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Siblings each lose their home in suspicious fires at Pleasant Valley and Misery Bay



The Ontario Provincial Police and Ontario Fire Marshal are investigating two Friday evening fires that occurred at the homes of siblings in the West End. In photo left, a fire on Nelson Road in Pleasant Valley, Gordon, still smoulders on Sunday while in photo right, police guard the Highway 540 property, located just west of Misery Bay. Both homes were declared total losses by fire crews. Thankfully, no one was home at the time of either of the fires.

photos by Alicia McCutcheon

Firefighters called to both fires Friday

by Expositor Staff
MANITOULIN—Two Manitoulin homes belonging to members of the Hore family burned down this past weekend, leaving two families—including one with a newborn premature child—scrambling to recover in the aftermath.

“We’re pretty shook up,” said Lily Hore, a sister to the victims during a Monday interview with this newspaper, especially as the fires are being investigated as suspicious. The homes are owned by her siblings Donald Hore and Daisy Hore.

Lily Hore noted that her brother Donald was in southern Ontario at the time of the fire, where he has been since the birth of his son Prince with his partner Auzza Kay. Born premature, Prince has been at SickKids Hospital in Toronto but is steadily gaining ground, his aunt is happy to report.

Daisy, her partner Jesse

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Manitoulin Special Olympians successful at Nationals

by Warren Schlote

THUNDER BAY—Manitoulin Special Olympians did very well at this year’s national winter games held this past week in Thunder Bay, bringing home a combined slate of six medals between the five athletes in the snowshoe competition.

“Overall, they all did pretty well and they all pretty well had personal best times. That’s all I ask as a coach, is that they try their best, work hard and improve their times from last year. But just to be at the national games is impressive,” said coach Judy Olacke, who went with the athletes as part of the contingent from Special Olympics Ontario.

“It’s really great for the Island to have five athletes represented out of the 33 snowshoers on Team Ontario; that’s an impressive amount coming from a place like this,” she said. Ms. Olacke has been with Manitoulin Special Olympics for about 15 years.

The team posted excellent results from the snowshoe races in their respective lengths. Mark Dokum placed sixth in the 100-metre race with a time of 19.60 seconds. He scored fourth in the 200-metre race in a time of 42.80

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The five Islanders who competed in snowshoeing at this year’s Special Olympics Canada National Winter Games in Thunder Bay brought home a total of six medals on behalf of Team Ontario. From left are Manitoulin Special Olympics athletes Dayne Tipper, Mark Dokum, Bruce Van Horn, Norm Daoust and Matt Bedard.

Protest planned to support Wet’suwet’en this Saturday afternoon on Hwy 17 at Espanola

by Warren Schlote

MCKERROW—Traffic will be disrupted this Saturday, March 7 at the junction of Highways 6 and 17 in McKerrow between noon and 5 pm for a peaceful protest in solidarity with Wet’suwet’en hereditary chiefs who are opposed to the Coastal GasLink liquefied natural gas (LNG) pipeline scheduled to be built through their BC territory.

“This peaceful demonstration is supported by the Wiik-wemkoong Unceded Territory. You are encouraged to wear your regalia, bring your drums, signs, flags and such. This is a peaceful demonstration and no violence or lawbreaking will be tolerated,” wrote organizer Quinten Kaboni in a Facebook post about the upcoming event.

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Assiginack Township celebrating 150th next year

Seeking suggestions for year-long events

by Michael Erskine

ASSIGINACK—While 2021 might seem a way off yet, time has a way of sneaking up on you when you are planning a major celebration. So it is that the Assiginack museum committee has held its first meeting to toss around a few ideas.

“We just started and had our first meeting,” said chair Alice Pennie. “We are just getting some ideas, it’s still all in the planning stages and trying to get everybody on board.” The committee is seeking ideas for events to help make the celebration special.

Nobody was spilling the beans on any of the ideas just yet, however. “It’s really too early for that yet,” said Ms. Pennie.

But some things are looking positive, even at this early stage, as David Smith who spearheaded the the 125th year celebrations has expressed interest in being involved. “It’s nothing positive yet,” cautioned committee member Hugh Moggy. “We are hoping that each organization in town will do something.”

The committee will meet again in March.



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'Molly Sweeney' receives rave reviews at QUONTA fest.

by Michael Erskine

GORE BAY—As QUONTA adjudicator Annette G. Procnier began her private remarks with the cast and crew of the Gore Bay Theatre production of famed Irish playwright Brian Friel's 'Molly Sweeney,' co-directors Walter Maskel and Andrea Emmerton could have been forgiven for purring and grinning like Cheshire cats, if either of those veterans of the stage were given to such behaviour. Ms. Procnier's comments were nothing short of glowing.

One line sums up Ms. Procnier's assessment of the onstage performances of the three cast members. "I never once saw an actor on stage—I saw characters telling a story from three different perspectives."

As for the director's interpretation of the Mr. Friel's work, Ms. Procnier was equally effusive in her praise. "Irish storytelling at its best," she said.

What takes the adjudicator's praise up and beyond to stratospheric levels is that Ms. Procnier is not one given to pulling punches. She wrote the book on adjudicating—the only book—'Do You See What I See?' She has worked in community, educational and professional theatre for over 45 years, not only as an adjudicator, but as a director, stage manager, play polisher, adjudicator and workshop

leader.

As a director she has worked for 17 different theatre companies in Canada and the United States and her productions have won awards and critical acclaim. One of the founders of two professional theatre companies in Canada, she has served on the boards of opera and theatre companies as well as representing Canada internationally and on the board of Theatre Canada.

With her skills in high demand, Ms. Procnier has participated in festivals in Europe, Canada, Japan and the US, judging more than 125 festivals over 30 years including QUONTA, EODL and the Theatre Ontario Festival. She has adjudicated the World Theatre Festival in Monaco and the national festival for the American Association of Community Theatre (AACT) four times.

Ms. Procnier has been made a fellow of AACT for "single-handedly raising the level of community theatre in America" and is the first non-American to hold that distinction.

In recent years she has worked extensively with playwrights in Canada and the United States on script development and has been a judge in several play writing competitions.

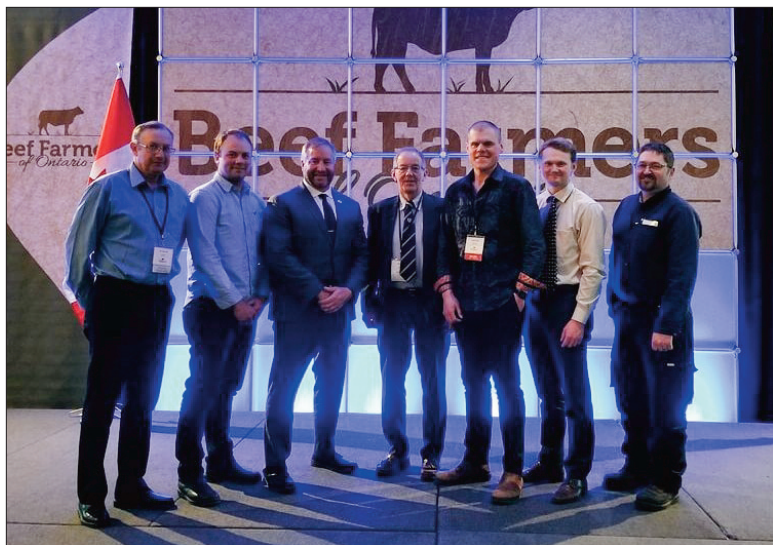
When Ms. Procnier speaks, the theatre listens.

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QUONTA festival adjudicator Annette G. Procnier delivered a glowing critique of the play to the cast and crew of Gore Bay Theatre's production of 'Molly Sweeney' after last Friday's performance.

photo by Michael Erskine



Manitoulin Island beef farmers had the opportunity to meet with industry representatives, delegates and government officials, including Algoma-Manitoulin MP Mike Mantha, third from left.

Plenty of Island voices at beef farmer meeting

Nickolas Martin voted in as youngest delegate on the cow-calf committee

by Warren Schlote

TORONTO—Manitoulin Island beef farmers were well represented at this year's Beef Farmers of Ontario (BFO) annual general meeting in Toronto with a large number of producers having made the trip down to represent the group and Martin Farms' Nickolas Martin being named as a representative on the cow-calf committee.

"I was an advisory councillor last year already and I got voted in again at our local (cattlemen's) meeting in January. Jordan Miller had talked me into running for the cow-calf committee on the provincial level, and I got voted in," said Mr. Martin, who was up for the position against other producers with strong reputations.

The first meeting of that committee will be in April. Its purpose is to discuss issues pertaining to the cow-calf industry in Ontario, identify ways to get cow-calf producers a higher profile and increase educational opportunities related to their field.

"For example, we used to have a cow-calf roadshow and we turned it into more of an educational weekend. Like last year, we had a ranching for profit workshop with (California ranching specialist) Dave Pratt and some local farm tours," said Mr. Martin.

He is a part of what might be described as a farming renaissance among the younger generation—although there have been years of concerns that younger farmers were not getting into the business, a

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Island businesswomen welcome to attend free networking event

MANITOULIN—The NOW (Northern Ontario Women) Program is hosting a networking event next Tuesday, March 10 titled 'Let's Get Social' and Island businesswomen, and those who may be thinking of starting a business, are encouraged to attend.

"The NOW Program is a newly minted program (through LAMBAC) that is running for the next four years and it allows female entrepreneurs to tap into grant money to assist them with accessing professional services and setting up mentoring relationships which they would not normally be able to afford," Sue Whynott, NOW coordinator, told The Expositor.

Ms. Whynott said the evening is about getting women out to meet one another, to network, swap business cards (if one has a business), or to chat with women about a potential business one may be thinking of starting up. "If you are a professional (legal, accounting, marketing, website development, etc.) then this event is great for you as you'll be able to get your name out there so that those who are looking

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Two running for M'Chigeeng chief Twelve running for 10 council seats in community

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—There are two candidates standing for the position of chief of the M'Chigeeng First Nation and 12 candidates standing for the 10 council positions.

Standing for chief are incumbent Linda Debassige and Terry Jeffrey Debassige.

Standing for band councillor are Charles Beaudin, incumbent Jessie Charles Beaudin, Robert Beaudin, Brian Bisson, incumbent Dennis Corbiere, Jeanine H. Debassige, Martin (Relic) Debassige, Sam Debassige, Joe Hare, incumbent Thomas



Linda Debassige

Hare, incumbent Daughness Migwans and incumbent Henry Panamick Sr.

The election is being held under the M'Chigeeng Custom Election Code. Nominations opened on Febru-



Terry Jeffrey Debassige

ary 15 and those being nominated for a band leadership position had until February 22 to withdraw from the ballot. The above list includes those who did not withdraw. If anyone withdraws after Febru-

ary 22, their name will remain on the ballot but their votes will not be counted.

An advance poll will be held on Saturday, March 21 from 12 to 6 pm at the M'Chigeeng Community Complex.

The election will be held on Saturday, March 28 from 9 am to 6 pm at the M'Chigeeng Community Complex.

The counting of ballots will take place at 6:15 pm, with the results being announced upon completion of the count.

The electoral officer for the M'Chigeeng band elections is Peggy Manitowabi.

Unofficial Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement results: eight Nations vote yes

by Michael Erskine

NORTH BAY—The February vote among Anishinabek Nation member communities as to whether to enter into the proposed First Nation Land Management Act (FNLMA), a federal law enacted in 1999 that provides signatory First Nations the authority to make laws in relation to reserve lands, resources and the environment has ended. The FNLMA has been touted as a key step in moving out from under the patriarchal auspices of the Indian Act.

The Anishinabek Nation released the following statement on the results of the vote. "Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement February vote: The official results of the vote will not be available until after the 10-day appeal period has passed. On March 11, we will communicate the official results and what the next steps will be." Unofficially, the results are that eight of the 14 First Nations holding a vote had more "yes" votes than "no" votes. The results of the polls are currently under review "by Canada and Anishinabek negotiators," according to the release.

The votes include reaching a critical mass of electors taking part in the vote. It was unclear as of press time Monday whether those benchmarks had been met. The process allows for multiple votes to reach the required threshold.

Next steps for communities

entering into the FNLMA include the formulation and ratification of a land code, followed

by the creation of operational tools.



Many strong speakers, including six Islanders, competed in the zone level of the Royal Canadian Legion public speaking competition, held at Branch 76 in Sudbury.

photo by Margit Alberti

Islanders speak at Legion zone level

by Warren Schlote

SUDBURY—Although they gave strong performances at this past month's Royal Canadian Legion public speaking competition at Branch 177 in Little Current, the Eastern Manitoulin Islanders who advanced to the zone-level competition finished just shy of the threshold of advancing to the district competition.

In the primary (Grades 1 to 3) category, Peyton Legere's speech on her new puppy Marley earned her a fourth-place finish. Eric Wahl's junior-division (Grades 4-6) speech on wearisome household chores was worthy of a second-place finish and Xavier Mara's intermediate-level (Grades 7-9) missive about learn-

ing new skills and mastering challenges also ended in a second-place result.

From Western Manitoulin, Riley Hubbard spoke in the primary division about dogs, Amara Wilson-Zegil competed in the junior division with a speech about the importance of failing to ultimately succeed and Willow Fogal in the intermediate division performed a speech about the rock band Queen.

This competition, held at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 76 in the Minnow Lake neighbourhood of Sudbury, took place in late February. The first-place finishers in each division advanced to the district competition.

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editorial

Social media holds a mirror up to our nation's soul

Numerous media outlets at both the local and national level have recently announced policies closing the comments section on stories covering Indigenous topics and are refraining from posting Indigenous stories to their Facebook pages where closing comments is not yet an option.

Discourse and debate are healthy aspects of a democracy, but the current level of vitriol and outright hatred being expressed online in these venues, as well as forming a platform for conspiracy theorists and outright fiction to be spread under the banner of credible news sources has dismayed editors and readers across the nation.

For generations Canadians have been able to create a vision of themselves as a polite, tolerant and generous nation, whose foundations expressed within its constitution are the pursuit of peace, order and good government.

In recent weeks, however, the reaction to protest actions taken by a relatively small but determined group of Indigenous activists, actions we might add unlikely to inconvenience, let alone actually impact in a detrimental way the vast majority of those commenting has been quite over the top—leading to arrests for hate crimes, threatening death and a host of criminal activity that far outweighs nearly all of the unlawful actions of those protesting in support of a group of Indigenous leaders from British Columbia.

The reflection we see of ourselves in the mirror of social media should make every Canadian pause and reflect upon who we desire to be as a nation. Peace, order and good government does not mean a strict adherence to the entire pantheon of white, Eurocentric privilege ingrained in our informal and even formal institutions and

norms (although the original framers of the Canadian Constitution—the British North America Act—most likely thought that was the surest route to its attainment and maintenance).

It does not mean that we, as a collective nation, can simply ignore the ownership of the land simply because it suits us to do so and we have the power to force our will upon those who might seek to thwart us. That is not peace, that will not lead to order, and it most certainly is not good government.

There are those who criticize the current federal government for not invoking some sort of Emergency Powers Act, calling in the troops and suppressing the free and democratic rights of a minority and their allies. That would not be peace. It might bring order, perhaps in time, but events have suggested that disorder would increase and at what would be the cost in lost freedoms for all of us of such a kneejerk reaction?

History has taught us where a strict devotion to getting the trains to run on time will lead—and the broader historical record shows that, despite its claims, fascism did not succeed in that aim either.

Instead of immediately unleashing the iron fist, the current federal government exercised patience and sought to bring peace, order and good government through negotiation and reconciliation. It came at a political cost, if the polls are to be believed, but they took that route nonetheless.

It is time we reflect upon ourselves as a nation and add a fourth word to the triad of peace, order and good government—reconciliation.

In fact, it is long past time.

letters

Peoples, place and process and the madness of colonialism

The true cost is not to be measured in lost GDP but in time spent rethinking our approach

To the Expositor:

The rail blockades that have popped up throughout the country as a response to the stance of the Wet'suwet'en elders seem to be reasonably proportionate and but also highly symbolic. Though, perhaps, more importantly, they offer a remedy to what some would term the 'madness' of not building the pipeline by turning what I would call the madness of colonialism on its head.

While Canadians rely on rail to transport many imported goods, we have other transportation mechanisms that seem to be able to keep store shelves well-stocked and the general flow of commerce unimpeded. And yes, some Canadians rely on rail as a means of personal transportation and, with the exception of the more disruptive blockades on GO lines in Toronto, the overall impact has been an inconvenience more than anything else. Even in the case of the commuter lines, buses have been able to pick up much of the slack. For many Indigenous peoples whose expectations for the Trudeau government to deal effectively and efficiently with long ignored grievances and harms have been left underwhelmed and disappointed, this light impact on commerce and personal transportation is proportionate for this slew of unresolved issues between the Crown and Indigenous peoples.

But there is also a rich symbolism here, especially for those Western Indigenous Nations whose original grievances arise from the period of the National Policy. This act of nation building by the MacDonald government, begun in the 1870s, led to Indigenous dispossession and the erosion of reserve lands and treaty rights. The shining plank of this policy was the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway linking the nation together from coast to coast. The targeting of rail lines could not be more appropriate in this case.

Proportionality and symbolism will be cold comfort to those who have a law and order objection to these peaceful demonstrations, I am sure. But colonialism was, and is, a lawlessness in and of itself, with a certain madness at its core. The economic 'madness' of not building this pipeline, of respecting the traditional rather than colonial source of authority for the Wet'suwet'en, turns the madness of colonialism on its head; it puts concern for the integrity of peoples, place, and process back at the centre of the national interest. Even though the pipeline is at the centre of the national economic interest, and therefore unthinkable for us not to build (madness), the process of reconciliation calls for different considerations. Reconciliation is costly and has been costly and will continue to be costly, but it demands more than financial reparations.

The true costs are rethinking and expanding our ideas of Canada, placing the integrity of peoples, place, and process back as a central consideration of government policy. The inherent logic of colonialism puts these human aspects aside in favour of the pursuit of the economy and the accumulation of power for those new to the land. The discussions that ought to happen as a result of these protests might impose another cost of reconciliation, namely not building the pipeline. The cost of reconciliation here might be to turn colonialism's concern for economy over people, place, and process (colonialism's madness) on its head. The true cost is not the lost GDP, but the work to our thinking and by extension the working approach of the Canadian government as our representatives.

Tim Vine
Little Current

This year marks the 49th anniversary of the Little NHL

The founders of the Little Native Hockey League would be proud to see what it has become

To the Expositor:

This year will mark the 49th anniversary of the Little NHL tournament and anticipation is mounting for the more than 220 teams, especially for those teams who will be defending their division titles, and this couldn't be more so for the defending midget champions, the AOK midget team, with bench boss Craig Abotossaway as head coach.

Although my applause and appreciation is somewhat late, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the head coach, coaching staff and families of the Montreal Canadiens (forgive me, sorry lost my thought) for supporting the AOK midget team and for other teams who will be representing AOK and Island First Nations.

I'm sure the late Mr. Earl Abotossaway, one of the co-founders who

established the Little NHL tournament in 1971, would not be more proud, not only to have his grandson(s) in the tournament, but to have his great grandsons playing and being part of such a prestigious tournament.

Maybe this year, a pat on the back, or a feast even, would go a long way in building team, community spirit. Good job, kids and remember the four pillars: education, respect, citizenship and sportsmanship and most of all, have fun.

See you at the game.

Donald J. McGraw
Aundeck Omni Kaning

The dangers of councillors working outside the chain revealed

A heartfelt apology for the resulting undesired repercussions

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was read at the February 27 regular meeting of Central Manitoulin council and has been reprinted here at the author's request.

To the Expositor:

Sometime in the first week of February 2020 I was made aware of an inflammatory issue between a local business owner, a member of his staff and Mr. George Strain, (Central Manitoulin) municipal maintenance supervisor.

I took this information as reliable and trustworthy.

I proceeded to contact the business owner in confidence, to see if I could be of help in de-escalating this issue. I listened to the transaction

of events according to the business owner and offered different options that he could avail himself with, to find a satisfactory conclusion to the occurrences.

During the days that followed, this issue became public through hearsay and speculation. I am sorry that Mr. George Strain's name became a topic of these events and as such his name and reputation may have been besmirched.

My sincere apology to Mr. George Strain if my actions have caused any undesired repercussions.

Wm. Dale Scott
Mindemoya

Gertrude Aelick Cooper

This caring lady shares her kindness and her compassion to all who cross her path. Gert finds much strength in her faith and she strives to achieve higher levels with that aspiration. She has a strong family affiliation and spends much time discovering and sharing the Aelick and Cooper history. Another passion has been music. For over 30 years, she has lovingly played piano for the congregation of Grace Bible Church and residents of the Manor. After losing her husband of 46 years, Gert found a kindred soul in Don Cooper and now they share their stories and their lives.

Maternal roots go back to the mid-nineteenth century to Edward and Jonathan Bassingthwaite who hailed from Norfolk England. In the 1840s, great-great grandfather Edward later owned 200 acres in Greenbank, eastern Ontario and had five children. Great-grandfather Jonathan Bassingthwaite, born in 1823, came to Manitoulin to the Big Lake area. He died in 1885 after having married four times.

William Stevens, Gert's great-grandfather, married Caroline Brenchley. They moved to Manitoulin in 1895, 15 years after arriving in Canada. They sold their 400 acres in southern Ontario and spent all just to move to Manitoulin. English grandparents Bertha (Bassingthwaite) and William Stevens Jr. married in 1902 and had 12 children. Bertha and William were dedicated to the Methodist Church in Sheguiandah. She was a great housekeeper, gardener and cook while William especially loved gardening.

"For a while, grandmother and mother were both having babies so some of my aunts and uncles were younger than my siblings. William Stevens Jr. was much loved for his easygoing ways. In his younger years, he was a commercial fisherman for John Hastie. Later he bought a farm in Sheguiandah. He soon became responsible to light and maintain the mariner lights on the community dock."

Paternal grandfather Thomas James Batman was born in Liverpool in 1851, arriving in Kilworth near London, Ontario with his parents eight years later. T.J. Batman later settled in Rockville, Manitoulin in 1877. He married Evangeline Agnew in 1882. His carpentry skills, augmented by his sawmill, were used to build houses and several sailboats which were launched on Lake Manitou and used to resettle new pioneers on the shores of the lake. The route most travelled ran from Van Zant's Landing (near Manitowaning) to Bidwell Rd and Green Bay, where the family moved in 1884.

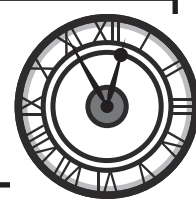
"Thomas was much involved in his Methodist Church, local politics and his community. He was reeve of Howland Township and helped negotiate bringing the railway to the Island. Grandfather died when I was four. Grandmother died in 1927 at 70, and her daughter Geraldine took on the maternal supportive role for us. She was called 'Dean' by all who loved her."

Gertrude Jean Batman was born in the old Mindemoya Hospital on October 2, 1937 to Edna (Stevens) and Julian Batman. "I was the third child but the first to be born in a hospital." She was named after two aunts, Gertrude and Jean. Gert had three siblings, Eva, Ron and Greg. Eva and Ron have passed away. Greg lives in Little Current.

"My earliest memory is sitting on dad's knee at four while he told us stories of his teenage horsing around days, injecting a good dose of humour in the process. Fascination with a simple Christmas was the norm. Times were leaner in the war years. Mom made lovely decorations out of everyday



Now and Then
A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin
By Petra Wall



Gert with her siblings Eva and Ronnie and grandfather Tom Batman.



A young family of her own.

items. Opening a coffee tin with a key yielded a perfect spiral, blue on the outside and silver on the inside. Whole walnuts produced two halves if carefully opened. These were glued with a string in the middle and then painted for the tree. A small doll was the center for the tree top angel, with some white sheeting for feathers and wings."

"Our first string of electric lights arrived when I was 10 in 1947. For celebrations, we gathered at dad's parents, who had the largest home. The house had been built by grandfather using his lumbermill. A love for taxidermy resulted in a lot of stuffed heads in his house."

"Mom Edna was the oldest in her family. She told us about the day she was babysitting her two younger brothers on a Sunday. Both parents were at church when brother overturned the coal lamp. Mom, still a child herself, quickly grabbed the flaming lamp and plunged it into the drinking water bucket. All turned out well, but mom forgot to tell her father about the state of the drinking water. She remembered her omission when he complained about the funny tasting water."

"My first day of school, at six, was at Easter time so I could get used to school and officially start Grade 1 the following September. By then I was almost seven. A big highlight for us was the Christmas concert. At 10, I remember singing solo 'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks at Night.' Another year, I sang soprano beside my sister Eva, who sang alto for 'Silent Night.' We had decorated the school and made paper maché costumes. It was a grand affair. For the last two years of elementary school we moved to the community hall to have more space for the audience and for the exciting dances afterwards."

"Eva and I also sang at weddings, funerals and on Sundays, for the United Church where Sunday School was taught by our school teacher. I was about 10 when I started to sing in the choir, and 12 when I started piano lessons at Aunt Geraldine's home in Sheguiandah. The teacher Lois Noon paid my aunt to use her wonderful 1890 piano for lessons for several children. That is how I got my lessons for free. I remember the big house being very cold, so cold that the piano keys felt like ice cubes."

"For high school we were bused to Little Current. Favourite subjects were English literature and social studies. By Grade 10, Rodney Aelick and I were going steady and I had my first job. For two summers, I earned eight dollars a week as a cabin girl at White Haven Resort. For the rest of high school, I worked for my sister and brother-in-law who owned a grocery store in Sheguiandah."

"In 1959 my mom died and I was heartbroken. I was with her when she died. She was in the rocking chair and she said she felt tired. I was ironing Rodney's suit and I told her to put her head down for a while. She sat back and I didn't realize that her heart was failing. I heard her final gasp of breath and I will always remember that sound. Suddenly, she was gone."

In September, Gert headed to North Bay to Teacher's College. "I was away a whole year and I was homesick." After graduation, Gert moved to Sudbury to teach at the Carl A. Nesbitt School. "Our principal was a very nice man, a wonderful fatherly figure. I boarded with a kind family of four and taught Grades 1 and 2 for two years."

"After the first year, Rodney and I married on August 21, 1959. After the wedding and honey-

moon weekend, I had to return to Sudbury where I was living with three other women in an apartment." Rodney stayed in Little Current and worked at the CPR coal dock. In his spare time, he began to build their own home on Manitowaning Rd and Draper St. "We were proud of this home and the next one, near Little Current. Both were built without a mortgage."



Gert at the back door with her doll and kitty.



Gertie at home.

In 1960 Gert applied to work at the public school in Little Current. "I got the job and we moved to our new home. I worked there for four years, teaching Grades 1 and 2 until our first son Steven was born in 1964. Darren was born 17 months later."

In 1966 the coal docks closed because INCO was no longer using coal in the refining process. Rodney had spent years sitting in the hoist cage, running buckets of coal from the freighters into the waiting train or a nearby pile if the train was gone. For the next year or so, Rodney drove a truck for Manitoulin Transport before he and a couple of other men found two years of work in Temagami at the Sherman iron ore mine.

"We rented our house to OPP Sergeant Wally Crow and his wife, bought a house trailer and moved to Temagami in 1967. In 1968 we moved to Hammer and set up in a nearby trailer park because Rodney was working in the mines for INCO. In 1969 we moved to Wahnipitae again to a trailer park." Meanwhile Gert was busy with her young family and doing a bit of part-time work. She kept up with her music locally where she could.

"In 1971 the tornado came through Sudbury. Men on the superstack survived despite the powerful movement of the stack. Rodney was in an open pit mine so he was fine, but worried about us. I was in the trailer park with the boys. I recall the strong winds, but we were not in the direct line of the tornado. Places like Lively and Markstay suffered more damage."

"In June 1973 Rodney got work at the Willisville silica quarry for INCO. We moved the trailer back to the farm and Rodney was just 20 minutes from work. In 1975 Charlie Parkinson, father of Brad, helped Rodney build this house and we got out of our house trailer. By 1978 INCO made changes again. They stopped using silica for ore refining at Copper Cliff and the quarry was shut down. Rodney could still work underground in the Sudbury INCO mines. He carpooled with several other men until 1991 when he retired with good benefits from INCO."

Gert taught vocal music to students and was a part of the Glee Club, begun in 1964 with Ruth Ashley. She had been teaching vocal music since they came back to the Island in 1973. By 1980, Gert had gone back to teaching full time. "We also had a cow-calf operation after we moved back to the farm. I didn't do much of this work, but I helped in the barn a few times, especially when a cow had problems delivering a calf. One time the chain we had wrapped around the feet of the calf broke, and with the tension, snapped back and startled me but I wasn't hurt. Sometimes there wasn't time for the vet to come, nevertheless, quite a few calls went to Dr. Tipper in Mindemoya."

"Across the street here we had a partial house with a tree growing in the middle. It was a popular place for local photographers. Rodney knocked down the front and back walls so the cattle would not get hurt if they bumped into them. We had a farm dog, Tip, a border collie who could round up the bull when Rodney gave the signal. Cats have always been my favourite. We had Daisy for 17 years and she loved me. She slept with our son and she would hum when you let her into the house."

In 1991 Rodney had a serious heart attack. He was in the mow in the barn. He struggled down the ladder, collapsed, then slowly dragged himself to the door, unhooked it and crawled across the yard to the back door of the house. He banged on the door, alerting Gert. "Call the ambulance," he gasped. Rodney had been a diabetic for just a few months. Soon he was off to Sudbury by helicopter for open heart surgery. He recovered and seven years later, in 1998, had a second heart attack and another ambulance ride to Sudbury for more open-heart surgery. Rodney lived for another eight years after his last heart attack. During this time, he went through radiation treatments for prostate cancer in 2005.

At his funeral in 2006, Darren recalled all the health issues that his dad had endured but still survived. "He had accidents as a youngster too. In 1945 he and several other children were playing with a young horse. One child got on the animal and Rodney hit the backside of the horse to get him moving. The horse kicked Rodney in the head and he was severely injured. He travelled by train to the Hospital for Sick Children with a nurse and endured three weeks of surgeries before he could come home. Another time Rodney fell between a team of horses and a dump rake after the horses were spooked by a loud noise. He was dragged across the field and badly bruised. In the

Northeast Town Council Notes

Eastern Manitoulin 'Angel Bus' sought

Sandy Cook, representing the Angel Bus committee, attended the February 18 meeting of council. Ms. Cook has been making the rounds to eastern Island councils in the hopes of finding a champion to bring an Angel Bus-type mode of transportation to seniors on the eastern side of Manitoulin. Currently, the Angel Bus only provides transportation to Western Manitoulin seniors.

Councillor Michael Erskine noted that the Manitoulin Centennial Manor once had its own bus and asked if anyone knew what became of it. No one could respond to the query. (Councillor Dawn Orr, who sits on the Manor Board and who might have had an answer, was not in attendance at the council meeting.)

"I'm just beating the bushes," Ms. Cook said.

"It's an important service and I've heard nothing but good things," said Councillor Erskine.

Ms. Cook explained that the yearly operating costs of the Angel Bus come in around \$18,000 which is all covered through donations. Last year the bus logged 11,000 kilometres.

Ms. Cook shared with council that the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board's non-urgent patient transfer program now operates as a fee-for-service. (When contact-

ed, the DSB explained that this had been the case since July of last year. As an example, a return trip from the Manor to the hospital in Little Current costs \$50.)

Councillor Erskine asked Ms. Cook how much time she devotes to the Angel Bus on a weekly basis. Ms. Cook said approximately five hours, and "you have to be very passionate."

Councillor Barb Baker asked about caregivers to which Ms. Cook supplied that Angel Bus clients must have their own caregivers.

"It's a great idea and I hope it works," said Councillor Bill Koehler.

"I think most people just don't know there's a need," Ms. Cook added.

When asked about government funding, Ms. Cook said they had not yet secured any, but would be on the hunt now that they have five years under their belt and the statistics to match. She added that she would be happy to share their business plan with any champions that might step forward.

Councillor Al Boyd asked if she had any statistics about how many calls from eastern residents they have received. Ms. Cook said she did not, but knew that there is a need.

When asked about municipal support by Councillor Laurie Cook, Ms. Cook explained that all the West End municipalities support it in some way, as does Central Manitoulin. Council thanked Ms. Cook for her deputation.

Batman's Cottages and Campground request

Council received a request from the owners of Batman's Cottages and Campground in Sheguiandah to perform waterfront work.

Andre Deschamps of Batman's wrote to council explaining that high water levels had caused damage to his licenced marina as well as a breakwall that protects a municipal road allowance.

"I'm asking for permission to build up both areas," he wrote. "Hopefully water levels will not surpass last year's

levels and work will not be necessary. If both areas are not built up, it would be devastating to our business. The access road is one of our main arteries for our campers and the only road access to a neighbouring property. The breakwall is preventing the road from being washed out."

CAO Dave Williamson noted to council that the work being done is in the riparian zone—the area between land and water. When he asked Mr. Deschamps if he had contacted the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR), Mr. Deschamps said that he had not.

Mr. Williamson suggested that if council chose to approve the ask, that work could only commence with MNR and Ministry of Environment endorsement.

Councillor Erskine said he thought it was in council's best interest to approve the work as Mr. Deschamps was doing the municipality "a solid" by protecting its road.

Councillor Baker said that, speaking from personal experience, there would be a tight timeframe in which to perform the work due to fish spawning habitat and that the faster the owner received MNR approval the better.

Councillor Erskine suggested writing a letter of support to the MNR in the hopes that it might "carry some weight."

Councillor Koehler asked if public works would oversee the job, should it get approval. Mr. Williamson responded that yes, they would.

Habitat Stewardship Program

Council made a motion to support an application to the Habitat Stewardship Program Fund by Dr. Patricia Chow-Fraser to conduct a two-year field program to identify critical habitat of the Blanding's turtle in the islands of McGregor Bay beginning this summer.

Donations

Council gave its approval to Mindemoya Minor Hockey
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Law & Order

Manitoulin OPP seizes drugs at traffic stop

On March 1 at approximately 9:39 am, a member of the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) initiated a vehicle stop on Highway 6 in the Town of Espanola.

Further investigation revealed that the occupants were in possession of a suspected controlled substance. As a result of the investigation, three individuals have been arrested and charged: A 37-year-old of Wiikwemkoong has been charged with possession of a Schedule I substance, cocaine, operation while prohibited, drive while under suspension; and speeding; a 25-year-old of Wiikwemkoong has been charged with possession of a Schedule I substance, cocaine; and a 32-year-old, also of Wiikwemkoong, has been charged with possession of a Schedule I substance, cocaine.

The accused were released on appearance notices and are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on April 6.

Conservation Officers lay 19 charges on Ice Showdown weekend

Conservation officers (COs) from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry were out in full force during the Manitoulin Ice showdown last weekend, ensuring all anglers were staying safe and abiding by laws and local regulations.

A total of 284 people were contacted during the weekend in the region that includes Manitoulin Island, the North Shore and Killarney. A total of 19 charges were laid, with the most common offences being fishing without a licence, contrary to the Ontario Fishing Regulations; occupying a fishing hut without any registration numbers, contrary to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act; and having open liquor, contrary to the Liquor Licence Act.

COs also issued several warnings and charges pertaining to permit and insurance requirements as prescribed under the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act.

Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service disrupts drug operation

On March 2, members of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) Crime Reduction Unit and the Uniform Patrol Unit conducted a traffic stop on Cardwell Street near the entrance to the community of Wiikwemkoong.

The stop resulted in the seizure of approximately two ounces of crack cocaine, with an estimated street value of over \$10,000.

As a result of the seizure, a 53-year-old female and a 24-year-old female from Wiikwemkoong have been arrested and will be facing charges of Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking—Crack Cocaine and Possession of Crack Cocaine.

Both women have been released on an undertaking to appear for court on April 28. The names of the offenders have not been released at this time pending the formal swearing of the charges.

The WTPS would like to thank policing partners, the OPP and UCCM Police Service, for their support roles during this investigation.

WTPS would also like to thank the public for their continued support in providing tips on illegal activity in our community.

As of July 1, 2019, the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service has deployed a Crime Reduction Unit comprised of one detective sergeant and two detective constables. These three experienced criminal investigators work in concert to be a proactive problem solving response to eliminate or disrupt criminal activities in the Greater Wikwemkoong Area.

With the growing concerns of substance abuse in and around our community, the Crime Reduction Unit is mandated to identify local community drug dealers, investigate their illegal activities and lay appropriate charges.

The public is reminded to please contact WTPS with any information regarding the illicit sale of controlled and illegal substances or to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-(800) 222-8477 (TIPS).

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Kelly Babstock in action for the Quinnipiac University Bobcats.

Local hockey star earns prestigious award

Kelly Babstock was named to the ECAC (Eastern College Athletic Conference) Hockey All-Decade Team, as announced by the league on Wednesday, February 19. Babstock was a stand-out forward on the Quinnipiac women's ice hockey team from 2010-2014.

Babstock finished her career at Quinnipiac as the program's all-time leading scorer with 203 career points on 95 goals and 108 assists. She holds the program's record for goals scored in a career with 95 and assists with 108 through 147 games played. She is one of just three ice hockey players in Quinnipiac's history, male or female, to record over 200 career points.

The Wiikwemkoong band member, yet more recently hailing from Mississauga, earned ECAC honours every season of her career. She was selected to the ECAC Hockey First Team her first-year, junior and senior seasons and second team her sophomore season. She holds the Quinnipiac single-season record with 30 goals as a first year and 28 goals her junior year. Her 30 assists tallied in 2013-14 is the single-season record for the program, as well.

One of the most memorable weekends of Babstock's career came during her first-year season when she scored back-to-back hat tricks against Harvard and Dartmouth November 12-13, 2010.

Babstock was selected to the All-Decade Second Team among an outstanding group of individuals who played for ECAC Hockey institutions throughout the last decade.

ISWO announces tryouts for NAIG 2020

The Indigenous Sport and Wellness Ontario has recently announced tryout locations and times will be coming soon. Luckily for local hopefuls, competitions for canoe/kayak, soccer, basketball and badminton all take place in Sudbury this coming weekend, March 7 and 8. For more information you can search Indigenous Sport and Wellness Ontario on Facebook.

Three-on-three season is upon us!

The growing popularity of the three-on-three hockey format is about to move into the professional level next season, but the fast-paced and strategic game also means that ice-hounds have another reason to extend the season of the game they love. For some reason the Sault three-on-three weekend event seems to draw inordinate numbers of Manitoulin teams the Skater's Edge 3-on-3 Challenge is up first in the rotation and, as usual, is expected to draw strong local numbers. Visit skatersedge3on3.ca to register.

Top secret track tips to be revealed below!

For track and field athletes hoping to surpass their personal best or beat a long-time competitor this coming season, the following suggestions may be revolutionary to some. They may only be revolutionary because they are not often used and yet so intuitively simple. The keys to the vault, two words: hard work!

Most runners, jumpers and throwers who have always done well over the years with next to no work required due to their inherent natural gifts start finding that the competition is closing in on them. Sometimes it is just a developmental catch-up, a puberty push if you will. However, there are those that may have maintained a genetic aptitude or just worked to their potential but the older one gets it does not happen without hard work.

Once again I need to give a shout out to the (as of yet) eight athletes who are determined to meet the athletic prospective hidden within themselves. Congratulations to **Morgan, Mackenzie and T.J. Green, Maren and Rowan Kasunich, Ava and Easton Assinewai and Xavier Mara.** Coach **Gerry Holliday** certainly must be lauded for putting together a program to bring out the youngsters' bests but the best laid plans are useless unless the athlete has the internal motivation to do the work even when they don't quite feel up to it on any particular day. Best of luck to everyone.

Local sharks a menace in the pool!

Four Manitoulin pool players recently finished fourth in the seventh annual EOVNEA (Eastern Ontario Valley National Eight Ball Association) eight ball championships in North Bay a couple of weeks ago. The quartet, featuring **Leon Trudeau, Jim Trudeau, Chop Waindubence and William Sagash** worked their way through a huge number of competitive teams from across the province. Way to go guys! Advice to everyone else, you might not want to bet against them at your local pool hall!

Pancake breakfast anyone?

On Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8 from 8 to 11 am at the Providence Bay Curling Club there will be a fundraising program in support of the Providence Bay junior curling program. For just \$8 a person you will receive pancakes, sausage, bacon, fruit, coffee or tea and juice.

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Sudbury hockey team made up of almost-all Wiikwemkoong crew

by Warren Schlote
SUDBURY—The Copper Cliff Reds became a de facto Wiikwemkoong midget AA hockey team this past season, having a dozen players from the territory represented on the Sudbury squad.

"There's 13 or 14 of us on the team and 12 from Wiiky," said team member Ian Dokum. "We all contacted each other and agreed to try out. When the team list was made, we were all there."

This crew is no stranger to playing together. They used to be in house league together before joining the Reds, a team in the Northern Ontario Hockey Association.

When asked how their record was this season, Ian laughed.

"We weren't so good; we're already out in the playoffs. But we always play our heart out," he said.

This season was far from a complete blow-out. The Reds managed to secure six wins which, although it wasn't enough to advance, was still a respectable outcome.

Regardless of the score, one cannot knock them for any lack of dedication or effort. The team hosts two practices per week and plays in games that can take the group as far as North Bay. Each drive to Sudbury is at least two hours per direction.

"We have to leave right after school and we get home late," said Ian. It's a lot to balance between the pressures of being in either Grade 11 or 12 and also supporting



A dozen Wiikwemkoong hockey players make up almost all of the Copper Cliff Reds.

their fellow teammates.

"We're big people and we're not very fast, but we play with our heart," Ian said. "It's that dedication we put in because of our love for hockey."

Unfortunately, the Wiiky dream team is not long for this world. A number of players are aging out of the division and will soon be no longer eligible to participate in the team.

"We've already got three or four in call-ups," Ian said, referring to the new generation that will be seeing the Copper Cliff team through.

The Reds have an interesting history. The team began nearly a century ago as the Copper Cliff Redmen and featured a logo very

similar to the chief head used by the Chicago Blackhawks.

Last year, the Redmen announced they would be renaming their team to the Copper Cliff Reds to be more respectful of Indigenous people, considering they had been using a caricatured version of an Indigenous man as a mascot alongside a name that has become a racial slur for Indigenous people.

That team has also hosted strong players who went on to have NHL careers. The most recognizable name among that list would be none other than Tim Horton, who played a single season for the junior Redmen in 1946-1947.

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Pop-up market offers vendors a place to sell their wares this winter

by **Alicia McCutcheon**
LITTLE CURRENT—The Little Current United Church will host its second official pop-up market this Saturday, March 7 in the hall and vendors are encouraged to get a table at this wintertime event.

The brainchild of Karen Allard and Betty Edwards, the duo decided that, following the annual Christmas markets found Island-wide in November and December, there was decidedly little during the winter months to allow those vendors to market their wares, and so the pop-up market was born.

The Little Current United Church's successful Friday open mic nights were also created with the idea of carrying a popular outdoor pastime on by bring-

Island students back in class for a full week

by **Warren Schlote**
MANITOULIN—All students attending Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) elementary schools and Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) will be back for a regular week of class this week (weather permitting) due to no strikes being part of Phase 6 of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) job action and the rotating strikes for the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) bypassing Rainbow schools this round.

MSS students were off last Friday as a rotating OSSTF job action came to the district, which also resulted in the walk-outs of all elementary administration support staff who are represented by OSSTF.

In bargaining news, last week The Expositor shared that the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA) had returned to the negotiating table and also called off a planned one-day strike last week in what it called a show of good faith.

Talks broke down between the union and the province so it has planned a strike for tomorrow, Thursday, March 5.

Over this past weekend, OSSTF announced it would be having an informal exploratory meeting with the province Sunday evening to see if negotiation talks would resume. As of press time Monday, the results of the exploratory talks and their impacts on the rotating strikes were not yet known.

Expositor correction

The February 26 Page 8 article 'Lew Lanktree rink takes McQuay Mixed Bonspiel' contained an inaccurate name. When thanking the conveners of the event, the name Debbie Koski should have read Debbie Graham. The Expositor regrets the error.

ing George Williamson and friends—who appear during the summer months at Soldier Park in downtown Little Current—inside during the fall and winter.

The pop-up market, Ms. Allard explained, will end

come May and allow the Little Current Farmers' Market to take over its natural role as the vendors' spot of choice.

So far there are 15 vendors lined up for this Saturday, but there is room for 22 tables within the church

hall. Tables are just \$10 and can be booked by phoning Ms. Allard at 705-272-8688.

The market will be held this Saturday at the Little Current United Church on Robinson Street from 10 am to 3 pm.

Manitoulin Minor Hockey Novice title-holders



Thunderbirds take Novice A championships

The Little Current Howland Minor Hockey Association hosted the annual Island-wide MMHA Novice Championship this past weekend. M'Chigeeng Thunderbirds faced off against the Wikwemikong Hawks Lightning for the A Championship of the Novice Island Championship. M'Chigeeng Thunderbirds won the game 7-2. MVPs for M'Chigeeng were Maximus Panamick, offense, and Landon Armstrong, defence. The Thunderbirds are: 1 Matthew Debassige, 2 Navin Corbiere, 3 Sophia Hare, 6 Aiyanna Toulouse, 8 Maximus Panamick, 9 Mike Taukei, 10 Sophia Peltier, 11 M'Koonhs Corbiere, 15 Wade Debassige, 17 Darius Migwans, 22 Tomas Naokwegijig, 23 Landon Armstrong, coach Jimmy Panamick, assistant coach James Panamick, trainer Michelle Taukei, assistant trainer James Panamick, assistant trainer Ashley Debassige and manager Renee Corbiere.



Flyers named B champs

Little Current Flyers faced off against the Wikwemikong Hawks Thunder for the B Championship of the Novice Island Championship. Little Current Flyers won the game 10-2. The MVPs for Little Current were Casey Bowerman, offense, and Isaac Souliere, defence. The victorious Flyers are: 19 Laila-Mae Taibossigai, goalie, 2 Casey Bowerman, 3 Noah Shawanda, 4 Thomas Anderson, 8 Jaxon Panamick, 10 Brooklyn Toulouse, 11 Isaac Souliere, 12 Azalea Anaya, 13 Kailyn Inglis, 14 Boston Abotossaway, 15 Laine Coleman, 16 Charlotte Ziegler, 17 Nathan Quackenbush, coach Sean Coleman, assistant coach Ben Quackenbush, trainer Ben Quackenbush and manager Sarah Quackenbush.

photos by Sarah Quackenbush

Sea Cadet marksman team will compete in Sudbury Saturday

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Sea Cadets Marksmanship team will be heading to Sudbury this weekend to compete in the annual NOA Tri-Service Marksmanship Competition. They will be sporting new shooting jackets sponsored by Northland Power

(McLean's Mountain Wind Farm).

The team is coached by Naval Cadet Officer Terry Morphet and assisted by past coach Denis Blake. The team has been practicing for the past few months at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177, fine tuning every shot.

The team is comprised of team captain PO1 Dayna Beauchamp, PO1 Lauren MacKay, LS Carson Beauchamp, LS Lydia Pennings, PO2 Ryan Goddard, CPO2 Quentis Wood (spare) and LS Ben Pangowish (spare).

The team is looking forward to competing against other Sea, Air and Army Cadet corps and hopefully bringing back first place to Manitoulin.

We wish the team good luck in Sudbury.




Team captain PO1 Dayna Beauchamp, PO1 Lauren MacKay, LS Carson Beauchamp, LS Lydia Pennings and PO2 Ryan Goddard pose for a photo in their new uniforms.

Manitoulin Secondary School


PLAYER PROFILE

by **Mackenzie Cortes**
Public Relations, M.S.S. Athletic Association



AYRIELL NODECKER

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Ayriell Nodecker is one Mustang who has many opportunities to demonstrate her athletic abilities. Ayriell is a Grade 11 student, and when she isn't busy with schoolwork or sports practices, she enjoys photography and running for fun.

During her years at C. C. McLean Public School, Ayriell participated in every sport she could. Basketball, volleyball, baseball, soccer, flag football, as well as cross country and track and field. When she got to Grade 9, she continued playing sports including basketball, volleyball, badminton and track and field. In Grade 10, Ayriell competed in track and field, volleyball and badminton. This year, she joined the cross country team and she was able to make it to OFSAA. She is even being scouted by colleges and universities despite her only being in Grade 11. Ayriell has also just finished her volleyball season as she played intensively as a setter and a right side hitter. Outside of school, Ayriell also enjoys playing beach volleyball, soccer, running, going rock climbing and hiking. In the upcoming season she is looking forward to playing badminton and being on the track team again.

Ayriell has made it to NSSSA and NOSSA for volleyball, badminton track and field, and last year with her volleyball team, they won gold at NSSSA. Volleyball is her favourite sport because it's a team sport and it makes her feel excited when the play goes well and everyone is happy. She can't pick just one thing that makes her happy when playing volleyball, she just genuinely likes playing it and is always wanting to get better at it. She enjoys playing sports in general because she likes being active and working with others. Sports are enjoyable in so many ways and they also help Ayriell make new friends.

In school her favourite subject is biology because it's fascinating to really understand how so many things work. After she graduates, Ayriell plans to go to university for nursing, maybe specializing in a nursing field, and travelling as much as she can. She is inspired by her dad who has been hurt and doesn't have the strength to do the things he loves, but Ayriell wants to show him to never give up. She is always pushing herself to make him proud and makes sure to include him in anything she can.

Ayriell is one of many talented Mustangs, and with her kindness, athleticism and ambition, she is sure to make MSS proud. Let's go, Ayriell, let's go!




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4Elements Living Arts gets funding to build mobile studio

Group will be able to deliver programs in locations as need arises

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The 4Elements Living Arts group has received funding that will allow it to build a mobile studio, using tiny home concepts, which will allow it to further its goal to be less tied to one place and more able to deliver programs in a variety of locations as the need arises.

"We have a couple of big news items, one being that we received a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation so that we will be able to build a mobile studio using the tiny home concept," said Susan Snelling, chair of the 4Elements Living Arts board of directors, after its annual general meeting in January. She explained the studio "will be mobile, so for instance it can be used both for artists that want to do work on the land somewhere (artist residency) or moved around the Island to deliver programs at events such as powwows and festivals. Rather than make any group come to us, we will be able to go them."

"The work on the mobile studio will happen through 2020 and should be ready to present at Elemental Festival 2020," said Ms. Snelling. "We also hope that the mobile studio will be live/work space for artist residencies, allowing artists to spend a period of time immersed in a location to do land-based work."

4e welcomes public input on how the mobile studio can serve Manitoulin Island, said Ms. Snelling. "We are excited to have received this funding. We are also looking for community input on what this mobile studio will look like."

She noted an architect is currently working on a design for the mobile studio. "It's hard to say at this point how large the studio will be; usually using the tiny homes concept it would be under 400 square feet, but we might go even smaller. We want the studio to be mobile."

Ms. Snelling said the second piece of major news from the annual general meeting is that, "Kirsten Nelson has just resigned from her role as the executive director for personal reasons, and thus we will be looking for a new candidate in the coming weeks. We are very grateful to Kirsten for jumping in, who learned about 4e and moved us forward with our processes and programs—especially Elemental Festival 2019. It is too bad she is leaving, Kirsten did an excellent job."

At its annual meeting it was pointed out 4e has brought on some new board members. While the current board members (Susan Snelling, erin-blythe reddie, Samantha Ramage, Richard Lathwell and Melanie Hunt) are continuing, three new people have joined the board including Maggie King-Roi, Natalie Hastings and Gail Los.

"We are pleased to have all of these people sharing their energies with 4elements!" stated Ms. Snelling.

In Ms. Snelling's report at the meeting she noted, "at the end of 2018, we were continuing an intense period of strategic planning. Our strategic planning produced the following guiding principles, which were shared last year. The 4e vision: engaged experiences of land, arts and community; and 4e mission statement—our mission is to nurture and inspire community engagement in land-based arts on Manitoulin Island."

"We also developed goals and objectives for the next two years," said Ms. Snelling. "The first goal for 2019 was to recruit a new executive director. In March 2019, we delivered on that goal and hired Kirsten Nelson as executive director. Our next directions were to advance a coherent and sustainable program strategy and build our partnerships. We are pleased to say that with Kirsten's leadership we have made progress on both those fronts."

"In terms of programs we were approved for year two of OAC core operations funding, although with an eight percent funding cut, resulting from cuts to OAC at the provincial level. We are grateful to the Ontario Arts Council for this critical support," said Ms. Snelling.

"We completed 'Walking Waters' in March 2019," continued Ms. Snelling. "This project was funded by a grant from the government of Ontario and involved students from the Sheshewaning St. Joseph's Anishinabek School and the Gore Bay Charles C. McLean Public School, exploring traditional routes along various waterways on the Island. Thank you to Lauren Satok who co-ordinated this program for 4e. Walking Waters was very well received and we have received inquiries from others interested in having a similar program."

Also, in March 2019, 4e moved out of its office location in Kagawong. "We have decided to become virtual, less tied to one location and more able to move around the Island for program delivery," said Ms. Snelling.

"In September 2019, we offered Elemental Festival after a one-year hiatus," continued Ms. Snelling. "The festival was an ambitious, four-day celebration of the arts, held in Kagawong. We welcomed more than 300 audience members to the festival and were supported by many dedicated volunteers. We are grateful for funding from the Canadian Heritage Local Festivals fund to support Elemental Festival."

Ms. Snelling continued, "the books, 'The Art of Land-Based Early Learning Volumes 1 and 2' and 'Learning the Land: Creative Community Engagements,' written by Sophie Edwards and Heather Thoma, are sold on our website and also at a book store in Toronto. Sales have continued to be steady and we continue to offer workshops for educators with the support of Heather Thoma as a facilitator."

The meeting was told preliminary plans for a 2020 Elemental Festival are underway for September 25-27. Potential artists are being contacted and grant applications are being drafted. "The theme for this year's festival is 'You are Here,' with a focus on maps, way-finding and looking for direction," said Ms. Snelling.

Ms. Snelling added, "we are looking forward to an exciting year of change and growth in community engagement in land-based arts on Manitoulin Island."

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so that it might run a 50/50 raffle at the Little Current-Howland Recreation Centre during the annual three-on-three hockey tournament April 2-5.

Council received a donation request from the Manitoulin Secondary School robotics team, Manitoulin Metal.

Councillor Koehler made a motion to donate \$200 while Councillor Erskine seconded it.

"It's great that MSS is encouraging students into STEM, and especially with women," said Councillor Erskine. "It's quite laudable that they're doing it and I'm in support of this."

The motion was carried.

Council also received a donation request from the Manitoulin Fine Arts Association for its 26th annual Manitoulin Art Tour, July 17-19.

Councillor Erskine made a motion to donate \$200 with Councillor Cook seconding it. The motion was carried.

Welcome Centre lease

Mr. Williamson reminded council that the municipality had published a request for proposal for the portion of the Manitoulin Welcome Centre that was previously occupied by the Manitoulin Tourism Association. He explained that the RFP was advertised in this newspaper, but also through LAMBAC, the Sudbury Chamber of Commerce and more.

The Northeast Town secured two responses: one from the operating group of the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre and the other from Michael and Linda Erskine.

The hotel operating group offered to pay no rent and that the Northeast Town would pay them \$5,000 to clean the building. The Erskines offered \$19,200 in annual rent plus 45 percent of the utilities with no charge for cleaning.

"We've had the opportunity to talk to both proponents," Mr. Williamson said. "The Erskine proposal makes more sense."

On February 11, the Northeast Town met with the Welcome Centre operations committee which gave their support to the Erskines, but would take it back to their individual councils for review and official support (or not).

"Now we wait to hear from the councils, or at least the ones that want to participate," Mr. Williamson said.

A motion was made to accept the Erskine proposal. (Councillor Erskine had declared a conflict of interest and left the council table during the discussion and vote.)

Central Manitoulin has moved to deny the Erskine approval while Assiginack has approved it.

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...Siblings each lose their home in suspicious fires

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Goulais and daughter Autumn are currently stationed at the Hore family home in Evansville.

Neither of the families held home insurance on their respective properties.

Robinson Township Fire Chief Doug Wismer told The Expositor he received a call from 9-1-1 dispatch at 6:20 pm Friday evening. A passerby on Highway 540 reported seeing the home, located just west of Misery Bay, which housed Daisy Hore and her family, fully engulfed.

"The building was levelled to about four feet high—there were no standing walls left," Mr. Wismer said. "It had been burning for quite some time."

Mr. Wismer said he and his crew of six firefighters stayed on the scene until around 9 pm when they ran out of water. The Robinson crew did not have the manpower to both fight the fire and fill another tanker, he explained.

The fire chief said the home was a total loss by the time they had arrived and was fully contained by the snow surrounding it, so "we left it to burn right down. We couldn't have done anything anyway." There was no one home at the time of the blaze.

The other home that burned later that evening was located in the Pleasant Valley area of the Township of Gordon/Barrie Island and was owned by Donald Hore.

Gore Bay Fire Chief Mike Addison said the fire department was called to a structure fire at 9:55 pm on Friday, February 28. By the time the firefighters arrived at the scene, the house was fully engaged.

"It's gone," said the fire chief. "It was gone when we got there. We put water on it when we got there, but there was no way to save the building."

While engaging the fire, the firefighters spotted a number of footprints in the snow around the house. "We determined that there were fresh footprints into the home," said Mr. Addison. "We found it to be suspicious so we contacted the (Ontario Provincial Police)."

The OPP came to the house and secured the area.

"After they had sealed it off, we couldn't even get in there again," said Mr. Addison.

The Expositor asked the OPP whether the two fires might be connected.

"The two fires are under investigation and at this point, nothing is being ruled out," said Manitoulin Detachment community services officer Constable Marie Ford.

She urged the public to come forward



The Ontario Provincial Police forensic identification unit attended both fire scenes.

photo by Warren Schlote

either to the OPP or Crime Stoppers with any information they might have.

The Manitoulin Island community has already begun to step forward with relief for the victims, with many offers of support being shared online in the hours and days that followed the fires.

A BMO bank account has been set up for the siblings and their families. Donations can be made to bank account number 2342 8975-468 with all money being distributed evenly between the families of Donald and Daisy Hore or e-transferred to nanabell1@hotmail.com. A list of needed items has also been made available by the family which includes: toddler girl clothes, 18 months and up; toddler girl shoes; toys for small kids; diapers, size 3 or 4; sippy cups and bottles; women's size small clothing; men's size medium to large clothing; infant boy clothing, newborn and up; newborn diapers, baby boy everything (everything was in the fire for the newborn including crib, car seat, etc.); men's large clothing; and women's size XL and up clothing.

"People have already been very generous," Lily said. "It's really, really nice to have so many kind people in this community—even on the other side of the Island too."

"Thank you for all the donations," Lily said on behalf of the family. "We really, really appreciate everything and all of the support."

Anyone with information about these fires should immediately contact the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122 or their nearest police authority.

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...‘Molly Sweeney’ gets rave reviews from QUONTA adjudicator

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Ms. Proconier began with the stage, praising simplicity of the stage design, which still managed to convey complex symbolism and depth, ably enhanced through the outstanding use of the limited lighting available to the troupe. “Just gorgeous,” she said.

The lighting deftly assisted the actors in transitioning in and out of their scenes. “Everything was a natural transition,” she said.

Although the three actors all remained on stage during the production, there was no direct interaction between them. When outside the spotlight, each actor maintained such a stillness of body that they practically became invisible to the audience—although as Ms. Proconier pointed out, even in their stillness there was symbolism conveyed through their posture and position.

As for the actors, Tara Bernatchez in the title role of

Molly Sweeney delivered one of the most outstanding performances of her long and accomplished career with Gore Bay Theatre. Ms. Proconier lauded her performance and the costume choice and lighting that meshed so well with her character. There were no faults discernible to either The Expositor or the adjudicator.

Will Smith also delivered a tour de force as the ophthalmologist Mr. Rice. Ms. Proconier had one note about his costuming (suggesting his sartorial demeanor might have been better if a touch shabbier). “But it is all about choices,” she said. The adjudicator’s sole suggestion to Mr. Smith’s performance was that perhaps he should have been more attentive to the flask from which he sipped throughout the production.

John Robertson’s Frank Sweeney captured the audience’s rapt attention without mercy—not one foot shuffle was to be heard and his phrenic portrayal of the oh-so

enthusiastic husband managed to portray the character without climbing over the top into parody.

The development of the character arcs in the story was superb. “The development of the characters, how they changed from where they were at the beginning,” she said. “You are such skilled performers.”

Each of the three actors used their body language and non-static performances to enhance their character’s narratives. “You were not just sitting there telling a story, but sharing with us,” she said.

In fact, Ms. Proconier found herself apologizing to the cast and crew for a dearth of critical notes. “When it is this good, there just isn’t a lot to pick at.”

Those who missed this incredible production will have another opportunity later this summer, as ‘Molly Sweeney’ is in the line-up for this summer’s GBT repertoire theatre offerings.

The QUONTA festival awards ceremony will take place at the DFR Sports Bar and Eatery in Espanola (224 Station Road) on Sunday, March 8 starting at 11 am.

...Island businesswomen invited to free networking

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at starting up a business (or taking their existing business to the next level) will get to meet you and learn what it is you do.”

There are 80 spots available for this free event which includes a delicious meal prepared by the Island Jar, a female owned and operated business in Little Current. Ms.

Whynott asks those interested in attending the event to please register with her by emailing now@lambac.org. More information can be found on the Northern Ontario Women – NOW Program Facebook page.

“If you are someone like myself who decided to exit her career early in order to start up a couple of small

businesses, then I would definitely encourage you to attend this evening so that you can start the wheels spinning in terms of what your exit plan/retirement might look like,” Ms. Whynott added.

The ‘Let’s Get Social’ event will take place at the Mindemoya community hall on Tuesday, March 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

...Island beef farmers well-represented provincially

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new wave of young farmers has begun to get involved in the industry.

Mr. Miller, a Kagawong-area beef farmer and a director-at-large for BFO, said he was confident that Mr. Martin was the youngest advisory councillor currently in the province. Mr. Martin has just turned 24.

“It seems like there’s a generation gap there. It doesn’t matter if you look at the Manitoulin (cattlemen’s) meeting or at the provincial level, it seems everyone is either grey-haired or around my age,” said Mr. Martin.

Mr. Martin, Mr. Miller and a number of other young Island beef farmers took part in a youth delegate reception for producers between the ages of 18 and 40. Roughly 35 young producers were in attendance at that meeting which discussed topics about the challenges faced by young beef farmers in Ontario.

Mr. Miller said this was the biggest representation of Island farmers at the meeting since he began attending the gathering.

“When we started going,

we were always sharing tables with other small counties. Now we have a whole table of members and we can vote as a unit, which gives us a greater voice in influencing issues in favour of the North,” said Mr. Miller.

The strong numbers are greatly aided by a very supportive and nurturing environment on the Island, he said. He credited John McNaughton (president of the Manitoulin Cattlemen’s Association) and Brent Best (secretary) for their years of attending this conference, representing the Island and developing relationships with producers.

“We’ve got a number of (young) guys interested and keen and I think one of the coolest things about Manitoulin is the old guard is very quick to encourage and support us and put us into roles where we can gain experience. You hear about some districts where it’s always the same representation and there’s people there who won’t allow younger people to step in,” said Mr. Miller.

The biggest issue shared at the meeting was pro-

cessing capacity in Eastern Canada and how producers could get their products to market in the most efficient way possible. The announcement in November 2019 that investors had bought the Manitoulin Island Community Abattoir and would continue to run it as the Limestone Island Abattoir was a significant bonus to Island producers on this issue.


“We’ll be one of the only abattoirs in Ontario that has the capacity to take more cattle,” said Mr. Miller. “This will give us more encouragement to do more local products and services when we have the abattoir in our tool bag, rather than having to take our animals to auction and taking whatever price we can get.”

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha was in attendance at the AGM, something that was very much appreciated by Mr. Miller.

“He showed up at our banquet and sat at a table with us and Algoma producers, and he heard us out,” said Mr. Miller. “I heard that there were less MPPs there than usual at

the banquet, so it felt good for me that my MPP came and listened to us about what we’re dealing with and what we hope will come in the future.”

Manitoulin’s strong representation on this stage will mean continued advocacy for Northern agricultural issues and more voices bringing Island issues to the fore.

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Voice of the Martyrs one-man show brings message of hope

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—For 14 years the late Richard Wurmbrand, aka Nicolai Ionescu, endured prison in his native Romania for daring to utter the words "Communism and Christianity are not compatible." Now his story is being presented in a one-man show, 'Voice of the Martyrs,' and that show is being presented at the Little Current United Church on March 12.

"It is a very dramatic presentation," said Wendy Noble, "but it is also light-hearted."

The one-man show utilizes a high-tech laser light show and although it is being brought to the Island by the Mindemoya Missionary Church, the production is being hosted at the Little Current United Church due to the size of

facility required. "It's a very large production," explained Ms. Noble. "They told us we need 16 feet of height and room for a 20-foot wide stage." Unfortunately, the ceilings at the Mindemoya church site were not quite high enough. Enter the ecumenical. Searching about for a suitable location, the organizers settled on the Little Current United Church hall.

Co-organizer Monic Shaw was very enthusiastic about the production. "I am really pumped," she said. "I really enjoyed the production when I saw it two years ago, and ever since I have been trying to get them here."

Richard Wurmbrand was born Nicolai Ionescu in 1909 Romania. He was a Romanian Christian minister of Jewish descent, having converted to Christianity in 1938. In

1948 he publicly said Communism and Christianity were not compatible and was swiftly imprisoned and tortured by the then Communist regime of Romania for his beliefs. After serving a total of 14 years, Mr. Wurmbrand was ransomed for \$10,000.

His friends in Romania pleaded with him to leave the country and work for religious freedom from a location less personally dangerous. After spending time in Norway and England, he and his wife Sabina, who had also been imprisoned, emigrated to America and dedicated the rest of their lives to publicizing and helping Christians who are persecuted for their beliefs.

He went on to author more than 18 books, the most widely-known being 'Tortured for Christ.' Variations of his works have been translated into more than 65 languages. He founded the international organization Voice of the Martyrs, which continues to aid Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith.

Although the production is based on his time in a prison cell, Ms. Noble notes that the production "leaves you hopeful." It is a much-needed antidote for the times we find ourselves in today. "It's frightening what man can do to man," said Ms. Noble. "This is an important story to get out there."

'Voice of the Martyrs' will take place March 12 at 7 pm at the Little Current United Church. There is no charge for admission and everyone is welcome, although it is recommended that, due to subject matter (although not harmful), only those over age 13 should attend.

Debajehmujig hosts We Are Stronghold solidarity event

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—As the seconds ticked down on the clock heading into the launch of We Are Stronghold, a multi-venue artistic expression of solidarity with the hereditary Wet'suwet'en chiefs in their struggle over a natural gas pipeline planned for their traditional territories, local organizer Jason Maniowabi was furiously connecting cables and testing lights and cameras for action.

Mr. Maniowabi had been contacted by Shashona and Raven (aka Digging Roots) of the International Indigenous Music Summit asking if he could arrange a remote livestream event as part of the collective effort. The catch was the launch was taking place in just a couple of days.

"I said 'yes' and then started working on how I was going to pull it all together," laughed Mr. Maniowabi. Fortunately, Mr. Maniowabi works at Debajehmujig Storytellers in Manitowaning, so he had a solid team to fall back on.

Then came Friday's blizzards and the Debaj crew were stuck in the thick of it.

It is a facet of veteran arts



Elijah Maniowabi was one of several artists to grace the Debajehmujig stage for the We Are Stronghold event held last week to show solidarity with the Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs.

photo by Michael Erskine

folk that they have deep connections in their communities, so Mr. Maniowabi was able to pull together an impressive roster of both experienced musicians and artists as well as some new up-and-coming talent. The same could be said of Shashona and Raven, so the stage was well set for collective action.

"We were not staging a protest," noted Mr. Maniowabi. "We were pulling together a celebration of the arts in support of our brothers and sisters in other communities in unity, love and respect—through the arts."

The event was open to everyone, with the proceeds

of a free will offering in support of the Wet'suwet'en legal defence fund through RAVEN Trust. Thanks to the livestreaming format, the weather was not a major issue, although there were still a respectable number of folks who braved the weather to attend the performances live.

Many of the performers taking to the Debaj stage in the Larry E. Lewis Creation Centre are familiar to Island audiences as they included Elijah Maniowabi (of Elijah and the Backburners fame), Danielle Roy MacDonald (co-founder of Odi-kwe) and her daughter Rosemary; Brian Fox (who opened the program with

guitar solo stylings); hip hop artist Michael Oshkabe-wisens; the multi-talented Greg Odjig (Outlander and the pro-wrestling ring when not making music) and Mitch Maniowabi. Also performing was a young piano player named Mason Amikwa venturing out under the lights with a poise far beyond his years.

"This was only like the second or third time he was performing onstage," said Mr. Maniowabi. "He is something of a prodigy, it seems like he can play any instrument he picks up."

The Toronto event also featured a strong lineup of musicians and poets including Serena Ryder, Bear Witness of a Tribe Called Red, Chantal Kreviazuk, Cris Derksen, Amanda Rheume, the aforementioned Digging Roots, Witch Prophet, Julian Taylor, Charging Horse Singers, Zoey Pricelys Roy, New Tradition Music, Sarain Fox and a host of others.

Other venues being livestreamed included Yellowknife, Smithers, B.C. and Prince George, B.C.

"We are really happy with how it turned out," said Mr. Maniowabi. "It is important we work together to support each other and find solutions to the challenges ahead."

...Protest planned to support Wet'sawet'en

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The highways will not be completely shut down for the duration of the protest. As it is scheduled, there will be 15-minute closures at the top of the hour from 12 noon to 12:15 pm, 1 to 1:15 pm, 2 to 2:15 pm, 3 to 3:15 pm and 4 to 4:15 pm. For perspective, this is approximately the same level of disruption as the Little Current swing bridge causes when it opens hourly during the sailing season.

The first traffic stop will involve a smudge, opening song and a prayer round dance. Each following hour will involve a round dance and the final disruption will involve a closing round dance and prayer.

Parking for the protest will be at the truck stop and trading post.

This is the closest a protest about this issue has come to Manitoulin Island. High-profile protests have emerged in locations across Canada since the start of the year including in major cities, along Canadian National Railway's trans-Canada mainline between Toronto and Montreal in Tyendinaga Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawk) territory and also at Burlington's Bayview Junction, the busiest railway intersection in the country that sees an average of more than 100 train movements per day in an area shared by all Class I railways in the country.

"We ask that you use caution and exercise safety while being at this event and to stay positive and peaceful and ignore negative remarks. No aggression or violence of any sort or negative things to be said will be tolerated. Please respect and demonstrate in a peaceful way and remember our values," wrote Mr. Kaboni.

He formed an online group called Wiikwemkoong in Solidarity with Wet'suwet'en as a way to organize supporters and share information about the ongoing disputes. Several people have stepped forward with donations of food and drinks and offers of rides for those unable to drive themselves to the site.

Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory issued a statement on February 25 expressing its support for Wet'suwet'en peoples' governance over their unceded territories. Most of British Columbia was never ceded to the Canadian government through treaties; rather, the land has been occupied by settlers for centuries.

"Canada must honour and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) through legislation, regulations and policy," the release stated. "Canada must honour the rights of the Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs and all Indigenous people to 'free, prior and informed consent' on any contemplated developments on or near aboriginal title lands."

The release continued that the band administration is supportive of the peaceful protest of Wiikwemkoong Anishinabek and will be watching to make sure all are treated fairly and with respect.

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are aware of the protest plans and its provincial liaison team is standing by to monitor this peaceful protest.

"The OPP's continuous focus during lawful events is to maintain and respect the Charter rights of all persons, including Peaceful Assembly, while ensuring public safety for all," stated Sergeant Carlo Berardi, OPP spokesperson, in an email to The Expositor.

This past Saturday, representatives from Wet'suwet'en and both the British Columbian and Canadian governments announced they had arrived at some understandings after a few days of negotiations, and had prepared a proposed agreement that would be brought for discussion with Wet'suwet'en individuals. However, pipeline construction is expected to continue.

Despite the progress made in this past weekend's talks, this Saturday's protest will proceed as planned.

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...Manitoulin Special Olympians successful at National Winter Games

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Dayne Tipper placed fourth in both the 400- and 800-metre races, with times of 2:51.10 and 6:01.70 respectively. Both of those times were personal bests.

Bruce Vanhorn ranked fifth in the 100-metre race in a time of 31.70 seconds and he earned the bronze medal in the 200-metre race with a time of 1:05.80, a new personal best time for him.

Norm Daoust ranked third in the 100-metre race with a time of 43.40 seconds, good for the bronze, and he brought home a silver in the 200-metre race with a time of 1:47.10.

Finally, Matt Bedard earned a personal best time in all three of his races. He ran the 800-metre race in 2:59.90, a silver medal performance; the 400-metre in 1:16.80, also good for a silver, and he ran the five-kilometre race in 22:29.70, a gold medal performance that shattered his previous best time.

"I was actually surprised at how well I've done. I went from 29 minutes down to 22," said Mr. Bedard as he stepped off the team bus in Little Current this past Monday, getting a warm reception from his dad and his dog.

The competition has shifted away from being age-based in favour of an abilities level competition, so challengers are placed in heats based on their



Matt Bedard had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to teach Scott Moir of figure skating fame how to snowshoe at the National Winter Games in Thunder Bay.



Mark Dokum, far right, wearing No. 72, closes in during the 200 metre snowshoe.



Bruce Van Horn was given a hero's welcome by Westmount Public School in Thunder Bay, which had 'adopted' him as an athlete leading up to the nationals, even providing him with a pile of cards wishing him luck.



Dayne Tipper was a force in the 400 metre race.

times from the previous year's event.

There were a few memorable moments beyond the

main competition. Mr. Vanhorn was adopted by Thunder Bay's Westmount Public School over the past year, which entailed the school

fundraising to help him attend the games.

During the competition, he was invited to visit a class at the school but, as it turned out, he got more of a hero's welcome than he

had been anticipating.

"We were walking outside and the media person from Special Olympics said I should maybe have my cell phone out for a photo. We walked through the front door and the entire school was there; there was kids lined up on both sides of the hallway down the hall and around the corner, cheering him on and giving him high fives as he walked through," said Ms. Olacke.

The school did some research on Mr. Vanhorn's likes and interests (with the help of employee Sara Umakoshi, who previously lived on Manitoulin) and gave him a school t-shirt, hat, lanyard and backpack, chocolate treats, a Tim's card and a travel coffee mug. He also went home with a pile of well-wishing cards.

Although Mr. Vanhorn received the star's welcome, Mr. Bedard got to work closely with a well-known athletic celebrity, Canadian Olympic ice dancer Scott Moir.

"Matthew taught Scott some snowshoe skills and strategy, and then Scott raced the other celebrities—Olympic swimmer Mark Tewksbury, Conservative leadership hopeful Peter MacKay and a Sobeys/Safeway representative—alongside their paired Special Olympians," Ms. Olacke said.

At the end of the event, Team Ontario took 52 of the available 82 snowshoe medals outside of the relay events. Team Ontario and Team Saskatchewan completely took over the Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay's biggest hotel, which was turned into a de facto Olympic Athletes Village.

"Being there was a great opportunity, with the team and the coach, it was wonderful. It was nice to be there, nice to be up in Thunder Bay," said Mr. Bedard.

This year's event drew 1,200 athletes, coaches, managers and mission staff, 60 technical officials and 500 volunteers. The eight games as part of the national event were alpine skiing, five-pin bowling, cross-country skiing, curling, figure skating, floor hockey, snowshoeing and speed skating.



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Ed Sagle feted on the day of his retirement from Carl Brown Bus

by Alicia McCutcheon
MINDMEOYA—Just shy of the 19-year mark, Ed Sagle of Tehkummah has retired from driving kids with special needs to school for Carl Brown Bus Line—a job that has meant the world to him and the families he helps—and the kids of Central Manitoulin Public School (CMPS) gave him a special send-off Friday.

“For 18 years and 10 months I’ve been driving buses, always as a special education bus driver for Brown Bus,” Mr. Sagle told The Expositor following a special celebration held in his honour last Friday at noon. Mr. Sagle was met in the hallway (on his way to pick up a student for his final drive) with a rousing rendition of ‘For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow’ by the Grade 3 class and presented with a pan of brownies and a card.

Mr. Sagle recalled that his very first assignment was driving a little boy from Tehkummah to Little Current Public School.

Mr. Sagle and his wife Shirley retired to South Baymouth where they ran a bed and breakfast, and he picked up this job for Brown’s Busing as a temporary gig, but he never left.

“I’ve driven kids from Providence Bay, Rockville, Billings—all over,” he said. “And they’ve always been small buses or vans.”

“I’m 73, so it’s time to retire,” he added, noting that he has a sawmill that he will enjoy putting to use, as well as 11 grandchildren and even a great grandchild that will require his grandfatherly attention. Mr. Sagle is also very involved with the Michael’s Bay Historical Society.

Mr. Sagle recalled one little girl he drove to Little Current who desperately wanted to go to ‘regular school’ by the time she reached high school. She put her mind to it and by the time she reached Grade 10, she was the recipient of

is married with a family of her own.

“I’ve driven kids with FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder), ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) and behavioural problems, but in my van, I’ve never had any

Sagle’s kind and gentle way that has stood him in such good stead with his clients.

“These students that he drives often don’t want to get in the bus, but he has a special knack of getting them on and off the bus,” Principal Wiwchar said.

driver. When it came time for the student to graduate from school, his family couldn’t afford a dress shirt and tie, so Mr. Sagle purchased him the things he needed to ensure he had the

best graduation experience possible. “That’s the kind of guy he is,” he added.

“We will miss him very much,” Mr. Brown added.



A group of Central Manitoulin Public School students as well as teachers Cori Davey, kneeling, and Ann-Marie Scott, far left, pose for a group photo on the occasion of the retirement of Ed Sagle, a special needs bus driver for Carl Brown Bus Line, centre, on Friday of last week.



Ed Sagle gives a wave as he pulls away from the school on his final run.

one of this newspaper’s annual Awards Night bursters for most improved student in her grade. Mr. Sagle said she couldn’t have been more proud. Today she

problems—I’ve never had to make a report to the principal once,” he said proudly.

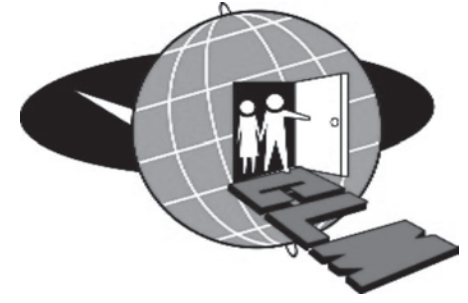
CMPS principal Dave Wiwchar said it’s Mr.

photos by Alicia McCutcheon

“He’s kind and patient and they all appreciate him. His grandfatherly way is so much appreciated.”

“He just has that personality that lends itself well to dealing with young people and those with special needs,” said Gary Brown of Carl Brown Bus Line. “He’s been a great asset to our little company.”

Mr. Brown told The Expositor the story of one young man who was a client of the bus service and who had Mr. Sagle as a



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Lauren Satok's exhibit 'Unsettled: The Art of Remapping a History of Erasure' is on at the K.B. Reynolds Mastin Gallery in Manitowaning until April 30.

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Lauren Satok exhibit explores layers of history

by Warren Schlote

MANITOWANING—Debajehmujig Storytellers is hosting a striking art exhibit by Island artist Lauren Satok, one that challenges settler perspectives of 'vacant land' by juxtaposing traditional landscapes paintings with Indigenous-focused narratives.

"Landscape painting has been used as a colonial source of power, at least in terms of historical Canadian paintings," said Ms. Satok, referring to the Group of Seven as an example of artists whose work was revered for its striking depictions of the vast emptiness of the Canadian wilderness—not taking into account the numerous peoples who have lived in those settings since time immemorial.

This is not to say that Ms. Satok has presented her works in an Indigenous-history-only mindset; rather, she said it is important to showcase a shared history narrative in which settler realities intersect with Indigenous peoples.

"In order to support any sort of Indigenous self-agency through art, the colonial story has to be told with the First Nations in Canada," she said.

Ms. Satok does not have Indigenous roots and is of Jewish descent. She said her own people's long history of oppression has made her more sensitive to the issues faced by other populations.

She was careful to state that she does not want to, nor can she speak for other people, especially the First Nations histories which she discusses, but that this artwork is a way of examining a tense subject in Canada.

"Being white, we cannot fully identify with First Nations histories, but we can have a deep sensitivity. That's what I'm asking of people through my art," she said.

An initial glance at Ms. Satok's artwork will draw the eye to many layers of colour, detail and contrasting elements within the paintings. She uses watercolour crayon and ink in many of her works, as well as oil paints in others. Some photographs and stencil forms are overlaid with maps and vibrant colours.

"The idea of that is to compare and contrast the different styles of landscape-type work," she said. "That's the point of the exhibition, to bring awareness to the layered histories of settler and Indigenous culture."

This exhibition, which is Ms. Satok's largest-ever show of her work, is the culmination of a two-year Ontario Arts Council grant for a project called 'Ghost Lands: Behind the Mask of Reconciliation.'

Seeing her art displayed in such a prominent format, with 39 of her works covering the walls of Debaj, has been a major source of inspiration for Ms. Satok.

"This is a life-changer for me. I've never been able to see all my work in such a big space. I'm grateful to Debaj," she said.

Ms. Satok has taken a different viewpoint for serious issues as a way of highlighting contrasts.

"I'm touching on slightly humorous ways of looking at it, like using weeds as a metaphor for Indigenous peoples because they were often construed as unimportant and annoyances in the way of settlement," said Ms. Satok.

Once piece that fits the narrative well is a photo of the Indian Agent's house in Manitowaning layered behind a small shack in Sheguiandah First Nation, with weeds spread throughout the frame.

A unique element of her artwork is the frequent use of maps, tools she described as a "political power play" because they have been used to establish ownership and control over a territory throughout history.

Ms. Satok has been a professional artist since 2006. She previously worked as a tree planter, as a wilderness canoe guide, with at-risk youth and studied environmental science at the University of Guelph. Ms. Satok said she was having difficulty with the mindset of the Toronto art scene and sought alternative venues in which to work and display her art, which led her to Manitoulin Island for the first time in 2008. She relocated to Manitowaning three years ago.

The paintings in this exhibition date from 2012 to present. She said she would like to expand this show to art galleries in Sudbury, Mississauga and Thunder Bay. She added that she has greatly enjoyed this style and will be doing more work on similar pieces in the future.

"I'm going to do way more work on these projects. I know where it's going now," she said. "I want to take the themes running through these images and expand on them."

Ms. Satok's works are on display at Debajehmujig Storytellers in Manitowaning until April 30.

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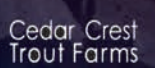
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Everyone was getting into the winter fun.

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Bear, the Bernese mountain dog pup, was a big hit with everyone who passed its path.



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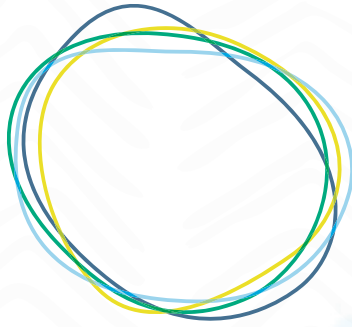
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...Now and Then: Gertrude Aelick Cooper

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underground INCO mine, he had also been trapped with bad air. He recovered slowly at the Espanola hospital. Now this strong man has come to the end of his life.”

Gert continued with her devotion to the church, her music and her family. She kept on with the choir and her attendance at the Grace Bible Church and with the community. She did lots of volunteer work as a representative for Warm Hearts Palliative Care after six Sat-

Also, I might have been less strict when teaching students or my own children. I love to play piano for friends and family.”

“Favourite books? The ‘Forgotten Garden’ and the ‘Clock Maker’ by Kate Morton. Associations? The Genealogy Group and their book ‘Reflections.’ Also, the board of the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah, which sits on property donated by two women, one of whom was Geraldine Batman. “There is a Lewis Room and a Batman Room.

also got to ride a camel and we floated in the Dead Sea. It was very special to really experience all these holy places. In Ontario, we have taken bus trips to the Blue Jays and the theatre in Toronto. We saw ‘Come

from Away.’ It was heart-warming to see how the people of Gander helped these international visitors feel at home. We didn’t understand some of the East Coast dialect, but we had a wonderful time.”

“Son Darren and his wife Lisa live in Lively. He was a computer tech in Sudbury at Digital. Now he is working with a small construction company with his son. They build docks and do reconstructions. He and his

wife may move to this farm when we can move to an apartment in Little Current. Son Steven and wife Julie are in Alliston where Steven has been a financial consultant for the last 20 years. They recently bought a family farm on Hwy 6 at Sheguiandah. We also see a lot of Don’s family. I appreciate feeling close to them.”

The couple continues to spend time at the church, for devotions and concerts at Easter and Christmas. Gert had directed the choir in the past. “We see the family often. Don and I both love the ambience and the culture and have spent most of our lives here. Even when our family was not living on the Island, we always came back to Manitoulin for a visit. We still go to the city to shop but we enjoy coming home even more. I am not a big city person, and I am happy here surrounded by our friends and family.”



A family portrait.



Don and Gert Cooper on their wedding day, April 14, 2012.

urdays of training while Rodney had still been alive. At the Manor, Gert played piano at birthday parties and gave devotional services for residents when requested. This included bible stories and songs. In time, she had to slow down with the visits, but she was aware that there were others who could share their time with the residents. “I miss seeing them.”



The pretty teen all dressed up.

She had met Don and Karlene Cooper years earlier. “Karlene came from Little Current when I had first met her in Grade 9. I sang at their wedding in 1956.” Don lost his wife early in 2011. The Grace Bible Church was a common location for both Don and Gert. Don was on the board and Gert played the keyboard for Sunday Services. “Don is the kindest man you could come across. He is very personable, loving and so good to people. He was wonderful with his wife Karlene when her health was failing.”

Don and Gert began to date and on April 14, 2012, they were wed in their church. The reception was at the Sheguiandah Seniors’ Hall. The couple honeymooned in Sudbury for two nights, then headed for southern Ontario where Gert’s daughter-in-law was in a play. This was followed later by a month in Florida.

“What would I do if I could go back in time? I would have taken more music lessons which stopped when our teacher left. I have a Grade 6 or 7 on piano and Grade 6 in voice.

My cousin Tom Batman built the replica of Geraldine’s living room.”
“My strengths? I am told that I am a good hostess. I like to cook and bake. Our grandchildren love tea biscuits, chocolate cake, butter tarts and cookies. I love playing the piano and singing in the choir and for solos. Something I would still like to do? Grow personally in my faith and participate more in bible studies. Dr. Poenn has been a great teacher of bible studies. Lastly, I would like to write down my faith journey as well.”
What am I afraid of? Afraid of a time when one of us will be alone again and needing a place to live that gives us more help. Will it be available? I hope we get some more assisted living facilities here. Don and I may not always be able to manage this house.”

“Trips? Our trip to Israel about 18 months ago was powerful and meaningful. The story of Christ was all around us everywhere we looked, including the Wailing Wall, Bethlehem and Masada. Don

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Tehkummah Talk and Times

I just touched the top of a scone cake in the oven, it feels awful spongy? I'm wondering what surprise is in store today? Most of the days have some sort of revelation?

A lot of them I would prefer not to see. Sister Susan came in on Monday and fixed my temperamental television, so I got to watch The Voice that night after bingo. I do like that show and the Masked Singer; anything musical come to think of it! I forgot all about the pancake supper in town on Tuesday!

They say that laughter is good for the soul, and for your health.

Well, a few of us got lots of medicine on Thursday afternoon at bid euchre. We had some good games like 33 to 37 or 1 to 8? (three and a half tables); Laura, 177; tied for second and third, Brad and Norma, 165; low, Laurene, 47; 50/50 me!

Another lucky week, phone calls, cards and a person who declutters beautifully. Thank you so much!

A full eight tables for cribbage on Wednesday afternoon, as always, fun! We really could have used an extra person today, too! We had three high hands of 24, Laura Scott, Gord and Marion; first, Bill and Ruth McG., 961; second, Georgina and Betty, 941; third, Cal and Ted, 925; low, Marilyn and Sheila, 820; door, wooden heart, Patrysha and Bobbi Jo.

Found a bootjack in the snow at my front door coming home! Thanks!

4:30 am, I looked out to a drifted white world and peaceful, the storm has passed.

I had come so close to explosions in my house. I boiled my eggs dry while talking on the phone! To Eunice!

Donna Corbett celebrated a birthday last Monday. Betty Jean drives through the blowy snow to Knox United Church hall on Friday and me! 50/50 winner Georgina; mystery prize, ?; first, Roger and Ron, 81; second, Dan and ?, 72; third, Betty Jean and I, 71; low, Patrysha and Laura, 47.

Lina Holmes popped through, but I only had time to say hello.

Ron Towns mentioned working with my dad, who has been dead 51 years in April, and didn't work for Hydro probably seven or eight years before that, due to illness. Ron must have been just a kid?

Marching on! Here we go to another month, already yet, the "green" St. Paddy's and the spring into spring and our

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snow birds start heading home again, time of the year. Did last week's column seem back to front? If you might have thought, so did I, as the beginning was at the end!

"Tehkummah Winter Fun" and lots of it, there seemed to be, my old bones aren't up to standing too long or the winter chill either, although the day was fair. Sunshine and lots of active participants at least in the lunch room: The firefighters' area was a full house of rosy cheeked folk enjoying the chili and hot dogs. There were trays and trays of desserts come in, must have been for afternoon snacks as fun and games had started outside again. Many of all ages participating in the log sawing. I chatted with a few folks before I headed for town. It wasn't too long until I was home in my chair. A couple of casualties of the day, Cameron with a broken finger, maybe and Gemma (dog) with a sprained leg? (So far). I sat with niece Lorrie while we had our bowl of chili. Seems lots of the younger generation were involved and helped out, and isn't that wonderful to see, and that the Leisure Services (are they still called that?) are working well. Mike Erskine was covering the excitement of the day. (Leisure and Library).

Seeing the work-out equipment in the room, I wonder when the firefighter calendar is going to be out?

They say there are no coincidences, only God incidences, and I am sure I am a believer. So many times we are shown if we are awake and aware of this world around us?

Joan and I watched the sunrise (absolutely gorgeous) this Sunday morning together, yet apart! We talked of things that paralleled the sermon today, our early phone

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**HOUSING SUPPORT WORKER
Sudbury**

Reporting to the Service Supervisor, the Housing Support Worker (HSW) is primarily responsible for providing housing support to youth by locating and sustaining long term housing for youth aged 16 to 17 years of age who are in a Voluntary Services Agreement (VYSA) and other care agreements. The Housing Support Worker will participate in case planning and wrap around service delivery to youth in transition. The Housing Support Worker will work in a professionally and culturally appropriate manner that is consistent and cognizant of the KGCFs philosophy and local Anishinabek customs and traditions.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must have a minimum accredited college diploma in the Social Services field, or related diploma deemed appropriate.
- Must have two (2) years work experience in the delivery of social service programming targeting youth and families, preferably within an Anishinaabe community and/or organization.
- Proven work experience with vulnerable persons, youth in particular, and knowledge of victim's issues surrounding and relating to housing.
- Demonstrated experience in client advocacy with providing services to Anishinabek Youth and communities.
- Traditionally earned learning through hands on experience about Indigenous cultural beliefs, values, customs, traditions, healing ways, ceremonies, and protocols.
- Life experience and knowledge of and sensitivity to values, beliefs, and needs of the Anishinaabe community.

KNOWLEDGE:

- Working knowledge of community resources, programs and services (Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program, Post-Secondary School Programs) along with the application and referral processes.
- Knowledge of at-risk youth-related issues, such as addictions, human trafficking, sexual orientation/identity, peer/social culture, human development, violence, teen pregnancy and gangs.
- Knowledge and understanding of flexible, diverse, traditional and non-traditional support, advocacy and intervention processes.
- Knowledge and understanding of harm reduction philosophy and working strategies.
- Knowledge and understanding of the Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017, the Mental Health Act and other relevant legislation.
- Must be able to work flexible hours, possess own vehicle, valid class G driver's license, proof of vehicle insurance and travel as required.
- Ability to speak Anishinaabemowin is a definite asset.

DEADLINE: Open recruitment until position filled

Applicants are encouraged to visit our website at www.kgcf.org/employment to review the full job description.

Please submit your application marked "Confidential -Housing Support Worker - Sudbury". Include in your application a cover letter, resume, and (3) three reference letters - two (2) employment related from recent employers. ** Please also detail within your application; the skills and background you possess which meet the above Job Posting Qualifications & Knowledge Requirements.

Applications are accepted on an on-going basis via regular mail, in person or email at:

Human Resources
Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
Main Office - 98 Pottawatomi Avenue,
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0

Email: hr@kgcf.org

KGCFs services is based on a highly specialized approach to the delivery of child welfare in our area. Preference will be given to Anishinaabe candidates (please self-identify). Miigwech for your application, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. As a condition of employment, the successful candidates will be required to submit the following: satisfactory Criminal Reference Check (within 3 months of deadline date), Vulnerable Sector Check and Driver's Abstract.

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**KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
Employment Opportunity - Sudbury Location**

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

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
SERVICE SUPERVISOR
FULL-TIME, PERMANENT POSITION
SUDBURY POSITION**

OVERVIEW:
The Service Supervisor, the incumbent is responsible for providing clinical supervision, administrative management, guidance, and leadership of assigned staff. The position provides progressive leadership in all aspects of case management, including management and administration, along with supervisory case collaboration with agency and community stakeholders. The Service Supervisor will provide supervisory coverage and manage the staffing of the Service team to ensure the safety and well-being of children and provide clinical supervision and manage cases in accordance with member First Nations community-based models, Agency policies and Ministry of Child and Youth Services standards and regulations.

QUALIFICATIONS:
Education and Experience

- Bachelor of Social Work Degree or Bachelor's Degree in a related discipline deemed appropriate.
- At least three (3) years of successful employment experience within a child welfare environment with progressive levels of responsibility, including two (2) years in front-line service delivery of Child Welfare Services.
- Experience in the delivery of First Nation Child and Family Services is preferred.
- Comprehensive experience in Child Welfare Frontline Case Management systems and Child Welfare recordings.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Commitment to providing service in the Anishinaabe context of extended family and community involvement.
- Excellent supervisory, planning and organization, problem-solving, decision-making, interpersonal, and leadership skills.
- Ability to work within a multi-disciplinary Traditional Child Welfare Management Team.
- Working knowledge of group dynamics supported with working knowledge in consultation and conflict resolution techniques.
- Expert knowledge of Indigenous history, legislative rights, First Nation community models and holistic and indigenous models of healing and wellness.
- Expert knowledge of Child Welfare legislation, Child Protection Standards, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. Regulations, Guidelines and Policy Directives, Case Management and Supervision requirements particularly in relation to the delivery of Child and Family Services.
- Expert knowledge of Customary Care and the philosophy of service development and delivery; and, the communities and family structure specifically in relation to local First Nation customs and traditions.
- Sound working knowledge of the standards for children in care including recording timelines, reporting practices including Serious Occurrences, along with new legislative amendments relative to protection services.
- Good knowledge of the provincial Outside Placement Resources through OARTY and group home systems including specialized treatment placement admission processes and specialized rate agreements.
- Working knowledge of the administrative structure and operations of the Agency including the service delivery model, policies, procedures and guidelines related to protection services.
- Working knowledge of youth justice and mental health services and other community resources available for youth in care and for youth support.
- Knowledge of the structure and operations including the member First Nations, external services and service agencies in the area.
- Demonstrated ability to prepare comprehensive narrative and statistical reports regarding First Nation Child and Family Services delivery.
- Demonstrated ability to influence and facilitate community group decision-making processes through knowledge, ideas, and service delivery experience; and, extensive experience in designing, planning and delivering training workshops.

**PLEASE REVIEW THE FULL JOB DESCRIPTION AND QUALIFICATIONS ON OUR WEBSITE
www.kgcf.org/employment**

DEADLINE: THIS POSITION IS OPEN UNTIL FILLED

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Please submit your application marked "Confidential: Service Supervisor - Sudbury". Application must include a cover letter, resume, and (3) three reference letters - two (2) employment related from recent employers. ** Please also detail within your application; the skills and background you possess which meet the above Job Posting Qualifications.

Please also detail in your application: education, employment experience, cultural participation and volunteerism. Applications are accepted on an on-going basis via regular mail, in person or email at:

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY **3rd Posting**
FULL TIME – OFFICE MANAGER
 Salary: \$40,000 - \$55,000 / year
 (depending on education and experience)

The **Office Manager** will organize and coordinate the administration staff duties and office procedures. The Office Manager will create and maintain a pleasant, respectful work environment, ensure a high level of organizational effectiveness, communication and safety within the administration. In addition, will ensure the smooth running of the administration office and help improve organization policies, procedures and day to day operations of WRFN.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Review and assess current processes and procedures within WRFN, identify gaps and opportunities for improvement; design and implement workflow changes to increase operational efficiency and consistency across the First Nation departments;
- Develop strong rapport and relationships with Managers, Supervisors and employees, allowing for open and constructive communication and achievement of WRFN goals and objectives;
- Take responsibility for leading administration - departmental planning with program managers;
- Implement performance management and improvement systems;
- Oversee employee and community communications content;
- Represent the First Nation and foster a culture that supports the First Nation's vision, mission, values, and objectives;
- Assign, monitor clerical, administrative and reception responsibilities and tasks amongst administration staff;
- Coordinate all furniture and equipment purchasing, including computers, photocopiers, printers, and handheld devices for all staff;
- Assist HR in establishing and monitoring the time management system;
- Participate in the health and safety committee; and
- Other duties as assigned.

KEY SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES:

- The Office Manager will be able to identify and analyze issues and problems in administration areas, recommend and implement solutions and/or changes;
- Able to manage office functions economically and efficiently, organize work, establish priorities and maintain good interpersonal relations and communications with staff and program managers; and
- Display excellent supervisory and leadership skills. Demonstrate the willingness and ability to delegate.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Undergraduate Degree or Community College Diploma in Business Administration or equivalent experience;
- 3-5 years' experience as an Office Manager, Administrative Assistant or Project Manager;
- Knowledge of Human Resource practices and procedures;
- Knowledge of Band Manager responsibilities, systems and procedures;
- Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook);
- Hands on experience with office machines (e.g. fax machines and printers);
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Strong organizational and planning skills in a fast-paced environment; and
- A creative mind with an ability to suggest improvements.

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

CONFIDENTIAL:

Andrea McGregor, Human Resources Manager
 Whitefish River First Nation; 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road; P.O. Box 188; Birch Island; ON P0P1A0
 Email: andream@whitefishriver.ca; Fax: (705)285-4532
 Applications must be submitted by **March 18, 2020** by 4:30 p.m. and must include the following:
 Cover letter, current resume, and 3 reference names (with contact information).

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



Employment Opportunity:
NEWSLETTER EDITOR

\$18 - \$20 per hour (Depending on Experience)
***Terms of Employment: * 25 hours per week average**

The main task of the Rebound Editor is to gather, edit and create content for the WRFN monthly newsletters. The Editor would also create new ideas and themes for articles, interviews and features relevant to our community and membership to keep the newsletter interesting, engaging and current. In addition, will determine guidelines and expectations for authors and reviewers. In some cases, newsletter publications will have themes that are advertised well in advance to encourage employees to write particular sorts of pieces.

Specific Areas of Responsibility:

Newsletter Production:

- Communicate with all Managers about monthly submissions and deadlines
- Communicate with printing company about deadlines, production concerns
- Communicate closely with Supervisor on all content or any concerns regarding the newsletter
- Plan, organize, edit and edit parts (if necessary) of the content of each month's newsletter
- Final edit on newsletter
- Gather and choose possible photos, images for newsletter
- Take photos of WRFN's events for newsletter: School events, community events and etc.
- Work on content, layout, colors, photos
- Manage WRFN's Social Media and membership - constant contact communication

*It is also understood that the Newsletter Editor will be available when possible to work on other special events and coverage (editions) that may require their assistance. At times this may include evening or weekend work.

Qualifications:

- Grade 12 Highschool Graduate; Minimum 1 year experience with editorial newsletters;
- Writing and editing experience;
- High level of organization skills, with the ability to multi-task and work with hard deadlines
- Able to manage a monthly project from start to completion
- Able to work with other employees to communicate expectations, goals, deadlines, etc.
- Attention to detail, especially in editing, proofing
- Proficient computer skills in Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Cloud, Social Media

Interested and qualified candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to the attention of:

Andrea McGregor, Human Resources Manager

Whitefish River First Nation; 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road; PO Box 188; Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0
 Email: andream@whitefishriver.ca; Fax: (705) 285-4532
 Applications must be submitted by **March 13, 2020** by 4:30 pm and must include the following: Three (3) current work related reference letters

We thank all who apply; however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



WIKWEMIKONG BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tenders for Wikwemikong Hub Centre
POLICY DEVELOPER

The Wikwemikong Board of Education invites tenders for the updating and development of policy related to the processes and procedures for the Hub Centre under the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014.

The Wikwemikong Board of Education is issuing a tender call for interested and qualified individuals to ensure all aspects of the Wikwemikong Hub Centre policy, processes and procedures are updated and developed to meet all statutes and regulations.

Under the direct supervision of the program manager, the successful tender will perform/create the following.

- The updating and development of policy, processes and procedures that adhere to licensing requirements of the Child Care and Early Years Act 2014.
- The creation of policy that adheres to the Wiikwemkoong Children's Bill of Rights.
- The creation of corresponding forms and manuals.
- Work cooperatively with Program Manager, and other staff for input if required.

EXPECTATIONS:

Experience in curriculum/policy development, processes and corresponding formalities.

- Knowledge of policy development
- Knowledge and a sound understanding of Anishinaabe culture.
- Knowledge of the Early Childhood Education Act 2007, Child Care and Early Years Act 2014, CECE Regulations and the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory Children's Bill of Rights.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Post-Secondary education in either Business Administration; Policy and Governance; background in Education would be considered an asset.

Tender packages must include cover letter, resume, 3 work related references, project proposal, project timelines and proposed budget for project. Lowest tender will not be necessarily accepted.

Tenders must be received at the WBE prior to: March 13, 2020 @ 2:00 p.m.
 Forward Tenders to:

Sonya Morningstar, Human Resource Manager
 Wikwemikong Board of Education
 34 Henry Street
 Wikwemikong, Ontario
 P0P 2J0
 Clearly Marked "Tender Policy Developer"



Form 6
SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
Municipal Act, 2001
Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF
NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on March 12, 2020, 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.

Description of Land:

Roll No. 51 19 040 002 14900 0000; PIN 47120-0231 (LT); Part Lot 30 Concession 3 Howland as in T18911; S/T & T/W T18911; NE Manitoulin & Islands; File No. 18-07
 According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$8,000
Minimum tender amount: \$5,207.11

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.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding road accessibility, the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

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.

For further information regarding this sale contact:

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GET REEL in the north WITH THE ONTARIO FISHING GUYS

March perch
March has finally arrived, and with it, my favourite ice fishing time of year. Opportunities abound for co-operative fish across Northern Ontario, from the humble perch to the best species for fish tacos, whitefish, March is the time to get out on the ice.

It is never too late to start your ice fishing journey or to get a child hooked on a sport that will provide them with a lifetime of memories.

Perch are great fish for everyone to enjoy and the perfect fish to target for children or those just starting. They are generally very co-operative, and for the most part, there is no set bite time. Perch are one of the most abundant game fish and are in nearly every lake in Northern Ontario.

Perch spawn in the spring when the water temperature is approximately 7° to 10° Celsius. They gather en masse in shallow water on weed beds during this time, giving the angler ample opportunity to catch a good feed of these tasty abundant fish.

Manitoulin has many lakes with good numbers of healthy, fat fish. Minde-moya, Kagawong, Manitou and Wolsey lakes are the top spots and finding the fish is never too hard. It is easy to look for all the ice huts and plop yourself in the area.

I would consider myself a pretty good perch fisherman. I will let you in on a little secret: you don't have to be too fancy to catch these fish. A light rod, four-pound test and a micro jig is all you need for a day of fun on the ice.

I do have two tried and proven methods that I use. My favourite is a small 1/16-ounce jighead with a small soft plastic bait. My go-to is the Eurotackle Y-fry tail in either gold or white, but any small soft plastic tends to work. Drop

the jig to the bottom and reel up about 12-18". I find the key to this presentation is to twitch the rod tip ever so slightly to make the jig dance. Typically, I will give two or three twitches and rest for one to two seconds. Rinse and repeat.

On my second rod, I use simple pieces of cooked shrimp or wax worms. This is my deadstick that will

simply sit there, no jigging required. I will use an old-style walleye/perch rig, sinker on the bottom and two hooks coming off the line above it at approximately six-inch intervals. Try to keep the bait small, and I find a smaller presentation tends to work wonders. There is a video on Manitoulin.ca to show you exactly how to tie this rig.

Grab your lawn chair, sunscreen and a group of family and friends. Get outside and enjoy some fantastic March weather. Hoards of perch will be patrolling large flats looking for an easy meal, so be patient, they will come.

Tight lines,
Dave.



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GORE BAY BUILDING LOT

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Excellent deer hunting location, only a short drive south of Gore Bay off Poplar Road, mixed softwoods, driveable legal access, beaver pond, asking \$89,500 MLS#2081936



250 ACRE FARM - \$340,000

Year round paved road, mixture of work land, pasture and bush, gravel pit for private usage, totally interior upgraded farm house, natural wood walls and ceilings, 4 bedrooms, two washrooms, drilled well that can supply both home and barn, livestock barn in very good condition concrete bottom area, perfect for the farmer or outdoor enthusiast. MLS#2084478



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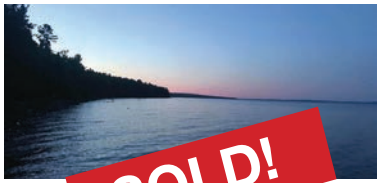
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FEATURED LISTING

Proudly presenting this one of a kind custom built home that offers elegance, comfort, and outstanding outdoor living all nestled on 2 acres of Lake Manitou waterfront on Manitoulin Island. Pride in ownership and attention to detail resonate throughout this 4,000 sq. foot home, and 1,000 sq. foot private guest cottage. Designed for family and entertaining, this home boasts an open concept living area centred around a grand stone wood-burning fireplace, a custom-built kitchen features soft cream lacquered finished cabinetry with glass doors and back-lit shelves, and a well-designed butler's bay. The main floor features 2 bedrooms, 1 ensuite, and an additional bathroom. Downstairs you will discover a designers touch in this fully finished area with in-floor radiant heating, a large family and entertainment area with a custom bar, pool table an additional bedroom, office/crafts room and even work out space. Three sets of french doors throughout the home lead out to the maintenance-free wrap-a-round deck with stunning views. A huge flagstone waterfront patio with sunken fire pit and outdoor kitchen with stone built-in Napoleon BBQ complemented with a 10-foot wood harvest table is perfect for family evenings. This home is complete with a private detached over-height four-car garage and workshop area with a stunning two-bedroom apartment, perfect for family or guests! No detail was overlooked, this sought-after home has it all!

MLS#: 2084067, Price: \$1,099,500.00



LOT ON 25 ACRES - Beautiful setting on Manitoulin Island. Clearing lot with driveway in, hydro nearby. Located near lakefront and a cleared area ready for immediate camping use or to start your dream home or cottage. Telephone service also available on Eastview Lane, which is a private road, maintained locally for year round access. \$89,900. MLS#2084224



PRIVATE ISLAND RETREAT - Your own private island is waiting for you in McGregor Bay. This charming cottage sits on 4.7 acres of land, and is located on the desirable south shore. In the cottage you have an open concept kitchen and living room and 1 bedroom. Outside you have a deck connecting you to the bath house. Plenty of room to expand! \$400,000. MLS#2084111



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WEST END ACREAGE - 75 acre parcel fronting on a 4-season road near Silver Water. It has cleared areas that are currently being worked, and treed sections. Has many use options. \$70,000. MLS#2084391



BAY ESTATES - Recently built bungalow perfect for year round living set on private 3/4 acre lot. Open concept layout loaded with upgrades including stainless steel kitchen appliances, hardwood and porcelain floors, pot lights, custom door and window trim, efficient European heating, 200 amp service, metal roof and much more. Full foundation offers plenty of storage. Septic system designed to accommodate additional full 2nd bathroom. \$258,888.



RARE LAKE MANITOU - One of kind waterfront property! 2.5 acre level lot on a point (670 ft. of frontage), offering east to south-west views. On the south side is a sand beach and on the east side is a natural boat ramp beside a nice limestone shoreline. Hydro service in place. 3 bdrm cabin (approx. 680 sq.ft.) can provide short and long term benefit, plus a trailer. A place to stay while you develop this amazing property! \$339,000. MLS#2084411



GORE BAY Wonderful family home with 2+1 bedrooms & 3 full baths. Fireplaces on both levels. Upgrades include all windows (except 4), new laminate flooring (entrance-way, living room, dining room - 2016), insulated garage doors, roof (2017). Functioning ceiling radiant heating system. \$249,000. MLS#2072795



HOME ON 25 ACRES - Cozy 3 bedroom home on 25 acres of property approx 5 minutes West of Gore Bay. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, storage shed and workshop. Metal Roof installed in 2017. The property is located on the Southeast corner of Highway 540 and Seventh Line in Gordon Township. \$104,900. MLS#2083599



STUNNING SUNSITE ESTATES PROPERTY - 5 bedroom, 4 bath property boasts a 64x25 garage on waterfront lot with beach. Open concept kitchen & large deck. The built in pizza oven was professionally installed by local stone mason. Shed with concrete floor and secondary outbuilding is winterized and offers 2 bedroom & full bath that is tastefully finished. \$525,000. MLS#2080417



GORE BAY HARBOUR FRONT - Executive Tudor style home located on the Bay. This 2980 sq ft home offers 3 bedrooms 3 bathrooms 3 fireplaces with sunken dining room, and sweeping staircase from the foyer. Cedar shake roof with brick and stucco surrounding the home. Large 3 car garage allows access to the basement that is designed as a wood working shop with built in dust collection. \$489,000. MLS#2075512



PRIME LOCATION - Hwy 6 (Manitowaning Rd) and Vankoughnet Street in Little Current. C1 Commercial zoning allows multiple uses, plus By-Law permits 3 residential units. Excellent location for your business, with great income stream potential - high demand for rental units with very low vacancy rate. Over 2200 square ft, separate hydro metering for each unit. \$231,000. MLS#2084442



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