestants will be judged by rapper Kardinal Offishall, comedian Howie Mandel, former late night host Lilly Singh and wrestling star Trish Stratus. The chance to find the centre of light has been elusive for Canadian talent which, since the previous iteration of Canada's Got Talent that



Everett Morrison performing at Holy Cross Church in Wiikwemkoong.

ended in 2012, saw performers trek to the US to seek a spot on America's Got Talent.

With the rebirth of Canada's Got Talent, outstanding talent once again will have a home-grown opportunity to strut their stuff.

Under the new format, participants move through competitive

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editorial

To mask or unmask? Let kindness be your guide

On Monday, March 21 Premier Doug Ford's government lifted most of the masking requirements across the province, eliciting a heavy sigh of relief from one half of the population and a terrified gasp of horror from the other.

The arguments that this should have come sooner or that it is all happening too soon are moot. The matter is now upon us and the time has come to be judged on how we handle things going forward. Masks are no longer obligatory, but they are also discretionary—so wear 'em if you want 'em.

Whichever side of the masking divide upon which one stands, and it has been a very bitter divide at times, now is a time for both sides to channel that most Canadian of virtues. In a word, be kind, well okay that's two words, but kindness is still the key.

If you see your neighbour wearing a mask to church, or in the grocery store, or even walking down the street and you vehemently oppose mask mandates—hold your ire. If you firmly believe that not wearing a mask shows an utter contempt for public health and flaunts established science, bite back that urge to admonish.

We have all been through a very difficult time, and although there

is no ironclad guarantee that the worst is now behind us (although current statistics do give some hope that it might just be), this is a time for all of us to take a cautious breath, cross our fingers and, if you are a person of faith, pray that things will be returning to something far closer to normal.

The spectre of nuclear Armageddon that we so recently believed was firmly in the rear-view mirror has once again raised its hoary head and the firestorm of social media-fanned hate seems to be engulfing our society at every turn. This is no time to be casting stones upon our neighbours, no matter how misguided we may consider their actions, or lack of, as an affront to our common sense.

Let us instead make common cause to be understanding and compassionate to our neighbours. We know little of the heavy load each may have borne through these past two years. Many of us have been separated from our loved ones, some much more than others, even when those loved ones were soon to be gone from arms' embrace forever. Let tolerance be ascendant.

So, whatever your personal stance is to mask or not to mask, the best way forward is simple and clear—simply be kind.

letters

Little Current woman relates historical smallpox tale

Many thousands of lives were saved by a determined woman

To the Expositor:

After my article was published, I received a few phone calls thanking me for writing it. I did have a further conversation with a gentleman and in our conversation, I told him about our last smallpox epidemic in Quebec. In conclusion of our talk, he urged me to write another article about it. Please, please he said, so many of us do not know these stories. Here is the story of a smallpox epidemic in Montreal as told by Google.

In 1885 an employee from the Grand Trunk Railway arrived in Montreal carrying smallpox. Immediately people were told to get vaccinated and a building was designated to give the vaccine. A conspiracy theory popped up saying it was intended to harm them. A mob of 2000 descended on the building, howling death to the vaccinators. They completely destroyed the building, flattened it right to the ground. Smallpox spread like wildfire, 3,259 dead in Montreal and 5,964 across the Province. Mandatory vaccination was declared. I was never curious as to the origins of vaccinations but with all this controversy regarding to vaccinate or not, I looked up the origins of vaccinations. But I did know about Edward Jenner and how he made a better method of introducing

vaccines in our arm.

Imagine my surprise when I discovered the true discoverer was lost in the mist of time but the one who brought it to the West was a British woman by the name of Mary Wortly, wife of the Ambassador to Turkey. She herself was a survivor of smallpox and was left disfigured. While in Turkey she met a woman, who said they never got smallpox because they knew how to prevent it. Mary had her children inoculated. A small cut on the arm and a drop of smallpox pus was put in. When Mary returned to England, she told one and all about it and was immediately called names. Ignorant woman and other nasty names. But there were intelligent people who knew it made sense and went ahead and vaccinated their family and friends.

Because of Mary, thousands and thousands of lives have been spared from death, paralysis and disfigurement. The eradication of deadly diseases has to be one of mankind's greatest achievement.

Denise Organ
Little Current

Retired veteran calls for nation to stand strong

America has been awakened

To the Expositor:

I am writing this letter tonight, March 15, 2022. I am a retired Canadian Armed Forces veteran, with 10 years of service to my country and call of duty.

I have to say it's a proud day to be Canadian, eh? As you know COVID-19 is still going and it is my opinion, put simply, that it is a man-developed bug. Now we also face an obvious communist return to the Cold

War that now exists in Ukraine.

Be strong, Canada, as the United States has now been awakened. Democracy will prevail, rest assured Canada.

In God we trust,

Retired Corporal Paul Abbott
P.S. Let freedom reign.

Money talks in the election cycle

No matter who gets into office it either gets worse or the same old, same old

To the Expositor:

Citizens will be heading for the polls again for our provincial election. They should keep in mind that their vote may not count too much because their donors are usually the rich; they always come first. How I see our government is that they're a modern-day Robin Hood. They rob the poor then give to the rich. I was listening to the business news like I usually do and learned how the rich are buying housing units that would have been affordable housing for low-income people then they are turning them into commodities. That is why our affordable housing is disappearing and the government is not doing anything about how to try to prevent it from happening. So, the rich are just getting richer and

the poor just getting poorer. Every time we are having an election, we have to listen to these fake promises they are making. And remember, Liberals did not do so good with their previous leadership either. And now the Conservatives are not doing so good either. I'm not trying to promote the NDP either, it's just that no matter who people put into office it can just either get worse or just stay the same old way. The ordinary citizens are trying to help the homeless people and we never hear any politician campaigning on the homeless issue or the poor.

Ronald Osawabine
Wiikwemkoong

Shovels expected in ground by summer for some broadband projects

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—The one infrastructure challenge most cited by rural communities, especially over the past two years, is the lack of dependable broadband. Great hopes were raised last year, when several municipalities in the Manitoulin District were included in the announcement made on July 29 by the Honorable Chrystia Freeland, deputy prime minister and minister of finance; the Honorable Maryam Monsef, minister for women and gender equality and rural economic development; the Honorable Kinga Surma, Ontario's minister of infrastructure; and Dave Smith, parliamentary assistant to the minister of northern

development and mines.

The Expositor reached out to the various ministries involved and project leads of the projects involved for an update on progress.

"The Government of Ontario has committed to ensuring communities province-wide have access to reliable high-speed internet services by the end of 2025," responded Sophie Sousa-Dias, communications manager with Ontario's Ministry of Infrastructure. "Canada and Ontario are working with the proponents of the 58 projects announced on July 29 to finalize the scope of the projects. This includes ensuring that the projects meet the standards set by the provincial Improving

Connectivity for Ontario program and the federal Universal Broadband Fund. Once both governments are satisfied with the final project scope, they will each enter into a legal agreement with the proponent, which can then proceed with the project in compliance with the terms and conditions of these agreements. We anticipate that many of these projects will begin this summer."

Hopefully Manitoulin communities will be in that tally. None of the project leads had responded for requests for updates by presstime Monday.

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Islanders applaud Ukraine president's calls for assistance

by Betty Bardswich

MANITOULIN—As the war in Ukraine continues to rage, President Volodymyr Zelensky strives to obtain more much-needed help, including weapons of war and the installation of a no-fly zone over his beleaguered country. He appealed to Canada on March 15 with an address to parliament. (President Zelensky has been digitally addressing national lawmakers throughout the western world and their allies. Over the weekend, he spoke to the Israeli parliament).

Expositor readers will be familiar with the Manitoulin Canadian-Ukraine Szewczyk family, and they asked for their reaction to Mr. Zelensky's speech.

John Szewczyk was highly impressed with the Ukrainian leader's talk and agreed that more help is needed. He stops short, however, at the implementation of a no-fly zone. "I do not trust Russian president (Vladimir) Putin for one second," he said. "This evil autocrat has shown repeatedly that you cannot believe anything he says, and he will stop at nothing to bring countries down. I don't think we can take a chance of causing a worldwide war. The events in Ukraine devastate me, and I fear for cousins that I have there. I have reached out to Red Cross Ukraine for information but have not received any news, which is understandable. My heart breaks for the Ukrainian people."

Luba (Szewczyk) Switzer has high praise for the Ukrainian leader. "President Zelensky made all Ukrainians proud back in 2019 when he refused to be bullied," she spelled out. "He has excelled since. His leadership and determination have only strengthened the Ukrainian resolve. Slava Ukraina and President Zelensky. The world is with you."

Ms. Switzer's sister, Natalie, is not only proud of Mr. Zelensky, but she is pointing her anger at Russia and her heartbreaking love for the people of Ukraine to good use. Like all members of her family, she has donated funds for the worldwide humanitarian effort but has also participated in the Sudbury Ukrainian rally and has started a drive for goods. She has collected three large boxes of emergency wool blankets, medical supplies, diapers, baby food, toys, dog food and treats, clothes, non-perishable food-stuffs, and expired medications. This material will be brought to the Ukrainian Centre in Sudbury where it will be sorted and



Volodymyr Zelensky

shipped to Hamilton and then on to Poland and Czechoslovakia.

Her respect for President Zelensky is immense. In speaking of her reaction to his speech, she said, "his words are not only powerful but also thought-provoking. As he speaks from the heart and pleads for assistance, he also reminds us of how fragile our freedom and democracy are and to never take them for granted as what happened in Ukraine could happen in any country at any time. I am thankful for Zelensky's courage and inspiring leadership that has united the world to support Ukraine."

Jen Hearn of Sudbury is one of Natalie's best friends. She too was impressed with the speech he gave to the Canadian Parliament and said, "If you haven't had a chance to listen to President Zelensky's address to our country, I urge you to do so. He asks Canadians to imagine a world where bombs and missiles have been fired on our home and native land like the bombardment that happens across Ukraine daily. His speech optimized the plight of the Ukrainian people and the strength and courage it takes every day to get through this horrific war. I pray for the Ukrainians as they fight for their land, their language and their freedom. Glory to Ukraine."

Lorne (Kostuik) Kostik of Manitowaning was quick to phone the writer about the Szewczyk article in last week's Expositor, saying, "I watched President Zelensky's video plea to the governments of Britain, Canada and the US but reading The Expositor brought it home. I read it twice. Words are inadequate. I don't know what to say."

"Regrettably, the Ukrainian people, the Russian people, the whole world are all suffering," said Mr. Kostik. "The God of Heaven and earth is watching. There will be an accounting."

For over 40 years, Mr. Szewczyk has been good friends with Rick Taylor of Foleyet. Mr. Taylor immediately put The Expositor's Szewczyk article on Facebook as soon as he read it. He has watched both the Canadian and American speeches by president Zelensky. "Zelensky wants Canada and the US to feel for the Ukrainian people," he told The Expositor. "What if 300 of our children were killed and innocents died, yet the bombs still fall? Everyday. And yes, thank you for your support, weapons, material, humanitarian aid and sanctions. Thank you for everything that you have done, but it has not stopped the explosions and death."

"Bombs keep falling and Ukrainians keep dying," said Mr. Taylor. "It is not enough. Ukraine is asking Canada and the US to take action to stop the threat in the air. Zelensky received applause, lots of hands clapping, but no one reached for a pen to make it happen. Putin has broken all ethics by disguising his ambitions with false words. He lied outright about his intentions and all along blamed the west for their transgressions against Russia. NATO is the culprit? If that is the case, why is he not attacking NATO? Ukraine never attacked Russia. The Szewczyk interview clearly shows that Ukrainians are not Russians. Putin has zero claims over their ethnicity because of what the Russians did in the past, and this is laid out in the article as it happened well before NATO was established. And imagine the image of Johnny Szewczyk's dad, if he were alive, voluntarily going back to fight for his country?"

"This speaks volumes as young Russian soldiers have not figured out why they are in Ukraine fighting against a neighbour that did them no harm," said Mr. Taylor. "This war will not benefit Putin and will be a historic disaster. It will not benefit the Russian People. Russia will become a hungry, more isolated, cold, unfeeling land that no one will trust again. Because of one man."

Lynn Filion of Val Caron and her husband Moe are also great friends of Mr. Szewczyk and Ms. Filion too posted last week's Expositor article on Facebook. "I was in tears before President Zelensky even started his speech," she said. "I could sense the urgency of it all. I felt as if was saying, 'This is it. This is my opportunity to tell Canadians firsthand the horrors in Ukraine.' One could not help but notice the desperation in

his voice as he referred to attacks on our nation's landmarks, asking us to imagine how we would feel. He managed to pull at our heartstrings while keeping a brave face for his people. He is a true leader."

Mr. Szewczyk has had extensive conversations with other family members. Sister-in-law Miriam Bardswich of Cobourg is an extensive traveler, a retired teacher and editor and the co-author of 12 books for students. "There have been great, even beloved leaders in history," she told The Expositor. "One thinks of Winston Churchill, Nelson Mandela and Augustus Caesar, who ushered in 200 years of relative peace. But there have also been the despots who increased their power at the expense of others: Hitler, Stalin, Genghis Khan and others. Now there is Putin who threatens not only the Ukrainian people but also his own. Standing against the tyrant is the Ukrainian president Zelensky and his people. He is the hero of our time."

Toni (Bardswich) Nelson is another sister-in-law of Mr. Szewczyk. She is a retired CPA, a contributor to Patch, an Orange County online paper, a community advocate, and a philanthropic volunteer who lives in Capistrano Beach, California with her husband, Garry. "This universe sometimes uses unlikely heroes to do great things. Zelensky fits the paradigm—a plain-spoken actor and comedian who has emerged as an extraordinary leader with an immense talent for appealing to not only his own people but millions of us around the world. I was very impressed with his speech to the US Congress. We rarely hear someone speak with such passion and verse, hitting all our emotional triggers, urging us to show up for peace. I love his U24 concept. Imagine a world where sane, peace-loving nations stand together, vowing to show up within 24 hours to help each other during manmade or natural disasters. Zelensky's heartfelt plea stands in such stark contrast to Putin's evil bullying and blatant disregard for basic human rights. I pray the world will rally to his side and not fade away once compassion fatigue sets in. If the rest of us have an ounce of the courage of the people of Ukraine, Putin will eventually face ruin. This is a high-stakes game between David and Goliath. David gives me hope. And Zelensky's first name? Volodymyr? It means king of peace."

Hugh Moggy announces he will retire from politics after this term

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—It marks the end of a long era of municipal politics for a current member of Assiginack Township council. Hugh Moggy told The Expositor that he will not be running in the municipal elections being held this fall. He is the longest current member of a municipal council on Manitoulin Island.

"I will definitely not be running in this year's election," Mr. Moggy told The Expositor. "I have made up my mind. I have back problems now that make it hard for me to get around and with the pandemic, things have been so different and difficult that I haven't enjoyed it as much as I have in the past."

"It seems like a long time that I've been in politics, but when I look back, it really wasn't," stated Mr. Moggy.

Mr. Moggy, who is 87 years old, pointed out he spent a total of 23 years as reeve of the township and another 23 years as a councillor in Assiginack.

"Starting in 1962, I spent six years on the Assiginack School Board. That's how I first got involved in politics," said Mr. Moggy.

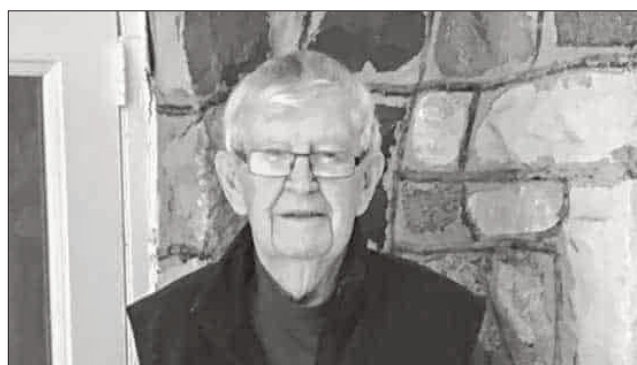
Mr. Moggy began his career on municipal council as reeve of the township, having been first elected in 1969. "I've worked with a lot of great people on council, staff and community members over the years."

"The biggest accomplishment I've been part of was the installation of the water and sewer system in Manitowaning," said Mr. Moggy. "It was 1975 when we first turned the tap on. It took about seven years from the time it started to when the project was finished."

"I can remember when I first became reeve, the township had plans to carry out the water and sewer installation, but only in the downtown section (of Manitowaning). I said 'no way, we have to do all areas of the town.' We had to fight the government to get this done."

"Another accomplishment was getting artificial ice installed in the Manitowaning arena," said Mr. Moggy, who was reeve at the time. "I was told by our clerk, John Tilson, 'son, we can't do that.' He felt we couldn't afford artificial ice. But with the support of council and the community on that one, we got it done."

"And I remember when I first started as reeve, the outgoing reeve, Harry Jaggard, tapped me on the shoulder and told me, 'don't get involved in the municipal drain.'



Hugh Moggy

This was the second thing we got done while I was reeve."

Mr. Moggy's father, Walter, had been reeve of Assiginack for six years, "and was a councillor for quite awhile. My dad being on council is probably where I first got interested in being involved in politics in the community. I followed his lead of listening and talking to people in the community as to what their thoughts were and what they felt we needed in the township."

"When we were looking at the water-sewer installation, I remember there were seven or eight who would stop in a local store every day, and they were all saying they were going to lose their homes if the project went ahead. I went into the store one day and asked them to attend our council meeting that night and I would explain what was going on and that we could accomplish this."

"This group of men didn't attend the council meeting, but they took the issue to the Ontario Municipal Board for a hearing," said Mr. Moggy. "In the middle of the hearing, the adjudicator said that he would explain everything to them after lunch. No one showed up after lunch."

"We had to do something, the water and sewers were badly needed, the sewage was bad in town," stated Mr. Moggy.

"Being involved with the (Manitoulin East) Airport when it opened was another big thing we helped accomplish on council," explained Mr. Moggy. "We had very good cooperation and worked very well with the Little Current and the old Howland township (now Town of Northeast-

ern Manitoulin and the Islands.)"

"I was on council when we first had work done on Cardwell Street," said Mr. Moggy. "The road was blacktopped, and has been redone since."

"I can remember when I first started, we didn't have a snowplow in the township," continued Mr. Moggy. "We had a grader. And our fire truck was a half ton truck with a pumper in the back. I have often thought of those poor guys on the volunteer fire department fighting a fire with that."

"And we didn't have a public works garage when I started on council," said Mr. Moggy. He said the township has plans for a new fire hall to be constructed, but noted that, "a lot of things are going to need to happen before a shovel is put in the ground."

Being a member of council or as reeve is definitely not the only way Mr. Moggy has been involved in the community over the years. The list of things he has taken part in is extensive. "I started in the 4-H club as a boy then later became a leader in 4-H for five years, and managed a dairy for six years. Then I started to work at the Manitoulin Livestock Co-operative where I worked for 35 years."

"I did as much as I could to help out in the community," said Mr. Moggy. For example, he has been on the historical society for a number of years. Marilyn, his wife (of 63 years who passed away in August of 2021), always said that she raised our girls because I was always at a meeting somewhere in the community," he quipped. "But Marilyn was also quite involved in the community) as well."

"Jane, our youngest daughter, lives in Parry Sound and comes home a lot," said Mr. Moggy. "Diane, our oldest daughter is a journalism grad who works for Harlequin Books, and is vice-president for Europe on operations, looking after sales. She has been working with them for 35 years."

"No, I don't have any specific plans for retirement at this time," said Mr. Moggy. "David and Diane have a cottage on Lake Manitou and they will be here for most of the summer, so I'm sure I will see them a lot. Retiring from politics will be a big change. I've enjoyed it, but it is time. I've had my share."

Toronto man receives suspended sentence for Thanksgiving standoff in Kagawong

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

GORE BAY—A Toronto man of no fixed address has pleaded guilty to charges relating to an incident that resulted in a shelter in place of safety advisory for residents in the village of Kagawong. Residents awoke on October 11, 2021 to find the village teeming with police officers, who were responding to an early morning call involving a domestic disturbance and an individual barricaded in a residence.

On Friday, March 18, the court heard that the accused, the complainant and two casual acquaintances visited the complainant's property on Main Street in Kagawong to attend to tenant issues, visit for the weekend and collect some personal belongings. All four persons at the residence were from Toronto. There was

drug and alcohol use that included marijuana and crystal meth. The accused and the complainant were coming down from drugs and were involved in a day-long argument, the court heard. The accused was witnessed to have spat on the complainant, threatening her and the two guests that he was going to kill them, and smashing items in the basement.

One of the guests left the residence after threats were uttered and contacted police at 4:07 am on the morning of October 11. Members of the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service attended the scene, followed by officers from the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). A shelter in place of safety advisory was issued at approximately 10 am that lasted until the incident was resolved without injury at approximately 4 pm.

There was an extensive



Kagawong residents woke to heavy police presence on the morning of October 11, 2021.

Expositor file photo

police presence in the village as Manitoulin OPP crime unit members assisted with the occurrence. Other OPP units also attended the incident, including an emergency response team, a tactics and rescue unit, a canine

unit, a remotely piloted aerial system, OPP negotiators and an OPP critical incident commander.

The 28-year-old con-

struction worker has no prior criminal record, pleaded guilty to knowingly uttering a threat to cause death, contrary to

section 264(1)(a) of the Criminal Code of Canada (CC); assault, contrary to section 266 of the CC; and mischief to property, not exceeding the value of \$5,000, contrary to section 430(4) of the CC. Other charges were withdrawn by the Crown.

He was sentenced to one day time served with noted 30 days of time served, a suspended sentence and 12 months probation. A section 110 weapons prohibition order was issued for a period for two years, effective upon his release from custody at the Toronto North Detention Centre, and he is required to submit a DNA sample.

Due to the domestic nature of the offence, the individual is not being named to protect the identity of the victim.



Law & Order

Trial wraps up for police chief

by Lori Thompson, Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

GORE BAY—Final submissions were heard last Thursday, March 17 in the Terry McCaffrey sexual assault trial, following four days of testimony by the complainant, Mr. McCaffrey and expert witness Erich Speckin.

Mr. McCaffrey was suspended with pay from his role as police chief for Wik-

wemikong Tribal Police Service in January 2021, after an investigation by Ontario Provincial Police resulted in the charge. He has pleaded not guilty to the allegations and is represented by Toronto-based criminal defence lawyer, Peter Thorning.

The judge-only trial took place in Gore Bay and was heard by Justice Allen. The next court date is April 5, at which time a date will be set for judgement.

OPP charges person involved in break and enters

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has arrested and charged an individual in relation to thefts on Lake Mindemoya.

On March 17, the OPP was notified of a theft that occurred from an ice shack on Lake Mindemoya. An individual was observed leaving the ice shack on a snowmobile. Officers were able to locate the snowmobile and conducted a traffic stop. Further investigation revealed that the snowmobile had been stolen, and the driver was subsequently arrested.

Michel Daigle, 45 years old, from Sudbury has been charged with: dangerous operation, contrary to section 320.13(1) of

the criminal code (CC); four counts of operation while prohibited under the criminal code, contrary to section 320.18(1)(a) of the criminal code; flight from peace officer, contrary to section 320.17 of the CC; two counts of failure to comply with release order-other than to attend court, contrary to section 145(5)(a) of the CC; theft under \$5,000, contrary to section 334(b) of the CC; and possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000-in Canada, contrary to section 354(1)(a) of the CC.

The accused was held for a bail hearing and was scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on March 21.

Icebreaker coming to Whitefish River First Nation on Thursday, March 24

WHITEFISH RIVER—The Canadian Coast Guard advises residents near Whitefish River First Nation that the CCGS Griffon is conducting icebreaking operations in the area on or around Thursday, March 24. The purpose of this annual operation is to break up the ice in order to allow the safe and efficient movement of commercial vessels, specifically to the Lafarge terminal and the Fisher-Wavy docks on Little LaCloche Island.

It is recommended that all traffic on the ice, including pedestrians, fishers, snowmobilers, and all-terrain vehicle (ATV) operators leave the ice during icebreaking operations. The ice may move, creating a real danger for anyone on it. Additionally, plan activities carefully and use extreme

caution after operations are complete as the ice will remain unstable even once the icebreaker has left the area.

Coast Guard icebreaking service on the Great Lakes and connecting waterways is delivered through close co-operation between the Canadian and United States Coast Guards. By working together, the two Coast Guards ensure scheduled vessel traffic can move through the shipping channels and in and out of community harbours. Vessels are assigned as needed to provide this service.

The date and assets are subject to change with no notice, as activities could begin before or after that period, depending on operational requirements or weather conditions.



CCGS Griffon will carry out icebreaking operations near Whitefish River First Nation.

photo courtesy of Canadian Coast Guard

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Welcome, Spring! Last weekend saw the arrival of the vernal equinox. Team Fergmeijer has been saying for years now that the only holidays worth celebrating are the equinoxes and the solstices. We find all the others to be astronomically unimportant. And we're not the only ones feeling comforted by the warmer weather. Soon, the trees will feel re-leaved as well.

The geese have been spotted - a sure sign of spring - but still no peep from the Sandhill Cranes. Who will be the first to spot one, or hear its melodious coo? If you see or hear a crane, drop us a line at kagawong@live.ca or message us (Facebook.com/kagawong1) to let us know when and where you spotted them. Winner gets bragging rights!

Kudos to young Kagawongian Hailey F. on spearheading a fundraising campaign at Manitoulin Secondary to support the people of Ukraine. You are an inspiration!

After the warm weather this past week, it is with great sadness that we announce that the outdoor rink by the Kagawong Park Centre is now closed for the season. But fear not! Ball hockey season is just around the corner

(just let the puddles dry up, first!). Thank you to all the volunteers who maintained the rink over the winter!

Congratulations to the winners of the Manitoulin Kids' Virtual Perch Derby 2022! Landon Seifried, Ryley Corbiere, Ethan Witty, Lily Carrick, Ava Corbiere, and Kyle Nodecker all placed in the top three of their categories. Special thanks go out to Lake Kagawong Family Cottages and Manitoulin Transport for donating cash prizes.

The Kagawong Fitness Centre is open again, and Plucky, the KFC mascot, is so excited! Please contact the town at tmills@billingstwp.ca for information on membership.

Did you know? The only difference between spring rolls and summer rolls is a little seasoning. Have a great week!

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Deepest sympathy to Laurie Yeates in the passing of her husband Mr. Morgan Yeates on March 8, 2022.

Dave and Theresa Carlisle had their daughter Stephanie from Waterloo home for the March break.

Deepest sympathy to Raymond Runnalls and family in the passing of his wife Mrs. Sandra Runnalls.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Randy and Lori Walker had two granddaughters stay with them for the March break. We sure were glad to share their St. Patrick's Day chocolate chip cookie project, shamrocks.

I had a nice visit with Mike and Susan Arbour on Friday. They are tired of beating each other at cribbage and have invited me for a game some time. Brenda and Doug Carter spent the weekend in Port Colborne with their son Robert and some of their other family members.

I had a deer cross the road several times on my trip to Mindemoya on Friday. It is nice to see how many survived the winter, and that they are getting wise enough to stay well away from cars. The snowmobile trails disappeared very quickly last week. The fishing huts are off of the ice. The half loading road signs are now posted. Spring seemed to arrive overnight.

Gladys, Brenda and I walked without our coats on Monday. It was a nice change after some of the cold and wind we have endured during the walks. The garbage thrown on the sides of our roads during the winter has begun to appear as the snowbanks melt and we are picking up what we can reach easily. I heard rumours of maple syrup being made this past week. The recycle bins will be open on Saturday, March 26 from 1 to 2 pm.

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Off their Rock, hockey!

The Sudbury Lady Wolves U18 AA Tier 1 team was off to Toronto again this past weekend for the annual Leaside March Madness tournament. The girls got off to a roaring start, steamrolling Thunder Bay 6-1, defeating the home and eventual tourney winner, Leaside team, 3-1, and downing Barrie by the identical 3-1 score.

In the quarter final match-up, the girls kept it going, rolling over Ontario Hockey Academy 6-0 to set a semi-final date with the familiar North Bay Ice Boltz. Despite having never lost to the NB side this season, the girls found themselves down 2-0 before **Delaney Bridgeman** fought for the puck in the corner, dug it out and centred to a wide open **Jacinta Eshkawkogan**, who zipped a wrister past the Boltz netminder. However, 2-1 would be as close as they got, as the Boltz responded with another that saw them off to the finals with a 3-1 victory. Delaney and Jacinta, along with Espanola's centre, **Breanna Coyne**, had an outstanding offensive weekend, scoring eight of the team's goals.

Mindemoya's **Jack Bridgeman** and his U13 AA Nickel City Junior Sons team had a chance to avenge their playoff loss with a pair of games against the Temiskaming Shores U13 A Puckhounds at Centennial Arena in Sudbury on Saturday. In the opener, Jack scored the game winner in a 3-2 win and notched the insurance goal in the afternoon's 2-0 victory.

Skiing Siblings Medal!

Charles and **Nicole Skippen** headed east to visit family over the March Break and threw in a downhill ski race to boot! It was a local club event in their Mom Rachel's hometown, at the Mount Martin Ski Club in Deep River.

Charles won the Boys' 12 and under ski race and his younger sister Nicole came in second against the eight and unders. Great job, Nicole and Charles. Next year, Danika?

Volleyball anyone?

If anyone is getting nostalgic for volleyball there is a tournament planned for Easter weekend at the AOK Four Directions Complex. Teams are to be co-ed and \$250 for your team's entry.

The event is in memory of **Brandon** and **Noah Ominka** baa. Please contact **Gerard Baibomcowai** or **Dana Ominikamigo** on Facebook for more information.

Fishing fiends catch cash!

Cash and heaps of prizes were given out to lots of the 36 Central Manitoulin anglers over the March Break derby, thanks to generous local businesses.

In the veteran, 13- to 18-year-old division, the 1st place winners were **Mackenzie Hempel** with her 13" Longest Perch, \$150 cash (Jake's); **Mackenzie Hempel** with a 20" Longest Walleye/Pickrel, \$150 cash (Jake's); and **Zach Cooper** with his 28.5" Longest Lake Trout, \$150 cash (Jake's).

The 2nd place recipient was **Sable Powsey** with a 12.125" Longest Perch (fishing gear worth \$100 from Up Top Sports Shop).

The Longest Walleye went unclaimed but the prize was redrawn randomly and went to **Abbie Heins**.

Navaeh Harper took Longest Lake Trout with her 26.5" offering, \$100 (Up Top).

Third place winners were **Kohan Campbell** with his 12" Longest Perch, \$50 gift card (courtesy of Buie's Grocery).

The unclaimed Longest Walleye (\$50 Buie's) was drawn randomly for **Sable Powsey**.

Madison Smith won Longest Lake Trout with her 21.25" fish (\$50 Buie's gift card).

In the young but capable 12 and under division, the 1st place winners were **Lily Carrick** with 13 and 3/8" Longest Perch, \$100 cash (Mountain View Resort). **Keegan Cranney** battled a 27.5" lake trout for \$100 cash from Mountain View Resort.

The 2nd place winners were **Lilly Smith**, 13" Longest Perch, \$50 cash (Wilson's Corner Store) and **Graeme Becks**, 26" Longest Lake Trout, \$50 cash (Wilson's).

The 3rd place prizes went to **Samara Watson**, 11 and 15/16" Longest Perch, \$35 cash (Kat's Pet Supply) and finally, **Anders Watson** had a 17" lake trout for \$35 cash from Kat's Pet Supply.

Since there were so many prizes to be awarded there were many extra draws and mystery length prizes thanks to other sponsors like Manitoulin Chrysler, Driving Forward garage, Manitoulin Tree Service and Melvin E. Van Horn Insurance Brokers Ltd.

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Local goaltender leads Sault College hockey team to national championship tournament

by Tom Sasvari

SAULT STE MARIE—Goaltender Gabriella (Gabby) Corbiere, of Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation and her Sault College Cougars women's hockey teams wrapped up a very successful season last week at the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Division II national championship. This was the first year Sault College has qualified for the championship.

Ms. Corbiere is a first-year goaltender playing for Sault College while studying fish and wildlife.

She was outstanding in net during the Central division playoffs, being a key player in the Cougars successes, recording a 5-2 win over Adrian College, a 4-4 tie against Northern Michigan University and a 2-1 loss in the championship game against Lake Superior State University. By finishing second, the team advanced to the nationals which took place in St. Louis, Missouri.

The Sault College team posted a 10-5-1 record playing in the Central Collegiate Women's Hockey Association this year. The only losses the team suffered this season were to Lake Superior State University and Assiniboine University, which both entered the national championship event as the top seeds in their respective divisions.

While the season had been one of adjustment for Sault College, with a huge turnover on the roster and adjusting to COVID-19 restrictions, coach Brianne Veale called advancing to the ACHA national championship 'huge' for the program.

The team won their first two games of the nationals, with a shutout by Ms. Corbiere in the first game and a 6-1 win over the University of Vermont in their second game. In a battle for a semi-final spot in their third game, Sault College dropped a 3-1 decision to Assiniboine Community College to finish the tournament with a 2-1 record.



Goaltender Gabriella Corbiere, of Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation and her Sault College Cougars women's hockey team wrapped up a very successful season last week, competing for the first time as a school at the American College Hockey Association (ACHA) division II national championship.

Organizers planning to hold their third annual Mindemoya youth ball tournament this summer

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—Organizers are planning to host the third annual Mindemoya youth softball tournament this June.

In a recent announcement on Facebook, organizer Greg Lockeyer stated that, "the volunteer organizing committee is excited to announce we plan to host our great youth softball tournament in Mindemoya again this June. With all the negativity around us lately, let us provide a positive opportunity for the youth of Manitoulin."

"If everything settles down in terms of the pandemic, yes, we are planning to host the tournament. Hopefully by that time everything will return to normal, and this event is held outside, which helps," Mr. Lockeyer told The Expositor. "Even if there are limits in gathering numbers, we are looking at ways we can host the tournament while doing it the right way and safely."

The tournament is scheduled

to take place June 24-26. "We just put the post online last night that we are looking to put on the tournament, we haven't even put out a registration package yet, and we don't know what the feedback will be."

Mr. Lockeyer pointed out, however, "we have a new group from Espanola that has been asking about information on the tournament for seven or eight-year-olds."

In 2018, the tournament drew a total of 18 teams and 220 kids participating up to the age of 15; in 2019 27 teams and 310 kids up to the age of 16 took part. In 2020, tournament organizers were anticipating a maximum of 32 teams and 350 participating players before the pandemic forced the organizers to postpone the event.

"This year we will be adding two more years groups, up to age 18 and under," Mr. Lockeyer told The Expositor. With the Pearson Cup held the following weekend,

"basically 'kids' from the age of 4-74, will be able to play in tournaments being held two weeks in a row."

"I think the response to the tournament will be positive," said Mr. Lockeyer. He pointed out every participating player comes to the tournament with a parent(s) or grandparent(s), so with participants and their family members, it can attract about 700 people to the community for the weekend.

"We're excited that it looks like we can hold the tournament again this year. It's a full weekend of games, (five inning games and three pitch rules)," said Mr. Lockeyer. "The tournament was such a huge success before, with a large turnout of teams. We are hoping it will be similar this year." He added more information on the tournament will be released in the weeks leading up to the tournament.

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Indigenous knowledge keeper Joe Pitawanakwat brings the Anishinaabe way of knowing birds online

by Michael Erskine
PETERBOROUGH—The land has much to teach us, if we only take the time to look, listen and learn. Wiik-wemkoong Indigenous knowledge keeper Joe Pitawanakwat has devoted his life to doing just that and he will be sharing some of the wisdom on what our feathered brethren have to tell us for Bird Friendly London as part of the Nature Canada Bird Friendly Cities program. Bird Friendly London is sponsored though funding from Nature London.



Joe Pitawanakwat is no stranger to melding technology and traditional ways of knowing how to live in harmony with the land. His online podcasts and audio files encompass 90 hours of learning.

“I will be talking about birds,” deadpans Mr. Pitawanakwat from his home in Peterborough where he moved a few years ago with his wife Kristy.

Mr. Pitawanakwat has been studying Indigenous plants and medicines for most of his life and he notes that we can learn a lot from observing the behaviour of birds in the environment, things that can help us to live in better harmony with the planet.

The Indigenous knowledge keeper has amassed a significant number of audio-format lectures that can be accessed on his website.

“I recorded them in audio format because there were a lot of people who reached out to me that didn’t have

good bandwidth, especially in the North,” said Mr. Pitawanakwat. “I have 90 hours in my catalogue, some of it in audio and video—some people call that a podcast I guess.”

During ‘An Evening with Joe Pitawanakwat’ he will be encouraging his viewers to “look at birds as teachers,” he said.

Anishinaabemowin taxonomy, that is the Indigenous language naming process, differs significantly from that of Western science, he notes. “In the Latin naming system, the most important thing is focussed on definitively identifying the species,” he said. “In Anishinaabemowin, we focus more on the relation-

ship with other things. That includes characteristics like the western system, but also physical function like their calls.”

Each bird has its own responsibilities within their environment, he said, citing one of his favourite examples, the cry of the loon. “It helps with the mourning process,” he said. “It has a sorrowful call; it tells us that it is okay to cry.”

He pointed to the monogamous black-billed coccoo. “I have a video of it up on Facebook,” he said. “They mate for life but travel separately. The male arrives first in the spring and starts to call all day for its mate. If their mate does not

appear for some reason, they will continue to call out for them all summer.”

By observing birds, you can even tell when it is going to rain. “You can tap into that,” he said. “Many birds have knowledge that we, as human beings, can observe and tap into if we pay attention.”

Mr. Pitawanakwat and his wife have a small business and their blog can be accessed online at creators-garden.blogspot.com. Those interested in helping to support their work can join their Patreon site.

“We have conducted extensive programming in over 100 Indigenous communities and over 150 different institutions throughout Canada and the US,” notes Mr. Pitawanakwat. “We focus on optimizing human health using mainly medicinal plants but also through various other traditional practices. If you want to achieve and live the life that this land has been designed to provide, we are the ones to take you there.”

Mr. Pitawanakwat can be reached at info@creators-garden.net and his podcast with Bird Friendly London can be joined at 5 pm on Friday, March 25 by registering at londonenvironment.net/an_evening_with_joe_pitawanakwat.

White rink wins Prov Bay Curling Club open bonspiel

by Tom Sasvari
PROVIDENCE BAY—The Jack White rink was the first event winner at the Providence Bay Curling Club open (mixed, ladies’ and men’s teams) bonspiel held this past weekend.



The Jack White rink was the first event winners at the Providence Bay Curling Club open (mixed, ladies’ and men’s teams) bonspiel held this past weekend. The first event winning team includes, from left, Darren Dewar, Jack White, Mike White and Steve Orford.

The Jack White rink, which included Steve Orford, Mike White and Darren Dewar, defeated the Harold Dewar rink in the final of the first event. Mr. Dewar’s rink included Shirley Dewar, Adrien Patoine and Ronda MacDonald.

In the second event, the Mark Peplinskie rink, which included Dave Lewis, Roger Hammond and Carl Lewis, won the final. The runner-up was the Gord Loutitt rink, with Sherri Loutitt, Eric Ruediger and Nancy Clark.

The third event saw the Dan Marois rink win the final. His rink included

Gary Gilpin, Jessie Orford and Floyd Orford. The runner-up was the Ellen Hol-

royd rink, including Bev McDermid, Angela Johnston and Bella Jefkins.

A total of 16 rinks took part in the bonspiel.

Manitoulin kids virtual derby led by Kagawong duo

MANITOULIN—A Manitoulin kids virtual derby was held this past weekend!

The event took place on March 19-20 and was organized by Sharon Jackson and Tanya Seifried, both from Kagawong.

The derby was free to all children 18 years and under and kids could catch their perch on any inland lake on Manitoulin Island. Lake Huron and rivers were excluded.

In the boys’ division, 13-year-old Landon Seifried took first place with a 13” perch caught in Lake Kagawong, and fourth place with an 11” fish, also caught in Lake Kagawong. Taking second spot was Ryley Corbiere, age 10,

with his perch of 12” caught in Lake Mindemoya. Third place went to Ethan Witty, age 13, with a catch of 11.25” in Lake Kagawong.

In the girls’ division, Lily Carrick, age 10, took top spot with her caught of

13.38” in Lake Mindemoya. Ava Corbiere, 13, finished in second with a perch 12” caught in Lake Mindemoya.

The mystery weight prize of 10.38” was caught by 13-year-old Kyle Nodecker in Lake Mindemoya.

Lake Kagawong Family Cottages and Manitoulin Transport donated cash prizes for the derby. Local businesses have already expressed an interest in sponsoring next year’s fishing derby.

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PLAYER PROFILE

by Aspen Debassige

JACK PENNIE

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Jack Pennie is a Grade 11 Mustang who has grown up on Manitoulin Island living in Manitowaning. He attended Assiginack Public School through his younger years, joining a variety of sports and competing against other schools across Manitoulin. Some of these sports include soccer, basketball, baseball, running, and volleyball. He has also won many of the athletic awards out of his class. Jack enjoys sports and athletics because they are a fun way to keep him physically active and he enjoys the competitive side, especially the feeling of victory!

Over the years Jack has found that hockey is ultimately his favourite game. He played for the Manitowaning Wolves for the first five years of playing the sport. Jack then switched over to Mindemoya Thunder and has been playing with them for seven years. Like many in his age bracket Jack has been playing hockey for 12 years straight! This year he is in the second year midget division. He loves the sport so much because it is a faster action sport compared to others and he enjoys the rush. He also places high value in playing a team sport with his friends.

As Jack is nearing the end of his Grade 11 year he is proud to call himself a Mustang. In past years he has played on the MSS boys’ volleyball team and was a part of the cross country team. This year he has already been a part of volleyball, crosscountry, and skiing, in which he placed fourth. Jack has also won several medals for cross country races. He hopes to play on the tennis team and participate in track and field when they start up again this spring.

During Covid Jack has found different ways to stay active and various activities to keep him occupied, including taking his dog, Boaz, for runs on his farm. This keeps them both happy as they are not only getting outdoors but also spending quality time together! He has been continuing to improve his sports skills whenever he gets the chance. In the winter he and his family enjoy going skiing as it is very fun to get out on the hills and shred some fresh pow!

Recently, Jack gained some experience being a ski instructor over March break when he was an assistant for a group of 5-6 year olds. He helped take them up the chairlift and he also taught a 3 year old how to ski (mostly snow plowing!). Another job experience Jack had was helping to run the Manitou Inn Lodge. He was in charge of cutting grass, cleaning rooms, boat maintenance, greeting guests and parking their boats. He also enjoys hunting when the season comes around.

When it comes to inspiration, Jack says that his Grandpa Warll is his biggest inspiration in sports and life in general because at 90 years old he still enjoys going skiing and learning new things. This has shown Jack that nothing should stop you from staying active and being outdoors. His favourite athlete is a former professional basketball player, Shaquille O’Neal. He is known as one of the best centre basketball players of all time. This is why Jack likes him so much.

When it comes to school, Jack has found that his favourite subject is biology because he enjoys learning about different plants and animals (anything living really) and how they interact with each other and adapt to life on earth. This interest is what is helping him decide what to do in post secondary. He is leaning toward going to school to become a biologist or something within the science programs and hopes that the pay matches the difficulty of the work. Working on the family farm will definitely help with the working hard part!

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

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...Shirley Cheechoo recognized with Award of Distinction

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val and Weengushk Film Institute. Shirley has written, directed and/or produced 11 films and received over 21 awards for her feature films, television documentaries, short films and lifetime achievement in contributing to arts practice in the Indigenous community and throughout Ontario.

"It is time for Indigenous voices to be heard," said Ms. Cheechoo. "I hear this all the time but there is a big 'but' that goes with that. So much talk—but very little action. We have songs for our land, songs for our water, for our medicines and for our children and we have our own stories, decades of stories to tell and we want to tell them our way. We should not be told how to tell them by people who do not know our way of life. When the settlers came, by welcoming them and sharing what we know, we gave them opportunities to create brighter futures. What opportunities were created for us? It's been many hundreds of years that we have been silenced and oppressed by those opportunities that we gave so freely. We were not taught by our elders to be activists but to be protectors and to listen. We have an obligation to our ancestors to be present and to be heard. We have an obligation to right the wrongs in order to bring balance to



Dr. Shirley Cheechoo

our mother, the Earth." The Special Jury Award of Distinction is presented to an individual who has built a legacy as a groundbreaking force in our industry and whose life's work is dedicated to building a vibrant, accessible, diverse and active creative community—a description that fits Ms. Cheechoo to a T. "I thank WIFT for this recognition and I humbly accept it on behalf of all the Indigenous voices who have had to swallow their words, hide their hurts, defer their dreams and carry the burden of shame for not having done more to protect and defend our people," she continued in her acceptance

speech, calling on all women to step forward to reach out a hand to others with stories to tell. "Some of the doors that have been closed to us have been forced open. However, there are many more that remain closed for coloured women, that needs all of us to open them," she said. "When we are truly accepted for who we are, especially the first people of this country, this continent, perhaps we can begin the process of reconciliation, starting with women from around the world since we women have the power to transform and reveal the true history of this world. We must restore and recognize the rightful

place of all women, who can rebuild our land, take care of our children, our youth, help the waters flow clean and build a home for the many coloured women, especially our young women who need footsteps to follow and who are fighting to tell their own stories. Let's all work together to make that change by supporting each other rather than tearing each other down."

There is strength in numbers, noted Ms. Cheechoo. "We represent approximately 50 percent of the world's population. We now need to claim more power that allows us to better manage the resources of this planet. Together our voices (our women's voices) will be stronger as we are not going away. We are here to stay. I know that I am, I hope that you are with me. Chi-Miigwetch for listening to me—and chi-miigwetch for this award."

Founded in 1984, WIFT Toronto is a member-based, not-for-profit organization which identifies as "passionate individuals who are dedicated to the education, engagement and empowerment of our members at all stages of their careers in the screen-based media industry." WIFT is located on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat and the Mississaugas of the New Credit.

...Gore Bay woman chosen to compete at world's

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"The Canadian team won the national championship in 2019 but, due to travel restrictions because of the pandemic, the worlds were not held over the next couple of years. They won the nationals and asked me to be fifth paddler on the team," explained Ms. Brown.



Hannah Brown snaps a selfie while doing what she loves best—being out on the water.

She started paddling when she was in her 20s but didn't start to compete in the sport until she was in her 30s. "I was able to take part in the World Cup in 2016 with the Costa Rica Women's team where we took the bronze medal. The same year, we competed at the world championship in United Arab Emirates on a man-made course. In that competition with about 20 countries taking part, our team placed."

The Canada team, "will be training together for the event," said Ms. Brown. She pointed out three of the members of the team are from British Columbia, with one from the Yukon and herself. "I have been training at Gym Fit in Mindemoya. And I do have a stand-up paddle board, and train in the marina (Gore Bay) paddling from the marina to the lighthouse and back." And as well, when the weather allows she can be found on the south shore of Manitoulin with her surfboard or paddle boarding.

The Canada team will be on hand for the world championships, which start on May 24. "We are in the open division category. And there are four different types of races we have to take part in. The girls on our team who are from BC will be taking part in a

24-hour paddle-a-thon on March 22," said Ms. Brown. "For every \$20 that is donated through the teams' GoFundMe page, team members will paddle 15 minutes. The team goal is to raise \$8,000. I'll contribute here, although because of the weather I will be a rower."

"I am a single mom, and my family has been very supportive of me," said Ms. Brown. "My sister and her husband (Dave Wiwchar) live in Ice Lake and my parents live in Gore Bay."

Ms. Brown worked at Canadian Yacht Charters last summer. "My kids and I really, really love living

here. It is the ideal living space, a small town and we have made friends fast."

As of mid-week, last week, a total of \$1,990 had been raised for the Canadian Raft Team of the \$8,000 goal. Maris Fraser, who is organizing this fundraiser wrote, "help the Canadian women's rafting team on its journey to the world championships in Bosnia in May, 2022. After winning the National championships in our home on the beloved Ottawa River in 2019, our sights are now set on the world championships on the Vrbas River in Banja Luka, Bosnia. This event has been twice

delayed by COVID and we are excited to be bring the team back together on the world stage."

"On March 22, our team will travel to a lake in the BC interior for our 24 hour Paddle-A-Thon," wrote Ms. Fraser. "For every \$20 you donate through our GoFundMe page, our team members will paddle 15 minutes. You will be personally responsible for keeping us paddling throughout the day and night! If we reach \$7,680, that means we'll be paddling for 24 hours straight. Funds will go towards helping with the significant travel and entrance fees costs associated with the tournament."

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...MSS student selected to take part in once-in-a-lifetime program experience

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the program is offered at 19 participating universities across Canada.

Ms. Kuntsi was accepted into the prestigious SHAD program that will take place in July this summer. She was not only accepted,

she received a full scholarship for this program. SHAD is a 27-day long program for Grade 10 and 11 students. Selected students participate in university level STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics). There is

also entrepreneurship content and participants have access to mentors. Students get to attend one university for 27-days, attend lectures, do labs, work with professors and participate in group projects, a website explains.

"We equip youth to take on social and economic challenges with a STEAM lens. Each campus tackles the same real-world problem and designated design teams with assigned mentors develop STEAM-based solutions, pitches and presentations to panels. This is an entrepreneurial experience with a social impact and one of the most loved aspects of our program," the SHAD website states.

"You apply in October-November," for the program and have to write a couple of essays and provide teachers for reference," said Ms. Kuntsi, who is in grade 11 at MSS. "You take a test, like an IQ test,

which presents a bunch of scenarios and you have to explain what you would do in each."

Ms. Kuntsi chose physics and mathematics as her two areas of focus for this program. Now, she is in the process of choosing her preferred university where she would like to attend the program this summer. "About 19 universities across Canada host the SHAD program," said Ms. Kuntsi. "You have to choose the top seven universities you would like to attend for the program. She explained, "the universities I chose are mostly out of Ontario. The reason I'm thinking of going out of

province is because I got in on full scholarship. Normally this is a \$6,000 program, not including living expenses, so I'm pretty excited about that because I want travel to see another area."

Ms. Kuntsi said, "the program is pretty intense, from what I understand. We start at 7 am and wrap up at night, and there are lectures during the day along with labs and workshops."

Around 2,000 students from across Canada will be taking part in the SHAD program and at each university that is hosting the program, between 100-200 students will be participating.

...opera singer headed to Canada's Got Talent

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rounds while viewers vote on who will head to the live finale, where the talented winner will pull in a cool \$150,000 prize. The new format is modelled after the original UK model and will more closely follow each contender's story.

The decision to make auditions virtual has really opened up accessibility that will help represent our nation in a "fair and equitable way," according to executive producer Scott McGillivray, whose McGillivray Entertainment Media is the force behind the revival.

Other changes to the format, due to COVID-19 protocols, includes the elimina-

tion of a live theatre audience for much of the premiere shooting at the Avalon Theatre in Niagara Falls.

Another departure from the single-run predecessor is that the judging makes a commitment to be a bit more "brutal" in its honesty, if comments by Mr. Mandel are anything to go by.

His concerns over a lack of authenticity in the original iteration was what prompted Mr. Mandel to give the 2012 version a pass when approached to be a judge.

Audience participation is an important part of the mix, so Manitoulin get out and show Mr. Morrison the love as he proves Manitoulin's Got Talent.

White family descendants donate toward Let's Emerg Together campaign



Freda Myers, left, and Gordon Hughson, right, present Paula Fields, president and CEO of Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) with a cheque for \$1,000 for the Let's Emerg Together campaign on behalf of the Descendants of Darius and Mary White. The money was raised through the annual White family reunion, which took place from the 1970s until the pandemic struck. Ms. Myers and Mr. Hughson were effusive in their praise for MHC, noting its "top notch facilities."



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Due to COVID restrictions this meeting will be held via Zoom at 7pm, you may join by using the meeting code 489 313 1974 or by calling 1-587-328-1099.

This will be considered a public meeting and those community members wishing to be heard can do so under the direction of the Mayor. Those members who wish to make a written submission can do so to: Box 608, Little Current, ON POP 1K0 or by email to pcress@townofnemi.on.ca

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FORM 6

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

Municipal Act, 2001

Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

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Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on April 20, 2022, at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands Municipal Office, 14 Water St. E., Little Current, Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands Municipal Office, 14 Water St. E., Little Current, Ontario.

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 51 19 020 004 15400 0000; 64 Blake St. E, Little Current; PIN 47122-1005(LT); PT PARKLT 11 PL SHAFTESBURY AS IN T844; NE MANITOULIN & ISLANDS; File No. 17-07

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$197,000

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Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

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The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

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...police will gain crisis worker to assist at mental health, addictions calls

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emergency department for treatment and are equipped to provide connections to community programming and supports to address an individual's physical and mental well-being over the longer term.

"What they can do is accompany us to jointly respond to these calls or we can also have them meet us at the hospital," said Constable Tessa Kasch.

"A lot of people think that MCRT is just for people experiencing mental illness. That's not the case," the constable noted. "Someone in crisis doesn't need to have a mental illness. We engage MCRT based on what the call for service entails. These crisis workers are so knowledgeable that it allows us to utilize them to get feedback on how to handle calls and what they think might be the best response or any services that they know of, that we may not know of, to assist individuals who are in crisis."

After the call for service has ended, the MCRTs can continue to engage with the individual afterward. "They can

engage them for really anything that person does need and continue on the rapport they have built to offer them assistance," Constable Kasch added.

By the end of 2021, approximately 80 percent of OPP detachments had implemented MCRT. "We're very lucky to be receiving funding for an additional worker to add to our hour program," Constable Kasch said. "We're lucky to have them and the training they have has benefited us greatly."

MCRTs are an investment in the safety of frontline policing while ensuring that people in crisis have easier access to the mental health supports they need, where and when they need them, said Michael Tibollo, associate minister of mental health and addictions. "Through this expansion of specialized resources, we are taking critical steps toward providing better supports for individuals living with mental health and addictions challenges, including supports to help reduce their interactions with police," he said.

The Manitoulin OPP detachment received \$157,984.57 and UCCM Police received \$163,125. The funding will be provided over two years, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. A total of 28 police services received grant funding under this program.

...Mindemoya councillor concerned with police patrols

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lent incidents, including a recent shooting. (These incidents have largely involved perpetrators from southern Ontario.) He noted there are concerns that these type of offences could spill over into our community (Mindemoya)."

"I'm just wondering about police staffing levels, and what the formula is for increasing staffing levels?" asked Mr. Shaffer. "I understand the local municipalities didn't pay the costs for some of our OPP officers who were dispatched to Ottawa to help out with controls of the truck convoy, but do these type of things pull away resources that are usually available to us locally? I guess I'm voicing concerns as to whether the police staffing levels are adequate."

Manitoulin OPP detachment commander Inspector Megan Moriarity told the meeting, "The OPP is constantly reviewing staff levels and needs on a multi-year average. Although we had officers in Ottawa to help out in maintaining controls, we maintained our regular staffing levels, through backfilling with overtime to ensure local communities were not affected." She noted as well, "there will be no additional costs to municipalities for that additional time."

"As for ongoing staffing levels overall through the OPP, compared to where they have been, they have not been modified for a number of years and this is under review,"

said Inspector Moriarity.

"It strikes home when a federal institute (post office) is broken into," said Mr. Shaffer, a retired Mindemoya postmaster.

"Absolutely, I can understand that," said Inspector Moriarity.

"Our municipality has put out the message to community members, 'that if you see it, report it' to the police,"

Committee member Bryan Barker noted, "Steve brought up an interesting point. The recent census statistics released show significant increases in population on Manitoulin Island, as compared to a good portion of the rest of Northeastern Ontario. Is this taken into consideration by the OPP?"

"A lot goes along with that," said Inspector Moriarity. "There are some changes taking place and people are moving out of cities to move to rural areas. The OPP is aware of this. It's being observed and noticed. I expect some things and changes to come based on that type of information."

Inspector Moriarity told The Expositor after the meeting, "we had quite a few officers that went to Ottawa to help out. The province made the call out for detachments to help out (with the occupation). We are so proud of all our members through all of this, those who stepped up to help provide support in Ottawa and those who worked additional hours to make sure staffing levels were maintained."

Bahá'í Writings

So long as humankind remains unequally divided in right and importance between male and female, no unity can be established. — 'Abdu'l-Bahá

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U7 Jamboree brings hockey storming back to Little Current



Parents line up in the stands behind the four teams that took part in the U7 Jamboree this past Sunday at the Northeast Town arena. About 40 youth gathered to improve their on-ice skills under dotting parents' eyes. photos by Michael Erskine

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Parents packed the stands at the Northeast Town recreation centre on Sunday, March 20 as Manitoulin Minor Hockey's Under 7 Jamboree got underway after being forced to cancel two weeks ago due to icy road conditions.

"This has been a fantastic afternoon," said Amanda Slaght, who does double duty as the vice-president of Little Current Howland Minor Hockey and Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association. "I don't know who is having a better time, the kids or the parents watching them."

Around 40 hockey players under the age of seven from four teams—Little Current, Manitowaning, Gore Bay and Mindemoya—took to the ice to hone their skills through drills and scrimmage. The indoor ice rink was divided into three sections with removable boards to allow for better usage of the ice surface.

The ice time, from 3 to 5 pm, along with

the Jamboree medals handed out to each participant, were provided by Little Current Tim Hortons, which fueled kids and parents with a steady supply of coffee and Timbits (and no, the kids were not jacked up on caffeine, the coffee was for parents and volunteers).

Orr's Valumart got into the game with pizza for the players, Farquhar's Dairy supplied milk and Barney's contributed treat bags.

Tim Hortons really upped the game by supplying Timbit jerseys for the U7 division.

All in all, despite the ubiquitous masks in the stands and lobby areas, the afternoon was a welcome bit of normal for a pandemic weary Island.

"Our thanks go out to all of the volunteers and sponsors who helped make this a very special day for all of our players and their families," said Ms. Slaght.



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Masked parents lined the stands watching over their children as they went through their drills.

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Two residents of the historic Assiginack settlement Squirrel Town raise a glass to Squirrel Town Nut Brown Ale, a new small batch brew Split Rail Brewing Company of Gore Bay unveiled on March 19. In photo, left, is Larry Lecappellain, the 'unofficial mayor of Squirrel Town,' Susan Snelling and Barbara Erskine of Split Rail and David Wardell. The two Squirrel Town residents live in the Bennett house in the historic settlement.

photo by Tom Sasvari



The sweet taste of spring!

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'The Philanthropist' short film nominated for several awards

by Tom Sasvari
MASSEY—The short film-movie 'The Philanthropist,' which was partially shot in Gore Bay in 2018, has been nominated for several awards and it will be featured in a major film festival in Berlin, Germany.

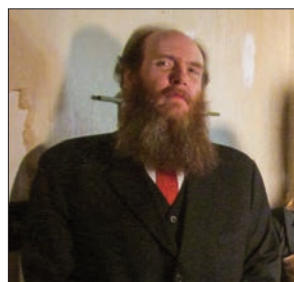
"The Philanthropist' is a film that keeps on impressing and is now heading back to Germany, featured at the Emerald Peacock Film Festival in Berlin,"

said Dylon Whyte of Gore Bay (who plays the role of the philanthropist).

"Yes, our film is being featured in the festival taking place in Germany," said Jayson Stewart of Lapse in Judgement Films and director and screenwriter of the film. "The film and our actors/actresses have been nominated for several awards."

Mr. Stewart explained the film is in the running for

best short film (which he directed, wrote and filmed, edited by Andreeanne Germain), best original score (soundtrack by Jaysin Scott Peltier and theme song written and performed by Liliane Chretien, engineering by Dustin Moore and mixed by Matthew X. Wiewel of Deadpan Studios), best actor (Dylon Whyte, Liliane Chretien, Autumn Buratynski and Heather Stevenson) and



Gore Bay's Dylon Whyte in 'The Philanthropist.'

the best short/mid length film through the NOMFA.

For his role in the film, Mr. Whyte won the best actor award at the Berlin Underground Film Festival in 2018.

Mr. Stewart had told The Expositor previously, "The story for this film had come as a dream and I knew I needed to do this film."

Inspired by such cinematic aesthetics as David Lynch's 'Twin Peaks,' 'The X-Files,' and Stephen King's short stories, 'The Philanthropist' has been sent to film festivals around the world.

"I have always been attracted to surreal stories

that peel back the pretty facade of reality and poke what's there," said Mr. Stewart. "Sometimes what you find is horrible and sometimes you find beauty and truth."

The principal cast consists of four main actors: Heather Stevenson (Sudbury), Liliane Chretien (Sudbury, Autumn Buratynski (Espanola) and Dylon Whyte (Gore Bay). The three-way storyline focuses on three women as they plead their cases to a philanthropist (Mr. Whyte) and the audience is left to wonder, "will they walk away with their fortunes or never leave his office at all?"

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 designed for one, two people max."

While the community has been building multi-bedroom units designed for families, with three or four bedrooms, the community has been lacking in accommodations for single individuals. The units are designed as temporary homes and are approximately 13 by 27 feet in size. "They come completely furnished with custom appliances," he said. "Because of their size, most standard-sized appliances wouldn't fit in them properly."

The units were designed to be shipped whole into communities in the far North where traditional building can be problematic. "They are 'emergency living' units," said Chief Mishibinijima. "But they will work for a single person or a couple starting out. They have everything in them a person might need, lock, stock and barrel."

The community had ini-



Chief Elvis Mishibinijima

tially started out with a different scope for the building program, but that program scope changed following last year's election that saw Chief Mishibinijima elected. "We had funding that had to be spent, but there was limited time to put a sustainable plan in place."

COVID-19 supply chain issues and the rapid escalation in building costs seen during the pandemic put huge pressures in place, particularly when it came to timeframes.

Chief Mishibinijima said that the band's government funders were open to the plan put forward by

Sheguiandah First Nation to secure the single occupancy units, particularly since it addressed a need that has not been considered before—that of the homeless individual.

Because they are completely prefabricated, the units will be up and running soon after they arrive in the community, noted Chief Mishibinijima. "You just plunk them down, hook them up and they are ready to go."

"This should help relieve 'couch surfing' (the practice of temporarily staying with a friend or relative and sleeping on their couch) and living with extended family," said Chief Mishibinijima, who credited council and staff for thinking outside the box to secure a solution to an issue that has plagued many rural communities across the province, especially in the North.

The community plans an unveiling of the units once they are ready for occupancy.

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toulin who have a deep connection with their newspaper. "This is another way to connect with The Expositor and for those who may be new to the Island, to get a sense of their community paper," he added.

Mr. Patterson and Ms. McCutcheon will discuss that week's newspaper and topics close to Islanders, highlight events and even have special guests. It will also feature 'good banter' between the hosts.

Starting this week, the pair will also be doing giveaways based on trivia from that week's Expositor, "so be sure to pick up a copy, either in print or digitally," Mr. Patterson advised.

"We're excited to announce that beginning this week, Jeff King of Island Time Boat Rentals will be sponsoring a free paddleboard rental for one lucky viewer each week based on our skill-testing Expositor

question," Mr. Patterson shared.

During the St. Patrick's Day broadcast, Ms. McCutcheon called Lion President Bruce Burnett, of the Little Current Lions Club, to put him on the spot about Haweater Weekend, as the club had yet to announce its plans on the festival. Lion Bruce announced on the air that barring any government restrictions at that time, Haweater Weekend is a go for July 29-July 31.

"We hope it's a hit and that it allows us to further engage with our community," Ms. McCutcheon said.

With over 6,000 views of the March 17 broadcast as of press time Monday, we think it might work out just fine.

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Kagawong couple donates one-of-a-kind collection of Manitoulin wildflower photos to Friends of Misery Bay

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—A Kagawong couple has donated a large and unique collection of books that display photographs of flowers that can be found on Manitoulin Island.

“This is a one-and-only collection. There is nothing like it. It’s phenomenal, and I’m blown away by it. And Marcel (Beneteau) and Sabine (Huege) are giving it to us,” said John Diebolt of Friends of Misery Bay (FOMB) about the enormous collection of photographs of flowers of Manitoulin Island that is being donated to FOMB to display in its visitors’ centre at Misery Bay Provincial Park. When Marcel and Sabine moved to the Island about 15 years ago from Sudbury, what had been a hobby for them has become more of a passion. They have taken photographs of all the flowers they have seen on Manitoulin and refer to the J.K. Morton and Joan M Venn book ‘Flora of Manitoulin.’

“Every year they have taken pictures of all the flowers they have seen on the Island. They have about 800 pictures of flowers with more than one picture of each along with the name of each,” said Mr. Diebolt “The collection is extensive. There are about 15 binders filled with photographs that have been donated to FOMB and Ontario Parks and, to the Misery Bay Visitors’ Centre for display; and then at some point it will be housed in the Sifferd Cottage when it is completed. It is a spectacular collection.”

Mr. Beneteau explained that he and his wife Sabine (Huege) are moving (this week) from their home in Kagawong to Owen Sound which will allow them to be closer to family and friends in that area, and to more services.

“We have lived on the Island for 16 years as of this summer,” Mr. Beneteau told The Expositor. “Our property in Kagawong is a big property and it takes a lot of upkeep. We decided to make the move now because we want to, not wait until we have to.”

“We are both originally from Windsor and we were living and working in Sudbury, and had always liked Manitoulin,” said Mr. Beneteau. “We kept our apartment in Sudbury for quite awhile and would come to the Island to live for the summer.” When they both retired, they made Kagawong their permanent home.

“We have always been into nature, and Sabine was always more interested in flowers than birds and the Island has an amazing amount of wildflowers,” continued Mr. Beneteau. “When I got my first digital camera, I began taking pictures of the flowers and plants of Manitoulin. We have collected photographs of about 800 special wildflowers of Manitoulin Island.”

“And every new year, we would put the new photo-



Marcel Beneteau and Sabine Huege have donated a one-and-only collection of about 800 photographs of flowers found on Manitoulin Island, to the Friends of Misery Bay.

photo by Tom Sasvari

graphs we had taken into albums of all the wildflowers all the wildflowers we had seen on our travels around Manitoulin,” continued Mr. Beneteau. “And we also have all the photos on digital files.” However, he pointed out the extensive collection took up a lot of room and the couple wondered what they would do with it.

“I took a couple of binders to John (Diebolt) to see if FOMB would be interested in having a couple of the binders and he said they would take all that we have,” said Mr. Beneteau. “I still hope some day to do a field guide to the flowers on Manitoulin. I guess this will be a project for my second retirement,” he quipped.

“Over the years, we have explored every square inch of trails, road allowance, wetlands and alvars that we could access on Manitoulin,” said Mr. Beneteau. “We enjoy spending a day in the field, hiking and looking at flowers.” He told The Expositor they used the Morton book on the Flora of Manitoulin which has maps showing where every species of flower and plant he found on the Island.

“Of course, every unit in his book of a different species covers an area of about five kilometres, but we used this to find a lot of flowers.”

However, “we probably took pictures of a couple of dozen flowers that the late professor (Morton) didn’t record,” said Mr. Beneteau.

“It started out as a hobby but became a passion,” said Mr. Beneteau who added, “I’ve been kind of a nature nerd all my life.”

“Definitely, we plan on visiting the Island quite a bit, from May to October when the Chi-Cheemaun is running,” said Mr. Beneteau. “We are still involved in the Wagg’s Wood project (in Minde-moya) as volunteers and will help out with work there and with other projects with groups we have been involved in over the

years. And we are fortunate that a lot of local people have offered us a place to stay when we visit the Island.”

Mr. Beneteau will also stay on as president of the Manitoulin Nature Club until September, at which time the club will need to find a replacement. “We hope to take part in hikes with the nature club members as well this summer.”



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Island curler competes at Brier national men's championship

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The toughest part for Jordan Chandler competing in his first Brier wasn't playing, it was watching his teammates on the Brad Jacobs team curl during the competition.

"It was very nervewracking to watch the (Brad Jacobs) team play," stated Mr. Chandler, who had been added as a member of the team for the men's provincial curling championships (which they won in Sault Ste.

Marie in February) when the team's second, Marc Kennedy, was playing for Canada at the Winter Olympics.

"I was the calmest when I got to play, when I had a little control over what was taking place on the ice."

Mr. Chandler was the fifth on the Jacobs team representing Northern Ontario at the national men's tournament, the Brier, and did get "to play a couple of games, being asked to be skip in one and second in the other (and played very well)."

"It was great to be playing at the Brier," stated Mr. Chandler.



Jordan Chandler prepares to take a shot at the recent Brier Men's National Curling Championship.

"I needed to pinch my arm a couple of times to realize I was there."

Unfortunately, after finishing second in their division at the Brier, with a record of six wins and two losses, the Brad Jacobs rink then dropped the first play-off game against a team from Saskatchewan and were knocked out of the championship.

"We picked the worst time to play a bad game," said Mr. Chandler. "Brad's team is a great team to play on, and to watch."

Mr. Chandler had previously indicated that upon playing in the provincials, he has not curled much in the past couple of years. However, after the provincials and the Brier, "I definitely have the competitive edge again."

While there are a lot of great teams in the provincials and especially the Brier, Mr. Chandler said "the Brier is not an overwhelming event in terms of the level of skill required. There are a lot of great curlers, but my regular team would compete well with anyone (at the Brier)."

"I'm sure there will be a lot of changes on the teams that took part in the Brier. This always occurs, and we will know the landscape for Northern Ontario teams in a couple of months," said Mr. Chandler. "Once the dust settles after the upcoming world championship and the Grand Slam."

One of the changes that has already been announced was from the Brad Jacobs rink. Skip Brad Jacobs has indicated that he also will be taking a year off.



Island curler Jordan Chandler stands alongside teammate Marc Kennedy, both members of the Brad Jacobs Northern Ontario rink, at the Brier Men's National Curling Championship.



Jordan Chandler is shown taking a shot at the recent Brier Men's National Championships. Mr. Chandler was a member of the Brad Jacobs Northern Ontario team.



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Debajehmujig arts animator Samantha Brennan creates a Sparc of hope

by Michael Erskine
 MANITOWANING—The weight of the pandemic on mental health and wellness has been heavy on everyone, but few more so than live performance artists as pandemic restrictions have curtailed most venues. A group of artists under the umbrella of SPARC, a network whose goal is to facilitate and promote the performing arts in rural and remote communities in Ontario, has set about creating a series of inspirational video shorts to help lift some of that weight.

Samantha Brennan, arts animator at Debajehmujig Storytellers of Wiikwemkoong, created one of those pieces that has recently launched online. The Expositor chatted with Ms. Brennan about the short and her inspiration in creating it.

“I have been working a lot from home over the past two years,” she said. “As part of Wiikwemkoong we operate under the protocols set out by the community, so we are still not able to go into the office.”

As a live performance artist, being separated from an audience is particularly challenging. “Especially for the kind of theatre we do at Debajehmujig,” she noted. “We really do not have a fourth wall.” A “fourth wall” is that invisible barrier which separates the audience from the actors on stage. When actors address the audience directly, it is referred to as “breaking the fourth wall.” Most Debaj original works engage their audience, extending the

performance beyond the stage footlights to animate the audience and make them part of the process.

Ms. Brennan described the past two years as “living in unprecedented times for anyone. My grandmother, who is 94, wasn’t even born when the last global pandemic took place.” That generational distance has made it challenging to stay grounded, she noted.

To find solid mental footing upon which to ground herself, Ms. Brennan reached back to the wisdom of her ancestors. “I knew I could find some solution within myself,” she said. By channeling the instinctive wisdom of those who lived through great challenges in the past she believed she could find that place to find her bearings.

“The intention was to spark hope in people,” she said. Enter SPARC, the volunteer-driven organization that seeks out “people, services and systems that allow for better communication between different stakeholders.”

Ms. Brennan explained that the SPARC network was designed to ensure that the performing arts in rural and remote communities remain grounded in their communities and that the individuals involved, groups and organizations control their development.

SPARC initiated a series of micro grants for artists to create an online series ‘SPARCs of Hope’ aimed at seeding community resilience through the arts. The first in that series of video shorts was by Wiik-

wemkoong’s own Crystal Shawanda.

SPARC Northern outreach coordinator Jason Manitowabi introduced that video as an example what the SPARCs of Hope series can be.

“We wrote this song one day out of some very honest conversations about mental health, depression and suicide,” said Ms. Shawanda. Those conversations came about after hearing about passing of Kelly Fraser, a talented Inuk pop artist who took her life. The news evoked memories of loved ones they knew had taken their lives.

Ms. Brennan’s segment is the seventh in the series and she utilizes a comedic vein to move from wine-fueled pandemic angst (“I drank a scary amount of cranberry juice during the filming,” she laughs) to an interaction with Grismerelda, her alter-ego Samantha Hartley’s (many greats) grandmother. Grismerelda shares her words of wisdom with her descendant, delivering sensible and sound ground upon which to face today’s challenges.

Finding the work cathartic “and the grant helped a lot too,” Ms. Brennan said that she hoped that her work will help others find their footing.

Ms. Brennan’s work, along with those of the other SPARCs of Hope contributions can be found online on YouTube, simply by typing SPARCs of Hope into the search bar.



Samantha Brennan as her alter ego Samantha Hartley, tries and fails to find solace in a wine-centred self-care regime, before meeting up with her somewhat whacky, but wise, ancestor.

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The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 Little Current Wing Night, Thursday, March 31, 4 pm to 8 pm. Please note: Due to increased costs and unable to get product, we have had to increase our prices and drop the mushroom caps and cheese poppers. Wings \$1.50 each. Sauces for wings: salt and pepper, sweet chili, sweet and sour, honey garlic, first, second and third degree, parmesan cheese and pepper and cajun. Also cheese balls, six for \$4; cheese sticks \$1.50. Take-out only, to pre-order call or text 705-348-0123. Free delivery within town limits.

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44-45p

 **coming events**

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

42-46p

Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay is holding a rummage sale on Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2 from 9 am to 1 pm. There will be a wide variety of sale items, something for everyone! Please wear a mask and bring your own bags.

45-46p

Knox rummage sale in Manitowaning is holding "Bag Weeks" from Monday, March 21 to Saturday, April 2; fill a large bag for \$5 or a small bag for \$3. Open Mondays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm.

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**April 2, 3, 9 and 10, 2022
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Contact below for a Job Description

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- Possession of a Valid DZ licence and ability to operate all Municipal Equipment
- Willing to upgrade skills as needed (CRS)

More information and a job description can be obtained from the Clerk at 29 Noble Sideroad.

Please send applications by April 25, 2022 to the attention of:

Carrie Lewis, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
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Town of Gore Bay
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POP 1H0
Tel: 705-282-2420
Email: scarr@gorebay.ca

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- Basic computer knowledge and skills
- Possession of a Valid D Licence
- Willing to upgrade skills as needed

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Classification: Clerical & Administrative Support Services CA-4 (\$45,000 - \$49,500)

Employment Status: Regular Full-Time

POSTING CLOSING DATE: APRIL 4, 2022 BY 12 P.M. EST

Position Summary: Reporting to the Childcare Supervisor, the Administrative Assistant is responsible for providing clerical, administrative and project support to the Childcare Centre. The Administrative Assistant shall maintain a current knowledge of appropriate childcare policies, processes, and procedures to assure efficiency and integrity of the M'Chigeeng First Nation Childcare Centre. They shall serve as primary point of operational and administrative contact for the internal and external personnel related to student enrollment, but also oversee and/or participate in the coordination, control of special projects and events of the Childcare Centre.

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- Completes purchase orders for Supervisor's approval, then processes
- Prepares all invoices for payment
- Records and monitors Centre expenditures as to remain within budget (i.e. excel spreadsheets)
- Maintains petty cash and any fundraising control system

Qualifications & Requirements

Preferred

- Post-secondary Diploma in Office or Business Administration or equivalent
- At least five (5) years' administrative support or equivalent

Minimum

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- At least three (3) years' work administrative support in daycare or school setting

Skills

- Excellent customer service skills.
- Working knowledge and experience using Microsoft Office (i.e. Outlook, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint).
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4. Proof immunization vaccinations (and up to date)
5. Proof of COVID-19 vaccinations (1 & 2)
6. Medical clearance confirming fitness to work
7. Valid G Driver's Licence and access to vehicle

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

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

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



WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE

Experienced Police Officer Full-time - Permanent

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

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

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

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

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

Basic Requirements:

- Ontario Police College Certificate or equivalent as recognized by the Ontario Police College.
- Diploma in Police Foundations or Degree in Law and Criminal Justice an asset.
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario Driver's Licence.
- Possess current First Aid/CPR Certificates.
- Provide proof of double Covid-19 Vaccination certificate from the Ministry of Health.
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook and Office.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Be physically able to perform the duties of the position.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST.
- Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Be of good moral character and habits.
- Perform 12-hour shifts (days and nights) including weekends and holidays.
- If convicted of a criminal offence under a federal statute, you must obtain a pardon. If you have 'Findings of Guilt', which have resulted in absolute or conditional discharges, the records must be 'sealed' by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- Pass a detailed background check that include security clearance checks, credit, and reference checks.
- Salary and merit level are open for discussion.

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

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

Posting Deadline: April 1, 2022 at 2:00 PM

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

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

Island municipalities called on to adequately fund operations of Manitoulin POA

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) is in support of a motion passed by council for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) is calling on the province of Ontario to adequately fund the operation of the Manitoulin Provincial Offences Act (POA) management board and reimburse the local POA's board of management for current and past deficits.

"When we were looking at the problems that the POA is facing, and the information provided by one of our councillors who is on the POA board (Mike Erskine), I'm worried about the forecasted 2021 deficit being \$45,000, our share of which would be \$15,000," said Al MacNevin, NEMI mayor at a MMA meeting last week. "And the revenues the POA is forecasting seems ambitious."

Pam Fogal, POA manager had informed the MMA members, "It has been explained we are in a difficult financial situation. This has been taking place for the past couple of years with our revenues having decreased, especially through COVID. At the time we were doing administration for part one and part two tickets and the Crown attorney was prosecuting part three tickets and we were being billed \$300 per hour by the justice of the peace and \$109 per

hour by the Crown attorney."

Ms. Fogal said, as an example of the difficulties the POA is experiencing, "we had 10 matters on the docket yesterday, two were dealt with while the others have been pushed back to April 12. And we have to pay the same rates for the Crown attorney, justice of the peace, and (police) officers' time for being in court. We are not laying blame, there are not enough staff in Crown attorney's offices, and the fines and tickets to our (POA) office are down 52 percent from January to February. And for March so far, there have been virtually no tickets."

"The main problem that has affected us in 2020-2021 is that with COVID, the POA was not able to enforce collections on fines," said Ms. Fogal. "So there were no revenues, but we had to pay our regular costs; and we were not allowed to prosecute fines so now we are playing catchup." As well, the POA has had to follow provincial COVID-19 protocols for court, for example having to purchase plexiglass for the courts to provide for protection of everyone in court (which has taken place in the Gore Bay community hall), internet, and having to provide Zoom (online services).

"Our POA is set up a little different than some others," said Ms. Fogal. "We are not supplied funding by municipalities, although last year

we had to ask municipalities to help us out. Otherwise we have received no support whatsoever."

"And if someone has received a ticket and fails to respond in time, in the past this would go to the justice but now it's going to our court manager, which takes a lot of time," continued Ms. Fogal. "There are a couple of things we had been doing that we looked at, one being early resolution. We had discussed getting rid of it but found this would be a bad idea."

"Trials in court amount to an obscene amount of money," said Ms. Fogal.

"Will the POA be sending invoices to municipalities?" asked MMA chair Ken Noland.

"We have a board meeting March 30," said Ms. Fogal, who said "we had discussed the projected (current deficit of \$15,000 and seeking municipal support to pay these costs)." She pointed out the POA has already received money from most municipalities on their share of the costs.

"We have forwarded our motion to FONOM (Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities) for their support, and they need motions from individual municipalities," said Mr. MacNevin. "We will also be trying to make this a priority for OGRA (Ontario Good Roads Association). We want to get this issue on the agenda for the annu-

al FONOM conference and for a couple of councillors and myself to get a meeting with Minister Sylvia Jones to raise our concerns. It is very important that other municipalities send a motion in support as well to FONOM. This is not just a Manitoulin Island issue, it is provincial."

Ms. Fogal told the meeting, "it has been suggested that the POA should be given back to the province. I would recommend Manitoulin should be strongly opposed to this. It would affect bylaws and there would be additional police

costs with having trials held in Sudbury (and people who receive tickets would have to travel there for trials). Steve Redmond (OPP court manager) does a phenomenal job in getting officers to attend the court dates at the same time, so that there is cost saving from having to go off-Island."

"The municipalities are required to participate in the POA," said Mr. Noland. "We don't want to lose the POA and the services provided. It has been self-sufficient for a long time, 20 of the past 22 years."

The MMA supported and passed the motion from NEMI. The motion reads, "whereas the Town of Gore Bay on behalf of the board of management known as the District of Manitoulin Provincial Offences Act (POA) management board has entered into an agreement with the Attorney General of Ontario to oversee the administration and prosecution relating to proceedings commenced under Parts 1 and II of the POA Act and the administration of Part III; And whereas the cost of providing the serv-

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3 COWS & A CONE MANAGER WANTED

3 Cows & A Cone, located on MANITOULIN ISLAND, is a fast-paced restaurant/dairy-bar that has an opening for a full-time HANDS-ON Manager.

Hours are 40 hours per week (including weekends & late nights during summer months). We are a restaurant that has been servicing the public with ice-cream, burgers, fries, pizza and other fast foods for the past 25 years.

We are looking for a forward-thinking person with experience in the business or recent graduate of a restaurant and hospitality program. The right person would be able to work with the General Manager to supervise staff of up to 30 young individuals. This position is available immediately. The right candidate should be able to work independently and make basic business decisions while following company policies. Salary is based on experience.

There are additional compensation and benefits working for 3 Cows, so if you're interested in joining our Little Current team, send resume to the email address below to be considered for an interview. For more details please call 705-282-7753.

Please send resume to:
pantry3cow@hotmail.com



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ASSISTANT STORE MANAGER

Salary: Based on qualifications and experience
Position Status: Full-Time Regular (40 hrs. per week)
Benefits: Benefit Package and Pension Plan

Position Summary:

This position's objective is to assist the Grocery Store Manager in all aspects of the daily Grocery Store operations; managing and supervising employees to ensure optimal customer service; implement policy and procedures with an end goal of grocery store patrons receiving prompt, courteous, knowledgeable, and friendly service while attaining profitable results.

Reports to: Grocery Store Manager

Qualifications and Requirements

Preferred

- Degree/Diploma in Business Management or related field of study
- At least 2 years' retail purchasing or merchandise experience in a grocery store
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with Anishnabek culture, history, and customs

Minimum

- Must have OSSD or equivalent
- At least 2 years' retail supervisor/assistant supervisor experience

Essential Functions:

- Assist the Store Manager with all aspects of running the grocery store
- Ensure, through proper supervision, that each department is ready daily
- Ensure that all merchandise and shelf tags have the correct price
- Supervise the grocery store floor, departments, and employees

Other:

- Provide leadership in emergency situations
- Maintain a clean and orderly condition of the store floor and storage areas to meet the health and safety standards
- Commitment to providing superior customer service and ability to work closely and cooperatively with others
- Develop and implement marketing strategies for the grocery store
- Must have access to a reliable vehicle
- Must have Valid G licence

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

- Current thirty (30) day Police Criminal Reference Check (CRC)
- Confirmation of their COVID-19 Vaccinations

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

c/o Sean Gray, MFN Grocery Store Manager
404 HWY 551, M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0

OR email resumes to gsmanger@mchigeengfreshmart.ca

LATE OR INCOMPLETE applications will not be considered and only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

For a complete job description, please contact Sean Gray at gsmanger@mchigeengfreshmart.ca
APPLICATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 AT 3 PM.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY MANITOULIN NORTHSHORE VICTIM SERVICES

Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services provides immediate crisis response, intervention and prevention services which are responsive to the needs of individuals, families and communities affected by crime and tragic circumstances.

Volunteer Coordinator Intern (Paid Position)

This is a one-year contract position that will be required to work out of our Little Current office and/or any satellite office within our catchment area, as well as remotely, in keeping with COVID-19 safety protocols.

Position Requirements:

- Must be a new entrant to the workforce, are transitioning to a new career, or the unemployed or underemployed who are entering a new field
- Education background in social services and/or volunteer management, an asset
- Mature, responsible, and superb organizational skills
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Knowledgeable of office procedures
- Strong computer skills, including knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Zoom
- Ability to work independently as well as part of a team, in close quarters, in a police environment
- Flexible hours – willing to work some evenings and weekends
- This position requires a criminal reference check
- Completion of 40-hour Victim Services training, will be required

Primary Functions:

- Reporting to the Executive Director, the position will be mentored and trained by all MNVS staff
- Monitor, support, and motivate volunteers
- Celebrate volunteers by nominating volunteers for awards and organize celebration events
- Support and train volunteers
- Promote volunteering (internally and externally) through recruitment and publicity strategies and campaigns
- Interview and recruit volunteers
- Ensure volunteers are appropriately matched and trained for a position
- Respond to phone calls from referring organizations or victims directly and provide crisis support and assistance
- Develop messaging and content for social media regarding the volunteer program
- Other duties as assigned

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS is Friday, April 22, 2022 AT 4:00 PM

Please submit resume, with covering letter, to:

Victim Services Hiring Committee
Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services
54 Boosneck Road, Unit 101
P.O. Box 702
Little Current, ON
POP 1K0

Email to: Tanya Wall, Executive Director, at mnvs@vianet.ca

This opportunity is proudly supported by Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and is funded through the Workforce Development Program. Eligibility requirements of the program can be found here: <https://nohfc.ca/en/pages/programs/people-talent-program/workforce-development-stream>



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TWO (2) FULL TIME REGISTERED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

Department: Education, BINOOJIIINH GAMGOONHS (Early Learning Centre)
Classification Level: ECE Salary Grid (\$39,380 - \$48,130)

* With \$2.00 Hourly Wage Enhancement (subject to approval year to year)

Benefits: Sick entitlements, two weeks annual leave to start, extended health, vision, and dental benefits (including life and long-term disability), Employee Assistance Program, and pension contributions (employee and employer). Along with continuous professional development.

Position Summary

The Educator, reporting to the Childcare Supervisor, is responsible for children in all aspects related to the development of their academic learning skills, hygiene, health, well-being, and safety. The Educator oversees the planning and the implementing of age-appropriate programming for children ages newborn to 12 years.

Essential Functions

- Promote the health and well-being of all the children
- Provide high-quality care and learning environments by drawing on specialized knowledge, education, and diverse perspectives
- Demonstrate caring and compassion for all children through responsive and reciprocal relationships
- Work in partnerships with families, supporting them in meeting their responsibilities for their children
- Maintain and follow internal routines and procedures for child's health and safety
- Plan, organize, and lead daily activities designed to stimulate physical, social, cognitive, and emotional growth of children and encourages cooperation and participation
- Maintain knowledge, skills and self-awareness needed to keep abreast of new and diverse competencies for the position

Qualifications & Requirements

Preferred

- Early Childhood Education Diploma and registered with the College of ECE
- Additional specialized training to support young children of diverse needs, varying abilities, and their families
- At least two-five (2-5) years' work-related experience
- Ability to work effectively individually and within a team environment
- Knowledge and experience with the culture, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe
- Fluency in Ojibwe would be an asset
- Valid First Aid and CPR

Minimal

- Recent Graduate of Early Childhood Education Program (or currently enrolled part-time), a Child and Youth or Recreation and Leisure Program
- Knowledge and experience with the culture, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe or the willingness to learn
- Valid First Aid and CPR
- Passion for working with children
- Can communicate effectively and strong interpersonal skills
- Ability to work effectively individually and within a team environment
- Must possess strong leadership and organizational skills

Conditions of Employment:

- Police Vulnerable Sector Check
- Proof of TB tests and medical clearance
- Valid First Aid Certificate with Level C CPR training
- Proof immunization vaccinations (and up to date)
- Proof of COVID-19 vaccinations
- Valid Food Handlers Certificate

Closing Date: March 25th, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Interested applicants must submit their cover letter, resume, three (3) current written references (two work-related, one character/co-worker) & education certifications to:

Confidential – Human Resources
REGISTERED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS
M'Chigeeng First Nation
P.O. Box 333, M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
employment@mchigeeng.ca

Signing Bonus offered to
successful candidates!



MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN JOB OPPORTUNITIES SUMMER STUDENTS

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin will have the following positions available for the summer of 2022:

- (1) Labourer (8-week term)
- (1) Labourer (15-week term. University or College level student required)
- (1) Labourer (8-week term)
- (1) Museum Attendant (10-week term University or College preferred)
- (2) Museum/Tourism Information Attendant (8-week term)
- (1) Swimming Instructor (7-week term)
- (1) Assistant Swimming Instructor (7-week term)
- (1) Discovery Centre Host (10-week term. University or College preferred)
- (2) Discovery Centre Hosts (8-week term)
- (1) Summer Fun Leader (8-week term)
- (1) Summer Fun Assistant (8-week term)

Eligible students must be planning to return to school full time in the fall, be eligible to work in Canada, as well as be at least 15 years of age upon commencement of employment.

Further details are available at the Municipal Office.

**Deadline for receiving applications is:
12:30 p.m. on Friday, April 8th, 2021.**

Please direct all inquiries and applications to:

Hayley Nicklasson
Municipality of Central Manitoulin
P.O. Box 187
Mindemoya, ON POP 1S0
Phone: 705-377-5726
Fax: 705-377-5585
Email: centralac@amtelecom.net

Only those persons invited for an interview will be contacted.

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES A place of healing

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

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.

Available Positions:

***NEW Mobile Health Unit Positions (Full-time):

- Mobile Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Mobile Mental Health Social Worker
- Mobile Cultural Support & Peer Outreach Worker

We are also hiring for:

- Physician (Full-time)
- Registered Practical Nurse (Full-time)
- Traditional Care Coordinator (Full-time)
- Traditional Knowledge Keeper (Full-time)
- Cultural Support Worker (Full-time)
- Medical Administrative Assistant (Full-time)
- Anishinaabek Services Coordinator (Full-time)
- Sexual & Domestic Violence Services Registered Practical Nurse (0.7)
- Receptionist on Call (Casual)

For job details please visit: www.noojmowin-teg.ca/about-us/employment

Submission Pre-Requisites:

- Please submit a cover letter, resume, registration, and list three (3) work-related references.
- Proof of full COVID-19 Vaccination Status required.

Applications: Can be received marked 'Confidential', by email at info@noojmowin-teg.ca, by facsimile at (705) 368-3922, or by mail:

Attn: Human Resources
Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Postal Bag 2002, Hwy 540
Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
Little Current, ON POP 1K0

To learn more about employment opportunities, call (705) 368-2182 ext. 235.
Chi-miigwetch/Thank you for your interest in Noojmowin Teg Health Centre. "A place of healing"

Manitoulin Hotel & Conference Centre

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Kitchen Line Cook:	Part Time x 4
Housekeepers:	Part Time x 8
Kitchen Prep Cook:	Part Time x 2
Dishwashers:	Part Time x 4
Bartenders (Conference):	Part Time x 2 (Evenings & Weekends)
Banquet Servers:	Part Time x 12
Front Desk:	Part Time x 2
Conference Supervision:	Part Time (leading to fulltime) x 1
Wedding Supervision:	Part Time (leading to fulltime) x 1
Maintenance Person:	Part Time x 1
Housekeeping Supervisor:	Part-Time, Leading to Full Time x 1

Work Setting

Full Service Hotel & Conference Centre

Specific Skills

Specific job descriptions available upon request. All positions must be available to work all shifts, unless stated job requires. Uniforms provided where applicable. Wages from \$15.00/hr and up. Training provided.

Credentials (certificates, licences, memberships, courses, etc.)

Safe Food Handlers – F & B / Bartenders
Smart Serve - F & B / Bartenders

Security and Safety

Bondable

Essential Skills

Communication, Working with Others, Problem Solving

Education

Completion of high school (not required)
Training provided

Please apply in person between 9:00am-5:00pm with resume to:

Manitoulin Hotel & Conference Centre
66 Meredith St E
Little Current, ON
POP 1K0
or email to:
gm@manitoulinhotel.com



**M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION - LAKEVIEW SCHOOL
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Closing Date: March 25th, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

2 – Full-time Teachers (with Health and Benefits) – Salary based on Years of Teaching Experience

We are seeking passionate and driven Teachers who are looking for an enriching experience and want to be part of MFN student success. Teachers will be responsible for supporting and developing students, while focusing on the delivery of exceptional educational services. This is a full-time position reporting directly to the Principal of Lakeview School.

Qualifications and Requirements

Preferred:

- Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education with 1-2 years' teaching experience

Minimum:

- Valid Ontario College of Teachers Certificate and Undergraduate Degree
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, tradition, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe
- Understanding and fluency of Ojibwe language is an asset or must have the willingness to learn

2 – Full-time Teacher Assistants (with Health and Benefits) - \$29,400 - \$44,100 Annually

The Teacher Assistants will work under the supervision of a lead teacher, providing additional assistance and instruction to students. Teacher assistants may also work one-on-one with students to help them understand and apply principles taught by the classroom teacher.

Qualifications & Requirements

Preferred:

- College Diploma in related field of education or equivalent or social services with a minimum of two (2) years' work/volunteer related experience with the completion of Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent

Minimum:

- College Diploma in a related field of study or five (5) years' work experience in related field

2 – Full-time Anishinaabemowin Teachers (with Health and Benefits) – Salary based on Years of Teaching Experience

The Anishinaabemowin Teacher is responsible for effective instruction, training, and evaluation of the progress of students. The students' ability to speak, write, and read the Anishinaabemowin and make cultural connections to Ojibwe traditions are strengthened by the instruction associated with this role within the school.

Qualifications and Requirements

Preferred:

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

Minimum:

- Valid Ontario College of Teachers Certificate and Undergraduate Degree
- Must be working to attain Bachelor of Education Degree and willing to obtain additional qualifications
- Have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, tradition, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe
- Understanding and fluency of Ojibwe

1 – Full-time Tutor Escort (with Health and Benefits) - \$29,400 - \$44,100 Annually

The Tutor Escort will work one-to-one with a student(s); with the support of the lead teacher or the SERT Team.

Qualifications and Requirements

Preferred:

- College Diploma in related field of education or equivalent or social services with a minimum of two (2) years' work/volunteer related experience with the completion of secondary school or equivalent

Minimum:

- College Diploma in a related field of study or five (5) years' work experience in related field

Other:

- Good rapport with young people
- Good interpersonal skills, dependable, reliable and willingness to work in cooperation within a strong team environment
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, history, and customs of the Anishnaabe
- Understanding and fluency in Anishinaabemowin is a strong asset; or must be willing to learn the language
- Valid First Aid Certificate and CPR would be an asset

1 – Full-time and 1 Part-time School Janitor - \$34,880 - \$42,630 Annually (with Health & Benefits)

The School Janitor role is integral to the smooth and successful cleaning operations of the entire school to include maintaining a clean school environment for our students and staff. They are heavily involved in supporting the safe, smooth, and successful day-to-day operations of the school.

Qualifications Skills & Requirements

Preferred:

- High School Diploma and 2-years' work-related experience
- Valid WHIMIS, CPR & First Aid Certifications
- Knowledge and experience in a school environment
- Knowledge and experience of Workplace Health & Safety procedures

Minimum:

- High School Diploma or Equivalency with 1-year work-related experience
- Current WHIMIS CPR & First Aid Certifications or willing to acquire

Other:

- Ability to work with minimal supervision and in a team environment, to maintain effective working relationships
- Maintain professional attitude when interacting with children, parents, and visitors
- High degree of confidentiality
- Effective problem-solving skills
- Knowledge of Anishnabek culture, traditions, and practices
- Understanding and fluency in Anishinaabemowin or willingness to learn are strong assets
- Valid Driver's Licence and access to a reliable vehicle

1 – Full-time Lead Special Education Resource Teacher - Salary based on Years of Teaching Experience (with Health and Benefits)

Special Education Lead will facilitate an environment of growth and acceptance by coordinating appropriate services for all the school's students with exceptionalities, special education needs, student-specific supports and resources that will allow students to be included within the regular classroom setting with age-appropriate peers and maintain program compliance in keeping with M'Chigeeng's Special Education Policies and Procedures.

Qualifications and Requirements

Preferred:

- Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Bachelor of Education, Program of Teacher Education, Special Education Specialist, Reading Specialist, or other additional qualifications, plus teaching experience
- Special Education 1 and 2

Minimum:

- Valid Ontario College of Teachers Certificate and Undergraduate Degree
- Must be working to attain Bachelor of Education Degree or other Special Education Qualifications
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, tradition, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe
- Understanding and fluency of Ojibwe language is an asset or must have the willingness to learn

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

CONFIDENTIAL: "INDICATE POSITION"

c/o Human Resource

**M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333, M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0
employment@mchigeeng.ca**

For complete job descriptions, please contact: andream@mchigeeng.ca



Part-time positions available



is seeking individuals with layout/pagination/desktop publishing skills and a knack for design and demonstrable skills in the use of

- Quark Express
- Adobe InDesign

The newspaper has part-time positions available to assist in the paper's Monday night layout in preparation for printing. (In the event of holiday Mondays and other occasions, newspaper layout will sometimes occur on Fridays.)

Please send your resume and relevant details to: editor@manitoulin.com.

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Mental Health and Addictions Worker
(National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program)
Salary as per salary grid**

The Whitefish River First Nation is seeking a qualified and highly motivated individual for the position of Mental Health & Addictions Worker. The Mental Health and Addictions Worker will work under the direct supervision of the Whitefish River First Nation Health Manager. The role of the Mental Health and Addictions Worker is to work with youth and adult populations and promote prevention strategies, intervention, aftercare referrals, and ensure follow-up services to individuals, families and community concerning mental health and addictions. The Mental Health and Addictions Worker's responsibility is to provide community mental health supports, adhere to Whitefish River First Nation policies and procedures, including those that relate to client and staff safety, quality improvement and risk management. Programming will be community-based, culturally relevant, and address the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being of community members who may require professional mental health and addictions counselling.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Screen and assess, and refer clients to external professional counselling services;
- Provide "brief intervention" to clients requiring mental health counselling services;
- Document and maintain cases within an electronic medical records system;
- Write quarterly and annual reports on services provided to the community;
- Develop or implement programs to create an awareness on drug use and abuse, and alcohol misuse;
- Collaborate and network with other departments and community organizations, and refer clients to available services which may promote health and wellness;
- Provide follow-up to clients returning from treatment and ensure ongoing follow-up care and counselling through collaborating with external mental health counsellors;
- Develop and provide substance abuse information services (Literature, workshops, videos, internet) and submit monthly newsletter articles that focuses on mental health and self-care;
- Plan, organize and/or develop, and facilitate and or implement community-based and culturally relevant mental health prevention and promotion programming within the community;
- Assist in the planning, organizing and implementation of Traditional Services within the clinical setting;
- Provide Naloxone program to community members, and ensure documentation of the service provided; and
- Perform general administrative duties as directed by the Health Manager.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- National Native Addictions and Drug Abuse Program certification preferred;
- Related Post-Secondary designation in a related field, and five years' relevant experience preferably in a First Nation Community or Indigenous organization;
- Demonstrated ability to follow direction and work with little or no supervision;
- Knowledge and understanding of Indigenous culture, language, and healing practices;
- Excellent communication and motivational skills to effectively maintain solution-focused dialogue;
- Ability to develop collaborative relationships with families, service providers and stakeholders;
- Knowledge of unique needs of Whitefish River First Nation, or the willingness to learn;
- Experience working with Indigenous families to support and advocate for families in need of services;
- Clear Driver's Abstract, ability to drive, and a reliable vehicle;
- Maintenance of an ongoing clear Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check;
- Valid Standard First Aid Certificate and CPR, and Naloxone Training;
- Mental Health First Aid; A.S.I.S.T. Certification; and Critical Incident Stress Management Level 1 & 2 would be assets; and
- Ability to travel and work flexible hours to the needs of WRFN families.

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

CONFIDENTIAL:

Human Resources Manager

Whitefish River First Nation; 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road; P.O. Box 188; Birch Island; ON POP1A0
Email: applications@whitefishriver.ca; Telephone: (705)285-4335; Fax: (705) 285-4532

Applications must be submitted by March 31st, 2022 by 4:30 p.m. and must include the following: Cover letter, current resume, copies of certificates (Degrees or Diplomas), and three current (dated within the last three months, one being from your most recent employment) reference letters.

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.

...Municipalities, volunteer fire departments worry about upgrading costs

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ing fire departments, we lose our backup help.”

It was mentioned at the meeting that the cost for the Town of Hornepayne to have all its firefighters go through the mandatory certification will be about \$300,000.

Mr. Addison said, “we held a meeting recently with all the Island fire chiefs and have also met with fire chiefs in other

areas that are already going through the full certification. I go from one day thinking I don’t need all this and that it would be a damn good day to retire, to the next day thinking ‘we can do this’.”

“It will be a lot of work,” stated Mr. Addison, “and it will take a huge commitment on behalf of firefighters and trainers who are volunteers.” He had taken a survey of fire departments

on the Island. “Six of eight municipalities responded, and what we found is that (of those six fire departments) there are 129 firefighters, 37 certified to firefighter one (first level), 25 at firefighter two, 15 are certified to be fire officers, only eight firefighters are certified pump operators, which is not good (considering there is supposed to be one certified for every fire truck each local fire department has), there are 13 training officers, and 40 firefighters have their Z/AZ licence to drive the fire trucks.”

“The Island has fire departments where no one is certified, and some that don’t have fire trainers,” continued Mr. Addison. “I think at this point, we need to work together and need council’s support in each area. We need to open up training to the entire Island and do training for everyone together.”

Richard Stephens, mayor of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin had told the MMA earlier in the meeting, “this is a major concern for our area in certification of firefighters. We

met with our firefighter team last night. The message was loud and clear: all our firefighters are volunteers. The time and costs that are involved in getting everyone certified the same as full-time firefighters is certainly concerning. We definitely want training for our firefighters as well as firefighters who are full-time, but the methods the province is putting in place is going to make this difficult.”

Mr. Addison said, “this all comes down to liability concerns because there have been cases of firefighters dying at the scene of fires. Coroners reports into these deaths are saying that firefighters who are dying were not qualified to do the tasks they were attempting. I know our (Gore Bay/Gordon/Barrie Island) firefighters train to national fire protection association standards, but we’ve never had the final certification process done or examiners come to do the testing.” He noted that in South River, which has a higher population than the combined numbers of Gore Bay and

Gordon/Barrie Island, “they are telling us it will be very hard to comply with the mandatory certification requirements.”

“The fire chiefs on the Island are trying to work together,” said Mr. Addison. “I’m a trainer, but there may be things that I am not as skilled in as a trainer as someone else might be. And if firefighters aren’t certified in three years, they will be left out of this.”

As municipalities, “you need to push back,” stated Mr. Addison. “We know there was work done behind the scenes on the new mandatory certification. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario supported the changes in the regulations months before we heard anything about it, as did the Ontario Fire Chiefs Association.”

“It would make sense for every council to support a motion outlining their concerns. This is going to cost everyone a lot of money,” said Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne.

It was pointed out for fire chiefs, if there is ever an injury to a firefighter, the

Ministry of Labour would hold the fire chiefs liable in these cases.

Mr. Addison said he likes the fire certification proposals because all volunteer firefighters would meet the standards of full-time firefighters, but the municipalities can’t afford the costs, and there are not enough resources on the Island. “The province closed the fire training college last year and said that fire trainers would come to each area to help out fire departments. It would cost \$80 for books (for each firefighter). We don’t have this money to provide this. The real problem, as Richard (Stephens) indicated, is that you can’t ask volunteer firefighters to come out for even more training without compensation. And there is a price tag to all of this, and a time limit when all firefighters need to be certified.”

“I love the job, but I can tell you for all the hours I put in as fire chief, I probably make about three dollars per hour,” said Mr.


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ice has outpaced the revenue generated from the services provided; and whereas downward trends occurring in the balance between revenue and expenses stem from ongoing system issues in the tickets and court processes that were becoming evident prior to the advent of COVID-19 issues; and whereas the administration and prosecution of provincial offences is a provincial responsibility that should not be submitted by the municipalities through local property taxation; now therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands petitions the province of Ontario to adequately fund the operation the POA and reimburse the board of management for current and past deficits.”

The motion was forwarded to the MMA and the FONOM for its annual conference in May and the town is requesting a delegation with provincial ministers at their meeting and the Ontario Good Roads Association conference which takes place in April.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY HOUSING OFFICER

Classification/Level: PS-1 (\$55,080 - \$67,320)
Employment Status: Regular Full-Time

2ND POSTING CLOSING DATE: APRIL 4, 2022, BY 12 P.M. EST

Position Summary:
Reporting to the Housing Manager, the Housing Officer is responsible for the management and maintenance of rental properties in accordance with the M'Chigeeng First Nation policies and procedures. This position is dependent on the rental revenue collected for approximately 115 rental units to ensure its sustainability.

Essential Functions

Administration

- Document services and other related costs in response to tenant concerns and requests
- Ensure prompt and appropriate responses to tenant/applicant/band member inquiries related to rental/housing and refer to appropriate service/program for assistance
- Prepare correspondence, reports and maintain records management system
- Assist with monitoring all CMHC phases, file records and completion of documentation
- Deal with breaches of tenancy agreements
- Plan, coordinate and prepare repair/renovation/maintenance schedule and activities as required

Planning and Development

- Assist the Housing Manager in coordinating strategic planning activities to determine short/long term goals of program
- Implementation of arrears management work plan/program
- Prepare and complete annual maintenance assessment of rental units to determine repairs and renovations as required and are completed in the most cost-effective manner
- Assist with the preparation and maintenance of short- and long-term prevention maintenance program
- Conduct arrears management counselling with rental residents to minimize rental arrears and the collection of rental arrears
- Organize quarterly delivery of tenants/community workshops (i.e., budgeting, maintenance, energy efficiency, etc.)
- Annual review of the Tenant/Rental Management Policy along with guidelines

Financial

- Record and monitor monthly expenditures and rental revenue for rental units (i.e., labour/service calls, water, hydro, roads, hook-ups, renovations, etc.); along with assisting with annual rental unit budget
- Process purchase orders, cheque requisitions and journal entries for approval by the Department Manager

Qualifications & Requirements

Preferred

- Completion of Post-Secondary Diploma and/or Certificate in related field of study
- Three years' related work experience
- Previous work experience working with First Nation organization

Minimum

- Related training relevant to the position in combination with completion of post-secondary education or equivalent
- Minimum 2 to 3 years of recent practical experience in housing/maintenance
- Proven knowledge and experience of building construction, skilled trades, common repairs problems and housing maintenance is required
- Knowledge of building codes and regulations
- Trades licence/certification is preferable
- Excellent customer service relations
- Knowledge of Landlord and Tenant obligations
- Must have good working knowledge of computer software programs (i.e., Microsoft Office)

Other

- Understanding and fluency of Ojibwe is an asset or the willingness to learn
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, customs, and history of the Anishinaabe
- Must have valid driver's licence and access to own vehicle
- Must be able to maintain a high degree of confidentiality
- Must be self-motivated with a proven ability to work independently and must demonstrate strong communication and interpersonal skills


Conditions of Employment

- Proof of Covid-19 vaccinations
- Police CRC

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

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

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY HOUSING MANAGER

Department: Housing
Classification/Level: Department Manager Salary Grid (\$67,280 - \$82,230)
Employment Status: Regular Full-Time

2ND POSTING CLOSING DATE: APRIL 4, 2022 BY 12 P.M. EST

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

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

Responsibilities:

Planning:

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

Financial Management:

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

Administration:

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

Qualifications

Preferred

- First Nation Housing Certificate or equivalent combination of post-secondary education and experience
- At least three (3) years' First Nation Housing experience
- Experience and certification in Project Management / Property Management are highly desirable
- Advanced Computer skills: Microsoft Office, Internet Explorer, Adobe Acrobat Pro

Minimum

- Minimum three (3) years of supervisory experience, along with supervisory training
- Construction experience
- Knowledge of federal labour standards, the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Occupational Health and Safety section of the Canada Labour Code
- Intermediate Computer Skills
- Understanding of the CMHC program and other housing programs

Conditions of Employment

- Proof of Covid-19 vaccinations
- Police CRC

Other:

- Valid Ontario driver's licence and access to own vehicle
- Excellent public relations skills, interpersonal and leadership skills
- Demonstrated ability to work in a team environment with minimal supervision
- Ability to exercise discretion in handling highly confidential matters

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Local municipal leaders voice concerns Chi-Cheemaun not ready for season

by Tom Sasvari
 MANITOULIN—While Owen Sound Transportation Company (OSTC) officials have indicated they are optimistic that the M.S. Chi-Cheemaun will be ready to go for this year's sailing season in May, members of the Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) voiced concerns and are calling on the company to provide or put a plan in place in the event the ship is not ready to start the season. As was reported last week, extensive damage was done to the ship's boiler room, the result of a ship fire that took place in the early morning hours of March 12. The Chi-Cheemaun is currently in Thunder Bay for its regular dry dock maintenance and upgrading.

"I think that a motion should be sent from all of us, asking if the company

(OSTC) has a plan in place if the Chi-Cheemaun isn't ready for the opening of the season," suggested Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne.

"Based on the ferry numbers from 2019 (pre-COVID) they had 200,000 passengers that season," said Mayor Osborne. "So, with those numbers, if the ferry is not running, it would be devastating to our economy."

Penny Palonen, a Burpee and Mills township councillor said, "the OSTC has said that the ship will be ready on time to open the season."

"The fire took place in the boiler and electrical system," said MMA chair Ken Noland, who also noted the OSTC says the ship will be up and running by the opening of the season (May 6)."

"I would like to know if the OSTC has a plan in place if the ferry is not running by then," re-iterated

Mr. Osborne.

"So, we need to send something to the OSTC, requesting if the ferry is going to be operational and if it isn't, whether the company has a contingency plan in place," said Mr. Noland.

"Yes, sending it from the MMA on behalf of the whole Island makes sense. If the ferry is not running, we will all lose out," stated Mr. Osborne.

The MMA passed a motion to send correspondence to the OSTC to ask about the status of repairs, and whether a plan is in place if the Chi-Cheemaun is not operational in time for the start of this season. The motion was moved by Mr. Osborne and seconded by Richard Stephens, Mayor of the municipality of Central Manitoulin.

As well, another issue was raised concerning the

OSTC, by Assiginack councillor Hugh Moggy. "I see there is no Manitoulin Island representation on the OSTC ferry parent board," he told the MMA members. "The Island used to have three members on the board at one time, now we have none that I know of and I would like to know the reason for this." Mr. Moggy was for several years an OSTC board member

Mr. Noland noted that this concern could also be raised in the MMA letter being sent to OSTC.

As for the ferry's condition and its status for the start of the season in May, Kaleena Sanford, manager of customer relations and media with OSTC, said assessment of the damage is continuing and the OSTC is hopeful to be able to provide an update this week.

"Until we receive all the information from our engineering crew, we will not be able to provide an update."

She had noted in last week's Expositor that the OSTC is very optimistic that the ship will start sailing as scheduled May 6.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.


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 Addison.

In the 1990s all ambulance services were made up of volunteer members, Mr. Addison told the meeting. "These ambulance services were run by volunteers, not full-time paramedics. Eventually the province took over the ambulance service, and I think the province provides 50 percent of the costs with the municipalities paying a

share. Maybe this same system will have to be put in place for fire services."

Ken Noland, chair of the MMA and reeve of Burpee and Mills township added, "as municipal councils we need to be talking to our fire chiefs on this issue. And we have to work together if we are going to have fire departments, with combined training, or whatever it takes."



WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE

Experienced Police Officer Full-time - Permanent

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

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

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

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

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

Basic Requirements:

- Ontario Police College Certificate or equivalent as recognized by the Ontario Police College.
- Diploma in Police Foundations or Degree in Law and Criminal Justice an asset.
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario Driver's Licence.
- Possess current First Aid/CPR Certificates.
- Provide proof of double Covid-19 Vaccination certificate from the Ministry of Health.
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook and Office.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Be physically able to perform the duties of the position.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST.
- Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Be of good moral character and habits.
- Perform 12-hour shifts (days and nights) including weekends and holidays.
- If convicted of a criminal offence under a federal statute, you must obtain a pardon. If you have 'Findings of Guilt', which have resulted in absolute or conditional discharges, the records must be 'sealed' by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- Pass a detailed background check that include security clearance checks, credit, and reference checks.
- Salary and merit level are open for discussion.

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

Attn: Acting Chief of Police, Gregory Mishibinjima
gregory.mishibinjima@wtps.ca

Posting Deadline: April 1, 2022 at 2:00 PM

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

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



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**Mnaamodzawin Health Services
 Employment Opportunity
 Digital Health Lead**

6-month Full-time Contract- extension subject to funding

Overview:
 The Digital Health Lead will provide Electronic Medical Record (EMR) support to Home and Community Care staff at Mnaamodzawin Health Services (MHS), and staff at each of our 5 First Nation Health Centres. This involves implementing, securing, and troubleshooting hardware and software for EMR use, assisting in providing training to users on hardware/software use, and working with Giwednong Health Link (GHL) to enhance the current EMR database to meet the needs of the clients of MHS.

Required Competencies:

- Respect cultural diversity
- Work efficiently and demonstrate time management with the ability to meet deadlines
- Work under pressure, with minimal direction and supervision
- Show initiative and be action-oriented
- Demonstrate problem-solving and critical thinking
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Continuous Learning

Qualifications and Work Experience:

- Diploma or Degree from an accredited institution in Computer Science, Computer Systems, Information Technology, or related program, OR
- Diploma or Degree in Nursing, Registered Practical Nursing
- A minimum of one year of direct working experience in Information Technology, Informatics, and/or IT Network Administration preferred
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience working in computer software, hardware and a variety of internet applications, networks, and operating systems
- Current knowledge of laptop and server hardware, software, operating systems, and networks
- Knowledge of a wide variety of software including Microsoft Office, email, internet browsers
- Experience in the planning and delivery of training/workshops to adults in the use of computers
- Experience working with electronic health records an asset
- Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture, and language
- Current Ontario Driver's Licence (and vehicle)

Deadline: Friday, April 1, 2022 @ 12:00pm

Submissions:
 Send resume with 3 work-related references, cover letter, copy of credentials, and CPIC marked 'Confidential' in person, by mail or email to:

Human Resources
 Mnaamodzawin Health Services
 Postal Bag 2003, Hwy 540
 48A Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning
 Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0
 705-368-2182 ext.271
hr@mnaamodzawin.com

Province provides funds for two community environment projects on Manitoulin

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA) and the Whitefish River First Nation have each received provincial funding for community environment enhancement projects.

The Ontario government is investing almost \$900,000 in 17 projects across the

province that will help protect and restore the environment and support stronger, healthier, and cleaner communities.

Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA) has received funding of \$55,000 for work to be carried out on the Manitou River Site M17.1 bank stabilization, and an Island-wide garbage cleanup. The fund-

ing will go toward planting native trees and shrubs to stabilize 300 metres of stream banks and conduct a Manitoulin Island-wide garbage clean-up. This project, in partnership with Tehkummah Township and community volunteers, will restore 55 linear metres of the Manitou River; enhance aquatic habitat and improve water quality

across Manitoulin Island.

Funding in the amount of \$41,750 is being provided to Whitefish River First Nation for a stream improvement project. Work will be carried out to

restore three streams on the First Nation's traditional territory by stabilizing stream banks and improving fish spawning conditions. A bridge will also be built over a frequently used

part of the stream to reduce further erosion.

The funding for the projects is being provided by the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

MP Hughes says she will wear blacklist from travel to Russia as badge of honour

OTTAWA—Member of Parliament Carol Hughes is one of several MPs from Northeastern Ontario who are among 313 Canadians, top officials, parliamentarians and anti-Russian figures in Canada who have been placed on Russia's travel blacklist. Russia made the announcement last week in relation to similar moves by Canada following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. In fact, all members of parliament have been declared persona non grata by the Russian government.

"Like most other members of parliament, I was placed on a Russian travel blacklist for having the audacity to speak out against the illegal Russian invasion of Ukraine," stated Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes. "If

(Russian president) Vladimir Putin doesn't want me to travel to Russia, so be it. I will wear the blacklist as a badge of hon-



MP Carol Hughes

our for doing the right thing and standing up for the people of Ukraine."

MP Hughes said, "I certainly didn't have any plans to travel to Russian any time soon. I have not travelled out of the country

since 2016. Should I decide to travel outside of Canada, it would be to countries that have leaders who respect international human rights and the sovereignty of other nations. As we have seen frequently during this illegal invasion, even ordinary Russian citizens don't want this war."

"I was moved by (Ukraine) president Zelensky's address to Parliament (March 15), as were Canadians across the country," said MP Hughes. "As such, I will continue to call for the government of Canada to provide more humanitarian aid to Ukraine, give the opportunity to Ukrainians fleeing their homeland a chance to settle as refugees in Canada, and push for stronger sanctions against Putin's closest oligarchs."



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The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board is a municipal service management organization created by the provincial government to oversee the local planning, coordination and delivery of a range of services and programs divested to the municipal order of government. The specific programs our DSB is responsible for are: Ontario Works, Community Housing, Paramedic Services (Land Ambulance), and Early Learning and Child Care services.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

CHILD & YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS COUNSELLOR

Salary: \$45,000 - \$55,000 /year (depending on education and experience)

Whitefish River First Nation is seeking a qualified and highly motivated individual for the position of Mental Health & Addictions Child and Youth Counsellor. This position requires one-on-one and group mental health and addiction counselling services to children and youth ages six to eighteen (6-18 years). Programming is to be culturally relevant and include health promotion (i.e. strengthening families, Triple P, Safe Talk, etc.). This counselling position requires a holistic approach that is consistent with Anishinabek values. The Counsellor will be responsible for the coordination of integrated services delivery for all assigned children, youth, and their families.

The services will be both community and school-based, and include elementary, as well as, high schools located in Espanola. The counsellor's priority will ensure availability of Mental Health Services to WRFN students and also to other indigenous students within the schools, and to ensure students receive mental health and addictions counselling and support.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Complete a comprehensive process from intake, clinical assessments, and interventions, treatment plans, one on one and group treatment and counselling, referrals and discharge, specifically with Anishinabek children and youth under the age of 18 years;
- Work within the Whitefish River community health centre participating in a circle of care with internal and external multiple disciplinary professionals;
- Work within elementary and secondary school environments with school partners;
- Consult with parents of children and youth;
- Demonstrate sound knowledge of area children, youth and family services;
- Develop and implement community-based and culturally relevant mental health prevention and promotion of programming to engage children and youth within their community; and
- Chart and communicate within an electronic health environment.

* A detailed job description can be supplied upon request.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelors of Social Work (BSW); or Bachelor of Science in Nursing with certification in Mental Health Nursing or related Post-Secondary designation in a related field and five years' relevant experience preferably in a First Nation Community or Indigenous organization;
- Must be currently registered with professional college or organization to provide counselling services;
- Demonstrated ability to follow direction and work with little or no supervision;
- Knowledge of Health and Safety and Child and Family Services Legislation;
- Knowledge and understanding of Indigenous culture, language, and healing practices, in addition to experience working with Indigenous families;
- Excellent communication and negotiation skills along with the ability to effectively maintain solution-focused dialogue;
- Ability to develop collaborative relationships with families, service providers, and stakeholders and the broader community;
- Knowledge of unique needs of WRFN children and families, or the willingness to learn; Ability to support self-advocacy with families;
- Excellent group facilitation, verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills;
- Clear Driver's Abstract, ability to drive, and a reliable vehicle;
- Maintenance of an ongoing clear Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check;
- Valid Standard First Aid Certificate and CPR;
- Mental Health First Aid; A.S.I.S.T. Certification; Critical Incident Stress Management Level 1 & 2 would be an asset;
- Ability to travel and work flexible hours according to the needs of WRFN families.

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Human Resources Manager

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Email: applications@whitefishriver.ca; Telephone: (705)285-4335; Fax: (705) 285-4532

Applications must be submitted by March 31st, 2022 by 4:30 p.m. and must include the following: Cover letter, current resume, copies of certificates (Degrees or Diplomas), and three current (dated within the last three months, one being from your most recent employment) reference letters.

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.



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Salary: Based on qualifications and experience
Position Status: Full-Time Regular (40 hrs. per week)
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Reporting Relationship:

The Finance Manager reports to the Grocery Store Manager

Essential Functions:

- Oversee the day-to-day financial operations within the company
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- Review and correct inconsistencies in financial entries, documents and reports
- Prepare, examine and analyze accounting records, financial statements, monthly and annual forecasting and other financial reports

Qualifications and Requirements:

Preferred

- Post-Secondary 3-year Diploma in accounting
- Minimum 2 years' successful work experience in a bookkeeping/financial role
- Working knowledge of accounting principles

Minimum

- Must have OSSD or equivalent
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- Working knowledge of finances and office procedures

Other:

- Strong analytical skills, ability to multitask and prioritize, excellent time management and organizational skills
- Must have access to a reliable vehicle
- Must have a valid G driver's licence with a clean driving record

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

- Current thirty (30) day Police Criminal Reference Check (CRC)
- Confirmation of their COVID-19 Vaccinations

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

You may drop off your resume c/o Sean Gray MFN Grocery Store Manager
404 HWY 551, M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0

OR email resumes to gsmanager@mchigeengfreshmart.ca

LATE OR INCOMPLETE applications will not be considered and only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

For a complete job description, please contact Sean Gray at gsmanager@mchigeengfreshmart.ca

APPLICATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022 AT 3 P.M.

March break flew by and just like that students are back in school. It is also officially spring according to the calendar! You know what that means? A spring joke!

Why did the farmer bury his money? To make his soil rich!

When students and staff returned to school on Monday, March 21, there was no mandatory masking, cohorting, distancing and confirmation of screening. Masking will no longer be mandatory on school buses or in elementary and secondary schools, but staff, students and families may wear a mask if they choose to do so. Although other measures have been lifted, before leaving home, students should still be screening for COVID-19 using the screening tool. Please stay home when you are sick.

The week before March break, the Share/Go-Green committee held a very successful fundraiser for Ukraine. The committee set up a table in the front foyer where they held a candy guessing game where students could guess how much candy was in the jar

for \$1. They also held a bake sale and draw for a cake on Wednesday, March 9 and Thursday, March 10. Through these efforts, they were able to raise \$370 for Ukraine.

With some restrictions being lifted, this allowed for the first game day buyout to happen at MSS since the beginning of the pandemic. For a \$5 fee, students with a signed permission form were bused to the NEMI Rec Centre yesterday, Tuesday, March 22, for the MSS girls' hockey game. This game was a one-game playoff series against MacDonald Cartier. The hockey team qualified for the playoffs by finishing second in their division.

Before the break, many other MSS sports teams were in action. The junior girls' volleyball team was in Espanola on Wednesday, March 9 to take part in the NOSSA championship. Coming into this tournament, the team was undefeated, meaning they had won all their sets. They lost the first set of the first

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Rachael Orford

game and played a nail-biting second game that they lost 35-33. The loss of the second game put them just out of reach of the finals. Great job this season, girls!

On Thursday, March 10, the senior girls' volleyball team hosted NOSSA. The girls played their hearts out but unfortunately lost both their games on Thursday to L'Horizon and Confederation Secondary Schools. Wonderful job, girls!

The junior and senior boys' basketball teams were in action prior to the break as well. Both teams played against CASS (Central Algoma Secondary School) but unfortunately each team was defeated. The junior and senior teams also took part at the NOSSA championships at College Notre Dame. The teams gave it their all but lost their two games to Espanola and College Notre Dame. Good job, Mustangs!

This Thursday, March 24 is parent/teacher interviews. These will be held

virtually again from 5 to 7 pm. Parents should email their child's teacher to set up a time for a conversation. Joke of the week: What do you call it when you put

maple syrup in the washing machine? A viscous cycle.

Upcoming events include parent/teacher interviews.

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



THE MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN RFT 04-2022 Providence Bay Beach Boardwalk Repairs

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is requesting tender submissions (bids) in response to RFT 04-2022 to supply all labour, material, and equipment for repairs to the Providence Bay Beach Boardwalk.

The detailed scope of work as well as tender specifications and deadline can be found in the RFT documents posted on the Municipality's website: www.centralmanitoulin.ca



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<http://www.msdsb.net>

The Manitoulin Sudbury District Services Board is seeking the services of General Contractors for our Catchment area (LaCloche, Manitoulin, Sudbury North and Sudbury East). Contractors must hold valid WSIB coverage and be bondable in the Province of Ontario.

Type of work includes but is not limited to:

- drywall work
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- flooring removal and installation
- water remediation
- ceramic tile installation and repairs

Interested parties can contact the undersigned for further information or can submit their interest via email.

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Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB
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705-677-4660 (cell)
rhonda.mccauley@msdsb.net



THE MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN RFT 03-2022 Providence Bay Community Hall Stair Replacement and Foundation Waterproofing

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is requesting tender submissions (bids) in response to RFT 03-2022 for the removal and disposal of existing concrete stair structure, excavation and waterproof the front foundation wall, and reinstallation of concrete stairs at the Providence Bay Community Hall.

The detailed scope of work as well as tender specifications and deadline can be found in the RFT documents posted on the Municipality's website: www.centralmanitoulin.ca

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council of the Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island will have a public meeting on April 5th, 2022 to present By-Law 2022-04 being a By-Law to Stop up, Close Road Allowances as described below in the Township of Barrie Island, Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island.

1. THAT the portion of road allowance between Lots 25 and 26, Concession 7, Barrie Island, shown as Part 7 and highlighted on Schedule 1, attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, shall be stopped up and closed and ownership transferred to the abutting property-owner on the west in Lot 25, Concession 7;
2. THAT the portion of road allowance between Concessions 7 and 8, Barrie Island, shown as Part 4 and highlighted on Schedule 1, attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, shall be stopped up and closed and ownership transferred to the abutting property on the south identified as Lot 25, Concession 7;
3. THAT the portion of road allowance between Lots 25 and 26, Concession 8, Barrie Island, shown as Part 2 and highlighted on Schedule 1, attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, shall be stopped up and closed and ownership transferred to the abutting property on the west identified as Lot 26, Concession 8

Carrie Lewis
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
The Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island



THE MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN

RFT 02-2022 FOR: Portable Toilet Rental and Municipal Tank Pump- Outs (4 year contract)

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is requesting tender submissions for the supply and delivery of *fully serviced and maintained portable toilet units and on-call septic tank pump-out services for Municipal septic tanks.*

This RFT is intended to secure a contract for a four (4) year period.

The detailed specifications as well as tender deadline can be found in the RFT documents posted on the municipality's website: www.centralmanitoulin.ca



MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN TENDER FOR GRAVEL

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to and including April 4, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) for:

- 5,000 cu. Metres of Granular M
And
- 1,400 cu. Metres of Granular Class 6-HL3
And
- 300 cu. Metres of Granular Class 2

The lowest of any tender will not necessarily be accepted and tenders are subject to the approval of Municipal Council. Tender forms may be obtained by contacting the undersigned.

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...First Nation, municipal leaders express opposition to 'floating accommodations'

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companies that are building floating cottages designed to anchor offshore as a summer rental. "It would be creating a lot of issues for shoreline residents and municipalities," he said. He has asked MNR for input into the issues caused by these floating accommodations.

It is confusing for municipalities because they normally control the land, not the water. "My understanding is that the ministry has control over land under the water," said Mayor MacNevin.

"There is also confusion on whether this is a vessel or not," he added. "Even a barge without a motor is considered a vessel. Transport Canada determines the regulations for vessels."

"We don't want to discourage tourism, but when seasonal cottagers are already there, paying taxes and taking care of their sewage and wastewater, people staying on the water, in front of or close to their properties, can cause aggravation," Mayor MacNevin said. "Our council has agreed we don't like the idea of (floating cottages) parking offshore and creating environmental problems, not paying taxes, and aggravating cottage owners who do pay taxes."

One Ontario community that has already had dealings with floating accommodations is the Township of Georgian Bay. Mayor Peter Koetsier told The Expositor last week, "other than those who want to buy or sell them, no one wants them. We have a guy in Port Severn that manufactured one and is trying to build more. He floated one of these in our water last summer and I can tell you, the neighbours were not happy at all."

"It's a complicated issue because it includes the provincial, federal and municipal governments," Mayor Koetsier said. "Part of the challenge is the federal government has control over navigable waters, the province has control over Crown land and the lake bottom in most areas, and the municipalities control private lands."

"One of the selling points for those selling these floating cottages is that they don't have to meet regulations, don't have to pay property taxes, and you can anchor these things anywhere and later anchor in another area," he said. "We also have great concerns with the dumping of grey water into our lakes."

The township already experiences some problems with regular yachts coming very close to residences. The manufacturer in Port Severn is also using floatation materials under the containers that are breaking down in the water. "Part of the challenge is that basically, these things are ugly," said Mayor Koetsier. "They consist of two or three shipping containers on a base on a barge, and (the Port Severn unit) wasn't motorized."

"Do we need further restrictions? It's a challenge many existing neighbours don't want to see. They are producing garbage and waste, and

are aggravating landowners in some cases by interfering with the view and peacefulness of people who own cottages on the land and pay taxes on them." Mayor Koetsier said township staff is looking into possibly creating new bylaws against the floating accommodations, "but again, there's a concern that if a municipality designs a policy that isn't perfect, then no yachts can dock in our waters either. And no one wants to lay charges that might not stand up in court."

Georgian Bay Township does have an existing bylaw where using a floating structure as a dwelling unit is an illegal use; it's part of the township zoning bylaw. "The municipality reserves the right to take enforcement actions as deemed appropriate to ensure compliance with the zoning bylaw," said Mayor Koetsier. "We want the province, federal government and the OPP to be on board with all of this."

He added, "This guy listed his containers for sale as \$1 million floating condos that move around, so buyers don't have to buy property or pay taxes and can move. I think people have been tempted. One concern is overuse of our waters and if these containers are allowed, it will mean even more use of our waterways."

The ERO bulletin notes that consultation is not required on the issue as no regulatory changes are being proposed at this time. Input gathered from this process will inform the consideration of potential changes intended to address growing concerns around the impacts of this activity on Ontario waterways and those who use them. Any policy or regulatory change would be subject to public consultation.

MNR is aware of concerns regarding the "prolonged and indeterminate occupation of floating accommodations and related potential impacts" that include, wastewater management, application of building permits, duration of use, advertising, increasing human pressures on waterways,

thank you

I would like to thank family and friends for their acts of kindness in Charles Rowland's passing. Also thank you to the doctors and nurses for keeping him as comfortable as possible to the best of their ability.

With thanks,
Sheila Rowland, C. St. Jacques and L. Third
45p

In appreciation. We would like to thank everyone for their generosity, kindness and concern at the time of our house fire. It is greatly appreciated and very overwhelming that there are so many caring people and are so giving. It will take time to heal and to rebuild our lives, however, with the help and support from our families, friends, neighbours and strangers from near and far they will make this possible. No words can ever express the gratitude.

Sincerely, James and Linda
45p



Floating accommodations, for which there are few rules when placed on Crown water, have raised concerns in some Ontario regions.

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impeding access to public land and waterways, and lack of payment of property taxes."

The Public Lands Act and Ontario Regulation 161/17 provides that individuals are allowed to camp on pub-

lic lands, which includes waterways over public lands. Rules include that the camping be private and non-commercial, for a maximum duration of 21 days at one location each year after which the camping unit

must move at least 100 metres from its previous location, and the occupied public lands are not part of a road, trail, parking lot or boat launch. The camper must be a Canadian citizen or resident, otherwise a per-

mit is required. The public lands being used are not already occupied and camping is not prohibited on those lands.

Boaters may exercise their right of navigation, including reasonable moorage, but if not using a camping unit or navigating, occupational authority or permission is required from the ministry.

"We are seeing a change on Ontario's waterways," the bulletin states. "Over the years, the use of provincial waterways by watercraft has expanded to include floating accommodations, which are designed primarily to provide accommodation for longer stays (ie., similar to a cottage) and not for navigation or camping purposes."

The ministry noted it is aware of public concerns over floating accommodations on waterways over public lands and is accepting public feedback until April 19. Additional information can be found on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (Bulletin number 019-5119) and responses can be emailed to public.lands@ontario.ca.

Death Notices

ELIZA COPELAND

(nee Kinney)

April 11, 1922 - March 12, 2022



Eliza Copeland (nee Kinney) passed away on Saturday, March 12, 2022 exactly one month away from her 100th birthday. She will be dearly missed by daughters Mary Jane, Nancy, and Patricia; grandchildren Calla, Christina, Johnathan, Kathryn, Meghan, Sarah and Will; and great-grandchildren Ethan,

Mason, and Weston, with two more great-grandchildren on the way. Predeceased by siblings Henrietta Wright and James Kinney. Eliza was born on April 11, 1922 in Gore Bay, Manitoulin Island, where she had many memories of camping with her friends and swimming at the merchant dock. She moved to Toronto as a young adult for schooling and often spoke of life during WWII. The young soldiers she grew up with in rural Manitoulin Island would look her up in the big city on their way overseas, and Grandma would inaugurate them to city life by taking them to dances at Casa Loma, a Toronto landmark her family has heard many a story about over the years. Eliza married the love of her life, David Copeland, in 1948. They purchased a brand new home in Don Mills where Eliza lived for almost the full remainder of her life, and it was a constant gathering place for her ever-growing family. Whether it was holiday dinners, helping with homework and after-school snacks, a visiting centre for family members travelling to or through town, or bird watching with a cup of tea. Eliza made her home warm and welcoming with fresh-baked treats, ice cream always in the freezer, and CBC's Power and Politics at full volume. Eliza was always up on the news and had a witty, scathing opinion on current events to entertain her family with. Her retirement summers were spent in her home in Gore Bay, built by her father JW Kinney, taking pleasure in golfing, gardening, Tobacco Lake, and her friends and family. Her wisdom, love of conversation, value placed on family connections and appreciation for nature has been passed down to future generations through childhood camping trips, suffering piano practices, never missing a birthday card, sharing drinks on the front porch with friends and neighbours she'd known her entire life on Manitoulin Island, and taking the time to find the beauty in the natural world when "thousands wouldn't". Eliza was an active member of St. Mark's Presbyterian Church for much of her life, and regularly volunteered in her community in her younger days. The family will not be holding a funeral service at this time. Stories and well wishes are appreciated and can be shared at ForEverMissed.com/eliza-copeland. If you wish to honour Eliza's memory, donations can be sent to St Mark's Presbyterian Church in Don Mills, or Doctors Without Borders. Her loved ones will cherish the 10 decades of memories, a century of life and 100 years loved.

MORGAN OWEN YEATES

November 13, 1960 - March 8, 2022



After a courageous battle with cancer, Morgan Owen Yeates died peacefully on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at the Manitoulin Health Centre hospital in Mindemoya. His loving wife Laurie was at his side. On November 13, 1960, Morgan was born in Barrie, Ontario, to Charles and Barbara Yeates. He

is number six of 14 siblings. In 1981, Morgan was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. Nine years later, Morgan met the love of his life, Laurie. They married in 1991, later settled in Barrie Island and remained members of the Gore Bay Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. In November 2021, they celebrated their 30th anniversary at the Health Sciences North hospital in Sudbury. Morgan surprised Laurie with a necklace he bought by wheeling himself down to the tuck shop. Manitoulin's peace was a welcome refuge from Downsview, Toronto, where Morgan worked in CIBC's early IT department. He held various jobs over the years. For the last 20 years, he has been the custodian of the cemetery and parks for the Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island Township. Like his grandfather, Owen Peak (predeceased), Morgan loved painting and photography. In addition, he enjoyed yard work, gardening, feeding the birds, making preserves, cherry pies and woodworking. Morgan's wit, courage, kindness, modesty and appreciative nature will be deeply missed by his parents, siblings, aunt and uncles and the congregations. The Yeates family would like to thank the Manitoulin Health Centre and Health Sciences North hospital staff, their family and the local congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses for their assistance and support. On Saturday, March 26, 2022, a memorial service for Morgan will take place at 3 pm by the Gore Bay Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84941076854?pwd=dXBSTdCYTJGcW5abml0R1NkOTkzQT09> Meeting ID: 849 4107 6854, passcode: 0714.

Celebration of Life

RAYMOND CHARETTE

A Celebration of Life for Ray will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 1 pm to 6 pm at the Centennial Community Arena (4333 Centennial Drive, Hanmer, ON). This will be a very casual come as you are, beer and pizza kind of event. Come join us!
Claudette, Diana and Aliya

Aundeck Omni Kaning winter carnival undampened by rain



Bouncy castles from two different companies were on hand to keep the kids entertained on a blustery rainy day. Peals of laughter rang out in the Four Directions Complex from child and parent alike.

photos by Michael Erskine



A little power assist helps get the party started on a rainy day at the tea boiling contest. There was plenty of laughter as snowball target practice, snowball rolling and caterpillar races had everyone in stitches. The week included a host of indoor and outdoor events, including a two-company set of bouncy castles set up in the Four Directions Complex.

“Miigwetch to the Four Directions Complex workers, daycare, health centre, administration, UCCM Anishinaabe Police, fire department and other volunteers for the fantastic Winter Carnival 2022,” said Aundeck Omni Kaning Ogi-maa-kwe Patsy Corbiere. “Well planned and a job well done!”



Nothing says fun quite like Twirl Pops and there were plenty to go around during the winter carnival fun.



Who says you can't have your tea and rainy day too. With enough persistence nothing is impossible.

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by Michael Erskine
AUNDECK OMNI KANING—March showers may not bring flowers, but the wet weekend did bring fun and games for the Aundeck Omni Kaning Winter Carnival held during the March Break. Traditional outdoor carnival events such as tea boiling and fire-starting were a little more challenging in the rain, but

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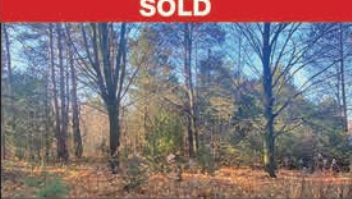

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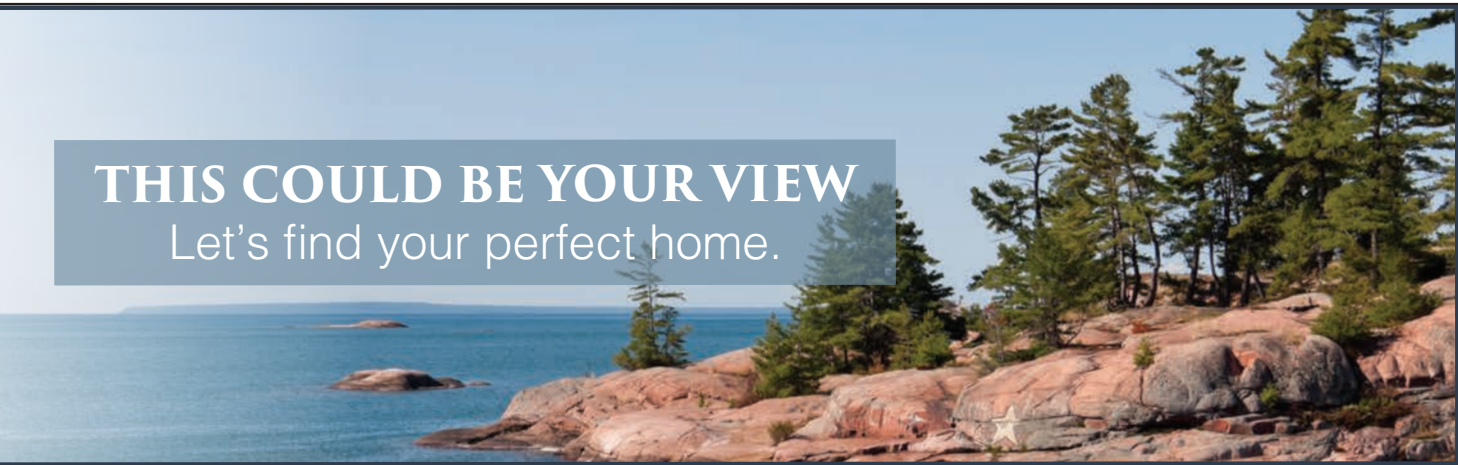
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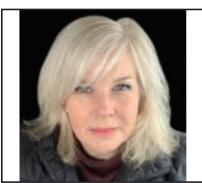
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