

At last, Manitoulin Island's summer arts schedule is rebounding

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—The arts were heavily impacted by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, with gallery attendance limited, all indoor theatrical performances cancelled outright for two years, music festivals and other events either cancelled or forced into highly limited or virtual formats, but with

the recent stabilization of case numbers and hospitalizations leading to the lifting of provincial gathering restriction mandates being lifted, Island arts, music and arts organizers are cautiously dipping their toes back in to public events.

Just about first off the hop is the popular Café in the Woods roots music venue in

Honora Bay. "We have booked Boreal for May 27," confirmed Café artistic director Kerrene Tilson. Boreal is a "magical musical collaboration of Tannis Slimmon, Katherine Wheatley and Angie Nussey." If those names sound familiar, they should. These three hard working singer-songwriters, each with their own

longstanding, award winning careers, simply love playing music together and individually or with other artists have become familiar sights and sounds at the Café in the Woods shows. "We are all so looking forward to this," said Ms. Tilson. "We will be limiting the number of audience members

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Together in life—forever together. Donna and Jim Nevills of Mindemoya chose to take their last journey together on Valentine's Day. The couple was experiencing serious health issues and could not bear to leave the other behind alone. They spent their last "coffee break" in each others's company, then held hands as they took advantage of medical assistance in dying.

On Valentine's Day, Mindemoya couple ended their lives together

by Michael Erskine

MINDEMOYA—Jim Nevills wasn't going to go into the dance at the Sandfield Hall, he was only dropping off a few friends and then planned to drive back home. He changed his mind and crossed

the threshold into a lifelong romance that ended this Valentine's Day following a family coffee break tradition—together in life, forever together.

Mr. Nevills met his future wife, Donna McDougall, in the spring

of 1948. A pretty 16-year-old licenced hairdresser caught the eye of the 21-year-old veteran when he entered the hall. Ms. McDougall had travelled from her home in Providence Bay for the dance. Couples from across the area gathered for what, in those pre-online dating days, was the apex of the Manitoulin social scene. Mr. Nevills described his future wife to Petra Wall in a 2009 Now and Then column as "a good dancer and she seemed to think I

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New baby's compromised health, extended stays at Sick Kids, prompts fundraising appeal for the family

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—A GoFundMe fundraising campaign has been initiated for Ezekiel Jabulani Allison, Ben and Buhle Allison's newborn son, who has a rare birth defect called Heterotaxy syndrome that involves the heart and other organs. There are different forms of the condition that vary in severity. Ezekiel's specific diagnosis is the worst-case scenario known as Heterotaxy-right atrial isomerism. Children with this condition have multiple heart defects. They also have abnormalities of the blood returning from the lungs to the heart. And the baby boy does not have a spleen, meaning that an infection can quickly become life-threatening. Ezekiel was born on February

19 joining his sibling twin brothers and a sister and parents Ben and Buhle Allison. "Ezekiel was born February 19," Mr. Allison told The Expositor. "Our family moved to Gore Bay from Calgary. I moved here in January 2021, and the first day my wife Buhle and the kids moved here was on my birthday on March 7, (2021)."

"No, we had never heard of Heterotaxy syndrome," said Mr. Allison who said the couple's other three children are all healthy. "It could have been a genetic component, or just a fluke that Ezekiel has this birth defect. It was certainly unexpected."

"The doctors say that one child out of every 10,000 births has Het-

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Contact with infected wildlife can likely spread COVID-19 to humans, scientists report

Based on case near London, Ontario

by Tom Sasvari

CANADA—In January, the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) reported that the virus that causes COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) had been found in five whitetailed deer in London, Ontario. More recently, a similar strand was found in a human who had contact with the deer.

In a scientific paper published in late February (that has not yet been peer reviewed), researchers say that at least one case of COVID-19 in humans can be traced to a strain of the virus found in hunted deer. One of the

authors of the report, Finlay Maguire (an assistant professor at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia) told The Expositor last week, "the results of sampling suggests transmission from deer into humans can take place. This is first time there has been evidence of this type of thing happening."

Mr. Maguire said a large collaborative of academic researchers in Ontario, along with the federal protection agency, wrote the paper. "We know that deer can get COVID, and we knew that there could be spillover from humans

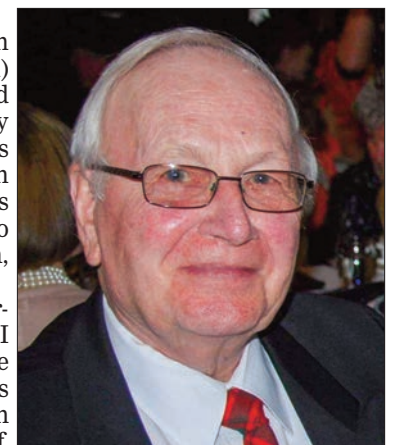
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The late W.J. (Jack) McQuarrie was an important Island historian, businessman, jurist and volunteer

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Manitoulin Island icon and historian Willis John (Jack) McQuarrie of Gore Bay passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Tuesday March 1, in his 91st year. The tributes have come in waves from those who knew this man who contributed so much to Gore Bay and Western Manitoulin, indeed to all of Manitoulin Island.

"Yes, we were very close," said former Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane. "I originally got to know Jack because of my dad (the late John Lane) as they were very good friends even before dad was elected as member of



The late Jack McQuarrie

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Debajehmujig tapped to help with vaxxing Custom show will encourage youths to 'get the jab'

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) is conducting research within Indigenous communities, starting on Manitoulin Island and partnering with organizations like Debajehmujig Storytellers, to strengthen vaccine confidence among Indigenous youth.

Drs. Marion Maar, associate professor, medical anthropology and Maurianne Reade, associate professor, clinical sciences division and a rural generalist family physician on Manitoulin Island,



are principal investigators for the project, 'Co-Creating Vaccine Confidence: An Anishinaabe Theatre-based Approach to Strengthen Indigenous Youth and Young Adult Vaccination Support.'

Funded for \$200,000 over two years by the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR), the team will combine Indigenous arts-based research methods with public health approaches to learn what matters most to young people regarding COVID-19 vaccination. The project aims to build upon

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SHESHEGWANING SWEARING-IN—The newly elected Sheshegwaning chief and council was sworn in at a ceremony held February 28. From left are Councillor Nicole Bush, Chief Alana Endanawas, Councillor Jennifer Sampson and Councillor Marie MacLeod. Missing from photo is Councillor Gregory Sampson.

Challenges put Little Current Cole Munro fish plant on hiatus *Retail store remains open*

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—As any farmer can tell you, agriculture is a tough business—you are at the mercy of Mother Nature and the vagaries of weather and microclimate can have a huge impact on the year's bottom line—aquaculture is no different. A recent letter to Cole Munro Foods Group customers from owner Geoff Cole highlights how a perfect storm can upset the best laid of plans.

The letter indicates that, for the first time in its 28-year history, an unforeseen catastrophic fish health and subsequent mortality have resulted in the company not being able to supply rainbow trout/steelheads between March 21 and May 23. The company will resume shipping the week of May 23.

"We have always prided ourselves in next-to-zero antibiotic and therapeutant use," wrote Mr. Cole. "We also have never vaccinated our fish in Ontario, which is very uncommon in the salmonid industry."

Mr. Cole noted that the company is "taking all necessary precautions for 2022 production to decrease the risk of future fish health events." Mr. Cole goes on to hope that the company's customers will be able to secure alternate sources, but also that they



Cole Munro is dealing with the highest fish mortality rate in its 28-year aquaculture history.

will return as customers when shipments can resume in the spring.

While the Little Current fish plant will be experiencing layoffs this month, lasting for about nine weeks, the company has arranged for supplementary layoff benefits through Employment Insurance and will be using the downtime to conduct plant maintenance and upgrades. The retail store attached to the fish plant will, however, remain open through the temporary shutdown.

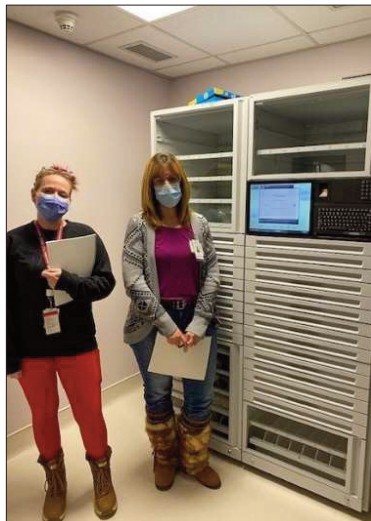
"We continue to source whitefish and pickerel and we will have frozen trout available," confirmed Island operations manager Al Wright.

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Manitoulin Health Centre introduces automatic drug dispensing units for both hospital sites

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) has announced the arrival of four new automatic drug dispensing units (ADUs). These units, which resemble commercial vending machines, are pharmacy-based units that contain medications. They provide for safe, controlled and monitored medication dispensing to patients. The units will ensure that medications are delivered in a safe, accurate and timely manner. They also ensure efficient procurement of medications for administration to patients.

"We are excited about the units being installed," said Jayme Watson, clinical transformation manager and operational pharmacy manager for MHC. She said the ADUs will make the process of distribution of medication much more efficient, safer and easier to keep track of inventory.



From left, Jenn D. Marshall and Kim Shank, both of the Little Current site nursing team, stand with one of the new automatic drug dispensing units being installed at both Manitoulin Health Centre hospital sites.

The units will ensure that medications are delivered in a safe, accurate and timely manner. They also ensure efficient procurement of medications for administration to patients.

"We've had the idea at the MHC for a while now as part of a strategy for reports to provide proper inventory," said Ms. Watson. She explained, "the ADU units look like a vending machine. With these units, we will be able to keep very close track of inventory (which will be counted daily), and in the summer we can ramp this up. These ADUs interface with our electronic records system known as Meditec, so patients' medications are profiled to their medications only. This will decrease the risk of medication errors (such as similar drugs) being administered."

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Public Health Sudbury and Districts cautiously optimistic despite high COVID-19 case numbers

by Michael Erskine
SUDBURY—Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD), through a letter of instruction from Medical Officer of Health Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, has the power to impose or reimpose restrictions to deal with the ongoing pandemic despite the lifting of many restrictions by the province, but according to Public Health Nurse Natalie Phillippe, RN that route has not been taken despite stubbornly high hospitalization numbers in the health unit's catchment areas.

"Although we do have a high incidence rate and the virus has been spreading throughout the North, with Sudbury's numbers around 270 per 100,000 and only 98 per 100,000 for the province as a whole, we remain cautiously optimistic," said Ms. Phillippe. She noted that Manitoulin's case numbers comprise about 11 percent of the Sudbury numbers. Relatively high, given the population differences between the two areas. "Omicron has been spreading widely," she said. "But there is reason to be optimistic as the hospitalization rates have remained stable. They aren't going down, but they aren't rising either."

Ms. Phillippe added that another reason for optimism is the high rate of vaccinations among the population and what appear to be milder symptoms being experienced by those who do contract the virus.

But she does caution against complacency, as although Omicron may usually be milder, that doesn't mean it will be in all cases. "The government of Ontario is following key public health indicators," she said. So, continuing to wear masks in certain indoor settings, washing your hands, keeping physi-

cal distance, all the personal things you can do to protect yourself are still advisable. "We do ask that you self-isolate for five days minimum if you are having symptoms."

"It is also important to get vaccinated if you haven't been and get a booster when you are qualified to receive one. The booster really does provide a greater level of protection."

Ms. Phillippe points out that getting vaccinated or receiving a booster has never been easier. "Our clinics are not as crowded now and the lineups are much shorter," she said. "There is no better time than now to get that needle."

Although Omicron is the dominant strain out in the wild right now, there were incidents of the more serious Delta variant being found in the community last summer. "We do know that Delta is in the community," she said. The exact data on the prevalence and types of virus in the community is not currently available, however, as the province discontinued the requirement for PCR (polymerase chain reaction) testing in favour of rapid testing and assuming you have the virus if you are exhibiting symptoms.

"The rapid tests will not tell you which variant of the virus you have when you test positive," said Ms. Phillippe.

Although PHSD is recommending that people continue to take personal precautions to help limit the spread of the virus, Ms. Phillippe reaffirmed that health officials are becoming cautiously optimistic that the light is beginning to appear at the end of the tunnel in the pandemic.

New Little Current 12-unit motel to be constructed by 2023

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—Jordan Stephens and Braeden Macaluso and their company, True North Builders, have been very busy over the past few years adding steadily to the Island's housing stock, but the duo took time out of their busy schedule to chat with The Expositor about their plans for a new motel located off Walcot Street in Little Current. The motel will be located between Blake Street and Walcot, near Highway 6.

Our conversation is taking place standing in the living room of one of the new apartments in a four-plex True North Builders is constructing on Vankoughnet Street in Little Current. The apartment is located in the back and is still undergoing finishing touches while a new tenant moves into one of the front units.

"To be honest, we just purchased a commercial lot we saw come available," said Mr. Stephens of the property where the business partners plan to build the new 12-unit motel. "We

knew we wanted to do something interesting, maybe a garage, then the whole COVID thing came along."

The new motel will have an entrance off Walcot Street and be located between Walcot and Blake streets, on the cul-de-sac across from the Tim Hortons drive-thru.

The pandemic threw a curve into a lot of people's plans and it was no different for True North Builders. "We started pumping the brakes and decided to wait to see where everything was headed," said Mr. Macaluso. But the mists of uncertainty have cleared somewhat on the road ahead and the motel project is back in play. The completion date for the new motel is set for 2023.

This will be the first motel project the duo has undertaken and the plan is for them to own and operate the business themselves. A retirement project? The pair laugh, "maybe someday a long way down the road," said Mr. Macaluso. As of the present, the plan is for the motel to be an inde-

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An artist's rendering of the new 12-unit hotel in Little Current.

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Tories engaging in age-old election year goodies strategy

Nothing brings out the partisan hypocrisy quite like an election year. Following several election year cycles of Progressive Conservative condemnations of the Liberal practice of bribing the electorate with its own money, Premier Doug Ford and his cabal of alleged fiscal restraint cronies who currently dominate Queen's Park seem bent on resetting the bar to one-up their Liberal predecessors.

The announcement that Ontario would be forgoing a whopping \$1 billion in revenue from annual vehicle registration stickers joins the ongoing energy "free lunch" of 24-hour time-of-use rates for Ontario Hydro customers and an as-yet undefined reduction in gas taxes that has some municipal councillors eyeing their annual gas tax transfers nervously. Gas tax transfers are what have allowed municipalities to purchase big ticket items like graders, snowplows and dump trucks with little impact on the property tax levy. The government giveth and the government taketh away—in Progressive Conservative mandates it seems property owners are the ones who end up doing the heaviest lifting, thanks to provincial downloads.

Most municipal budgets are still recovering from the provincial downloads of the '90s.

Ontario's economy is currently running on all cylinders, filling government coffers with unanticipated largesse) and with inflation rising (and now likely to be with us for a while thanks to a certain Russian's megalomania) the question becomes 'is it wise to be forgoing the tools of pulling excess money out of the economy that should be going to pay down the deficit while helping to rein in inflationary forces?'

Spreading pre-election goodies among the electorate is a tried and true populist tactic practiced by parties of nearly all stripes, but it is rarely good policy no matter who the frontman is or how they dress it up. It is still early days in this election cycle when it comes to election year treats, so who knows what other carrots will be proffered in hopes of enticing the electorate to bite.

But we all know who ends up paying the load; ask not for whom the tax rolls, it rolls for you.

letters

Drivers photographing home are giving owner the jitters

Numerous women have been taking photographs of a home not for rent or sale

To the Expositor:

Just curious if any other resident has had this happen to them? Female driving an older model white Honda with tinted windows, stopped taking pictures of their house and driveway. This has happened several times. Now, a female driving a black Ford F150, four door

truck has been spotted doing the same thing in front of my home. Not sure what she is up to. My house is not for sale or rent. I'm starting to feel like prey being stalked by a wolf.

Linda Sinoski
Little Current

A retired veteran expresses concerns over the direction of society

Writer takes mainstream media to task

To the Expositor:

Whatever happened to truth and integrity in journalism and the media? Maybe I am dating myself when I say that once upon a time a story could not be printed without credible sources, fact checking and news editors. If it was not fact, nor fact checked, then it was deemed to go into the National Enquirer or some other tabloid and you pretty much knew it was bunk.

Now in the present, we are dealing with a weaponized national media. It doesn't matter if it is Global, CTV or CBC, you can count on it acting as the fifth wing of government and spinning a government narrative for all the masses to gobble up like it was honey. Thankfully mainstream media will steadily decline until they will no longer have a voice, because they have not championed truth. Sadly, CNN has less viewers than Joe Rogan who has a podcast via the internet.

We in the west, however, have been sliding steadily backwards toward a totalitarian style regime that is looking to dumb down society, as long as viewers can watch Dancing with the Stars, America has Talent or a host of other mind-numbing television programs to take your mind off of the truth.

So where does the average Islander get reliable news media? The elderly and the person who may not have computer access nor even a smart phone has to rely on the garbage being fed to them by the big three. Mostly every newspaper in the country is owned by the same corporation, so can you trust them? No, it is up to us as citizens to inform people of the news—those of us who examine every part of a story, not just the government narrative. There are many sources of alternative media, podcasts and blog posts out there that give all sides.

I proudly served my nation for 24 years in the Canadian Armed Forces, and have served overseas on two tours. I have had awards, citations and decorations for accomplishments that I have achieved. I do not say this lightly because the media has called veterans, "alleged veterans," demonizing the most patriotic of us because they do not fit their narrative. Men and women who have put their lives on the line to secure the very freedoms that are being taken away from us.

I say the previous to tell of one of the jobs I had, which I enjoyed as a regimental duty sergeant, was to compile weekly intelligence reports to give a pulse on the current geo-political landscape in order for our commanders to predict the type of training, budget allocations etc. that our unit needed to consider for long-term planning. I tried to have reports prepared that gave leadership something that was predictive, so they did not need to be reactive. How? By looking at all the different mainstream media outlets as well as alternative sources to get the broader scope of what was going on. The truth, more often than not, lay somewhere in the middle.

My wife, who was an RN for 29 years, has had to leave her job because she refused to be treated as a human test trial on an unproven experiment that has resulted in what history will deem as the greatest genocide in human history. I, on the other hand, have been pensioned off in the military after being medically discharged for injuries suffered while serving this country to maintain our freedoms.

Now many countries are discarding COVID mandates which has proven to have only detrimental effects on the population, yet mainstream media ignores anything that goes against the Canadian government's narrative. The CDC comes out with new science debunking old science yet our doctors ignore this. Our doctors' own College of Physicians and Surgeons penalize and threaten doctors who want to treat COVID instead of being vaccinated against it. In my opinion, every doctor who has been complicit in this mass crime against humanity should be tried the same as Fauci and other eugenicists.

Doctors, what ever happened to the Hippocratic oath? What happened to "do no harm?" Or informed consent? How could you in good faith tell someone they needed a gene therapy that was unproved, yes gene therapy, not a vaccine for a disease that is 99.8 percent survivable? Were coercion, bribes and threats enough to betray the thousands of your patients who you have given these death shots to?

I give credit to the brave doctors, nurses, epidemiologists and virologists who have come forward, but again the media demonizes these brave men and women, some even threatened with their lives. Maybe there will need to be an internal audit of your own colleges to see who made money off of this. Whenever you want to discover truth, all you need to do is follow the money.

Even the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario sent a letter to all the nurses threatening them. Doris Grinspun, the CEO, called any nurse who didn't comply a white supremacist, among other things. I know because I have read the letter.

Many police and military, doctors, nurses, firefighters and EMS personnel and blue-collar workers, especially the truckers, and God, and this nation as a whole will judge the rest that do not. Again, I salute these brave men and women who have said, enough is enough. These are people who know that truth, you hear truth in orders groups, detachment memos, intelligence reports but are sworn to secrecy.

Do these oaths to protect the continuance of government trump your sworn duty to protect the rights and freedoms of the citizens of our great country?

I guess after saying all of that, journalists, real truth-seeking men and women, must not sacrifice truth for a paycheque and by any means necessary get the real news, the real truth out there. Newspapers must endeavor to go against the government narrative and print truth. It is not the job of the media, whether print or the airwaves, to tell us what to think. It is their job to present the truth so we can think for ourselves and formulate informed opinions. I did not put a uniform on for over two decades to live in a socialist, fascist or communist country. I put it on to protect our fragile democracy against the very thing that is going on right now.

For the love of God, do the right thing. Print truth, speak truth and stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

Sincerely,

Scott Hartley
Meldrum Bay

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Expositor takes exception to the claim that all media simply echoes the government line, this week's editorial being a simple case in point. Media's job is to provide the public with the information they need to make decisions for themselves. There has been a distressing drift into interpretation of those facts with an editorial slant. A consumer of news media who only follows the landing pages of publications may fall into the trap of seeing columnists' articles and mistaking those for "news." They are not, columnists provide opinion pieces. The Expositor makes every attempt to keep its editorial opinion on the editorial page, where this newspaper expresses its own interpretation of the issues of the day. We make every effort to identify "columns" and op-ed pieces as such. This paper also disagrees with the writer's stance on COVID mandates, which have proven to be invaluable in ensuring our health system, strained though it was, did not become overwhelmed during the pandemic. That has been reflected on this page editorially and so have others' contrary views on the matter.

..The late W.J. (Jack) McQuarrie was an important Island historian, businessman, jurist and volunteer

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the provincial parliament for the area.”

“I was really close to John and (his wife) Arlene through my work at the courthouse and socially,” said Sharon Sloss, who is the former court administrator in Gore Bay. Jack was the justice of the peace when I worked at the courthouse.”

“When John was the JP, I always felt he was very fair in his decisions,” said Ms. Sloss. “We were friends for a lot of years. Jack and Arlene were actually friends of my parents before I got to know them. Jack was a member of the Western Manitoulin Board of Trade, as was my dad.”

“I always thought John was a wonderful fellow,” said Ms. Sloss. “And I quite enjoyed all the books he wrote over the years. He did a wonderful job of preserving the history of the area, especially Western Manitoulin and Gore Bay. His books were always interesting, with humour and with the history of the area. His books were wonderful. John was very intelligent, very witty and a great friend,” said Ms. Sloss.

“Jack and I became quite good friends over the years,” said Darlene Hayden, who was a sitting JP at the courthouse (while Mr. McQuarrie was a non-presiding JP). “I loved his dry sense of humour. He was a gem.”

“We worked closely for a while. It was always nice to have him there, and he was always willing to help out,” said Ms. Hayden.

“It is very sad news hearing about Jack’s passing,” stated Ian Anderson, mayor of Billings Township and a former conservation officer with the Ministry of Natural Resources. “We’re all going to miss Jack.”

“I have so many good memories of him,” said Mayor Anderson. “And I had infinite respect for him. He was the editor and owner of *The Recorder*, justice of the peace and did a whole lot of other things in the community. And he had a really good sense of humour. I’m certainly going to miss him.”

“I always thought Jack and Arlene were the salt of the earth,” said Mayor Anderson.

“I had an awful lot to do with working with Jack early in my career as a conservation officer,” said Mayor Anderson. “He was the JP and he would sign the search warrants, and he was so accommodating to me. I could call anytime, 24/7, even at 3 am and there was never any hesitation. Talk about being supportive and helpful for a new C.O.”

Doug Smith of Manitoulin Transport was a lifelong friend of John McQuarrie. “The story is, we had a gang of six of us, all under 10 years of age. Jack was one, along with Jack Gibbs, Louie Geiger, Tom Davis, Ken MacKenzie and myself. We were the ‘sandbox gang.’ There was a sandbox in my grandfathers’ back yard and we played there when we were young.”

“When we were old enough to move out of the sandbox, we played games as kids in the back field at home,” said Mr. Smith. “We have all been friends ever since.”

“John was a great guy,” said Mr. Smith. “I went into the trucking business, and he went to the into the newspaper business. We were lifelong friends.”

“We worked on the local (volunteer) ambulance service together,” said Marie Clarke. “Jack was the one who introduced me to the ambulance service,” she said, explaining, “I was working at the nursing home for two and a half years and one day he came up to me and asked me if I would like to take over the ambulance service.”

“I started with the local ambulance service in 1979. I looked after it but, fortunately, Jack was always behind me



“Tell me another one.”

A prolific writer, Jack McQuarrie scribed the history and character of Manitoulin and the North Shore, preserving both for posterity. Many of his books can be found in the Gore Bay library and are well worth the read.

to help,” said Ms. Clarke. “He was a great guy, we were good friends all our lives.”

In 2015, on the occasion of the town of Gore Bay’s 125th anniversary celebrations, Jack McQuarrie, along with Doug Smith and the late John Lane were presented with the first Gore Bay lifetime achievement awards. (Mr. Lane’s award was presented posthumously and was accepted by his son Ron, at the time the mayor of the town, a position his father had once held.)

“To inaugurate this policy, and on the recommendation of the 125th anniversary committee, the council of the Town of Gore Bay, on behalf of its citizens has chosen to honour three gentlemen, who by a lifetime of effort have made a lasting and profound difference to their community,” said Ron Lane (mayor of Gore Bay in 2015) at the ceremony.

“John (McQuarrie), as his wife calls him or ‘Jack’ as he is known to myself and many others, was born and raised in Gore Bay. Jack had many adventures in his youth but fortunately for him, he was able to persuade a fair young lady from the Silver Water area to marry him in 1953 and following that he had someone to provide the strength and guidance he needed to carry out his future endeavours,” said Mr. Lane.

After a stint at the local bakeshop and McQuarrie Motors, “Jack McQuarrie ventured into the world of journalism when he acquired the Manitoulin Recorder newspaper,” continued Mr. Lane. “The Recorder was one of the oldest newspapers in Ontario with its roots going back to 1877. The first chore was to bring the operation of the historic Recorder into the 20th century operational mode. Following that, Jack moved on to enhance the commercial print shop and also a weekly newspaper for the Espanola area. Through the development of these businesses, it was always a family affair with everyone taking on their own responsibility and making their own contributions.”

Mr. Lane explained that it was through his work with the Recorder, “that Jack gained his respect of history and the fact that, with every edition of his newspaper, it was history in the making as his paper reported on current events of

the day which, as the years passed, would become a permanent historical record.” said Mr. Lane. “These writings provided information and insight to help future generations to know and understand their origins and roots.”

“Jack, through his many years as the owner and operator of the Recorder, became the ‘historian’ of Gore Bay and the Manitoulin area. For Gore Bay’s Centennial year in 1990, he researched and wrote ‘The Early Years of Gore Bay’ with its amazing pictures and detailed text.” In total, Mr. McQuarrie wrote over a dozen books. (The Early Years of Gore Bay, was updated by Mr. McQuarrie to celebrate the town’s 125th anniversary).

Mr. Lane further explained in 2015, “besides his contribution to providing us with a record of our history, Jack has participated in every aspect of his community from being a municipal councillor, service club (Rotary) member, his church, the development of our local ambulance service, as justice of the peace, the construction of the Gore Bay Medical Centre and a member or contributor to too many committees and projects to list.”

Ron Lane told *The Expositor* recently, “John was on council when dad was the mayor and he was his press secretary, local contact for all his press releases and signs when he was campaigning for the MPP’s seat for Algoma-Manitoulin. Dad had a campaign team for all his election campaigns, with Jack, Tom Riching and Bob Wright from Espanola. That’s how I first got to know Jack. And then later I joined the Rotary Club and was able to get to know Jack even better. He was one of the instrumental people in getting the Gore Bay Medical Centre built, and was the first chair of the new medical centre committee.”

“Jack was presented with the town’s lifetime achievement award, not just because of his success in business, but for giving so much back in the community,” said Mr. Lane. “Jack always wanted to make Gore Bay, and the West End of the Island, the best place it could be.”

“And on a more personal side, he was the ultimate family man,” continued Mr. Lane. “Arlene and their children were always first and foremost. And I can never recall seeing him without Arlene right there with him.”

“I got to know Jack even better when I found out his interest in boating,” said Mr. Lane. “He had a boat and he would take his family over to Cockburn Island, which I think was his sanctuary.” Mr. Lane’s wife Greta and their children visited the McQuarrie’s many times on Cockburn Island.

“Jack is going to be missed,” said Mr. Lane. “I’m going to miss him for all the fun times we had on Cockburn Island. And you could always count on Jack if you needed to discuss something; he was so knowledgeable about everything. And I appreciate all the time and effort he afforded for dad, and myself. He was a great friend.”

Willis John (Jack) of Gore Bay was the beloved husband to Arlene for over 68 years. Cherished father to Theresa (Jim) Noble, Elizabeth, Allen (Colleen) his late son Lorne, and father-in-law of Barb Rayner. Jack will be sadly missed by his 13 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Also survived by his brother Harold and sisters in law Glennys McGibbon, Lois Wismer and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Predeceased by parents Donald and Ellen (Willis) McQuarrie, son Lorne, granddaughter Jenna, siblings Kaye (John) Try, Ronald (Wilda) and (Joanne), Joyce (Bob) Kent, Ian (Alannah) Richard, brother in law Orland (Bernice) Wismer, sisters in-law Merle (Lawrence) Morrison and Elda McQuarrie.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

more letters

Ottawa protests should be a wake-up call for the government

People are falling through the cracks

To the Expositor:

The protest in Ottawa should be a wakeup call for the government as there are a lot of people out there who are just fed up with the government, especially when it comes to the poor, because whenever the government is offering help there are always strings attached. Often they make it so difficult to apply for assistance or some people need internet service to apply, but not everybody has internet service to apply for the help they need.

People are falling through the cracks because I know

how the government thinks: they are hoping that people who really needs the help will just give up applying for the help they need. If they make it so difficult or strings attached to it because the government just wants to keep the poor down instead of really helping them.

It’s just all talk. It probably makes them very happy to keep the poor down while the government staff are living in luxury, not having to worry about their next meal.

Even though this protest was very controversial, it just shows what people are capable of doing when anger gets

the best of them. I certainly hope a MP will see this article and I do believe the Liberals will lose the next federal election because of this. With all this technology today, it’s really helping people to get very well organized (social media).

**Ronald Osawabine
Wiikwemkoong**

Gratitude expressed for Expositor student columnists efforts

The five Ps of sustainable eating now grace reader’s fridge door

To the Expositor:

I am writing to thank Daphne Carr and Anika Smith for the thoughtful and informative ideas shared in “A Manitoulin Eco-Hero!”

The five Ps of sustainable eating (from ‘Eating Sustainably,’ February 16, 2022) are now posted on my fridge as a constant reminder of how I can reduce my carbon footprint through food-related choices: planning, preserving, planting, packageless and provincial. (They are hanging right next to the Buyerarchy of Needs: 1. Use what you have, 2. Borrow, 3. Swap, 4. Thrift, 5. Make, 6. Buy.)

Last week, you suggested some practical ways to reduce the amount of fossil fuels we burn to heat our homes, because “The act of heating homes, workplaces and build-

ings significantly contributes to CO2 emissions” (‘Learning as a Community,’ March 2, 2022). From considering more efficient sources of heat such as heat pumps or solar heating, to turning down the thermostat at night or when I am not at home, to just putting on a sweater or using an extra blanket—these are all things I can do.

As an adult, I am also thinking about how much fossil fuel I use to move things around—things that I want (items transported from faraway places, things shipped to my door by courier) and even myself (in my car or other personal motorized vehicles, or on commercial planes, ships, etc.). The less I move around with the help of fossil fuels, the smaller my carbon footprint. It is going to be hard to break old habits, especially when they are fun and conven-

ient, but I know it’s part of what we need to do if we want to save our planet from even worse climate disasters than we have seen already.

I would be interested in reading your thoughts on carbon sinks that we could nurture and/or develop, if that is a topic appropriate for the Eco-Hero column.

I wholeheartedly agree: “Talking about these topics, whether it’s to an elder or a child, can help people make more eco-conscious decisions” (‘Learning as a Community,’ March 2, 2022). Please keep the conversation going! I am listening and learning from you!

**Michele Litster
Gore Bay**

NEMI lobbys province for additional funding for POA to offset current deficit

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—While at least three Manitoulin Island municipalities have so far approved paying its share of the cash flow shortage being encountered by the Manitoulin Provincial Offences Administration officers (POA), council for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) will also be lobbying the province for additional funding.

“The POA has a current deficit of \$14,780 and that is bad enough, but if the projected deficit is \$45,000 for 2020-2021, than that is an even bigger problem. We didn’t sign up to lose this much. The POA is not supposed to provide much revenue, but it isn’t supposed to be something that we lose our shirt over; either,” stated NEMI Mayor Al MacNevin after a council meeting last week.

“I guess the POA cash flow is low right now; they don’t have any reserves, and their revenues are down,” said Mayor MacNevin. “They are asking for support of \$14,780 to meet the payroll over the next couple of months.” He noted NEMI’s share of the \$14,780 deficit is \$4,389. “The jury is out if the POA gets the revenues that they are hoping for (in fines and POA offences tickets being paid).”

“To get over the hump right now, we are providing our share of the costs,” said Mayor MacNevin. “I understand a lot of (POA) tickets are not being prosecuted and the early resolution process in courts actually increase the costs to the POA by a large degree, due to the process involved and people fighting their tickets. But I understand that step is going to change,” said Mayor MacNevin.

Mayor MacNevin said while NEMI council passed a motion to provide its share of the current deficit for 2022 for the POA, “on our next council meeting agenda (this past Tuesday) we will be considering a motion to lobby the province to step up and at least compensate the POA for the extra costs they had to pay because of COVID. The province can’t expect the municipalities to provide provincial funding that had been provided to them for COVID expenses. I know our funds were put into operations, so there will not be any money left.”

“We pay a share of about 30 percent of the POA costs among municipalities, and if there is a \$45,000 POA deficit for the last two years, this would almost mean a cost to us of \$15,000 that we don’t have in our budget. We can’t afford these costs,” stated Mayor MacNevin. “We will have to wait and see what happens next, but if we have to pay that much, it would probably have to come out of our reserves.”

“We (NEMI council) will also be considering a motion at our meeting Tuesday asking for a delegation at the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and Ontario Good Roads Association conferences with provincial ministries and for-

warding this to each municipality to make the same request. This issue with POA needs to get prioritized by the province.”

The Expositor has learned that POA ticket revenues were down 52 percent in 2021.

At an Assiginack council meeting last week, council passed a motion to pay its share of the POA deficit for 2021 of \$1,676.05.

Councillor Christianna Jones told council, “what POA discovered is that because of an accounting error; there is a deficit for 2022 of \$14,780. They’re asking each municipality to pay its fair share of the costs of the deficit.”

The issue was also discussed at a Gordon/Barrie Island council meeting. “Basically, the POA is broke,” stated Councillor Jack Bould, who is also a member of the POA board. The POA has sent out a note to all municipal councils indicating an influx of \$14,780 is needed so it can get through the next couple of months and, hopefully, more ticket revenues will be generated. And the board will be meeting at the end of the month to see if there has been some income from ticket collection. The tickets were down significantly because of COVID and with more police working off-Island than on Manitoulin.”

“I understand the POA would be running on fumes unless the municipalities help out with funding support,” said Lee Hayden, reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island.

Councillor Bould pointed out, “we’re not obligated to have a POA. Espanola could cover the process of collecting tickets and the court process but they have already said they won’t take this on.”

“I think we all agree that we should pay our share of the funding shortfall,” said Reeve Lee Hayden. He also said if the POA was moved off-Island, “there would be an uproar for the general public if they have to travel off-Island to get their tickets processed or fight them in court.”

On the issue of early resolution, Councillor Bould explained, “as long as this is in place there won’t be any licence suspensions, and a lot of people fight their tickets which in turns delays the court process. And each time a case is delayed, it costs the POA more money.”

Council passed a motion to pay its requested share of the POA deficit.

The breakdown for the municipal share of the amount to cover the expected deficit of \$14,780 among the Island municipalities includes: Assiginack, 11.34 percent and an amount of \$1,676.05; Billings, 8.47 percent and \$1,251.87; Burpee and Mills, 4.3 percent and \$635.54; Central Manitoulin, 25.14 percent and a share \$3,715.69; Gordon/Barrie Island, 6.9 percent and a share of \$1,019.82; Gore Bay, 9.09 percent and a share of \$1,343.50; NEMI, 29.7 percent and a share of \$4,389.66; and Tehkummah, 5.06 percent and a share of \$747.87.

UCCM Police welcomes community mobilization assistant to their team

M’CHIGEENG—The UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service (UCCM APS) welcomes Teresa Nahwegahbow to its police service.

“It is my pleasure to welcome Teresa Nahwegahbow to the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service family,” stated James Killen, chief of police. “Teresa joins the service as the community mobilization assistant (CMA). The CMA will work to fulfill the project implementation plan for the Lighting the Fire Within project.”

“She will also work with our social navigator by assisting with capacity building within the police service in the area of culture and trauma informed services, the creation and delivery of an early intervention pre-charge program (targeting non-criminal domestic dispute offenders), and delivering an interest-based domestic violence education program targeted towards children and youth,” continued Mr. Killen.

Ms. Nahwegahbow recently moved back home to Whitefish River First Nation, from

Peterborough. Prior to relocating to Ontario in late 2017, she worked for 14 years within the Dene, Cree and Metis communities of Wood Buffalo in northeast Alberta. There, she had the opportunity to share in the development and delivery of an employment transition program which she facilitated with her late husband.

On her return to Ontario, Ms. Nahwegahbow had the opportunity to work within the urban Indigenous community of Peterborough. In her role as program/human resource manager, she was able to support and be a resource to 27 staff members of Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre.

“She is excited to be working as part of the community mobilization team and is looking forward to working within the UCCM communities, meeting all of you and helping to strengthen community partnerships. Please help me welcome Teresa Nahwegahbow to the team,” added Mr. Killen.



Law & Order

Wiikwemkoong vehicle in ditch leads to drug trafficking charges

When members of the Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Services (WTPS) found a motor vehicle in the ditch, it led to drug trafficking and possession of property obtained by crime charges for a Sudbury woman. Police found a large amount of various drugs, cash and imitation weapons in the vehicle.

At around 8:41 pm February 26, police received a report of a vehicle in the ditch. Police attended the area of Andrew’s Crescent and Christine Street in Wiikwemkoong where they found the vehicle in the ditch. A description of the female, who fled the area on foot, was provided to the police. A female matching the description then returned to the vehicle and stated to police that she had been driving the vehicle.

Through investigation of the motor vehicle officers found a large quantity of various drugs, cash, packaging material and imitation firearms inside the suspect vehicle, all of which was seized.

As a result of the investigation, a 40-year-old of Sudbury was charged with: possession of a schedule 1 (cocaine) drug for the purpose of trafficking under the controlled drugs and substances act (CDSA) 5 (2); possession of a schedule 1 (opioid) drug for the purpose of trafficking CDSA 5 (2); possession of a schedule 3 drug for the purpose of trafficking CDSA 5 (2); possession of a schedule 1 (other) drug for the purpose of trafficking CDSA 5 (2) and possession of

property obtained by crime over \$5,000 CCC 354.

Anyone with information on this investigation or any other is asked to please contact WTPS with any information regarding the illicit sale of controlled and illegal substances, or to contact Sudbury Crime Stoppers at 1-(800)-222-8477 (TIPS) or www.sudburycrimestoppers.com.

Little Current man charged after snowmobile goes through ice

A Little Current man has been charged with prohibited operation of a snowmobile that went through the ice in the North Channel.

The Manitoulin-Espanola detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) report that on February 27 at approximately 5 pm, officers responded to a report of a snowmobile that had gone through the ice in the North Channel.

Police arrived on scene and located the driver of the snowmobile. A 36-year-old Little Current man was subsequently arrested and charged with operation while prohibited under the criminal code, contrary to section 320.18(1)(a) of the criminal code (CC), failure to comply with undertaking, contrary to section 145(4)(a) of the CC, and driving without insurance, contrary to section 12(1) of the motorized snow vehicles act.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on April 19.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

If you are a student or a parent of a student, then you are likely very much aware that March break is just around the corner. It’s a great time to relax and de-stress, but also to get some of those jobs around the house taken care of. Though that is easier said than done. On TV, Fergmeijer can flip a whole house in a month. Meanwhile, Team Fergmeijer can spend an entire week just getting ready to vacuum.

Big news out of the township office! Be sure to offer your congratulations to Kathy on her upcoming retirement. After 18 years of helping and advising multiple councils, she will be leaving some very big shoes to be filled. However, dear readers you do not have to be concerned, for Kathy is not officially retiring until November and will be on hand to train up the next generation of town clerk.

Fun fact: there are more planes underwater than there are submarines in the sky.

The community rink has seen regular use and we want to thank all the volunteers who have made it possible. A gentle reminder of basic rink etiquette - remove hockey nets from ice after use. They melt into the ice and once concrete is showing, the skating season is basically over. When using the rink lights, turn them off when you leave. Pack out your garbage. Respecting the facilities allows everyone to enjoy the rink and for the skating season to last as long as possible!

Happiest of happy birthdays go out to Shirley F and Arthur H this week. Both hit a landmark 29 last week and word on the street has it that they both celebrated in style with family and friends and food galore!

The township office remains closed to the public with the staff working remotely. The next Town Council meeting will be March 21 at 7:30 pm. Agendas and minutes for the various township committee meetings can be found on the township website: <http://billingstwp.ca>.

There are still two summer student positions available with the township: one at the marina, and one with public works. Applications will be accepted by email to kmcdonald@billingstwp.ca until 4pm on Wednesday, March 16, 2022. Check out the township’s website for more information: <https://billingstwp.ca/employment-opportunities/>

It occurs to us that anyone who was sentenced to house arrest last year really lucked out timing-wise.

Are you up for a new challenge? The Island-wide photo challenge is now on! Snap a photo with the theme “winter landscape” and send your submission to info@assignack.ca. Don’t forget to state your name and age in the email... there are six different age categories and prizes to be won! All photos must be taken on Manitoulin Island between February 22 and March 20. Deadline for entry is March 20 at noon. This challenge is proudly sponsored by the Municipalities of Manitoulin Island.

Friends of the Billings Library is looking for members! FOBL is a group that functions independently of the township and of the library itself. It raises money to supplement and enhance the library collections. If you are interested, contact the library (billingslibrary@vianet.ca 705-282-2944).

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

Just a reminder that small steps can make a big difference. Remember, taking two seconds to pick up a quarter off the ground basically works out to \$450 per hour.

Have a great week!

Silver Water Karen Noble

Albert Meijer ran the snowmobile trail groomer for three days last week. Randy Walker and his daughter were here on the weekend. They spent Saturday on their snowmobiles with Murray Duncanson, there were more than 10 machines at Stop 540 when Gladys, Brenda and I were on our way home from our walk. It was wonderful to see the trails and the restaurant being enjoyed.

There was euchre at the Silver Water Community Hall on Thursday at 7:30 pm. Six were in attendance. Sara-Lyn Arnot had fresh loaves of bread for prizes. Just a reminder that masks remain required, there will be no food or drinks provided, no proof of vaccination is necessary. Darlene Munro will be running the games when Sara-Lyn is not available. Darlene has been one of the directors on the Silver Water Recreation Centre board since October 2021.

John Jagt made a trip to Southern Ontario to visit several family members having birthdays last week.

Andy Cull was here for a visit last week. The recycle bins will be open on Monday, March 14 from 1 to 2 pm. Liquor containers collected will be turned in and the proceeds given to the Gore Bay Medical Centre. Egg cartons are still needed.

Happy 85th birthday to Lloyd Steeves on February 26. Condolences to the family of John McQuarrie. Condolences to the family of Tommy Clarkes.

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Off their rock, hockey!

Sagamok's **Jacinta Eshkakogan** and Mindemoya's **Delaney Bridgeman**, hardworking line-mates on the Sudbury Lady Wolves, Tier 1 AA U18 team, have had a busy couple of weeks. After defeating the King Royals 7-1 and 6-0 at home two weekends ago the Lady Wolves were off to North Bay to face the Ice Bolts in the provincial play-downs. After a 1-1 tie in the series opener, Sudbury needed a victory as a loss or another tie would advance the Bolts. (first rule in a tie-breaker being fewest penalties, this ain't fight club). The Lady Wolves managed a 3-1 victory, taking the right to represent the north in Toronto in April.

This past weekend the Lady Wolves were off to Toronto for a 3 game slate. Due to a scheduling mix up, when they faced the Royals again, in Schomberg this time, it was at 5:45 Saturday evening tilt instead of the initially planned morning slot of 10:45. The COVID shuffle has been hard on managers but, finally in this instance, good for hotels. After a decisive Lady Wolves 4-0 win, it was a quick zip down the DVP to face the Central York Panthers in Elgin Mills at 8:15. Sudbury fought a tough opponent and were carrying a well deserved 2-1 lead late into the third when the relentless Panthers managed the equalizer, the game ending 2-2. In Sunday afternoon's final game of the trip, Sudbury carried the lead into the waning moments of the 3rd again, this time 2-0, when a defensive miscue rewarded the Panthers pressure with a 2-1 marker against the previously impermeable SLW goalie **Emily Dambremont**. This time though, captain **Aoife Mahaffy** iced it with a 170-foot empty netter for a 3-1 final. Five out of a possible six points, WTG girls!

In Nickel District League playoffs, M'Chigeeng's **James Panamick** and son **James**, respectively coach and goaltender for the Copper Cliff Reds U13 A team, faced off against their league rivals, including the lone Manitoulin Panthers team in 2022. After finishing the preliminary round undefeated, including a 5-2 victory over the Panthers, the Reds downed the Sudbury Lady Wolves U13A team 3-0 in the semis before closing out their undefeated run with a decisive 4-2 win over the Nickel City Sharks for the championship. Congratulations Big and Little James!

Keeping the Island-fueled Copper Cliff run going this past weekend, Manitowaning's **William McComb**, Gore Bay's **Corbin Best** and their U15 AA Reds side avenged a 4-3 preliminary round loss to the Timmins North Stars with a decisive 4-0 championship slam dunk, despite the Timmins side's 'spirited', 17-penalty effort. Congrats boys!

Also in the NDMHL AA weekend, Mindemoya's **Jack Bridgeman** and his Nickel City Junior Sons U13 AA team had their playoff. Jack managed 5 goals in 3 games, scoring the lone goal in the opening tie against Copper Cliff, and a 'hatty' in the subsequent 3-3 tie against eventual champions, Timmins. The NCJS side came up against a hot goaltender versus Temiskaming Shores, and fell 5-3 despite a 32-12 SOG advantage and were eliminated.

Meanwhile in college hockey, Aundek Omni Kaning's **Gabby Corbiere** is backstopping her Sault College Cougars who are off to St Louis over the March Break. Good luck, Gabby!

Central Manitoulin March Break Activities

Central Manitoulin will be open to youth activities over the school Break. They will be hosting Painting Classes, Skating, Crafts, Dance instructions and for the first time, a Youth March Break Fishing Tournament! The township is proud to announce that the weeklong tournament has over \$2500 in cash and prizes donated by local business to entice their youth to get out and enjoy the outdoors.

The two age categories are 13 to 18 and 12 and under, with prizes for longest fish in perch, walleye and lake trout. Additionally, mystery length prizes are also available! Fish must be caught in an inland lake that is within or touches the Municipality of Central Manitoulin. Meaning, if the lake touches Central Manitoulin you can use the whole lake to catch a fish. Example of permitted whole lakes include Mindemoya, Kagawong, Manitou and Mud Lake. Note that Lake Huron and rivers are excluded.

Entrants must be a Central Manitoulin youth resident 18 and under attending Central Manitoulin Public School (CMPS), Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) or homeschooled. CMPS students that attend from another community are eligible. For example, Rockville, Tehkummah, Billings and M'Chigeeng students attending CMPS are eligible. Visit the Central website for more details.

Island Strong fitness

Kellie Robinson is another local instructor offering the call for your fitness needs. She is teaching at Vitality Health and Fitness (Highway 542, Mindemoya) and has been a ZUMBA instructor for 12 years. She is also certified as a ZUMBA for Kids instructor and Strong Nation instructor (HIIT class created by ZUMBA).

Due to restrictions still in place, class size is limited. Registration is necessary at present due to the limited spots.

Her Facebook business name is Island Strong and where you can find more information. She reminds potential participants that all you will need are good fitness shoes, water and a great attitude!

**A good sport is good for sports
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MSS Mustangs shine in winter and varsity sports

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) athletes and teams had a very successful week!

Four Mustang skiers took part in the Northern Ontario Secondary School Association (NOSSA) championships last Thursday. They included Jack Pennie and Allan Wilkin in the boys' senior slalom skiing division, Patrick McCann in the junior boys' division and Grace Pennie in the junior girls' division.

Jack Pennie finished fourth overall in the senior boys' division at the NOSSA championships which were held at the Adanac Ski Hill in Sudbury on Thursday of last week. Mr. Pennie would have qualified for the provincials, but the province had already cancelled all Ontario high school winter provincial championships. While none of the other Mustangs placed, no one was disqualified (missed gates) and had flawless runs.

Volunteer coach of the MSS team was Lara Pennie, who Jordan Smith (MSS sports coordinator) said "did an awesome job getting the team prepared for the slalom runs."

The Mustangs snowboarding team also took part in the NOSSA championships at the Adanac Ski Hill in Sudbury, on Wednesday of last week.

Three boys competed, with junior boys' team member Xavi Mara placing sixth. Tobi Madrigal Brown and David Gibbons, (both in the boys' senior division) did not place but both displayed great commitment to the team, said Mr. Smith. "The really good news is that we (MSS) have a good group of skiers and snowboarders who will be competing over the next two years."

The Mustangs girls' curling team, that had won the North Shore Secondary School Association championship the previous week, took part in the NOSSA championships held in Sudbury last week.

The team includes skip Bella Jeffkins, vice Katelyn Shank, second Autumn Davy, and lead Sadie Bridgeman. The team is coached by Angela Johnston.

The Mustangs took part in NOSSA, March 2-3, and posted a one win two loss record. They also had the highest score overall in the draw to the button (for hammer in each game) shootout to the button.

"This was a very impressive showing for a new team. This was the first time this team worked together as a group," said Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith told The Expositor that both Mustangs boys' basketball teams played last week with

the junior boys' team defeating W.C. Eaket High School, and the senior boys dropping their game. Both teams will be taking part in NOSSA championships this week.

The Mustangs boys' junior and senior volleyball teams played regular season games last week. Both teams played in Blind River and played W.C. Eaket high school. The junior team won their game, while the senior team showed determination and NOSSA pride, with both squads moving on to NOSSA this week in Sudbury.

The Mustangs girls' volleyball teams played last week. The Mustangs girls' junior volleyball team played against VFJ of Blind River and Espanola High School, defeating both their opponents in two straight games each, without losing a set in the process.

The Mustangs senior girls' team played against both Espanola and Elliot Lake in games played in Espanola last week. MSS played each team twice and only lost one set during their four wins. In the last game they played against Elliot Lake, the Mustangs won in thrilling fashion, 31-29.

Both teams will be taking part in NOSSA this week, with MSS hosting the seniors' tournament Thursday and the juniors playing in Espanola Wednesday.

Indigenous Ontario golf championship a welcome announcement for Rainbow Ridge Golf Course

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—The general manager of the Rainbow Ridge Golf Course (RRGC) says that a new Indigenous Ontario golf championship, being hosted by Golf Ontario, will be a game changer. And John Dube didn't rule out the local Manitowaning-based golf course hosting this tournament sometime in the future.

"This is a big announcement for Golf Ontario," said John Dube, general manager of the RRGC. "It is something that will be a game changer for Golf Canada, Golf Ontario and Indigenous golfers. There are definitely a lot of local golfers who gave the potential to not only go and play at this event, but to win at this championship if they continue to work on their game."

"Golf for all is a statement that is extremely important to Golf Ontario. Golf Ontario believes that the great game of golf should be enjoyed by, and accessible to, all Canadians. The core principles of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) is central to this and are the

reasons why the advancement of DEI has been championed within Golf Ontario," a press release states.

"Golf Ontario is thrilled to announce the launch of the Indigenous Ontario Golf Championship, the first provincial golf championship for Indigenous people in Canada. It is our honour to play a role in this inaugural championship event," said Susan Vail, president of Golf Ontario.

Open to golfers of First Nations, Metis, or Inuk (Inuit) descent, the inaugural Indigenous Ontario Golf Championship will be held on September 19-20, 2022 at the MontHill Golf and Country club, hosted by Chief Mark Hill and the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory. "Step by step, we are transforming the face of golf."

The Indigenous Ontario Golf Championship will be a 36-hole competition, taking place over two days. There will be both a gross-championship division, and a net Stableford division, and will be open to men and women of all ages, the release explains.

Mr. Dube said, "over the last

couple of years, Golf Ontario has been focusing on encouraging women, and those with special needs, to try the game of golf. For people who are first taking up the game there can be an intimidation factor there that they need excellent players to play that they are not playing fast enough. Golf Ontario has been trying to make playing golf a comfortable atmosphere for everyone; that they can go to a golf course and have a fun, relaxing day."

Following the successful launch of the Ontario disability championship in 2019, the Indigenous Ontario golf championship will be another example of new ways to engage more people as part of Golf Ontario's championship schedule. "We are very excited to be launching the inaugural Indigenous Ontario Golf Championship in 2022," said Mike Kelly, chief executive officer of Golf Ontario. "As an organization, we have made significant strides in championing the advancement of DEI and this new championship

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Rob Maguire has been offered his great-nephew Matias' sled. Now all that is required will be a nifty new costume with colour scheme to match. photo by Jackie White

Second annual bobsledding race to aid MFR

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—The Assiginack dynamic duo of Rob Maguire and Bob White are waxing up their bobsleds for another thrilling downhill race over the March break.

Plans are in the works to video the race live and then post it to the net.

“Last year, Bob White won,” said race co-organizer Jackie White. “Let’s see if he can keep his title.”

Both teams are upping their game

this year with slick new racing suits and the grudge match vibe is building between the two competitors and their respective fans. No word yet out of Las Vegas on the oddsmaker scores, but early online odds are suggesting there may be an upset in the offing.

“Beware Bob, I’ve gained a little weight and think I may be quicker than last year,” said Mr. Maguire.

The event raised a whopping \$1,300 for the Manitoulin Family Resources

food bank last year and organizers are hoping, with the Island’s help, to best that total this year.

Of course, weather plays a role in setting the date and time, but organizers hope to have that information available soon. “We will keep you posted,” said Ms. White.

Those wishing to donate to the cause can drop money off to White’s Shell in Manitowaning, or e-transfer to jacwhite10@gmail.com.

...Indigenous golf championship a welcome announcement

...continued from page 7 will be another great example of new opportunities for all golfers and a platform to build relationships with Indigenous communities for years to come. MontHill Golf and Country Club was built on First Nations land and will be a fantastic host for the first year of the championship.”

Ms. Dube did not rule out the possible potential of Rainbow Ridge hosting the tournament in the future years at some point. “I would imagine we could look at this in the future. We are affiliated with Golf Ontario and Golf Canada and have a challenging course. We have done some major improvements here and are looking at possible expansion in the next couple of years.”

“There are some challenges,” said Mr. Dube. “The CanCom Security tournament we held last August was a large event, but it was held on one day, while the Ontario championship will be multiple days. Our annual men’s open tournament is a three-day event but a lot of the guys that come from other areas have cottages and bring a group over with them to play in the tournament.”

“I think if we can start correcting the accommodation situation then

these and new events will start to grow,” said Mr. Dube. “One of the things we have discussed is the feasibility of using the property that (Rainbow Ridge) purchased around the course. It makes it possible to have a recreational vehicle park, condominiums, an accommodation concept and retirement housing concept. All of these will be looked at as part of potential long-term planning. But there would be lots of steps to get to this point.” He noted that, “there is probably an additional 500-600 acres of property that we can work with that (RRGC) owns that is situated around the golf course.”

Golf Ontario will continue working closely with Indigenous leaders across the province to ensure that the launch of this championship will be met with significant interest

and excitement.

“We want to thank Golf Ontario for their commitment to growing the game of golf, and for launching the new Indigenous Ontario Golf Championship,” said championship co-chair Steve Tooshkenig. “This new championship represents an amazing opportunity for people of all Indigenous backgrounds to play in a true provincial champi-

onship and test their game against some of the best Indigenous golfers in the province. Having both a net and gross division will ensure that this event will attract golfers from a wide range of playing abilities, making it truly an inclusive event.”

Details on player eligibility and registration will be available in the coming weeks

Bahá’í Writings

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LANDON HARE

Landon Hare currently lives in M’Chigeeng First Nation and growing up he attended CMPS (Central Manitoulin Public School) in Mindemoya. There he played on the soccer and 3-pitch team and it is where he began to form an interest in athletics. Landon enjoys playing sports because it gives him something to look forward to, work hard at, and strive to improve. It also helps him to keep active in an enjoyable way but he especially likes the camaraderie of being a part of a team.

Landon’s all time favourite sport is hockey. He likes hockey because it is fast-paced and as a goalie he is still constantly moving. Of course there is the team aspect where you get to interact with your teammates, build relationships and know that everyone is working hard to win. As a goalie, you are the last line of defence and the play ends with you. That brings some added pressure but you also rely on your teammates to help you control the play and the pace of the game. Landon says the most prominent consequence of covid restrictions was his inability to play hockey in the past year. Last year they lost most of the season and many tournaments were cancelled. He was very frustrated as hockey is one of his main sources for exercise and staying active.

Landon is now a little over the half-way mark for his Grade 11 year at MSS. This year he was planning on joining the boys’ hockey team though they did not have one. So with some encouragement from a fellow teammate he decided to join the cross country team. Landon ended up helping his team win NSSSA (North Shore Secondary School Athletics). He also enjoys running as a non-competitive hobby to keep active.

When Landon isn’t playing competitive sports he enjoys many other activities which include archery, hunting and fishing. He also just likes doing outdoor activities. His chocolate lab, Tucker, can be a handful at times, many dog owners can relate to chewed socks and shoes as well! Tucker does help keep Landon active as the playful pooch needs to be taken for walks and he sometimes accompanies Landon on short runs. Another way he has been keeping active is by weightlifting as it is something he can do at home.

Like many people and athletes, Landon has found many things and people that he is inspired by or looks to for motivation. For starters he says that his parents are a huge inspiration to him as they are hard workers, and have always provided him with new opportunities and constantly find ways to support him in all that he does not only athletically but also in any aspect of life. A saying that he likes is “Keep hammering.” Though it is simple it is a good reminder to keep working hard no matter what.

From as far back as he can remember, probably around the age of eight, Landon has always been a fan of the Toronto Maple Leafs. He likes to watch their games with his grandfather and he especially enjoys watching Auston Matthews as he is entertaining and because of his goal scoring abilities. Like many Leaf fans, he hopes that Austin wins the scoring title for the second year in a row.

In school Landon has found that his most favourite subject is science. He has always found it interesting to learn new things about everyday occurrences. When considering post secondary options he is not one hundred percent sure what field he plans to go into but he is interested in becoming a police officer, perhaps following in the footsteps of his Dad and Grandpa. Police work is demanding work and Landon doesn’t shy away from challenges on the ice or on the running trails. We are confident that he will rise to the occasion.

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

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...infected wildlife can likely spread COVID-19 to humans

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“But now, through the sampling of hundreds of white tail deer hunted last fall in southwestern Ontario, and a similar strand found in a human who had contact with the deer, that humans could conceivably get the virus from deer,” said Mr. Maguire.

“All of this suggests that transmission of COVID from deer into humans could presumably take place,” said Mr. Maguire. He explained that researchers collected about 300 samples in November and December (last year) of white-tailed deer in Canada and found that 17 of the deer in southwestern Ontario had tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. Through further research, they also found a person who was infected with a genetically similar strain of SARS-CoV-2. The person lives in the same area as the 17 deer in southwestern Ontario



A whitetail deer gets up close and personal in downtown Gore Bay.

and had close contact with the deer population prior to testing positive.

Scientists stress that the study only states that this is possible and in no way does it confirm deer infected the human.

Roderick Gagne, a wildlife disease ecologist at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine was quoted by the New York Times as saying “we don’t have enough information yet to confirm that transmission back to humans.”

Mr. Maguire told The Expositor that the researchers had sequenced the genomes from five of the virus samples and, according to the study, they found “a new and highly divergent lineage of SARS-CoV-2. He also said the study found the lineage has a close genetic link to a strain that was in the samples taken from humans and mink in Michigan two years ago.

Arinjay Banerjee, a virologist at the University of Saskatchewan told the New

York Times, “the more hosts you have, the more opportunities the virus has to evolve.”

Canada’s public health agency has indicated that there is no evidence that the virus had spread to humans and said it was likely an isolated case. “Until we know more, people who hunt, trap or work closely with or handle wildlife should take precautions to prevent the potential spread of the virus.”

“The good news is that only one case that this was found,” said Mr. Maguire. “we have a lot of questions to ask and need corresponding answers concerning these results.”

The Ontario MNR confirmed the five cases of deer found with COVID are the first cases reported in free-ranging wildlife in Ontario. Cases in wildlife have been detected in deer in Quebec and Saskatchewan, as well as in northeastern US.

...Island’s summer arts schedule is rebounding

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out of caution, of course, but hopefully this is a sign that things will be getting back to something closer to normal for all of us. This pandemic has really hit musicians especially hard.

Also heading onto the drawing board is the La Cloche Art Show in Willisville. “The board will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to finalize the details,” said La Cloche Art Show Chair Suzanne Miron. “We are in the preparatory stage, so there is no submission date set yet, but we are sitting down next week to work things out.”

Although it is anticipated that the traditional outdoor wine and cheese artists’ reception and workshop will take place before the show opening, there are some changes this year.

“We will have two featured artists, Sharon A. Preen of Garson and Penny Blais of Espanola,” said Ms. Miron. She noted that Ms. Preen was slated to be the featured artist for the cancelled 2021 show. The two artists will take on the workshop role.

Ms. Miron pointed out that the hiatus has been very challenging for the show, particularly in the area of fundraising, so any donors who wish to step up to help will be even more welcome than usual. Challenges aside, Ms. Miron said that everyone, volunteers and artists, are extremely excited to see the return of the venerable art show.

Also making a comeback this year is the Manitoulin Art Tour, with a call out for registrations for the July 15-17 event advertised in last week’s Expositor. Deadline for submissions is April 29 and forms can be found online at www.manitoulinart.com or by contacting volunteer coordinator Judy Boyd at judyboyd@vianet.ca or by phone at 705-368-2779.

Theatre offerings are also ramping up, with Gore Bay Summer Theatre preparing another season of repertoire theatre. The two scripts in play are still being held close by the theatre group, but details will follow.

Debajehmujig Storytellers is still under strict lockdown, due in part to their affiliation with Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, but the seeds of optimism are beginning to find fertile ground there in regard to a summer mainstage production.

“We are looking at bringing back ‘In the Name of

Humanity,’” said artistic director Bruce Noakwegijig, referring to the third part of the documentary collaboration ‘Epic Borders’ trilogy that involved works by Irish and Spanish groups as well as Debaj. “That show deserved a bigger audience than we could give it during the pandemic,” he said. “Hopefully COVID will have subsided by this summer. We haven’t worked out the dates just yet, stay tuned.”

Plans are also underway to have Manitoulin Country Fest return to the Flat Rock Entertainment grounds in Little Current this summer, with a number of groups already in the pipe, according to host Kelly Timmermans. So mark your calendars for August 11, 12 and 13, because it is going to be a really great show. It’s early days yet, but Rockin’ the Rock is also heating up for the August 5 and 6 weekend.

Bluegrass in the Country, the Island’s seminal celebration of all things bluegrass that fundraises for Manitoulin Special Olympics is also roaring back with a vengeance, featuring seven time International Bluegrass Award winner Claire Lynch. The festival is set for Providence Bay June 9 to 12. Check out bluegrassinthecountry.net for the lineup and ticket information. Tickets from 2020 or 2021 will be honoured.

Pent up demand will likely see all of these events come roaring back with a vengeance, but promoters, volunteers and hosts are remaining cautious. “We’ve had our hopes up before,” said Ms. Tilson, “but you have to hold onto the dream.”

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Jordan Stephens and Braeden Macaluso and their company, True North Builders, will be constructing a 12-unit motel off of Blake Street in Little Current, to the rear of the Tim Hortons.

...New Little Current 12-unit motel

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pendent operation as opposed to a franchise or chain.

In the meantime, the partners have a couple of other four-plex plans in the works over the next construction season on lots they have purchased in the area.

The demand for accommodation on Manitoulin is strong. “About two seconds,” quips Mr. Macaluso when asked how long it took to fill the Vankoughnet Street four-plex.

While the four-plex being built on the Vankoughnet Street lot may have raised some eyebrows at the start, the simple truth is that the building meets all setback requirements. “Everything meets the setbacks,” confirmed Mr. Stephens. If one were to go to Sudbury and look at a lot of the single-family dwellings being built recently, they would see that the four-plex building’s footprint is roughly the same size.

The developers are Island born and raised and that local connection has really

helped with establishing relationships with Island property owners—a good thing considering the challenges inherent in finding properties to develop in the current market.

“We have gone door-to-door to talk to people about whether they would be interested in selling,” said Mr. Stephens. “And we found that we were not the only ones doing that,” agreed Mr. Macaluso. “You have to be proactive with it,” he continued, “you can’t just sit and wait. So, the trust factor can be really important.”

With a tight housing market and the need for more housing in a community, one of the questions that often arise in interviewing developers is the local municipal atmosphere and red tape that they might encounter when pitching projects to local councils. The entrepreneurs said they have found Island municipalities generally supportive.

“Basically, the only red tape is finding building lots,” laughed Mr. Macaluso. “I think we have a good working relationship with town council.”

...Cole Munro fish plant on hiatus

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The issues for Cole Munro first arose due to an unseasonably early ice-out last winter. That led to a sudden increase in water temperatures.

“Fish don’t grow in the cold,” said Mr. Wright. “The temperature has to rise to above 4° C in order for the fish to start growing.”

Aquaculture operations put fish into their offshore cages twice a year, in the spring and fall, strategically managing their production to optimize the use of feed and natural resources such as water temperature, but like any agricultural operation, Mother Nature will have her say.

“For farmers an extended drought can wipe out their crop,” noted Mr. Wright.

“Environmental factors can have similar impact on an aquaculture operation.” You make your best plan based on experience and science, but unforeseen events can still throw those plans out the window.

The extended period of ice-out and resultant unseasonal water temperature increases led to the aforementioned catastrophic health event which devastated a year class of product.

“We are fortunate to have a very loyal customer base,” noted Mr. Wright, a sentiment reflected in Mr. Cole’s letter to that base.

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

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

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...Debahjemujig Storytellers tapped to help with vaxxing through custom show

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the collaboration between First Nations communities, the Manitoulin healthcare system, and Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD), which achieved high rates of COVID-19 vaccination uptake.

“Like other regions, First Nations youth and young adults were vaccinated at lower rates than older people in Northern Ontario,” said Dr. Reade, who is a member of the Ontario Immunization Advisory Committee and is involved in strategic planning for vaccine distribution on Manitoulin Island. “Intersectoral research collaborations create opportunities for new innovations that are needed to inform the most appropriate approach to society’s most complex challenges.”

Debahjemujig Storytellers and artistic leads, Bruce Naokwegijig and Joahanna Berti, hold international credentials in Indigenous performing art. They are focusing on the youth engagement part of the project in collaboration with Alison Humphrey from the ImmuneNations project. Together, they will co-create ‘forum theatre’—a performing art form that leverages speculative fiction and serious games to foster Indigenous youth-led conversations about COVID-19 vaccines.

“It will be starting with Manitoulin Island,” Dr. Reade told The Expositor. “From there we hope to engage others in the North, especially all partners with (PHSD). We’re hoping it will be broader involvement.”

“What we are hoping to do is get a better understanding of what builds vaccine confidence in youth,” said Dr. Reade. “Manitoulin Island has a strong rate of vaccination overall, but like other areas youth groups are at a lower rate than their older cohorts. We are interested in what builds confidence in youth using an Anishinaabe theatre-based approach to strengthen Indigenous youth and young adult vaccination support.”

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“Prior to the pandemic, Debahjemujig had been working with researcher Alison Humphrey from the ImmuneNations project,” said Dr. Reade, who noted she was also involved in that project as well. With the COVID-19 pandemic not being over quickly, the quest for vaccine numbers to rise continues and a deeper understanding of vaccine confidence will be helpful. Storytelling theatre is a powerful way to communicate information and ask the big questions, she added

“The cool thing about our portion of the project is that we are engaging youth in our communities,” Ms. Berti told The Expositor. “Alison Humphrey (who is from York University) had created a forum there three to four years ago, a giant arts project based on a global pandemic in which the virus is easily spread (with both characters and backstory, the students have to put into context ‘yes’ or ‘no’ to taking vaccines). It was a really interesting exercise and she (Ms. Humphrey) went to London and Tokyo working with post-secondary students theatre and created the story with them, and she started an



Drs. Marion Maar (left), associate professor, medical anthropology and Maurianne Reade, associate professor, clinical sciences division of Northern Ontario School of Medicine are principal investigators for the project, ‘Co-Creating Vaccine Confidence: An Anishinaabe theatre-based approach to strengthen Indigenous youth and young adult vaccination support.’

exercise in London. She has also done work in Africa and South Africa.”

“Our doctors on Manitoulin Island go to medical conferences and it was Dr. Reade who put us in touch with Alison,” said Ms. Berti. “And we (Debahjemujig) ran a shadow pox theatre exercise in which people have smallpox and are isolated in home) here in Wiikwemkoong at the Creation Centre, over a five day period in 2019. It documented the shock of a pandemic hitting close to the person in the play and them finding out that someone in their home has the virus and someone they know sick fell sick and died.”

Ms. Berti said, “It was a brilliant exercise, to test emergency (response to a pandemic situation). We did the theatre exercises with Debaj in 2019 and then in 2020 we were all in lockdown due to the pandemic.”

“One of the things that fascinates me about this exercise is that if you are a doctor, the issue of the pandemic is black and white. It is clear in their minds what people need to do,” said Ms.

Berti. “But the further one is from the front lines of health care, it’s less black and white with alternative polarizing information in social media. We have seen that happen; the precursor for reality is a lot like the imagined reality.”

“We are delighted that Debahjemujig is participating in a project like this,” said Ms. Berti.”

Dr. Reade said, “We’re really excited about having the opportunity to collaborate with Debahjemujig. I

It was explained Debahjemujig will use virtual combined multi-media, using gaming in a broader sense to connect youth and young adults.

“We just found out that we are part of this project,” said Ms. Berti. The whole idea is to stimulate discussion among youth and young adults. In a lot of cases youth may feel they don’t have time to get vaccinated, that they will get around to it, and because they are young they feel they will survive in the meantime. It’s not necessarily a resistance to getting vaccinated, they

just haven’t got there yet. It is about helping people understand the importance of getting vaccinated.”

“We are starting now and this will run over two years as a collaborative effort, and we expect a variety of things to come out of the research,” said Dr. Reade.

Together with Mariette Sutherland, a First Nations health leader, the team will support knowledge translation by communicating their findings with Indigenous communities and with the public health sector across the country.

“The team will use sur-


veys and theatre-based engagement sessions to better understand the lived experience of the pandemic from the perspective of young Indigenous peoples,” said Dr. Maar. “We are interested in learning how Indigenous youth receive their health information, and what structural and intergenerational factors they may face. Most importantly, we invite all youth perspectives to highlight the specific needs of urban, rural, First Nations, Métis, gender diverse and 2SLGBTQ+ community members.”

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Lafarge Canada Inc. donates \$4,000 towards Angel Bus operation

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—Lafarge Canada Inc. has made a significant donation toward the continued operation of the Angel Bus.

“Keep up the good work,” Richard Patterson, production supervisor of Lafarge Canada stated after presenting a cheque in the amount of \$4,000 to Ted Kilpatrick of the Angel Bus operations committee. “I like that they are giving back to the community.”

“All of the money we receive in donations goes into the (Angel Bus) operations,” said Mr. Kilpatrick.

He explained, “since the spring of 2015, Lafarge has generously donated annually to keep the Angel Bus rolling. These funds come directly from the Meldrum Bay quarry group— Islanders helping Islanders—and it is so very much appreciated.”

Mr. Kilpatrick explained that in 2021, the Angel Bus made 86 trips, primarily for seniors in need on Western Manitoulin for medical purposes. “With things beginning to open up this year, we’re anticipating more runs and hoping for the return of some fun, social



Richard Patterson of Lafarge Canada, right, presents a cheque in the amount of \$4,000 to Ted Kilpatrick of the Angel Bus operations committee.

engaging outings.”

“With no government funding, the Angel Bus depends completely on donations and volunteers to function,” said Mr. Kilpatrick. He said many community-minded sponsors help ensure Angel Bus operation costs are covered every year. These include Lafarge, Manitoulin Transport, New North Fuels, H and R Noble Construction, Central Guardian Pharmacy, the Rotary Club of Gore Bay, Municipality of Central Manitoulin, Western Manitoulin United Church Pastoral Charge, Lyons Memorial United Church, Golden Age Club of Burpee

and Mills, Island Animal Hospital and Little Current Veterinary Services, Town of Gore Bay, Jarlette Health Services (Manitoulin Lodge), and Gore Bay Western Manitoulin Lions Club.

“We would be remiss if we didn’t mention that Wheels 2 Water keeps the Angel Bus looking great, Keller’s Garage keeps the Angel Bus running safely and Ed Budge, owner/operator of Island Doors in Providence Bay, keeps the garage door working well. Last, but not least, the tremendous support from community members rounds out our yearly donations.”

...MHC introduces automatic drug dispensing units

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“So, it helps pharmacy technicians in terms of accurate inventory, and aligns with our electronic records system to make the process easier and more efficient. For patients, it is more efficient and they know they are getting the right medication and the right dose,” said Ms. Watson. “And all of this augments our system; it won’t take away jobs. It means pharmacy techs will be able to spend more time with patients allowing more interaction among pharmacy technicians and patients. Pharmacy technicians will be able to get involved earlier in the process.”

“These are units that have been seen in some larger centres and through COVID, issues have come up with the supply chain. With these units and the process, it will provide a good handle on inventory. It will be a game changer,” said Ms. Watson. She pointed out MHC will be one of the



From left, Robyn Lesperance and Evan Sheppard, both of the Mindemoya Hospital nursing team, stand with that site’s automatic drug dispensing unit.

first smaller hospital sites in Northern Ontario to have these units installed.

The ADUs are not patient driven. They are only for use by hospital personnel. They will make the process of distribution of medications much more efficient, safer and easier to keep track of inventory, said Ms. Watson.

The ADUs will be active in the MHC Little Current site on March 15, with one being installed in the inpatient unit and one in the emergency department. The Mindemoya site will see the ADUs active on March 28.

“This is an exciting step in our clinical transformation journey,” stated Ms. Watson.

Both the nursing and pharmacy teams at MHC are eagerly awaiting the ADU implementation as many have worked with these units at other hospitals. The dispensing units have the capability of storing and dispensing hundreds of medications.



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...New baby's compromised health prompts fundraising appeal for the family

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 erotaxy," said Mr. Allison. "There are a lot of different types, and lot of things can happen. His heart is on the wrong side of his body, and this has caused all the problems he has. He has a two-chambered heart, instead of four, and Ezekiel is missing his spleen."

"In Ezekiel's case there is no deformity, but he will have lifelong health concerns," said Mr. Allison. "He was born a month premature, but he doesn't look like a premie."

"We have been told that Ezekiel's survival rate to age five is 66 percent," said Mr. Allison. "His early years are critical because of his heart condition and possible infections. Yes, there are those people who live with (Heterotaxy) well into adulthood, although they can't participate in sports, for example, while others need a heart transplant and some don't. There is a big spectrum of possibilities but regardless, he will have a lifelong of health problems."

Candide Mawoko of Gatineau, Quebec posted the message on the GoFundMe page, and who, along with Debbie Allison (Ezekiel's grandmother), is organizing the fundraiser.

"In early 2021, Ben and his family relocated to Manitoulin Island, Ontario, from Calgary, Alberta, so that Ben could work alongside his dad (Brad), practicing law as a criminal defence lawyer," wrote Ms. Mawoko. "In fall

2021, amidst renovations of their new home, Ben and Buhle learned they were expecting their fourth child, due mid-March 2022. Buhle attended the required ultrasounds on Manitoulin Island. At the anatomy ultrasound at the point of 28 weeks, the baby was moving around so much the ultrasound technician could not get an accurate reading of his heart. It took several weeks to get a follow-up appointment."

"At the appointment, the wee man was head down in the birthing position and still moving around far too much; the technicians were concerned that they still had no real information about the wee man's heart. One of the local techs gave Buhle a diagnosis of a potential heart problem without any imagery to confirm the diagnosis. It was suggested that Ben and Buhle go to Sudbury for an ultrasound there and a few days later they did that, but the results were the same with the baby boy remaining uncooperative," wrote Ms. Mawoko. "Ben and Buhle were then told they would need to make the trip to Toronto for detailed imaging of the heart (echocardiogram)."

"Ben and Buhle travelled to Toronto hoping for answers and believing that they baby boy would be okay," continued Ms. Mawoko. "But, Saturday, February 11, 2022 would soon become a day they would never forget. After several tests and scans, the



A GoFundMe fundraising campaign has been initiated for newborn Ezekiel Jabulani Allison, the son of Ben and Buhle Allison of Gore Bay. Ezekiel Allison was born with a rare birth defect called Heterotaxy syndrome, specifically Heterotaxy-right atril isomerism.

cardiologist confirmed that their precious baby boy suffered from a rare birth defect called Heterotaxy Syndrome. As the couple sat in a room with half a dozen doctors, they came to understand that though Heterotaxy Syndrome involves the heart and other organs, there are different forms of the condition, varying in severity. In addition, organs such as the stomach, intestines, liver and lungs may be in abnormal places in the chest and abdomen."

Ms. Mawoko explained, "Ezekiel's specific diagnosis is the worst-case sce-

nario known as Heterotaxy-right atrial isomerism. Children with this condition have multiple heart defects. They also have abnormalities of the blood returning from the lungs to the heart. Ben and Buhle were also told that their baby boy does not have a spleen, meaning that an infection can quickly become life-threatening. Additionally, the liver and other organs are also on the wrong side of his body."

With his condition, Ezekiel will require a series of two to three open-heart surgeries, all before the age of three. "Ben and Buhle were also told that Ezekiel's chances of survival to age five were about 66 percent, but that this would improve after he turned five. So, the plan was that Buhle would travel to Toronto in two weeks (at 38 weeks) and give birth at Mount Sinai Hospital. Ezekiel would then be taken to Sick Kids Hospital," continued Ms. Mawoko.

"However, Ezekiel Jabulani didn't want to wait that long. He was born almost four weeks early on February 19 at 11:23 am at the Sudbury Health Sciences North weighing six pounds two ounces. So far, he has done as well as anyone could have hoped. On Tuesday, February 22, Buhle and Ezekiel were transported to Sick Kids in Toronto by air."

There are many unknowns at this point. "For example, we don't know how long Ezekiel will need to be closely followed

by Sick Kids, though it could be as long as eight months. Buhle will stay in Toronto as long as necessary and the current plan is that Ben will travel from the Island to Toronto for any surgery and as often as he's able to visit," wrote Ms. Mawoko.

"Ben and Buhle were advised that all children with Heterotaxy syndrome will require lifelong care by a cardiologist. In many cases, children with this condition will have many needs and require care from different specialist teams for years to come. In light of this, the couple is now in the process of finishing up renovations (on their home) as fast as possible, just in case they are required to sell their home for relocation," wrote Ms. Mawoko.

"Buhle has always been the primary care provider to their three beautiful children. However, Ezekiel's condition has changed the entire family dynamic, with the most significant impact being Buhle's move to Toronto for Ezekiel's care," explained Ms. Mawoko. "Though medical costs are covered by health insurance, this new change in life events means that the Allison's are heading into some significant expenses over the next eight months." She outlined there are two ways the Allison's can be supported, one being childcare support. The family has had to find childcare services for Micah, Malachi and Thandiwe for as long as

Buhle remains in Toronto. The second is food, lodging and transportation expenses. "Sick Kids hospital is just over six hours from Ben and Buhle's home in Gore Bay and Ben will need to travel back and forth as treatments progress. Ben's current plan is to work from home four days a week and make the trek to Toronto on the weekends with the other children to visit his wife and son. Accommodation, gas, parking and meals on the road add up quickly. Buhle will also be incurring transportation expenses with travel back and forth to the hospital," wrote Ms. Mawoko.

The Go fund me fundraising campaign goal is \$30,000, and, as of last Friday morning, \$6,115 had been raised through donations.

"Ezekiel has been discharged from the hospital but he has to go in for regular oxygen monitoring," Mr. Allison told The Expositor. "For the next six to eight months, he has to remain near Sick Kids hospital and he will have a lifetime of following up with cardiologists which we hope will be able to take place in Northern Ontario," adding that the family may have to move at some point to Sudbury or Sault Ste. Marie.

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...On Valentine's Day, Mindemoya couple ended their lives together

...continued from page 1 was talented in this area too." The couple would go on to enjoy many more dances over the ensuing months where they discovered they had a lot in common and going on to meet each other's family.

Ms. McDougall's family moved briefly to Little Current after her parents, Donald and Grace McDougall, purchased a hotel there.



Donna Nevills lovingly made cards with special notes for each of their family and friends to be given out after the couple's passing.

The two young people moved to Toronto where each found jobs, but the lure of the Island remained strong. By December 1949 they had returned to the Island to tie the knot that would bind them for the next 73 years. The wedding was blessed with an absence of snow. Jim's brother Harry served as best man and Doris Hutchinson attended to the bride. Their reception was held in the Providence Bay Hall before going on to a honeymoon in Sault Ste. Marie where they visited relatives.

The Nevills settled into their first home, a farmhouse across from where Community Living is today in Mindemoya. After renting another house behind St. Paul's Anglican Church in Mindemoya they built a home on Mr. Nevill's property and went on to have five children together.

Mr. Nevills worked for the Ontario Department of Transportation and Communication (which became the Ministry of Transportation) and Ms. Nevills did hairdressing in the family home. In 1969 they took a big leap, purchasing Stanley Park and moved to the site. Both kept up their day jobs.

"The park was smaller then," said Mr. Nevills' son Brent, who agreed to sit down with The Expositor to talk about his parents' life and their decision to leave life as they had lived it, on their own terms—together.

The younger Mr. Nevills, like his father and his father's father before him, is a mechanic and a veteran, having served for 33 years in the Canadian Forces (first in the army and then moving on to the air force).

"My father was very proud of the (Royal Canadian) Legion (his father belonged to Little Current Branch 177). He didn't get involved in the running of the Legion, but he was at every Legion event," said Mr. Nevills. The Nevills' Island roots run deep,

descending on the maternal side from Humphrey May, the first male "Hawater" (settler born on Manitoulin).

The couple settled into retirement.

"Even after retiring, my father always had a fondness for his coffee break," relayed his son. "They would each sit in their chairs here (in a sunroom with glassed doors over-

guy," said their son. "Whatever came up, I was able to find a way."

"We could order something online, we could take mom to see him," said their daughter-in-law.

But then the pandemic shut down access to the nursing home.

"It was to keep everyone safe, we get that," said Mr. Nevills. "But it was really hard on mom. I couldn't explain to her why I couldn't make it better, why I couldn't fix things."

The idea of medical assistance in dying (MAID) actually came to the couple well before the advent of the pandemic, however,

through a friend. Ms. Nevills was in the habit of visiting friends who were laid up in hospital and one day, while visiting one of her closest friends, she stopped in to see a 100-year-old neighbour who was also in the hospital.

"As she was leaving the room, she said 'well, I will see you next week'," recalled Ms. Nevills. "The lady replied, 'oh, I won't be here, I am leaving tomorrow'." In the ensuing conversation, Ms. Nevills discovered that her neighbour was to be among the first people on Manitoulin to access MAID.

She went home and told

her husband what she had discovered. The couple decided to further explore the potential solution to their mutual fear of one of them dying first and leaving the other to face life alone after their long journey through a life they had shared together.

The couple had always been "take charge" kind of people, noted their son. A fact graphically illustrated when he hauled out a large bin filled to the brim with cards and favours, each lovingly hand crafted by Ms. Nevills.

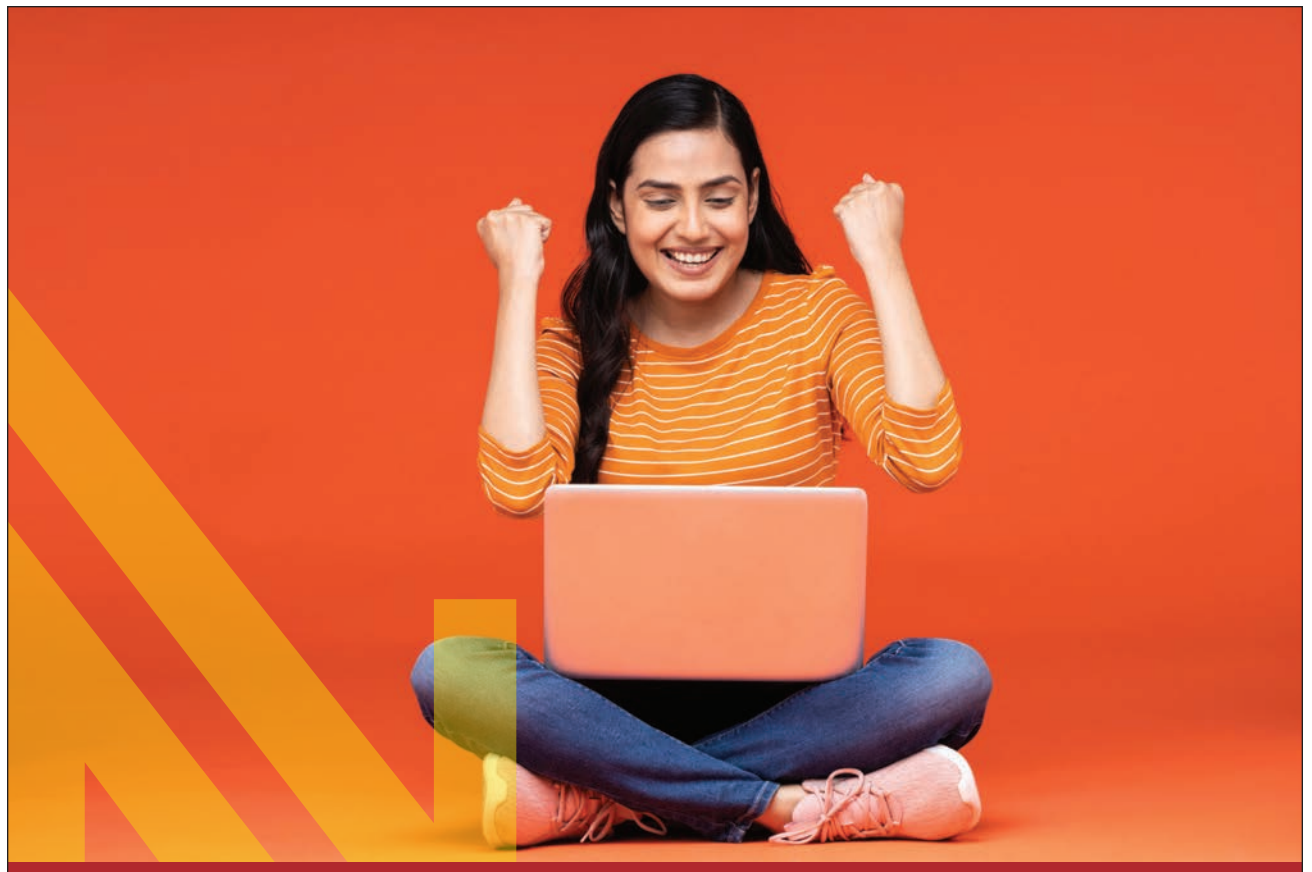
"Mom had been a quilter," said her daughter-in-law. "When she got older

her arthritis got too bad to do that, so she took up making cards." The hundreds of cards were each adorned with meticulously cut out decorations and customized for his and her side of the family, with others destined for the grandchildren. Mr. Nevills' family favours sit in a white wicker basket, bookmarks and pins, handcrafted.

"They had all of the funeral arrangements made out beforehand," said Ms. Nevills. "Everything was worked out to the very last detail."

But as the day for their departure grew closer,

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Township of Billings going forward with fire hall renovations

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—Billings Township will move ahead with fire hall renovations. At a recent regular meeting, council members voted to retrofit the existing building over two other options that included replacing the fire hall at its existing location with a new build, or building a new, larger facility at an alternate location.

The motion to choose the renovation option was put forward by Councillor Sharon Jackson and seconded by Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack. The decision in favour of the motion was unanimous. This was the least expensive of the three options

to move the fire equipment to. That will have to be moved to another building and is going to be difficult," he pointed out. He wondered if it "would be a more realistic approach" to fix the mould issue by first gutting the building and replacing the insulation.

He was also concerned about timelines. "I am concerned about how realistic (timelines are). We have busy contractors on the Island. We may find that we have to deal with a company from off-Island." He wondered if finding someone that can do all the renovation work within the calendar year would be difficult, noting

towards the retrofit.

"It's going to be new to us," said Martin Connell, fire chief for the Billings Fire Department. "Basically, this will end up being a new fire hall with a new roof, better insulated walls and new plumbing and heating. We have struggled to maintain heating in the building for years, and water penetrates the windows and the back west wall where the roof slopes."

"I'm just really glad the town has dealt with the issue," Mr. Connell added. "The issue with the mould in the building was brought forward about 10 years ago. This

like to acquire a pickup truck down the road to be able to gain quick access to fires in remote areas.

"My firefighters have expressed their concern

at every practice we've had for the past few years," said Mr. Connell. "A new fire hall would have been fantastic but the township doesn't have

the millions of dollars necessary to accommodate this. We are happy with the decision made by council."



Billings council voted to renovate the existing town fire hall rather than two other options that were being considered.

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and is expected to cost approximately \$556,250.

One of the reasons for supporting the option was the amount of time firefighters would have to be off-site. "They need a safe environment to work in," she said, "along with having a place to train."

"I agree," said Councillor Michael Hunt. "There are so many issues and the (current) fire hall is in an excellent location. It's best to renovate the building. We knew it's been deteriorating for a number of years so let's get a request for proposals (RFP) out."

Councillor Alkenbrack was grateful to be moving forward on the issue. "I would like to give the firefighters a new building but it is not possible at this time. We have to renovate. Let's get it done."

A factor that hasn't considered yet is mould, noted Mayor Anderson. "The mould issue is one we just can't allow to continue. Sometimes the decision we make is not the best. If we had the luxury of putting off the decision for a year or two (for funding to possibly become available as well as time to deal with the mould issue), we could choose a new building but we're kind of backed into a corner. The disrepair started years ago and the work didn't get done."

Mayor Anderson did have some concerns about the retrofit project. "We don't have secure storage

previous experience and suggested allowing two years for completion.

"I'm speaking about the availability of professionals to get this work done," clarified Mayor Anderson. "We're not fully clear of COVID or its effects. I just wonder if time wise we'll be able to do it all at once. We can cross that bridge when we come to it."

Last fall, Billings Township contracted Tulloch Engineering to prepare a report on the fire hall renovation versus new build and to examine the cost benefit and implications of the two approaches. The township had been aware for several years that the facility needed repairs or replacement.

Preliminary discussions on the three options presented in Tulloch's report were discussed at a special council meeting on January 27. Options included the chosen retrofit, the demolition of the current fire hall and replacement on its existing footprint at an estimated cost of \$845,000, or constructing a new, larger pre-engineered building at a to-be-determined location at an estimated cost of \$1,753,875 (all estimates excluding site services and HST). Councillors discussed the merits and cons of each option and while there was no motion at that time, all council members indicated they were leaning

is a workplace safety issue and I'm very happy they're dealing with that concern."

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Women Wellness Week brings a full schedule

by Michael Erskine
 MANITOULIN—Women's Wellness Week kicked off a busy schedule with a welcoming ceremony on Tuesday, March 8. The event is sponsored by the Mniidoo Mnisging Coalition Against Domestic Violence, with funding provided by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services.

"Manitoulin Family Resources' Outreach staff will be taking part in facilitating a series of events in honour of International Women's Day," said Manitoulin Family Resources executive director Marnie Hall. "This year the agenda includes events hosted over much of the week, led in facilitation by Schuyler Playford, the current coordinator for the coalition. "As Schuyler points out, 'Although the format is again virtual this year, we incorporated embodied experiences to promote a sense of community and togetherness in this year's events.' For example, the paint class, dance class and tea and chat sessions. We address community and individual well-being holistically—looking at trauma and equity, self-perception and esteem and traditional medicine."

Ms. Hall notes the virtual celebration continues to be fortunate for the support and "involvement of local businesses to promote local products."

"Eighty participant packages were prepared to be distributed to registrants locally in advance," she said. "Others interested in attending without the registrant package have been able to do so because of the virtual nature. We currently have over 100 individuals registered to attend."

The event started off at 10 am Tuesday with Pastor Wendy Payne of Paris, Ontario's Cedarview Church with a chat to follow.

Along Pastor Payne's journey as a woman in leadership there have been many hurdles to overcome, notes the agenda. "In a world that is inundated with social media, perceived perfection, selfie filters and airbrushing, we as women can often feel like we don't and can't measure up!"

An online yoga class, Yoga and Breath Work with

Annie Cassie, will take place between 6:30 and 7:30 pm. Ms. Cassie "believes that a full-rounded approach to wellness is imperative to a woman's wellbeing. She uses coaching, yoga, meditation and breath-work along with a variety of wellness workshops. She knows what it's like to be mired in the minutiae of life. Ms. Cassie is a cheerleader who can guide you "to uncage your amazing self and make your beautiful metamorphosis!"

Today, Wednesday, March 9, will see events begin at 11 am with Cultivating Safe Spaces, a presentation with Elaine Alec. Ms. Alec has spent over two decades in over 100 communities across Canada promoting healing and wellness. Author of 'Calling My Spirit Back,' a memoir about growing up as an Indigenous girl in Canada and the impacts of colonization, her presentation provides "Indigenous knowledge and teachings on how to cultivate safe spaces for diversity and inclusion." Tea and chat to follow.

From 2 to 4 pm on Wednesday, Creator's Healing Instruction to the Four Medicines, a presentation by Gloria Oshkabewisemcgregor, will explore "our relationship to the four medicines. They will guide us to hear the voice of our spirit that knows the need for our well-being and self-respect. The healing instructions the medicines were given were to help us heal, being in the moment of our medicinal helpers is being in a moment of a spiritual seer. The Four Medicines and four quadrants of the medicine wheel of life will guide us to understand the truth of our own voice as we relate to the Four Medicines." Tea and chat to follow.

The Thursday, March 10 events start at 10 am to noon with 'The Joy of Dance' by Candice Irwin. Ms. Irwin "shares what she has learned about the history and science behind why dance is good for us. She will also share some dances and movement activities we can incorporate into our daily lives to promote health for the mind, body and soul. No dance experience needed. All movement abilities welcome."

Later, from 6:30 through

to 8:30 pm, it's Paint Night with artist Sheila McDermid (by registration only). "During this virtual paint class, Sheila provides all materials for participants to complete a project called 'Moonlit' (hence the need to pre-register). Ms. McDermid promises to "walk people through every step along the way, with a few laughs and a little fun thrown in. All levels of painters will complete a finished piece to be proud of."

The week's events close out on Friday, March 11 with a reprise of Yoga and Breath Work with Anne Caissie complemented with Tapping and Meditation with Amy Rempel. Ms. Rempel will share her personal story "about the blocks that she faced when she was diagnosed with an illness." She will offer some practical tips to others on how to clear those blocks and talk about how she used Reiki and emotional freedom technique (EFT) to help with the struggles she faced and to feel and experience emotions and underlying issues she needed to deal with. She will explain EFT and guide participants through a round of tapping.

A closing ceremony will take place at noon, with a door prize draw for lucky attendees.

Further details and registration are on the Manitoulin Family Resources website at www.mfresources.net.



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A changing of the guard

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...On Valentine's Day, Mindemoya couple ended their lives together

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many issues arose to put their plans in jeopardy.

Mr. Nevills' intermittent bouts of dementia and the resulting hallucinations might have called his competence into question. Not only do you have to prove you want to engage in MAID when you set the plans in motion, but you also have to confirm your wish as the day draws near.

Added to that, Mr. Nevills was in a locked down nursing home due to an outbreak of COVID-19.

"Things had been so good there until then," said Mr. Nevills. "Then COVID happened."

They tried phone calls, but Mr. Nevills had always been suspicious of talking on the phone, so that fell through. "We even tried Zoom," recalled Mr. Nevills. "I set that up, but it didn't work out either." It was all beginning to look like another pandemic-lost cause.

Suddenly the solution became relatively simple—bring Mr. Nevills home to where the doctor could visit and interview him in person. Although the regular doctor could not attend, a second option came to the fore.

"Dr. Jeffery was so good,"



Donna Nevills was an avid quilter before arthritis became too much of a challenge. Nonetheless, the industrious woman created hand-stitched favours to be distributed at the couple's funeral.

photo by Michael Erskine

said Mr. Nevills. "So kind, so patient. Even talking on the phone to mom. She got off the phone and said how nice he was."

The doctor came bearing a clipboard and a paper with a series of checkboxes. He asked Mr. Nevills the questions, but the answers did not come immediately, and the tension became palpable for the family.

"He just asked his questions and calmly went on to each of them down the list when dad didn't answer right away," said Mr.

Nevills.

It seems Dr. Jeffery had carefully examined his patient's file and knew what to expect.

"He was at the end of the checkboxes when dad suddenly looked at him and said, 'I'm ready to go now,'" recalled Mr. Nevills. The last box was checked.

The end was anything but a sombre event. It took place on Valentine's Day, during the 3 pm "coffee break." The conversation around the room was lively and filled with stories and

remembrance. The coffee was great and the cake, cookies and cheese laid out.

"Mom stood up, clapped her hands and said 'time to go,'" Ms. Nevills recalled.

The couple then went into the bedroom together and laid down on the bed, holding hands as they so often did during their lifetime together. They were given a sedative designed to put them to sleep.

"The nurse thought they were both asleep and she went to the side of the bed," said Ms. Nevills. "Mom opened her eye and looked at the nurse (a family friend) and said, 'talk to my sister for me.' Then she closed her eye and went to sleep."

The couple's son and daughter-in-law were reluctant to go into the room after death had taken place. "I'm glad I did," said Mr. Nevills.

"I didn't want to go either," said Ms. Nevills. "But I am glad I did."

The sight that greeted the couple when they entered the room was of two people whose faces were at peace.

"They looked like they were sleeping," said Ms. Nevills. "There was no more pain. They both looked calm and at rest."

While most people in the

community have been supportive and respectful toward the couple's children following the MAID, some still have difficulty with the couple's decision. MAID, essentially suicide, brings with it religious and cultural baggage that some individuals simply cannot relinquish—but the biggest challenge for those left behind was the couple's wish to keep their plans

in time to be able to say goodbye, and that they see as being a blessing not afforded to many.

In the end, James and Donna Nevills, after having lived 73 years of wonderful life together, chose to leave a life that had become filled with great pain and even greater stress—and like just about everything else in their long and fruitful lives, they did so on their own terms.

"Together in life—forever together."

The Nevills are survived by their five children, Norris (Rossanne), Brad (Susan), Tim (Marion, predeceased), Joanne (Bill Armstrong) and Brent (Tami). Ms. Nevill's siblings include Margaret Arnold (Harold, predeceased), Glen (predeceased) (Beth), Norris (predeceased), Doris (predeceased) (Jim Strain predeceased) and Phyllis Poth (predeceased). Mr. Nevill's siblings include Irene (Bill Montgomery predeceased), Charlie (Faye), Harry (predeceased) (Jean), Helen (predeceased) (Rod McLean predeceased), Robert (predeceased) (Lois predeceased), Florence (predeceased) (Keith Callaghan predeceased) and Ronnie (predeceased).



Jim Nevills was a proud Legion member who rarely missed an event.

close until after the day.

"A lot of people were upset they did not know about it sooner," said Mr. Nevills, who admits a burden of having known early of his parents' plans and having to honour their wishes. But close family and friends were apprised

Central council approves hiring company to help implement short-term rental bylaw

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—By a slim majority vote, Central Manitoulin municipal council has approved hiring a Canadian-based company, Harmari, to assist the municipality with implementing a short-term rental accommodation bylaw at a cost of \$11,000.

"We have been getting many calls from property home owners about their neighbours who have turned their residences into short term rental accommodations (STRs), and that these renters, in many cases, are not obeying the rules, having fires on the beach, partying, dogs running loose on their property and people trespassing onto neighbouring property and other concerns," said Richard Stephens, mayor of Central Manitoulin, after a recent council meeting.

"What is happening is that non-residents are buying up these properties with homes and turning them into rental units, while their neighbours are questioning why they are able to use these units for commercial use in residential zones," explained Mayor Stephens. "Council has agreed that we need a bylaw to put controls on this practice, so that people won't stop buying and renting these places out."

Mayor Stephens pointed out that neither council members nor municipal staff have any experience dealing with this sort of thing. "So, we had directed staff to talk to people in southern Ontario who have dealt with these issues and found a solution to the issue we are dealing with. We don't want to reinvent the wheel, so we talked to other people that have gone through all of this in places like Huntsville and Wasaga beach."

In an overview of the current situation in Central Manitoulin and based on estimates at this time, Harmari research shows that there are 89 accommodations and intermittent listings in Central Manitoulin, with 78 entire home STR listings and 11 shared-home STR listings. The estimated gross revenue per year is \$2,469,827.46. The estimated lodging taxes due per year, which is lost by the municipality (based on 10 percent), is \$246,982.75.

Council passed two motions, one being to accept the short-term rental report as submitted by Harmari, and a second motion to engage Harmari to assist the municipality with its short-term accommodation bylaw implementation as per quotes provided, subject to reference checks.

However, a vote had to be taken with both motions were raised by councillors.

"Does accepting the (Harmari) report mean that we will be in a contract with the company?" asked Councillor Al Tribinevicius.

"In the next motion, we will be considering engaging them," said Mayor Richard Stephens.

Councillor Steve Shaffer explained that the report was prepared by Harmari and is not a report the municipality paid for. "So, what they provided in terms of statistics and information is not 100 percent correct. There are a few inaccuracies in the report."

"I want to make sure we do this right," stated Councillor Derek Stephens. "The motion as it stands doesn't make any sense. We don't currently have a short-term accommodation bylaw in place for this company to assist with its implementation. I just wonder if we're putting the cart before the horse. I would rather have a bylaw in place then

look at engaging the company for their assistance. But we have no bylaw to help them assist us with implementation."

While, "the wording of the motion may be ambiguous, it helps us draft the bylaw with the company providing their assistance, expertise and through webinars held with office staff," said Councillor Shaffer. "The wording could be changed, but waiting for the bylaw to be done and then engaging the company doesn't make any sense and there are other things that they can be doing while we are working on a bylaw. All of this goes hand in hand. We can work with them as we develop the bylaw."

"That is all great, but in their quote (Harmari) doesn't talk about dealing with things like Hipcamp rentals, which we have in the municipality," said Councillor Stephens. "And there are people that rent out bunkies. If we are drafting a bylaw, I would want it to be all inclusive."

"I agree there is an issue with the Hipcamps," said Councillor Shaffer. "I can see a separate bylaw for it, because it's different than shore term accommodation."

"If we are going to wait for a bylaw to be established on short term rental accommodation, it will be a year or a year-and-a-half or more and we will still be arguing all of this," said Councillor Scott. "I think it will be worth it to get this company on side and have them do the research they need to. So, when get a bylaw in place they will be able to assist us. If we wait now we could be looking at a long time in the future on establishing a bylaw."

Mayor Stephens said he felt the municipality has done its due diligence and should move things along, and if they don't "we will lose at least one more tourist accommodation season."

Councillor Al Tribinevicius did not agree with many of the numbers that were posted in the Harmari report and

said Central Manitoulin was being compared to the Grey Highlands area, which has a much larger population, and that the municipality does not have any condominiums which were also included in the report.

The issue of short-term rental accommodation being used extensively in the municipality, "is the number one complaint I've received as a councillor. Yes, some of their (Harmari) dollar figures and other information is off, but they would clarify all of that with the research that they would do, focusing on the municipality. I don't know why we wouldn't proceed," said Councillor Shaffer.

"I agree with both Dale and Steve," said Councillor Rose Diebolt. "For the past 2-4 months, we have been struggling with looking at a bylaw on this issue. We definitely have to do something."

"I'm not saying I'm not confident with the company assisting us, but until our bylaw enforcement officer gets some background on how to write a bylaw on this issue and includes the Hipcamp bookings being written into the bylaw. I don't see anything wrong with waiting another month to for the webinar to be held and then hiring this company to help with a bylaw we don't have," said Councillor Stephens.

Council approved the motions by a vote of 3-2, with Councillors Steve Shaffer, Rose Diebolt and Dale Scott in favour and Councillors Derek Stephens and Al Tribinevicius voting in opposition.

"We will try and include Hipcamps in the bylaw as well," Mayor Stephens told The Expositor after the meeting. He added, "Manitoulin Island is being discovered, and we have people coming for a holiday on Manitoulin and renting out these homes. But we have to protect our community and the people that live here as well."

Planning board approves subdivision change to two-phase plan

by Tom Sasvari

ASSIGINACK—The Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) has given its approval to the proponent of what had been a proposed 49 lot subdivision between Sunsite Estates and Bay Estates, changing a single phase plan of subdivision to a two-phase plan.

"We have 11 lots that are ready and can be sold, and we will be ready to go with the rest of the lots this summer," Island real estate broker Jordan Chandler. Mr. Chandler is the developer of the project and represents 5026911 Ontario Limited (previously Leah Pezzutto). After meeting with the MPB, Mr. Chandler stated, "this was just an update on the progress we have been making. Basically, we have met all of the conditions for the first 11 lots and are picking away on the second phase. Most of the first 11 lots have been sold."

"The rest of the 38 waterfront lots will then all go up for sale in the second phase of the project," said Mr. Chandler.

The application made by Mr. Chandler on behalf of his client was for the plan of subdivision and a change to conditions of draft approval given February 2021 from a one phase to a two phase plan of subdivision. This is in relation to Lot 22 and Part Lots 23 and 24 and lot 25, Concession VII and Lots 22 through 26, Concession VIII, township

of Sheguiandah in the municipality of Assiginack

The application is for a waterfront subdivision of 49 seasonal residential lots that stretch from Sunsite Estates nearly to the border with the Northeast Town and its Bay Estates subdivision.

Although Sunsite Estates has a water treatment plant, the municipality of Assiginack has not expressed desire to extend the service area of that plant to the new subdivision. Each lot will rely on private septic system and either well or Manitowaning Bay water.

Theresa Carlisle, secretary and treasurer for the MPB told The Expositor, "the planning board had provided its draft approval to this application, and the applicant would need to meet all conditions within three years (from February 2021)," said Ms. Carlisle. "Now the agent has indicated the applicant wants to change the conditions, to go to a two phase subdivision development. Everything is still in draft and there is a ways to go before final approval is given."

For example, Ms. Carlisle said the municipality of Assiginack still has to agree to the closure of the 25th concession road allowance and to provide comments about the road, the water treatment plant and the subdivision agreement.

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 text message: +705 937 8292

Older Chevy one-ton dump, hydraulic pump on trans, good rubber, needs work, \$1,500; 1980 Honda Goldwing, 1,100cc, great shape, \$1,200; 1930s wood cookstove, reservoir and above warming enclosure, really good shape, \$700; 2016 Cub Cadet snowblower, three stage, 18HP, \$1,200. 705-348-0608. 41-42c

 **rental wanted**

Cattle pasture rental wanted for the east end of the Island. Call 705-859-1093. 43-50p

 **notice**

Food Cupboard--The Gore Bay United Church is continuing this service during the COVID-19 outbreak with some changes. They will be open noon to 3 pm on Thursdays. Come to the side door (facing McQuarrie Motors) and knock. Food will be packed and passed outside to you. If you have questions, call 705-282-2011. Messages are checked daily. Tfn

 **coming events**

Knox Church Rummage Sale in Manitowaning is open Mondays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Clothing, household, books, miscellaneous. 42-46p

Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary will have a meeting on Wednesday, March 16 at 2:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the Central Manitoulin Council Chambers. New members are always welcome. 43c

The Tehkummah Triangle Seniors Club opened their doors again on March 1, 2022. Bingo, Monday nights at 8 pm; Crib, Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 pm; Euchre, Thursday afternoons at 1 pm. Masks are mandatory at this time! 43p

 **pets**

For sale: Labrador Retriever puppies available March 6. Chocolate and Yellow. Father is a silver lab; mother is a yellow lab. Beautiful dogs. Contact Darren Phillips, call/text/message 705-358-4268. 42-43c

 **rentals**

Gorgeous one-bedroom apartment, walking distance to downtown, marina and Low Island. Quiet professional building available end of March 2022. Call/text 705-368-6240 for details. 41tfn



HARASYM--In loving memory of our sweet Tinkerbell, October 19, 2010 – March 13, 2015. Rosebud
 When God calls little puppies to dwell with Him above,
 We humans always question the wisdom of His love.
 For no heartache can compare with the loss of one small "child"
 Who does so much to make this world seem wonderful and mild.
 Perhaps God tires – always calling the aged to His fold,
 And so He picks a Rosebud before it can grow old.
 God knows how much we need them and so He picks but a few
 To make the land of heaven more beautiful to view.
 Believing this is difficult, yet somehow we must try,
 For the saddest word that mankind knows will always be "goodbye."
 And so when little pups depart,
 We, who are left behind must realize how much God loves puppies...
 For angels are hard to find.
 Always in our hearts.
 Love, Dad, Mom and family 43p

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

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

Attractive commercial space for lease in Downtown Little Current

Bright, modern commercial space available for lease in downtown little current. The 800 sq ft (approx.) space has for more than 30 years been occupied as the local credit union office and can be available for a new tenancy soon. The property is part of The Expositor office building, has large front windows with a waterfront view and has been recently renovated. There is ample on-street customer parking.

The property is appropriate for commercial offices or for a retail enterprise.

For more information or to make an appointment to view, please contact **(705) 968-1879** or email editor@manitoulin.com.
 Serious inquiries only, please.

 **help wanted**

 **help wanted**

 **help wanted**

 **Conseil des Services du District de Manitoulin-Sudbury**
 District Services Board

210 boul Mead Blvd
 Espanola, ON P5E 1R9
 Telephone/Téléphone: (705) 862-7850
 Fax/Télécopieur: (705) 862-7805
<http://www.msdsb.net>

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

The following Employment Opportunity is now available to anyone interested in joining our highly dedicated workforce.

Integrated Program Assistant – Little Current
Temporary Full-Time
 Competition #2022-02-ISS
 Closing date: March 23, 2022
 For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers

While all responses are appreciated, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

 **coming events**

 **coming events**

AUCTION SALE
Saturday, March 19
 858 10th Sideroad, Tehkummah
Starts at 10 am
 Food booth on site


165 Massey Ferguson tractor, steel boat, oil-fired water heater, outside fuel tank, 2 used oil furnaces, 1 brand new oil furnace still in shipping crate, 1 wood furnace, all tools to manufacture duct work includes 8 foot sheet metal break in excellent condition, large supply of elbows, tees for furnace duct work in various sizes, pipe threader on stand NPT, chain hoist, bodywork tools, 1 mig welder Lincoln, stick welder, air compressor and tank, 100s of cans of paint, spray painter, various shelving and rocking, 100s of plumbing fittings and supplies, 100s of electrical supplies, 100s of tools too numerous to mention of a lifetime collection from a plumber, furnaces, installer, electrician, mechanic, bodywork.

For more information call,
 Dan Albrecht at 519-588-3581
 Auctioneers
 Calvin R Kuepher and Aaron Streicher

Employment Opportunity

Manitoulin Resort, located just outside Manitowaning off Bidwell Rd, is hiring a seasonal **"Grounds Maintenance Person."** Approximately 35 hours a week, give or take, depending on the individual's talents. We're looking for someone with experience in chainsaw usage and general maintenance. In addition, you will operate a tractor and a UTV or ATV. You may not have all of the skills we prefer, however, honesty is an important aspect of the job. Must be able to work unsupervised and follow directions. As part of our "family" you will also be privy to the additional perks of the job. We are hoping for a long-term individual to work with us year after year. We require you only for Monday - Friday day shift. Wage to be discussed - based on experience and skills. Our season operates Mid-April to September / Beginning of October based on weather. On-site accommodations can also be negotiable.

Email resumes or questions to info@manitoulinresort.com or snail mail the resort.
 We don't check Facebook often.

WE ARE HIRING  **MANITOULIN ISLAND PIERSIDE RESTAURANT** Est. 1987

Whether you are looking for an amazing summer job or a career in the hospitality industry, Pierside Restaurant offers many opportunities for dynamic individuals.

Experience is preferred, but not required as we offer training preparation for all positions. If you wish to apply for the upcoming season, please submit your resume via email at Hello@Piersidemanitoulin.com.

Part-time/full-time positions for Liquor Servers & Kitchen Helpers are available.

Location: 6 Water Street,
 South Baymouth, ON P0P 1Z0



**Township of
BILLINGS**
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)/Clerk

The Township of Billings is accepting applications for the full-time position of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)/Clerk.

The Township of Billings is a vibrant community where new people are excited to relocate and existing residents are happy to stay because of the sustainable economy, the artistic and cultural diversity, and the beauty of the environment. Guided by the vision of its citizens, Billings Township is a safe and vibrant community that practices environmental responsibility, provides dependable services, and maintains its rich cultural heritage.

Reporting to Mayor and Council, the CAO is responsible for leadership and the general management of the Township. The Clerk fulfills the statutory and other responsibilities of the Municipal Clerk. The Clerk acts as the Returning Officer for Municipal Elections, MFIPPA Coordinator, Lottery Licencing Officer, Commissioner of Oaths and is an authorized signing officer for the Corporation and performs other duties as required under the Municipal Act, or any other Act, and to perform such duties as assigned by the Township.

The ideal CAO/Clerk will possess strong management and leadership skills, manage conflict well and have strong problem-solving skills. They should also have the proven ability to build strong relationships with elected officials, Residents and Community Groups.

Salary is based on a 35-hour work week with some evening work required. Billings offers competitive salary along with an excellent benefits package and RRSP package.

If you wish to be considered for the position, please forward a cover letter and resume by email to: Tiana Mills at tmills@billingstwp.ca by **Monday, April 4th, 2022 @ 4pm.**

*The full job description is available on the Township website at:
www.billingstwp.ca.*

This vacancy is the result of the retirement of the current CAO/Clerk which is planned for Fall of 2022.



**Manitoulin
Family Resources**
SHELTER SUPERVISOR, HAVEN HOUSE -- FULL TIME
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PREVENTION PROGRAM
MANITOULIN FAMILY RESOURCES

Manitoulin Family Resources requires one full-time Shelter Supervisor to lead and guide the frontline team at "Haven House" emergency shelter, to meet the needs of the women and children fleeing violence. The ideal candidate will have strong and compassionate leadership skills and extensive background in delivering services in the field of gender-based violence. Responsibilities include scheduling and supervision, supporting shelter operations, and ensuring the health and safety of the shelter residents and staff, and participation at local tables and in public awareness activities. Haven House Shelter, as part of the Violence Against Women Prevention Program of Manitoulin Family Resources, works within a harm reduction, feminist and intersectional framework, following the vision, mission, and guiding principles of the agency.

The successful candidate will have:

- Degree in a related discipline, with work experience in the field of gender-based violence
- Registration with the OCSWSSW or CPO
- 1-3 years' experience in a management capacity or significant field experience
- Strong interpersonal, coaching, and supervisory skills
- Current First Aid/CPR certification
- Financial management skills
- Expertise in conflict management and creative problem-solving skills
- Valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle, clear VSS, and insurable driver's abstract are requirements of the position, and conditions of hire.

Work will generally be performed between the hours of 8:30 and 4:30, Monday to Friday, from the main office located in Mindemoya. Flexibility of hours to meet program needs is required, as is on-call availability for emergencies, in coordination with the Program Director and Executive Director. Attendance at the Mindemoya location is required, though a flexible work schedule can be proposed. A comprehensive benefits' and vacation package is extended to all full-time positions, and this position currently qualifies for a pandemic-related wage enhancement of an additional \$4/hr. This position is part of the management team of MFR and outside the bargaining unit, reporting directly to the VAWP Program Director and Executive Director.

Please forward application with updated resume, to:

Denise Leblanc
Executive Programs' Assistant
Manitoulin Family Resources
dleblanc@mresources.net

Closing date: Friday, March 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Manitoulin Family Resources welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

We thank all applicants for their submissions, only those selected for an interview will be acknowledged.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

ARE YOU AN EXCELLENT COMMUNICATOR WHO IS CREATIVE AND ENJOYS EXPLORING EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES? THEN THIS POSITION MAY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU!

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST
FULL-TIME POSITION

Kenjgewin Teg is a lifelong place of learning asserting its Anishinabek educational autonomy by using a community-driven and community-based approach in its programs and services. In exercising this autonomy, Kenjgewin Teg champions the teachings of Anishnaabe Aadziwin and the Ojibwe language, Anishinabemowin.

Kenjgewin Teg respects, acknowledges and supports the individuality, personal connectedness, and uniqueness in each of its valued Indigenous and non-Indigenous employees in learning more or being introduced to Anishnaabe Aadziwin and Anishinabemowin.

Consider joining our Lifelong Learning team dedicated to making a difference and inspiring learners of all ages. Lifelong learning together ... Anishinabek learning excellence for all!

Marketing & Communications Specialist
Salary Classification: SP3 – Business Services Specialist/Salary Grade Band H
Qualified Level Salary Range: \$55,331 – \$61,479 – \$67,626

Position Objective:

The Marketing and Communications Specialist is responsible for the marketing and recruitment communications function for the programs and services of Kenjgewin Teg and plays a critical role in meeting marketing, recruitment and enrolment goals. The Marketing & Communications Specialist will create, manage, and implement a robust, yet flexible, communications, branding, and marketing plan. The incumbent should have a keen eye for detail, be skilled at editing and proofreading content, and have a knack for research and a love of learning. The position will utilize and manage multimedia methods and platforms, including social media and various technology, and will be responsible for increasing brand awareness for the organization's current and potential students and clients.

Responsibilities:

- Reporting directly to the Director of Operations, this position acts as the primary liaison for the organization communications, public relations/marketing, and recruitment communications
- Regularly maintain and update the organization's social media platforms, posts and website, in collaboration with multiple team members, to ensure content is current and accurately reflects upcoming programs, events and services and all content are adherent to brand and graphic standards across the organization
- Lead the development of a marketing plan/strategy by researching, developing and executing a comprehensive plan in alignment with the organization's communications objectives, in collaboration with the senior management team and multiple department team members
- Lead the organization communications by developing, creating and ensuring the organization's brand, identity and marketing/print standards, including any compliance rules, are following consistently across all platforms
- Lead the development and creation of marketing materials (audio & visual, recordings, testimonials, program fact sheets, brochures, business cards, posters, annual reports, etc.)
- Lead, develop, promote and implement marketing activities (print/electronic/digital) of the organization's programs and services to the public/member communities
- Attend various team meetings and planning sessions to assist with the development of marketing ideas and identify marketing/recruitment opportunities
- Work in collaboration with internal/external design teams to coordinate and lead the overall development and production of promotional/branding materials (print/electronic/digital) to generate awareness of the organization's programs, services and identity (e.g., print media, social media, digital marketing, direct mail, email, blog posts, website, call and text campaigns, video and photography, and other forms of communication) consistent with Kenjgewin Teg's brand and marketing strategy
- Collaborate with various team members and lead the development and distribution of internal/external marketing materials, presentations, press releases, etc. for the organization, (print/electronic/digital) that enhance outreach, recruitment and public awareness of the organization's programs and services
- Track metrics such as student/community engagement to identify ways to improve future marketing campaigns; and utilize marketing software programs to analyze data to report/present marketing and communications campaign performance to senior management
- Provide research and support to the development of proposals, program marketing, and recruitment
- Develop thorough understanding Kenjgewin Teg's admission policies, procedures, and requirements, and communicating them to prospective students as they evaluate their education options through writing content and building email campaigns (in conjunction with enrolment and admissions personnel) to encourage application completion and that convey application deadlines at various points of the admission lifecycle
- Participate and contribute to other organizational events, activities and teams as part of organizational and community engagement and learning

Job Skills:

- Knowledge of marketing trends and strategies while applying knowledge to practical skills
- Demonstrate creativity to drive student and organization engagement
- Possess creative writing skills and the ability to develop, write and format complex correspondence, including memos, press releases, briefing notes, newsletters/communiques, letters, proposals and reports with student/organization focused materials
- Possess strong communication and presentation skills
- Ability to work independently with little supervision, as well as in a team
- Problem-solving skills and ability to create and develop new and unique ideas
- Strong time management skills, multi-tasking skills, and the ability to prioritize tasks with minimal supervision
- Simultaneously focused on big picture/vision while being detail-oriented and implementation focused
- Flexible in the ability to be creative, innovative, and design-oriented, as well as analytical, data-driven, results-oriented
- Strong customer service orientation with email, telephone, and in-person, and involvement in recruitment efforts and events
- Experience with the technical qualities, language, and culture of major social media platforms (e.g., Instagram, Twitter, Facebook)
- Knowledge of a variety of marketing software (Campaign Monitor, Google Analytics, Hubspot, Mailchimp) and Data Analytics tools (Excel, Forms, etc.)
- Knowledge and skill in graphic design concepts and layout as it pertains to marketing, branding and communications
- Knowledge of higher education market trends and best practices in admissions marketing and communication

Qualifications:

- A minimum bachelor's degree in Communications, Marketing, Public Relations, Journalism, Media, or a related field
- A minimum of three (3) years' work-experience in the communications and/or marketing sector
- High level of proficiency with Microsoft Office/Office 365 environment
- Preference given to applicants demonstrating Anishinabek traditional knowledge: Kendmoowin - Anishnabemowin miinwaa Anishnaabe bmaadziwin

Application Deadline: Monday, March 21, 2022 at 12 noon

For a complete job description, please visit our website at www.kenjgewinteg.ca/careers or to learn more about this employment opportunity, please email humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca. Interested individuals can send a complete application package that consists of: Cover letter, a detailed resume, three (3) current (within one year) letters of reference, two of which must be professional on organizational letterhead and authored by direct supervisor, and written permission to contact references. Please note that the successful candidate will be required to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check.

Applications can be received marked confidential through email to humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca or by mail or in-person by the application deadline date to:

Kenjgewin Teg
"Marketing & Communications Specialist"
c/o Director of Human Resources
374A Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON POP 1G0
Tel: 705-377-4342 Fax: 705-377-4379

Please note: Kenjgewin Teg has taken steps to ensure that the organization is inclusive of Anishinabek traditions and practices supporting a welcoming learning environment. This includes the shared practice and tradition of smudging.

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

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



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

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

RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

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

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

CONFIDENTIAL:

Human Resources Manager

Whitefish River First Nation; 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road; P.O. Box 188; Birch Island; ON P0P1A0

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

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

Successful candidates must submit an original/current copy of their Vulnerable Sector Screening Check prior to employment.

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


**AUNDECK OMNI KANING FIRST NATION
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Health Coordinator/CHR**

Under the direct supervision of the Band Administrator, and accountable to the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Chief and Council, the Health Coordinator/CHR will be responsible to uphold the vision for a healthy, safe, and thriving community. Will perform a comprehensive range of core functions and services to the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation. Focusing in program areas of community health, promotion, prevention, and maintenance of the health individuals, families, and community. Focusing on promoting health, preventing disease and injury, protecting population health, as when required a focus on curative, urgent and emergency care.

Our ideal candidate will have a working knowledge of and respect for Indigenous culture, customs, traditions, and issues. The Health Coordinator/CHR will demonstrate strong leadership skills. This position requires excellent written and verbal communication skills and well-developed organizational and time management skills.

Qualifications

- Degree in health-related field or relevant experience of three to five years in management.
- Recent and relevant experience in the development, implementation, delivery, monitoring and evaluation of health and social services programs.
- Demonstrate experience in people management including describing work, recruitment, learning, development, planning, mentoring and performance management.
- A clear Police Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check.
- Class "G" licence and reliable vehicle.

Salary: In accordance with Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Salary Grid

Please submit resume, cover letter, and three work-related references:

Aundeck Omni Kaning Administration Office
13 Hill Street, Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0

Please indicate "Health Coordinator/CHR" in the subject line in a sealed envelope. Applications are accepted until March 11, 2022 @ 12:00 pm

OJIBWE CULTURAL
FOUNDATION
Executive Director of Ojibwe Cultural Foundation

The Ojibwe Cultural Foundation seeks a dynamic executive director possessing strong organizational and management skills. This position is responsible for the overall management and promotion of the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation of Mnidoo Mnising.

The responsibilities include actively nurturing community participation in creative ventures, to strengthen relationships and expand network of participation by being visible and engaged in the member communities.

Role:

- This position will report to the OCF Board of Director and has overall strategic, fiscal and operational responsibility for the organization.
- This role is responsible for the development of OCF programs and budgets, and execution of OCF mission and vision. Direct the overall operation of the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation.
- Recruit, manage and mentor staff, volunteers and instructors of the organization and its programs.
- Oversee fund development and work in partnership with the OCF Board of Directors to ensure sustainable and diverse revenue streams including government grants, individual and corporate giving, major donor development and self-generated revenue.
- Maintain record of all contributions; send tax receipts and proper acknowledgements and reporting of all contributions.
- Development/maintenance of community connections and partnerships with other organizations.

Required Qualifications:

- An understanding of Anishinaabe culture, language and history is necessary
- Ability to use a team approach to plan and produce programming
- Experience in marketing, fundraising and social media
- Strong experience in office, program, and event budget management
- Experience in organization of exhibitions, preparation of catalogues, and supervision of gallery installations and other programmatic events
- Ability and enthusiasm for working with diverse artistic and community groups
- Strong leadership, interpersonal, planning, and organizational skills; excellent written and oral communication skills; solid public speaking, negotiation, problem-solving, and meeting management skills
- Knowledge of fundraising principles and practices in the arts, experience in writing successful proposals
- A Bachelor's degree in a relevant field is preferred but a combination of education and experience would be considered
- Demonstrate success in business and project management

Please send applications marked Confidential to:

Sophie Corbiere, Operation Manager, Ojibwe Cultural Foundation: Box 278, M'Chigeeng, ON P0P1G0
sophie@ojibweculture.ca


**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Administrative Assistants Needed (2)**

Northwood Recovery Addictions Medicine Clinics in M'Chigeeng and Wikwemikong.

Receptionist required who is well-organized, with excellent interpersonal skills and a desire to work with a vulnerable population. Will be responsible for booking and managing appointments, sending prescriptions to appropriate pharmacies and working with physicians and nurses to ensure patients receive high quality of care. Full and part time opportunities available.

Pay is negotiable.

Please call 705-859-3280 for inquiries.

**The
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for
Boxed
Display
Ads is
Friday**

Major upgrades of Gore Bay airport to continue

Inflationary costs require that project be scaled back slightly

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—While the major rehabilitation, renovation and upgrade work to be carried out on the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport is still going to go ahead, what had been originally planned has had to be scaled back somewhat. This is because of increases in construction costs and materials over the past couple of years. The federal government has indicated that, even with inflation having increased the costs of everything, they will not be providing additional funds for the project.

“The project is still moving ahead, even though the costs are higher than we had originally projected, due to inflation,” said Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne. He noted that a progress meeting was held recently among the airport partner municipalities (Gore Bay, Gordon/Barrie Island and Burpee and Mills) and Exp. engineering consultants who are carrying out the design work for the project.

“We had a progress meeting, and the terminal project has had to be downsized a little to meet the budget costs,” said Mayor Osborne. “The architect said that, two years ago, the construction work would have averaged \$250-300 per square foot, but now, because of inflation and cost increases during the pandemic, that has increased to about \$500 per

square foot. So, we have had to do a little downsizing of the overall footprint (including the proposed multi-purpose room and a couple of offices). But the design will allow for expansion at both ends of the building, possibly in the future.”

“So we are asking the architects to look at the same design concept, with a slightly smaller footprint,” said Mayor Osborne.

“The federal government knows that costs have increased but they have told us (town of Gore Bay) there’s no extra funding available for the project,” said Mayor Osborne. “On any project like this there is no doubt that costs have increased with what has happened in the past couple of years (with the pandemic). The cost of everything has increased.”

“It’s simple, we have to stay within the budget. Building costs have gone up about 30 percent or more, so we have had to decrease the footprint of the project a little,” said Ken Noland, Reeve of Burpee and Mills. “I know our municipality is not going to be putting more money in than we have already agreed to.”

Even with cutbacks, “it will still be a pretty nice building,” stated Mr. Noland.

Lee Hayden, Reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island and chair of the Gore Bay-Man-

itoulin Airport Commission told The Expositor after the recent meeting, “we have handed it back to the design engineers to provide the drawings and to stay within the original budget set.”

“We reviewed what the projected costs had been and known increases, with construction and material costs having increased a minimum of 30 percent. The costs were substantially over what had been budgeted for,” said Mr. Hayden.

Mr. Hayden said it is still hoped the airport project construction can begin this spring. “Once we have the final drawings, this will go out to tender for construction. The project is definitely moving ahead, but we stressed to the design team (Exp) to stay within the budget that has been set. Regardless, it’s still going to be a beautiful building.”

With the \$4.2 million project, the federal and provincial governments are providing \$3,966,497 for the project, while the Western Manitoulin communities of Gore Bay, Gordon/Barrie Island, and Burpee and Mills will together contribute \$282,473.

In July 2020, the federal government announced it was providing funding of \$3,966,497 toward the rehabilitation of the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport,

including a new air terminal, helipad, expansion of the secondary runway and enhancements to security and wildlife fencing.



HELP WANTED

Mindemoya Home Hardware is looking for motivated people to join our sales team.

Multiple positions available.

Send resume to Box 390, Mindemoya, ON POP 1S0 or email mindemoyahome@eastlink.ca

Part-time positions available



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

- Quark Express
- Adobe InDesign

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

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

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



AUNDECK OMNI KANING FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Governance Coordinator

Under the direct supervision of the Band Administrator, and accountable to the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Chief and Council, the Governance Coordinator will be responsible for managing the overall implementation of legislative authorities including citizenship, elections, cultural and language, and fiscal management.

Our ideal candidate will have a working knowledge of and respect for Indigenous culture, customs, traditions, and issues. The Governance Coordinator will demonstrate strong leadership skills. This position requires excellent written and verbal communication skills and well-developed organizational and time management skills. The ability to engage and listen to the community is key to the overall role.

The Governance Coordinator will be tasked with developing and implementing the administrative capacity to exercise self-governance jurisdiction. Nuanced understanding of the jurisdictional milieu of First Nations is very important. This high-profile position demands strategic and long-range planning skills, coupled with experience in organizational development/governance as well as public affairs. Sound decision-making skills will be crucial to your success in the role.

Responsibilities:

- Work with the Governance Team to ensure activities align with Council expectations and approved expenditures
- Manage the development of First Nation laws under governance authorities, including the community consultation process
- Develop the administrative framework to support enactment and compliance of First Nation laws
- Develop and implement policies and procedures for Governance using best practices
- Attend meetings as required, and act as a liaison and public relations officer in matters related to areas of Governance responsibility
- Develop and maintain working relationships with other governments, Indigenous organizations, communities, and stakeholders
- Manage funding agreements and plan, administer, and control budgets for Governance activities, including all year-end reporting requirements
- Oversee the Governance operations including community engagement as well as troubleshooting any problem areas
- Support governance objectives with specific attention to the areas of change management, accountability, and professional development
- Foster, encourage effective communication among colleagues within the entire First Nation Administration
- Other related duties as assigned

Qualifications

- Bachelor’s degree in Community Development, Public Administration, Law or a related field, or equivalent experience
- 2 years of senior-level management experience
- Previous experience working within or with a First Nations community
- Knowledge of distinctions between federal, provincial and First Nation legislative and jurisdictional environments and clear understanding of how they interrelate

Salary: In accordance with Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Salary Grid

Please submit resume, cover letter, and three work-related references:

Aundeck Omni Kaning Administration Office
13 Hill Street, Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0

Please indicate “Governance Coordinator” in the subject line in a sealed envelope. Applications are accepted until March 11, 2022 @ 12:00 pm

Manitoulin Centennial Manor

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RNs, RPNs and PSWs

Manitoulin Centennial Manor is a 60 bed long-term care home located in the town of Little Current on Manitoulin Island. Our home overlooks the beautiful shore of the North Channel. We strive for excellence in the care of the elderly by promoting quality of life within a safe environment. Courtesy, a positive attitude, and respect for others are key elements in maintaining this standard.

We are actively recruiting for full-time RNs and RPNs and part-time PSWs.

The successful applicants will have:

- Current registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario for registered applicants.
- Certificate from a PSW program with an Ontario approved College for a Personal Support Worker.
- Proof of Covid-19 vaccine

Applications for employment and further enquiries can be submitted to:

Sylvie Clark, Director of Care
70 Robinson St., Postal Bag 460
Little Current, ON
POP 1K0
Email: SClark@extendicare.com
Phone: 705-368-2710
Fax: 705-368-2694



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Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc. (Rainbow Lodge)

OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYMENT

Financial Administrator



The Finance Administrator will work with and report to the Administrative Manager and is responsible for carrying out the duties, activities, and assignments in support of the overall operations of the organization.

DUTIES:

- Work within a team-oriented approach toward the goals and objectives of the organization
- Process and record all of the business transactions; including payroll, accounts payable, postings to general ledger, bank reconciliations, account reconciliation, accounts receivable, journal entries, etc.
- Generate reports, prepare and monitor invoices and expense reports as required
- Effectively and confidentially maintain files as necessary
- Participate in the organization's goal of ongoing accreditation processes
- Other administration duties as requested

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Knowledge of, understanding, and some experience with sage accounting software
- Experience with accounts payable, receivables, reconciliations, payroll, financial reports, etc.
- Knowledge of standard concepts, practices, and procedures with accounting principles
- Strong organizational and communication skills
- Ability to record and transcribe information and word processing
- Ability to adhere to all confidentiality practices
- Willingness to learn as training can be available

Please submit by March 18th, 2022 at 4:00pm, your cover letter, resume, and three recent references by email to Rolanda Manitowabi at rmanitowabi@ngwaagangamig.ca (subject line to read "Financial Administrator Application") OR

Rolanda Manitowabi, Executive Director
Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc. (Rainbow Lodge)
56 Pitawanakwat St., PO Box 81
Wiikwemikong, ON P0P 2J0



Conseil des Services du District de
Manitoulin-Sudbury
District Services Board

210 boul Mead Blvd
Espanola, ON P5E 1R9
Telephone/Téléphone: (705) 862-7850
Fax/Télécopieur: (705) 862-7805
<http://www.msdsb.net>

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

The following Employment Opportunity is now available to anyone interested in joining our highly dedicated workforce.

2 Summer Students - Espanola

Temporary Full-Time

Competition #2022-05-ISS

Closing date: April 1, 2022

For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at
www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers

While all responses are appreciated, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



Social Media and Community Engagement Manager One Year Contract

Manitoulin Family Resources is seeking a talented Social Media and Community Engagement Manager for a one year, full-time contract position. The successful candidate will administer our social media accounts as well as promote and maintain our agency image in a cohesive way, consistent with our agency vision and mission statement, to achieve our community engagement goals. The successful candidate is expected to be up-to-date with the latest digital technologies and social media trends. Excellent communication skills are required of this individual, as is the ability to express our agency's views creatively, and with sensitivity, to the content and image we wish to develop.

Responsibilities

- Perform research on current benchmark trends and audience preferences
- Design and implement social media strategy to align with business goals
- Set specific objectives and monitor progress of web traffic metrics
- Generate, edit, publish and share engaging content daily (e.g. original text, photos, videos and news)
- Collaborate with Program Directors to ensure brand consistency
- Communicate with followers, respond to queries in a timely manner and monitor reviews
- Oversee and/or introduce social media accounts' design
- Suggest and implement marketing to foster agency awareness and support

Requirements

- Degree/diploma in Marketing or relevant field
- Proven work experience as a Social Media Manager
- Hands on experience in content management; excellent copywriting skills
- Ability to deliver creative content (text, image and video)
- Solid knowledge of SEO, keyword research and Google Analytics
- Knowledge of online marketing channels; familiarity with web design
- Excellent communication skills, analytical and multi-tasking skills
- A clear VSS will be a condition of hire

This is a one year contract outside of the bargaining unit. This position does qualify for remote work, though attendance at the agency's head office in Mindemoya may be required on occasion. Consultants and others who wish to apply through a fee for service arrangement, in lieu of the full-time position, are welcome to make such a proposal.

Please forward application with updated resume to:

Denise Leblanc
Executive Programs' Assistant
Manitoulin Family Resources
dleblanc@mfresources.net

Application deadline: Friday, March 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Manitoulin Family Resources welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

CHILD & YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS COUNSELLOR

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

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

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

RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

* A detailed job description can be supplied upon request.

QUALIFICATIONS:

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

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

CONFIDENTIAL:

Human Resources Manager

Whitefish River First Nation; 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road; P.O. Box 188; Birch Island; ON P0P1A0
Email: applications@whitefishriver.ca; Telephone: (705)285-4335; Fax: (705) 285-4532

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

Successful candidates must submit an original/current copy of their Vulnerable Sector Screening Check prior to employment.

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

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Rachael Orford

Next week is March Break! Monday, March 14 through Friday, March 18 is the designated time off for staff and students. However, this Friday, March 11 is a PD (Professional Development) Day which means students get an early start to their break.

A spring joke for you: The bed store is having a spring sale. Unfortunately, the rest of the beds are still full price.

On Tuesday, March 1, the girls' hockey team played Macdonald Cartier in Garson. Two goals in the second period resulted in the game's final score being tied 1-1.

On Wednesday, March 2 and Thursday, March 3, the MSS girls' curling team participated in the NOSSA (Northern Ontario Secondary School Association) curling tournament in Sudbury. The team included Bella Jefkins, who skipped the team, Katelyn Shank, Autumn Davy and Sadie Bridgeman. They were coached by Dr. Johnston. The girls did wonderful playing against teams from across the north. The boys' and girls' teams from Espanola High School were the winners of the tournament. Great job, girls!

Also on Wednesday, the girls' hockey team was back in action playing the Lively Hawks at the NEMI Rec Centre. The girls skated to a 6-3 win.

On Thursday, March 3, a few MSS students participated in the NOSSA downhill skiing event at the Adanac Ski Hill in Sudbury! The students included Jack Pennie,

Alan Wilkin, Patrick McCann, TJ Green and Grace Pennie. Jack Pennie came fourth overall in the boys' division.

On Friday, March 4, the junior and senior girls' volleyball teams were back in action. The junior girls hosted other teams at MSS for the day while the senior girls played in Espanola. Both teams did wonderful on Friday and represented MSS well. Espanola High School live streamed all the games on Friday on YouTube, so if you would like to watch the senior girls play, here is the link to the video:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZLbiv-mO2neo. Keep up the good work, Mustangs!

MSS is having a spirit wear sale! There are three different hoodies, in three different colours, with two mustang logos available. Orders can be placed by parents and/or students through SchoolCash Online or an order form can be filled out. The deadline for orders to be placed is March 31.

Don't forget that the time changes this weekend! We sadly lose an hour of sleep, but it means more daylight in the evening.

Joke of the week: What happens when you try to make a clock Spring Forward? It gets ticked off.

Upcoming events include a PD Day and March Break.

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

District Services Board assigns committee seats

by Michael Erskine
ESPANOLA—Manitoulin Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) elects its chair, vice-chair and committee members are assigned at the first board meeting each year. This will be the final election


and set of committee assignments before the next municipal election.

DSB board chair Bruce Killah, who represents the townships without municipal organization (TWOMO) on the DSB board, was acclaimed as

board chair as was Richard Mallette (councillor with the Municipality of French River) for vice-chair.

The five members of the program planning committee for 2022 are Michael

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UCCM POLICE IS HIRING

The UCCM Anishnaabe Police will be a partner in community wellness by providing proactive, culturally sensitive, and innovative service while respecting existing laws customs and traditions.

****Balance**Compassion**Dedication**Humility**Integrity**Respect**Teamwork****

Position: **FINANCE & I.T ADMINISTRATOR**
 Term: **FULL-TIME**
 Salary: **\$74,264/ANNUALLY**
 Report To: **DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service is searching for an individual who is *creative, takes initiative, and is innovative*. Can you handle change? Are you a leader of change?

UCCM APS HOPES YOU BECOME A PART OF THE TEAM!

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

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

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

SKILLS (Includes but are not limited to)

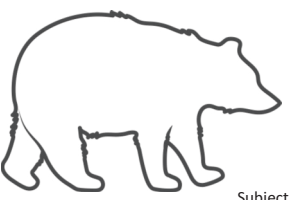
- Knowledge of accounting functions and principles: payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, chart of accounts, etc;
- Experience in financial management and financial file maintenance;
- Knowledge of IT infrastructures, software, hardware, and ability to troubleshoot minor issues;
- Ability to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

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

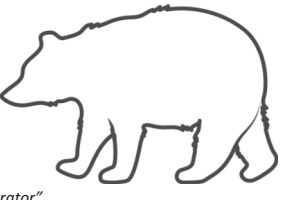
DEADLINE: April 1, 2022 at 4:00pm EST
 Please apply for this position by submitting your cover letter, resume, and three (3) work related references.

For questions about this employment opportunity and/or a detailed job description, please contact Lyndin Belleau, Human Resources Administrator.



Mail-in applications can be sent to:
Confidential: Human Resources
 UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service
 5926 Hwy 540, Box 332
 M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0

Or via email to recruitment@uccmpolice.com
 Subject: "Employment Opportunity: Finance & IT Administrator"



Individuals of Anishnaabe ancestry are encouraged to apply. Self-identification is encouraged. We would like to thank all applicants who apply; however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



TOWNSHIP OF TEHKUMMAH Deputy Treasurer/Treasurer

The Township of Tehkummah is currently accepting applications for the Deputy Treasurer/Treasurer position.

Successful candidate is responsible for all aspects of Township finances and tax collection, preparing and maintaining the annual budget and statutory duties as defined in the Municipal Act and other Acts or Legislation.

QUALIFICATIONS (preferred)


- Extensive knowledge of financial planning and accounting principles; good knowledge of Provincial legislation and policy that affects local government;
- Post-Secondary Education in Business Administration or other relevant discipline and/or Accounting Program at the intermediate level or relevant work experience;
- Formal education in Municipal Tax Administration, Municipal Administration Program, Municipal Accounting and Finance considered an asset;
- Three to five years of experience in a municipal office setting is considered an asset;
- Thorough knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, SAGE Accounting and XLGL, The Managed Municipality tax program (preferred);
- Proven ability to multi-task, handle large volume of work and set priorities;
- Excellent organizational and analytical ability; good judgement and tact;
- Excellent communication and public relations skills; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with others; the ability to handle confidential information.

Job Description available at www.tehkummah.ca.
 References and current criminal record check are required for interview.

Apply by: **Friday, March 18, 2022 at 3:00 pm**

MAIL or DELIVER TO: Township of Tehkummah
 456 Hwy 542A, PO Box 24
 Tehkummah, ON
 P0P 2C0

EMAIL: clerk.administrator@tehkummah.ca
 FAX: 705-859-2605



Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc. (Rainbow Lodge) OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYMENT Clinical Supervisor

Reporting to the Administration Manager, the Clinical Supervisor is responsible for providing clinical and administrative supervision to designated staff and services.

DUTIES:

- Provide direct clinical and administrative supervision and complete documentation on supervision sessions to assigned front line staff
- Collaborate with the manager on the new Trauma program implementation
- Ensure service delivery adheres to professional standards recognized by the Accreditation Quality Assurance standards, and applicable professional disciplines
- Develop and implement and support the team with evidenced-informed processes to enhance counsellor competencies
- Provide coaching, mentoring and professional development opportunities to counselling staff
- Conduct file audits and ensure the proper storage of records
- Provide the Manager with operational information, community needs, and advice regarding service direction as requested
- Participate in strategic planning and other planning activities for the centre
- Contribute to community education through presentations to professionals and community groups
- Other related duties

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's Degree in social work or psychology required, and registered and in good standing with the OCSWSSW and/or CRPO
- Professional, responsive and positive work attitude is required
- Minimum 5 years of experience in the provision of clinical services
- Familiar with evidence informed practices, including Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Solution Focused Brief Therapy, and Motivational Interviewing
- Excellent problem-solving and interpersonal skills
- Demonstrate supervisory and mentoring skills
- Strong organizational and time management skills
- Excellent clinical assessment and therapy skills
- To be competent and sensitive to cultural differences in the organization and within the community
- Demonstrated effectiveness in oral and written communication skills
- Fluency in Indigenous language of the area would be an asset
- Knowledge of Indigenous culture, ceremonies, traditions, teachings, protocols of the area
- Knowledge of Canada's Indigenous history and the impacts of colonization and assimilation policies
- Demonstrated knowledge of both Western-based and traditional methods of intervention, assessment, counselling, and healing to family and individual development and well-being
- Must have a valid Ontario Class G driver's license and access to a reliable vehicle
- Must provide a satisfactory Police Vulnerable Sector Check and Vulnerable Sector Check

Please note that preference will be given to First Nations and Indigenous applicants who meet the above qualifications.

Submit your Cover letter, resume, and three recent references by March 18th at 4:00pm to:
 Rebecca Wright, Administration Manager
 Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc. (Rainbow Lodge)
 56 Pitawanakwat St., PO Box 81
 Wiikwemikong, ON P0P 2J0

Or via email at rwright@ngwaagangamig.ca | subject line to read: Clinical Supervisor Application

Miigwech to all who applied and expressed interest in this position; however, only applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted.

Third time a charm for riding consultant at Honora Bay stable

by Michael Erskine
HONORA BAY—For the past three years in a row now, Honora Bay Riding Stable's Kyla Jansen has booked world champion riding clinician Craig Johnson to come to Manitoulin to provide a high-end workshop, only to be thwarted the past two years by COVID-19 border restrictions.

"Here's hoping three times a charm," she said. "Craig is a 17-time NRAH (National Reining Horse Association) world champion in reining, ranch riding and working cow horse. He has so much experience and I still have a hard time getting my head around him coming here, to my little riding stable on Manitoulin Island. I had thought of trying to book him for years, but I always felt he was out of my league."

But the answer to that conundrum isn't all that hard to harness. "He told me that 'your philosophy is the same as mine'," Ms. Jansen explains. He said, 'I want to come to your barn.' He is very down-to-earth. He concentrates on horsemanship. Obviously, showing is a big part of his life, but it is horsemanship before anything else."

Ms. Jansen said that she is proud that those who have signed up for the three-day workshop are mainly her own Island clients and students, although a couple are coming in from off-Island, one all the way from London in southern Ontario.

Although Mr. Johnson stands at the pinnacle of elite clinicians in his field,

Ms. Jansen said that he does not approach his students with an expectation that they are on an A-list track. "Some clinicians only want to teach those in the elite ranks, but he is not like that at all," she said. "He understands that some people just want to become better riders, not necessarily so they can compete on the world stage."

Although the cancellations over the past two years have led to some workshop attendees dropping out, the spaces quickly fill up again, despite the relatively high cost. "I want to keep it accessible for folks, but it is not a cheap option," she admits. "The base cost is \$900 and then there are stabling and horse care costs." Even given that, there were only two spaces left on the roster as of last week (so those who are interested should not delay). "I am trying to give preference to people from the Island," she said. "I want this experience to be for Manitoulin and Northern Ontario gets first chance. There are a number of people signed up from Sault Ste. Marie."

Ms. Jansen said that she is looking forward to meeting Mr. Johnson in person. "I have never met him," she said. "We know a lot of the same people, especially when I was training in Florida and Texas, but our paths have not crossed until now."

Mr. Johnson operates the Rafter J Ranch of Shell Rock, Iowa, a fully working ranch where he raises and

develops world class performance horses, trains a limited number of horses for the public, teaches lessons and conducts clinics all over the world—soon to include Manitoulin Island.

While Mr. Johnson continues to train and com-

pete at the world-class level, his true "passion lies in teaching people how to bring out the best in their own horses. From recreational riders to fellow professionals," his "tried and proven system, based on the discipline required and concepts of reining and ranch riding, will bring out the very best in a horse and rider," notes his website. Mr. Johnson has hosted over 400 clinics around the world on reining, ranch pleasure, cowboy dressage and general

horsemanship. He has presented seminars and demonstrations at every major horse fair and equine event in the US, Europe and Australia. He also maintains a blog at www.craigjohnsonreining.com/blog.

For Island riders this

spring will be very exciting times so book your calendars for May 22, 23, and 24. Call 705-368-6032 or 705-368-6072 to see if there is still space available.



Champion rider Craig Johnson getting ready for some ranch riding with Hydrive Chic.



The Corporation of the Town of Gore Bay EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Gore Bay is seeking a designated Community Emergency Management Coordinator. This is a part time position.

Completion of the Community Emergency Management Coordinator Course is required for this position. Costs associated with training will be covered by the Town of Gore Bay.

Applicants are invited to submit a resume by March 31, 2022, no later than 4:00 p.m. Please quote "CEMC" in the subject line and forward to:

Stasia Carr, CAO/Clerk
Mail: Town of Gore Bay
15 Water Street
PO Box 590
Gore Bay, Ontario
POP 1H0
E-mail: scarr@gorebay.ca
Facsimile: (705) 282-3076



PROGRAM DIRECTOR – FULL TIME Violence Against Women Prevention Manitoulin Family Resources

Manitoulin Family Resources requires a senior manager to lead the Violence Against Women Prevention program. The Program Director will oversee the staff and programming of the agency's gender-based violence services, and provide support to the VAW Shelter Supervisor and emergency residence as needed. The incumbent will be responsible for staff management, recruitment and training, as well as assisting the Executive Director with program budgets and Ministry reporting, in accordance with the agency's strategic plan and funder expectations. The Program Director will represent the agency at various community events and planning tables, and continue the implementation of an operational plan which incorporates goals and objectives that work towards the future direction of the organization. The Violence Against Women Prevention Program provides gender-based violence intervention services throughout the Districts of Manitoulin Island, Espanola, and the North Shore, from Sagamok First Nation to Nairn Centre.

The successful candidate will have:

- Post-secondary degree in a relevant field; Bachelor's degree required, Master's preferred;
- Current membership and in good standing with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers and/or College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario required;
- Ability to adhere to standards of practice under the OCSWSSW and/or COP;
- Experience delivering VAW programming, incorporating both harm reduction and feminist frameworks;
- Current knowledge of culturally competent service provision;
- 1-3 years' experience in a management position required, experience working in a unionized environment an asset;
- Financial management skills;
- Computer and software proficiency (Microsoft Office Suite) required;
- Expertise in relationship building, conflict management, and creative problem-solving skills;
- Excellent communication, presentation, and interpersonal skills;
- Valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle, clear VSS, insurable driver's abstract, current First Aid and CPR certification are all required and conditions of hire.

A comprehensive benefits' and vacation package is extended to all full time positions, and this position currently qualifies for a pandemic-related wage enhancement of an additional \$4/hr. This position is part of the management team of MFR and outside the bargaining unit, reporting directly to the Executive Director.

Please forward application with updated resume to:

Denise Leblanc
Executive Programs' Assistant
Manitoulin Family Resources
dleblanc@mfresources.net

Closing date: Friday, March 18, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Manitoulin Family Resources welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

We thank all applicants for their submissions; only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

GWEKWAADZIWIN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Land-Based Treatment Counsellor - Internal/External Posting Multiple Positions



Gwekwaadziwin Miikan is expanding the number of land-based treatment beds and looking for motivated individuals to join our multidisciplinary team. There are multiple land-based counsellor contract positions available. Please visit www.gwek.ca or email mattm@gwek.ca for details.

Position Description:

The Land-Based Treatment Counsellor is a unique position that combines the skills of an outdoor experiential learning leader with that of a treatment counsellor. Staff in this position will be living and working in outdoor settings with participants and will have a weekly rotational schedule. Staff in this position will be responsible for delivering a holistic treatment program with a significant focus on Anishinabek culture and land-based learning.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Reporting to the Land-Based Team Leader
- Responsible for taking direction from the management team and implementing it within the program
- Continue to develop and implement model of care
- To deliver a treatment-focused outdoor experiential learning program; ensure group safety, teach wilderness skills, solidify course logistics, and maintain focus on the Anishinabek Culture and the therapeutic elements of the program
- Assist in development of client-centred holistic treatment plans
- Assist with transition of participants to the live-in or community aftercare programs
- Assist in implementation of research projects
- Other related duties to support the needs of the organization across all three phases of the program

Qualifications:

- Minimum requirement is a diploma in a human service field or in outdoor leadership
- Mental health and addictions training
- Preference given to an Individual of Anishinabe ancestry with knowledge and understanding of Anishinabek history, clan systems, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions, and ceremonies
- Experience working in Mental Health and Addictions field
- Experience working with at-risk youth and young adults in a wilderness setting
- WFR or Adv WFA with experience managing backcountry medical issues
- Demonstrated superior interpersonal and communication skills (both written and verbal)
- Ability to prioritize multiple responsibilities and projects
- Able to participate in outdoor and athletic programming
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We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those applicants under consideration will be contacted for an interview.

No Island representation on Chi-Cheemaun ferry parent board

by Michael Erskine

OWEN SOUND—There are currently two vacancies on the Owen Sound Transportation Company (OSTC) board and none of the current members is from Manitoulin. The six-member board is missing its part-time vice-chair and one other part-time member. All of the current members were appointed to their current terms in 2020 or 2021.

According to the Ontario Appointments Secretariate, OSTC oversees marine transportation on Georgian Bay. It operates a seasonal vehicle and passenger ferry, the M.S. Chi-Cheemaun, between Tobermory and South Baymouth on Manitoulin Island, as well as the Pelee Island ferry service under contract to the Ministry of Transportation.

Although still listed as the CEO of OSTC on the Crown corporation's website, long-time incumbent Susan Schrempf retired from her position a few months ago. An interim CEO, David Baxter, was appointed from outside the corporation through direction from the board.

The board chair is currently listed as Marta Leardi-Anderson of Amherstburg, whose appointment runs to October 1, 2023. Joining her at the board table are Bradley Fletcher of Annan (to June 2023), Benson Lau of Toronto (to March 2024) and James Hepple of Meaford (to April 2024).

OSTC communications director Kaleen Sanford noted that nothing has been formalized as to the permanent CEO.

Ms. Sanford said that everything is running pretty much on schedule for the MS Chi-Cheemaun ferry and although this year's schedule has not yet been released, it is anticipated that this will happen soon and reservations will open for the season's sailings.

The pandemic has complicated matters somewhat, as could be expected, but OSTC also needs to coordinate with two public health agencies, the province and Transport Canada as well.

"It is also important that we ensure that everything moves smoothly for our customers," said Ms. Sanford. "We are working with a very fluid landscape, and as it is winter we are working with a skeleton crew here right now, but for all of that, things are basically business as usual."

The MS Chi-Cheemaun is currently sitting in drydock undergoing its yearly maintenance.



The articles of corporation for OSTC require a minimum of one to a maximum of 12 directors. Directors are elected by the minister of transportation as the sole shareholder of the corporation. The number of directors is currently set at five and those directors are appointed for a term of up to three years and are eligible for reappointment. There are no fixed number of meetings as the board meets as required for business. Appointees are volunteers and are eligible

for expenses.

Those interested in applying for the vacant positions on the OSTC board should go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=G0aXISTGqzk to learn how to apply for a public appointment.

Manitoulin Centennial Manor BOARD MEMBER NEEDED

Seeking caring members of our community who would like to join the Board of Management for the Manitoulin Centennial Manor.

If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact:

Don Cook
Administrator/Support Services Manager
Manitoulin Centennial Manor
70 Robinson St., Postal Bag 460
Little Current, ON
POP 1K0
Phone: 705-368-2710
Fax: 705 368-2694
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A mandatory walkthrough of the facilities is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 18 at the Municipal Complex, 6020 Highway 542, Mindemoya, ON.

Deadline for receiving resumes is **noon on Monday, March 21, 2022**. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office below. A detailed job description is available on request.

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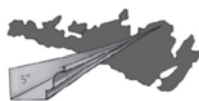
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Tenders for Town of Gore Bay Municipal Office Roof Repair

The Town of Gore Bay invites contractors to submit a tender for the Town of Gore Bay Municipal Office Roof Repair.

Tender packages are available for pick up at the town office, or on the town website: www.gorebay.ca. To book a site visit contact Roger Chenard at (705) 282-2708 or cell (705) 677-9136.

Submissions are to be sealed in an envelope marked:
TOWN OF GORE BAY MUNICIPAL OFFICE ROOF REPAIR
Submissions will be received by the undersigned at the Municipal Office, 15 Water Street, Gore Bay, Ontario until 3:00 p.m. local time, March 25, 2022.
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For further information contact the undersigned:
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Town of Gore Bay
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Ontario scrapping licence plate sticker, renewal fees

If you forgot your sticker once again, there's no need to worry

ONTARIO—The province of Ontario is eliminating licence plate renewal fees and requirements for drivers to have a licence plate sticker, as of March 13.

"As the cost of living continues to go up, our government is cutting costs for families to make life more affordable," said Premier Doug Ford. "Eliminating the fee to renew your licence plate and refunding the cost to do so for the past two years is a concrete way we can put and keep more money in the pockets of hard-working Ontarians."

The government introduced red tape legislation on February 22 that enables it to provide refunds to eligible individual owners of vehicles for any licence plate renewal fees paid since March 2020. Upon passage, vehicle owners will receive a cheque in the mail starting at the end of March and throughout the month of April.

To receive a refund cheque, vehicle owners who have moved recently will need to conform that their address information on their vehicle permit or driver's licence is up-to-date at Ontario.ca by March 7, and pay any outstanding fees, fines or tolls. For more information and/or assistance with changing an address, vehicle owners can call ServiceOntario's dedicated line at 1-888-333-0049.

Under the proposal, renewal fees will also be

eliminated for passenger, light duty commercial vehicles, motorcycles and mopeds that are owned by a company or business. However, no refunds will be given for the period of March 2020 to March 2022.

Vehicle owners will still be required to renew their licence plate every one or two years at no cost to confirm their automobile insurance is valid and pay any outstanding Highway 407 tolls and other municipal fines.

The government is also investing in automated licence plate recognition (ALPR) technology as part of its commitment to provide police with the tools they need to do their jobs, improve public safety, and strengthen roadside law enforcement efforts across the province. An ALPR system can read thousands of licence plates per minute allowing officers to process more information on licence plates. It also has the capability of capturing vehicles of interest such as amber alerts, drivers with a suspended licence and stolen vehicles.

Renewal fees and requirements for licence plate stickers for heavy commercial vehicles and snowmobiles remain unchanged.

The measures will save drivers \$120 a year (\$60 per year for people in Northern Ontario) but will cost the province \$1.1 billion a year in lost revenue.

.DSB committee members

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Levesque (Chapleau), Jill Beer (Espanola), Mr. Malette, Richard Stephens (Central Manitoulin), Kevin Burke (Sable-Spanish Rivers) and Chair Killah (ex officio).

The five members of the property committee are Vern Gorham (Baldwin), David Santi (TWMO), Mr. Mallette, Paul Schoppmann (St. Charles), Arthur Hayden (Burpee and Mills) and Mr. Killah (ex officio).

The five members of the human resources committee are Mr. Burke, Mr. Mallette, Mr. Gorham, Mr. Hayden, Mr. Santi and Mr. Killah (ex officio).

The six members of the finance committee are Mr. Gorham, Mr. Mallette, Mr. Stephens, Mr. Schoppmann, Jim Rook (Killarney), Maureen Van Alstine (Espanola) and Mr. Killah (ex officio).

Members of the ad hoc board representation committee are Mr. Stephens, Dave Ham (Assiginack), Mr. Mallette, Ms. Beer, Ms. Van Alstine, Michael Levesque (Chapleau) and Mr. Killah (ex officio). The board representation committee will be wrestling with a challenge to the board funding apportionment following a chal-

lenge from the Town of Espanola to the current formula (based on population).

The chair, vice-chair and committee members will serve until after the 2022 municipal elections, after which new elections will be held and committee assignments made.

† in memoriam

BROWN—In loving memory of Goldwin Brown, July 28, 1934 to March 12, 2010.

Dad,
We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name.
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And your picture in a frame.
Your resting place we visit,
And put flowers there with care.
But no one knows the heartache
As we turn and leave you there.
Love you always,
Garfield, Nancy, Peggy, Rob and family

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MCGREGOR—In loving memory of Dean McGregor.
I'd choose you,
In a hundred lifetimes,
In a hundred worlds,
In any version of reality,
I'd find you and
I'd choose you.
Love Naomi

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Death Notices

CHERIE ANNE OSAWAMICK

"Biig-Zeh Kwe"

Sunrise June 23, 1975 to Sunset March 2, 2022



In loving memory of Cherie Anne Osawamick, "Biig-Zeh Kwe" who passed away peacefully with family by her side at the Manitoulin Health Centre in the early morning hours of Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Cherie is the loving daughter of the late Donald "DJ" Jacko and Ann-Marie Recollet (Patrick baa), and was raised by her late grandparents Alex "Niigsaan" and Blanche Jacko. Loving mother of Kyle Osawamick (Jasmine) and the late Vanessa Osawamick. Cherished grandmother of Harlen John, Kewadin, Taiessa, Ophelia and Nahla. Predeceased by grandparents Alex and Blanche Jacko, John and Florence Osawamick; uncles Enoch, Gary and Johnny; aunts Jean, Lilly, Betty and Judy; cousins Jeffery, Kwee Kwee, Aaron, Anthony and Frankie; and much loved friend Sam Pheasant. Survived by siblings Crystal, Hiawatha (Tim), Sam, Quentin, Michael (Rhonda), Jayna, Miranda, Fawn, Corey, Jake (Shonee); aunts and uncles Marcel, Terrence, Mary (Robert Pheasant), Roland, James, Marilyn, and special aunt Donna; aunts and uncles Donnie (Frida), Barbara (Tom baa), Martina (Ron baa), Stan (Tish), Gert (Max), Bev (Louis), Pat, Eddie (Jody), Ricky (Rosemary), Joey, Darlene (Randy) and Elizabeth. Will be missed by many friends (especially cherished childhood friends Angie, Karen, Rosemary, Erika, Faith Ann, Christine, Wendy and Ashley), family, community members, "Poutine Palace" kids who hung out, loyal chip stand customers, and her "sexy" delivery truck drivers. Cherie will be deeply missed by Lincoln and Cody. Cherie was the proud owner/operator, and chief cook/bottle washer at "Cherie's Fries" aka "Poutine Palace". She loved cooking; attending family, friends and community gatherings; the great outdoors, life, music, bingo "splitties", bush rides, cookouts, dancing, travelling, and visiting (especially with her grandchildren). Cherie's contagious laugh and crazy antics/stories will be missed by many. Cherie's Celebration of Life/Wake service will take place at St. Anthony Daniel Church, Kaboni Road, Wiikwemkoong. Visitation began on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 1 pm. Funeral Service was on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 11 am, with cremation followed. "I got my Indian name tonight "Biig-zeh Kwe" Doesn't come from someone Traditional but I'm taking this and I love it!!" Thanks my friend (Cherie's FaceBook Post December 24, 2021.)

Baamaa Pii miinwa Kaawabmin

WILLIS JOHN MCQUARRIE

(JACK)



Willis John (Jack) McQuarrie of Gore Bay passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, in his 91st year. Beloved husband to Arlene for over 68 years. Cherished father to Theresa (Jim) Noble, Elizabeth, Allen (Colleen) and father-in-law of Barb Rayner. Jack will be sadly missed by his 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Also survived by his brother Harold and sisters-in-law Glennys McGibbon, Lois Wismer and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Predeceased by his parents Donald and Ellen (Willis) McQuarrie; son Lorne; granddaughter Jenna; siblings Kaye (John) Try, Ronald (Wilda) and (Joanne), Joyce (Bob) Kent, Ian (Alanah) and Richard; brother-in-law Orland (Bernice) Wismer; sisters-in-law Merle (Lawrence) Morrison and Elda McQuarrie. Jack owned and operated the Manitoulin Recorder for many years. He was also a Justice of the Peace. Jack was a member of the Gore Bay Rotary Club and All Saints Anglican Church, authored a number of books of Manitoulin and areas history, as well as being a lifelong boater, hunter and researcher. He loved to spend time with his family, especially the love of his life, wife and best friend, Arlene. His children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren were a constant source of joy. Jack prided himself in being of service in all aspects of his community, both on Manitoulin Island and Cockburn Island, which was his happy place. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Gore Bay Medical Centre (c/o Gore Bay Rotary Club), Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary or the Mindemoya Hospital (Let's Emerge Together), and may be made through SimpsonFuneralHome.ca.

HELEN LLOYD

(JEWELL)



In loving memory of Helen Alberta Lloyd of Guelph, who passed away peacefully February 27, 2022 in her 86th year. Helen was the daughter of the late Robert and Rovena Jewell of Silver Water. Helen is survived by her loving husband of 67 years Clarke Lloyd; sons Bill (Jan) and Greg (Margaret); grandchildren Jeromy (Megan), Adam (Becky), Caitlin (Chris), Gavin (Kennadi), Colin (Heather) and great-grandchildren Coen, Emma, Ethan, Hudson, Zayden, Kairi and Jasper. Helen was predeceased by her three brothers and three sisters. Helen grew up in Silver Water until she and Clarke moved to Southern Ontario. Helen spent a number of years as a leader with Girl Guides of Canada. Once they retired, they moved back to Kagawong for 25 years, where she enjoyed the Island lifestyle, spending time with friends at the golf course and on their boat. Helen was also a devout member of St. John's Anglican Church in Kagawong. Helen's family is forever grateful for the care she received at Wellington Terrace L.T.C. in Elora. The staff was exceptional in their compassion and caring of Helen during her stay there. She often referred to the staff as her friends. The family would also like to thank Dr. John Stickney for his medical care of Helen. At Helen's request cremation has taken place and the family will host a Celebration of her Life at a later date on Manitoulin Island. Charity donations can be made in Helen's name to St. John's Anglican Church, Kagawong or the Alzheimer Society.

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

THOMAS CLARKE

(TOM)



Thomas (Tom) Clarke passed away suddenly at his home in Spring Bay, Ontario on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at the age of 69. He will be deeply missed by his son Shaun "Sonny" and his daughter Jennifer (Richard). His grandchildren and great-grandchild Kylee, Cassidy, Aidan, Emily (predeceased), Annie, Delilah, Maddox and Oaklynn will miss the giggles and Island adventures they had with Grandpa Tom. Tom will be sadly missed by his twin brother John (Mary Lou) and his brothers David (Debra) and Doug. Predeceased by his loving parents Tom and Helen (nee Van Every) Clarke. He will be missed greatly by his many nieces, nephews and cousins whom he shared great memories and many laughs. Tom will also be missed by his long-time friend Trudy Morris and his partner-in-crime and lifelong chess opponent Mike Cassa. Tom was a steel worker for a lot of years, but really enjoyed holding various roles within United Steelworkers Union 9392, including President, Vice President and Grievance Chairperson, where he committed to making working conditions better. He enjoyed hunting with his family in Meldrum Bay and fishing with his kids. He spent decades playing the game of Risk and Chess with his closest friends and family. Visitation will be held at the Simpson Funeral Home, Gore Bay, on Saturday, March 12, 2022 from 12 noon to 2 pm. A Celebration of Life will be held at Lyons Memorial United Church "Robinson Hall" at 3 pm. Spring interment at the Meldrum Bay Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation as expressions of sympathy, and may be made through SimpsonFuneralHome.ca. Those wishing to attend the visitation must show proof of double vaccination and masks must be worn.

Celebration of Life

RORY MUTCH

A Celebration of Life service for Rory Mutch will be held on the Zoom platform through Lyons Memorial United Church, Gore Bay, at 3:30 pm on Thursday, March 17, 2022. People without Zoom capabilities may come to the Church to watch the service on a big screen. Those who would like to attend by Zoom, please contact Kathy at mutchkv@gmail.com for your invitation.

Local author dreams up trilogy after visiting archaeological site

MINDEMOYA—Forty years ago, Derek Stephen McPhail was living in Collingwood, working at a shipyard as a fitter-welder and volunteering at a local cable television station. A newspaper article about a nearby archaeology dig started him on a long journey that has culminated on Manitoulin Island. Mindemoya is where he finally wrote 'Dreaming Together,' the first book of a trilogy originally inspired by a half-acre archaeology site on top of Blue Mountain.

Mr. McPhail and his friend, Brian, who ran the local cable television channel, approached the archaeologist to see if he would be interested in having a film crew come out. Charles Garrad, who would become a good friend of Mr. McPhail's, was delighted, Mr. McPhail told The Expositor.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Garrad and several volunteers catalogued over 90 archaeological sites in Ontario, some in the Blue Mountain area where Mr. McPhail first encountered him. He discovered the Petun village remains in Craighleith and discovered archaeological evidence in the area that shows Blue Mountain was once the home of an ancient race of Petun Indians who eventually migrated to Oklahoma and Kansas and became the Wyandotte Nation. One of Mr. Gerard's many honours was the Order of Ontario, which was awarded to him in 2012.

That is to say, 'Dreaming Together' is rooted in history. The book is set in the year 1649, during the time of Jesuits and the smallpox epidemic that largely wiped out the Wendat people. The people who lived in the



Mindemoya's Derek Stephen McPhail has penned the first part of a trilogy, 'Dreaming Together.'

Collingwood area were Wendat. The French called them Petun, which is a French word for tobacco.

All the Wendat didn't die from smallpox, Mr. McPhail explained. "A lot of them were assimilated by the Iroquois (who were also Wendat). Some did travel west into Michigan and were forced further south. There's actually a Wyandotte band in Oklahoma. Some might have gone back to Quebec."

It's complicated, he said.

There's evidence that they came from Mexico after large comet fragments hit northern Canada and northern Europe about 9,000 years ago, said Mr. McPhail. After the land recovered from that event, many people who had not been affected migrated north from Mexico and Central America. Mr. McPhail spent time in Mexico, Central and South America and was fascinated by Toltec philosophy. It seemed to be identical with

the philosophy of North American Indigenous people of the time.

"It seemed like there was a real connection there. Only recently have archaeologists and historians started to figure it out," said Mr. McPhail.

He is influenced by South American magic realism and liked the idea of incorporating the mythical people and creatures that formed part of the folk legends of the Wendat people into the story. His extensive research is evident in the characters, in their dialogue and their spirituality. It is also evident in his portrayal of the Jesuits.

"I tried to be really moderate about this Jesuit character," he said. "I don't want to be overly explicit. My intention was not to get too detailed about how horrible these times might have been so it's more in the reader's imagination of what he did."

He acknowledged the risk of offending readers and

that certainly wasn't his intention. "At the same time, it's an elephant in the room. I can't pretend these things didn't happen."

Mr. McPhail would really like to see the book translated into Anishinaabemowin and made into a feature film in the language with English subtitles. He is looking into funding to have the work translated and then

and raised in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. "Both of my parents are mixed blood but neither have status," he said. He is related to the Pine family of Garden River through his father and his mother's family is part Haida. "I always thought my Pine family relatives had lived forever in Garden River, just outside of Sault Ste. Marie, but it came up

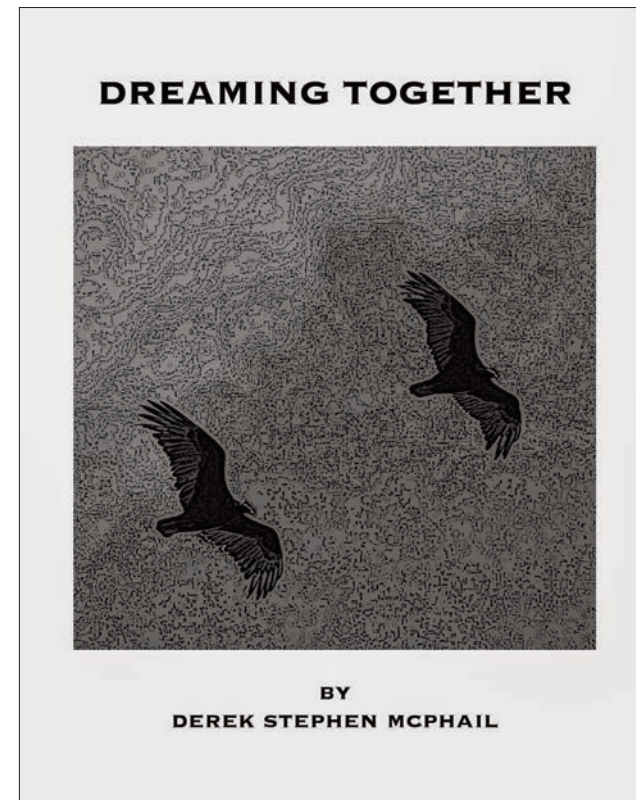
spoke other languages. It was my mother who was shut out of this big part of my dad's social life."

He doesn't blame his mother for not giving him the opportunity to learn the other languages that his father was fluent in, but it is a large part of why he's not willing to let go of the idea of having the work translated.

Mr. McPhail has a theatre and film background and utilized this when writing 'Dreaming Together' in screenplay format. He attended Ryerson University in Toronto twice, first for theatre studies and later to study film, obtaining a Bachelor of Fine Arts. He worked for many years as a carpenter building sets for professional theatres in Toronto.

About five years ago, he experienced some health issues after he was exposed to toxic mould and asbestos at a jobsite. "I got this neuropathy where the tendons in both hands roll up. As a professional musician I can't play the guitar. I was a wood carver and I can't do that. I can't work as a carpenter but I can type at a computer," he said. He decided to move back up north and ended up renting a house from a friend in Providence Bay. "I've been very excited living on Manitoulin and I've made some wonderful friends," he said. He has lived in Mindemoya for the past year.

He has completed a draft of book two, another love story with the same two characters but set in Collingwood in 1980. He also has completed an outline for the final book of the trilogy. Purchase 'Dreaming Together' at The Manitoulin Expositor office in Little Current, or online at Amazon or Indigo in Canada.



recorded as an audio book, which would be helpful for non-Anishinaabe speaking actors. He has approached Canada Council for the Arts about pre-development funding which would include translation and audio recording; there is a March deadline for submitting a completed application. He would like to keep production local, with local Anishinaabe actors and production services.

Mr. McPhail was born

they'd only been there a couple of generations. Before that, they'd come from M'Chigeeng," he said.

His father and grandfather spoke Anishinaabemowin, he said. In fact, his father spoke four languages: English, French, Gaelic and Anishinaabemowin. "It was my mother who was shamed for having Native ancestry when she was sent to residential school in Victoria," he said. "We only spoke English in the household. My father didn't stop communicating with all his friends who

Gordon/Barrie Island seeks to terminate water treatment plant rate agreement with Gore Bay

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON—Gordon/Barrie Island Township has given notice to the Town of Gore Bay that it wants to terminate and update the current water treatment plant rate of taxation agreement.

"Our council wants to reevaluate the agreement and feel that it needs updating," said Gordon Reeve Lee Hayden. "The original agreement wasn't a good agreement. For instance, there was no method for either the town or our municipality to withdraw."

Reeve Hayden said that the agreement needs updating. He explained that when the water treatment plant was built (on property in Gordon/Barrie Island) we understood that we couldn't charge the town or payment in lieu. Gordon/Barrie Island has only charged 20 percent of the tax rate to the town, "which doesn't represent equal taxation for the municipality. We are billing the town 20 percent of the tax rate on the building which council feels is unrealistic, and there is no clause in the agreement to terminate the agreement."

"We are just letting the town know that, as of December 2022, the current contract agreement will be

null and void," said Reeve Hayden. However, "we definitely want to sit down and hold discussions on the agreement and update it."

The Expositor has learned that in 2008, when the agreement was reached, water users in Gordon/Barrie Island were paying more than water users in Gore Bay, but this was changed so that the rates for water users were the same in both municipalities (with the town paying a reduced fee of 20 percent of the tax rates on the waterfront treatment plant property located in the neighbouring municipality).

At a meeting last week Gore Bay council reviewed a letter that had been forwarded to the town from legal counsel for Gordon/Barrie Island. Mayor Dan Osborne said that the town will be sitting down at the table with Gordon/Barrie Island (GBI) representatives to discuss and come up with a new agreement.

In the letter to the town of Gore Bay, lawyer Stephen Watt (for Gordon/Barrie Island) informed Gore Bay council, "your letter of November 15, 2021, with attachments, addressed to the council for Gordon/Barrie Island has

been provided for my review, in (my) capacity as the municipal lawyer for the township."

"The attached 2008 agreement, unfortunately, contains no termination clause between the two municipalities," wrote Mr. Watt. "However, as your correspondence indicates, Gordon/Barrie Island council passed a resolution in 2020 increasing the taxation rate for the water treatment facility in contravention of the terms of the 2008 agreement."

"Council requested that I review this 2008 agreement with a view to its termination," wrote Mr. Watt. "Based on my review of this mater and response to council, I am now instructed to advise that GBI will terminate the 2008 agreement with Gore Bay on the following basis: GBI will be terminating this agreement with Gore Bay effective January 1, 2023. The agreement will be honoured by GBI until the end of the 2022 tax year. The 2020 and 2021 refunds requested in your November 15, 2021; correspondence will be provided in full by GBI. The 2008 agreement will apply to the 2022 tax year, as well."

"My review of the case

law and commentary indicates that, in the absence of an express termination clause, a party may unilaterally cancel a contract provided reasonable notice is given. We are of the view that in this circumstance, one year's notice fully satisfies this obligation," added Mr. Watt.

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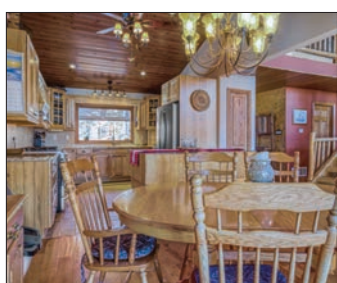
ANDREW ROCHA,
Sales Representative

Andrew Rocha was born in Greater Sudbury and was raised on a farm in Whitefish. Andrew attended Laurentian University where he studied Architecture until he found his passion as a real estate agent. Andrew enjoys the outdoors, playing music, and hockey. He is a positive and creative person who strives to help clients with their needs. He believes in integrity, being personable, and taking the extra steps necessary to ensure his clients are always satisfied. As an agent Andrew will help guide you through the process of purchasing and selling your home. He will assist with keeping you up to date with current markets as well as guiding you through the process. Andrew worked closely with Leanne in his first year of real estate, and we look forward to him working with us once again!

Winfred brings to the team 40 years experience in Residential and Commercial Real Estate. Winfred moved to Manitoulin in 2019 and has enjoyed his move here, specifically the peace and quiet living, enjoying the outdoors, fishing, golfing, and his dog! Winfred is looking forward to working with The Lewis Team in helping all clients to become successful in their Real Estate purchases. Winfred resides in Kagawong, and is eager to help this Team become very successful.



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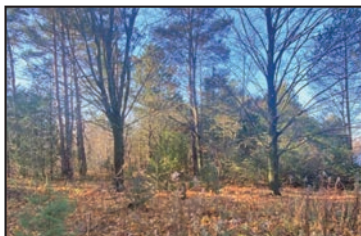
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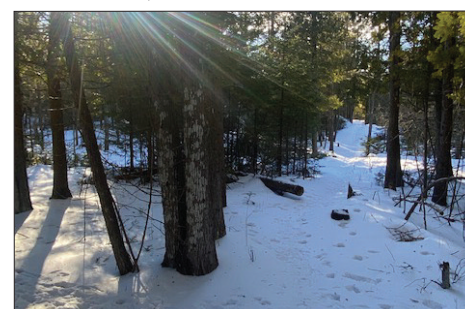
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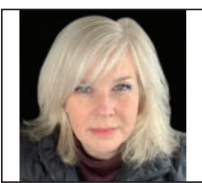
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