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What is your plan to address the underlying causes of this opioid crisis, including income, housing and employment, and how does this inform the expansion of harm reduction and treatment programs in Ontario? See the answers on Page 3.

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OFF TO OFSAA-Two MSS Mustangs tennis teams have qualified for the Ontario championship. The MSS teams participated in the Northern Ontario Secondary School Association (NOSSA) championship last week. Members of the MSS teams include, back row, left, Andrew Rose, Zoe Redmond, Brett Mastelko, Trent Bell, Garrett Sheppard, coach Chris Theijsmeijer, front row, Zee Toulouse, Aspen Debassige and Lindsay Sheppard. **SEE STORY ON PAGE 7.** 

# Sheshegwaning First Nation installing fish net pens Plan to have first rainbow trout harvest by Christmas

# by Tom Sasvari

SHESHEGWANING-In front of many of its community members, Odawa Island Farms welcomed the first load of 25,000 trout fingerlings that were transferred from a tractor-trailer into a net in the

harbour to be raised in cages this summer.

"Odawa Island Farms was cofounded in 2016 by Sheshegwaning First Nation and John O. Foods," said Sheshegwaning Chief Alana Endanawas. "This is

# **Owen Sound Transportation board** lacks any Manitoulin representation

Grey County rep assures Island, 'we've got your back'

by Michael Erskine OWEN SOUND—For the first tion of the MS Chi-Cheemaun fer-

company that oversees the operatime in recent memory, the board ry that links Manitoulin to Tobermory and the top of the Bruce Peninsula, as well as the Pelee Island ferry, lacks any member from Manitoulin Island.

a joint equity partnership to raise fish ethically and sustainably in Bayfield Sound."

Chief Endanawas noted, "over the last six years, we've been engineering and testing the technology, while continuing to grow the arm to commercial scale.

RJ Taylor (of Cedar Crest Trout Farms), who has been working on the project for the past two years said, "John O. Foods is a fairly large fish processor of fish like walleye, perch and whitefish. Expanding to Manitoulin Island was about partnering and raising more fish.

The fish cages are located off a harbour in an area of Bayfield Sound. Two more additional cages will be installed this year, said Mr. Taylor. 'These are among the first netpens in Ontario that are off-shore

# New lakes study predicts Lakes Huron/Michigan will fall by 3.5 feet over record by 2030, then rise 1 foot over record by '40

# by Lori Thompson.

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter MANITOULIN—New research on water levels projects an unprecedented drop of water levels on Lakes Michigan-Huron and Georgian Bay to 1.1 metres (3.5 feet) below the record low by 2030. By 2040, levels may rise to 0.3 metres (one foot) higher than the 1986 record high. The study by W.F. Baird & Associates Coastal Engineers Ltd. was commissioned by the Georgian Bay Great Lakes Foundation (GBGLF) and was shared virtually by GBGLF on May 16/17. The Baird conclusions are essentially the same as those

found in a recently completed five-year study by Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), presented during a weeklong Great Lakes Coastal Wetlands webinar series from April 4 to 8.

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

Bill Bialkowski is a director-atlarge for GBGLF and a retired professional engineer with experience in the mathematical modeling of hydraulic systems. He spent 15 years analyzing and modeling Upper Great Lakes hydrology and the conveyance capacity of the St. Clair River. He presented his analysis of water levels and

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# Wiikwemkoong's Urban Mejaki to be named to Great Northern Opry

# by Tom Sasvari

WIIKWEMKOONG-After two years of patiently waiting for his induction into the Great Northern Opry at the Northern Ontario Country Music Awards, Urban Mejaki will finally get his recognition this fall.

"I am very proud of being nominated for the award three times in a row," quipped Mr. Mejaki (in reference to the honour having been delayed twice due to the pandemic) in talking to The Expositor.



Urban Mej

of directors of the Owen Sound Transportation Company, the

# **Border Services restores** port-of-entry status to Island, N. Shore by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN-As of May 20, Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) has advised that for all travellers entering Canada by water, services will resume at most small vessel reporting sites, including Manitoulin Island.

"As of May 20, the CBSA will resume services at most small vessel reporting sites," a release indicated. "These changes are part of a phased approach to gradually reopen CBSA sites still affected by the temporary measures put in place as a result of COVID-19." On Manitoulin Island this includes the Gore Bay dock, Little Current town dock and Meldrum Bay

The recently released makeup of the board follows the retirement of long-time CEO Susan Schrempf from the operational helm of the OSTC. The news was met with dismay by former board members, but one of the newly appointed board members was making a "good will" tour of the Island to reassure residents that the company still has the best interests of Manitoulin in mind.

"I think it's disappointing that there is no Island representative on the Chi-Cheemaun board." said former board member and Billings Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack. "Any situations that our communities may have would be understood best by someone from here but, the former executive of Owen Sound Transportation (referring to former CEO Susan Schrempf) were excellent. She did

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Ben Lentir, a district representative on the Northern Ontario Country Music Association told The Expositor "one of the reasons Urban is being recognized is because of his many years of performing music on the Island and in the area. For exmaple, he has

been in a band with Eugene Manitowabi and Hardy Peltier and is a very talented musician.

From a young age, Mr. Mejaki, who was born and raised in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory,

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# Assiginack honouring slain officer at marina Will be renamed for Marc Hovingh's boat, 'River Road'

### by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—The current name of the Bay Street Marina located in Manitowaning is going to be renamed in memory of the late Marc Hovingh, the Ontario Provincial Police constable who was killed in the line of duty in November of 2019. The constable was an avid sailor.

The municipality wanted to honour Marc and felt this would be a fitting tribute for his commitment and dedication to the community," said Jackie White, activities coordinator of Assiginack Township. "We spoke to Lianne (wife of the late Mr. Hovingh) of our thoughts on doing something to honour Marc and discussions have been going on back and

forth for over a year now. The township was privileged with the suggestion to rename the marina in memory of Marc.'

The current Bay Street marina in Assiginack is going to be renamed to River Road Marina (the name of Mr. Hovingh's boat) in memory of Marc Hovingh, explained Ms. White.

'I think it is quite appropriate and fitting to rename the marina in Marc's memory," stated Assiginack Reeve Dave Ham. "And he enjoyed sailing."

Reeve Ham explained, "we had been trying to figure out what we were going to do to honour Marc's

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crisis, including income, housing and employment, and how

does this inform the expansion of harm reduction and treat-

ment programs in Ontario?



**Question of the week** 

turned to drug use to cope with depression, anxiety and iso-

lation. For example, there was a 79 percent increase in the

number of opioid-related deaths between February 2020 and

December 2020, while the number of all opioid-related

deaths per 100,000 across all public health units in the

province increased from 7.9 to 14 in the first half of 2021.

As is Expositor tradition during the leadup to the provincial election, this newspaper poses a question each week to the candidates. The question, and the candidates' responses. follow here:

The mental health and addictions crisis has worsened significantly since the start of the pandemic. More people have

> Tim Vine, **Liberal Party**

I would like to start by acknowledging that the opioid crisis is a long-standing crisis that has only been worsened by the pandemic. We know that addiction is a medical condition that is exac-



ships,

erbated by many underlying root causes. Addressing the opioid crisis requires that we deal with these complex and interconnected root causes. In addition to direct investments in harm reduction and mental health and addictions treatments, the Ontario Liberal Party has a comprehensive plan to make housing more affordable and increase its availability, to support economic dignity and ensure dignity in the workplace.

In order to save lives and address the most acute end of this problem, Ontario Liberals plan to lift the cap on safe injection sites and put 300 million into supporting front line harm reduction including fentanyl testing strips and clean drug supplies, while making them more available at places like pharmacies. We will also reconvene the Opioid Task Force, that has not met in the four years of a Ford PC government, in

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# Ron Koski, **New Blue Party**

Let's start with the fact that we're all opioid-dependent. For the fortunate ones with rewarding relationmeaningful employment and engaging interests, the opi-

oids we're dependent on are endogenous, they're endorphins and enkephalins we create naturally and they're critical for the formation of our overall wellbeing and maintenance of social bonds connecting us to friends and family.

We can't rehabilitate or arrest our way out of this when the underlying cause is a crisis of meaning, lack of meaningful relationships and unresolved trauma. What gambling addiction, alcohol and opioid addiction all have in common is their relationship to endorphin-mediated feelings of wellbeing, feelings that our opioid systems have evolved in part to fuel social connection

We have a provincial PC government led by Doug Ford and championed in our riding by Cheryl Fort, who have diverted \$1 billion tax dollars to the gambling industry. Sorry, but enabling alcohol to be served at 9 am in

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# **Cheryl Fort**, **Progressive Conservative Party**

The opioid crisis is an urgent health crisis that requires a compassionate and coordinated response. Ontarians need a mental health and system addictions effectively that



addresses their needs with safe, evidencebased care

Since 2019, our PC government has made yearly investments of almost \$93 million in addiction services and supports. Last year we announced almost \$32 million in funding for substance use services including: bed-based services for those in need of high-intensity supports; community-based addictions services; and access to addiction medication.

Our PC team also required employers with a known risk to provide a naloxone kit and training in workplaces where overdoses are a potential hazard.

Ontario's economy is getting back on its feet as the province reopens, but we need to ensure workers continue to be supported, especially in hard-hit sectors and the most vulnerable.

This is why we are raising the mini-

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### Michael Mantha, NDP incumbent

The overdose and addiction crisis in Algoma-Manitoulin and other Northern regions has reached crisis levels. I have raised this issue on several occasions at Queen's Park, introduced petitions, and



supported motions to officially declare the overdose epidemic a public health emergency. Likewise, the province is also experiencing an emergency-level crisis regarding mental health. The situation has escalated to the point that the provincial government needs to take immediate action, including full-scale treatment and support for suffering individuals.

Recently, Algoma-Manitoulin candidates were asked to share their plans to address mental health, addictions and overdose deaths in this riding; I made my position clear. It is my hope never again to have to attend a march in a community where someone died because they could not get the help they needed in time.

This province is late to the table to treat this crisis with the gravity it deserves. Of course, we should already have in place crisis responses and treatments for this

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# The Manitoulin West Recorder

# Man who recently called Gore Bay home accused in 2018 Hamilton homicide

### by Tom Sasvari

HAMILTON—One of two men arrested by Hamilton police in relation to a 2018 homicide investigation into the death of Marko Bakir lived in Gore Bay prior to moving to Thunder Bay, where he was charged and arrested.

On Friday, May 20 Hamilton Police Detective Sergeant Steve Bereziuk announced the Hamilton Police Service homicide unit announced arrested 28-vear-old Alessandro Giammichele of Hamilton in the first-degree murder of Marko (Mark) Bakir. Mr. Giammichele was also known as "Gino" and "Sandro," and had lived in Gore Bay for a couple of



Alessandro Giammichele (shown in photo taken a few years ago) of Hamilton, who until recently had lived in Gore Bay, is one of two men who have been arrested in relation to the 2018 homicide investigation into the death of Marko Bakir, of Hamilton.

between Mr. Giammichele and Mr. Bakir for a short time, but there was a falling out.

The Expositor talked to several knew Mr. people who Giammichele while he lived here. While none of the acquaintances wished to have their names associated with the accused, he was described overall as a very friendly, nice guy who would help anyone out. However, as one person said. "he seemed to have life experience that you would think would be far advanced of his young age." Another person said he "obviously exaggerated his life, and his career. He was a nice

guy, but you always got the feeling something was amiss."

"We had the assistance of the Manitoulin OPP and Sudbury OPP, as well as the Greater Sudbury Police Service and the Thunder Bay Police Service, and we thank them for their assistance," Detective Sergeant Bereziuk told The Expositor. Mr. Giammichele was arrested in Thunder Bay last Wednesday. "We arrested and interviewed the accused in Thunder Bay. He was remanded into custody in Thunder Bay and will appear in a video court appearance on May 26.'

"The Hamilton Police is still

investigating the case," Detective Sergeant Bereziuk told The Expositor. "We are looking potentially for more witnesses. I have already had one call from Manitoulin island. Mr. Giammichele has been living there for the past two years and maybe he told someone something that he shouldn't have. If anyone has any information we would like them to call us," he said.

Detectives continue to investigate and are asking anyone with information in relation to Mr. Bakir's murder to contact Detective Robert Di Ianni at 1-905-546-3836.

On Thursday, November 22, 2018 at approximately 8:15 pm, Marko (Mark) Bakir was shot to death in his own driveway at an address on Clifton Downs Road in the City of Hamilton. Police have continued the investigation into Mr. Bakir's death for nearly four years.

Mr. Giammichele was arrested by Hamilton homicide detectives in the City of Thunder Bay on May 18, without incident. Mr. Giammichele is formerly from the City of Hamilton. He had a brief court appearance via video link in Thunder Bay and has since been remanded into custody in Thunder Bay.

25-year-old Abdelaziz Ibrahim ,a 15-year-old man, also of Hamilton, will also be charged with the first degree murder of Marko Bakir. Mr. Ibraham is currently in custody on related matters.

Hamilton Police Detective Sergeant Steve Bereziuk of the Hamilton Police told CHCH News in Hamilton on May 20, that the

victim had been shot to death in his driveway in the City of Hamilton. There was one shooter. The police have continued its investigation for the past four years and that while arrests have been made, the investigation is ongoing.

Mr. Giammichele, "has been living in the North for sometime, the last couple of years on Manitoulin Island, and had moved to Lively briefly before moving to Thunder Bay. While in Gore Bay he had worked at Manitoulin Transport," Detective Sergeant Bereziuk told The Expositor. Mr. Giammichele had been friends of the victim at the time of the shooting. He told reporters at the press conference that the murder motive had been of a financial nature. The incident had nothing to do with drugs, weapons or organized crime.

"The motive for the murder was financial in nature," Detective Sergeant Bereziuk told The Expositor. "It had to do with mon-There was a friendship ev.

# Island firefighters looking forward to arrival of mobile live fire training unit in early June

### by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Firefighters around Manitoulin Island will have the opportunity to undergo live structural fire training early next month, with the mobile live fire training unit heading to Little Current.

"Because of the closure of the Ontario Firefighters College (OFC) about a year ago the OFC will be coming up here with the mobile live fire training unit," said Duncan Sinclair, deputy fire chief of the Gore Bay volunteer fire department. "They have two of these units, one for southern Ontario and one for the North. As soon as heard about the chance of having the unit here for a few days I put in an application for the unit. I wanted it here for Island firefighters."

"Because we don't get a lot of

live structure fires on the Island, there is not necessarily the experience or knowledge as firefighter crews in larger areas would have," said Mr. Sinclair. "This unit will allow us to have live

structural fire training. With this unit you can smoke it up and move around the walls so the configuration is different. There are

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# **Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation** leadership provide opportunity for reconciliation during Royal visit

NORTH BAY—The Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (RHTLF) leadership encouraged the Prince of Wales to express support for Canada and Ontario to take meaningful action on reconciliation.

The RHTLF called on the Governor General of Canada, Mary Simon, and Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Elizabeth Dowdesdell, to share with their Royal Highnesses the petition and memorial signed by the 21 chiefs of the Robinson Huron Treaty First Nations their offices received in September 2021.

"The Crown, of which the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Corn-

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# <u>editorial</u>

# Health staff shortages a double cut with locum sourcing

The current shortage of health professionals in nursing and personal support workers (PSWs) is placing a strain on Manitoulin's institutions. Although commitments (including funding) have been made to increase the number of care hours for residents of long-term care by the province, the escalating costs of hiring locums to fill in gaps in the roster at local institutions is resulting in budgets being burned at both ends.

As current and former administrators have confirmed "off the record," a kind of "stealth" privatization is taking place in the health care system. As hospitals and long-term care facilities scramble to fill nursing and PSW vacancies they must compete in the labour market with private for-profit agencies which are able to offer both much higher salaries and more flexible working conditions than the public institutions and nursing homes.

Health care institutions are essentially being held over a barrel as their funding is dependent on meeting care targets set by the province but filling in the gaps on their rosters to meet those targets requires paying private locum agencies a much higher hourly rate than would be the case for salaries and benefits for a regular employee. The result of those employment premiums is a strain on health care budgets already operating on razor-thin contingencies

Since private health care professionals can choose their working hours to better suit their family situations and lifestyles, the more challenging shifts on weekends and through the night may not even be possible in some situations, leaving the health care facility short of its mandated service levels-with a potential clawback of the additional funding meant to increase service to society's most vulnerable citizens

This situation is not local. The entire province, and nation, has been battered by the impact of systemic shortages of doctors, nurses and PSWs as governments have historically limited the number of class spaces for the training professionals (in Canada's case with the result that the country now finds itself near the bottom of patient to doctor ratios). That, coupled with the strains of the global pandemic causing burnout and a torrent of healthcare professionals leaving the field have come together in a perfect storm that will not be solved overnight.

Government policies are not looking to improve matters very quickly either.

At the recent Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities meeting, Dr. Sarita Verma, president and vice chancellor of Northern School of Medicine University (NOSM), noted that although the province recently announced an additional 41 spaces for training new doctors, half of those spaces are reserved for a new medical school being set up at the institution formerly known as Ryerson (now Toronto Metropolitan University).

"I can tell you from experience that it will take years before they graduate a single doctor," she noted, predicting that first doctor will enter the stream 10 years down the line. Dr. Verma said that those positions would be far better utilized now at NOSM.

Caps on public servant wages at one percent imposed by government fiat during a time of escalating inflation are also shackling the production of new health care professionals. Dr. Verma noted that, despite being painted as entitled whiners, in her opinion doctors are paid far below the level that they should be receiving.

Adding to the toxic mix is the massive amount of media focus during the pandemic highlighting the challenging working conditions being faced by health care practitioners. A factor that acts to dissuade youth from following those career paths.

Another challenge that has come to the fore specific to Manitoulin is the difficulty in securing accommodation for locums, severely limiting competition among agencies to provide fill-in staff to those located in nearby Sudbury

In some cases, accommodation had to be secured in Espanola for temp staff for Manitoulin Centennial Manor.

So far Island health care institutions are weathering the labour market perfect storm by seeking out innovative approaches to recruitment and retention, but remain concerned about meeting mandated care targets as the strains on the system look to last for some time yet.

# Providence Bay Fair fun kicks off August 1, boasts new events

PROVIDENCE BAY-The Providence Bay Agricultural Society has been hard at work making plans for this year's Providence Bay Fair, August 19-21. This year's fair theme is 'Life is a Country Song.

Society secretary/treasurer Dawn Dawson told The Expositor that the hardworking group of fair volunteers has been busy working to merge the new events created over the last couple of years with the more traditional fair offerings.

RedBow will once again sponsor the fifth annual hay bale sculpture and yard decoration competition, with judging taking place Monday, August 1.

Our fundraising committee will be hosting a Start planning your Providence Bay Fair adventure including Friday evening. Country Music Bingo Night at the Providence<sup>today!</sup>

Bay Hall Saturday, August 6," Ms. Dawson shares.

The week of the fair will be kicked off this year on Sunday, August 14 with the Owen McKelvie Memorial Amazing Island Race. The amazing race typically occurred on the final day of the fair.

In typical fair fashion, the exhibit hall will be open for entries starting the evening of Thursday, August 18. All entries must be entered before 11 am on Friday, August 19 for judging.

"We are excited to see the new district competition entries for local honey and maple syrup," Ms. Dawson says. To enter the exhibit hall, a new exhibitor number is required at a fee of \$10. More information, exhibit items and requirements can be found on the Providence Bay

Fair website, ProvidenceBayFair.ca. with the retirement of the fair's previous midway provider, the fair board has been working on bringing new, thrilling midway rides to complete the fair experience. "There will be something for all ages," Ms. Dawson assured. "The one big change this year will be the introduction of our new entertainment partner, Northern Screams," Ms. Dawson continues. Northern Screams will be offering a fun, carnival-like experience.



Both Friday and Saturday night, after 7 pm, their fun house will switch into a haunted house, full of scream-worthy frights. There will be a minimal charge for their attractions. The fair is also welcoming a host of inflatable attractions with no added fee beyond the gate fee, which will see a slight rise—the first in many years

"The gate price will be a bit higher this year, but we are working at providing a bigger bang for your buck," Ms. Dawson says. Adult admission will be \$10 Friday, \$20 Saturday and \$10 Sunday, while youth age 6-12 will be \$5 Friday, \$10 Saturday and \$5 Sunday. Kids five and under are free all weekend. A weekend wristband may be purchased for \$35 for adults and \$15 for youth,

Part of that gate fee will get you into the mas-

sive laser tag game, new this year to the fair. Two teams of five can play at a time, and you can bring a team or play with others looking to experience the game.

The fair is welcoming back the Heatwave Blacksmith. He will be doing blacksmith demonstrations both Saturday and Sunday.

"Our poplar horse pull will be back on Saturday afternoon only, and on Sunday we will be welcoming the Manitoulin Horse Club, Ms. Dawson enthuses. "They will be hosting a traditional horse show starting at 11 am and later in the day, a Western Horse Show.'

And don't worry, the Spring Bay Pentecostal Church will once again be hosting its soap box derby after the ever-popular parade, which runs from the Providence Bay beach to the fairgrounds. Fans of the fair can also look forward to the return of the Fair Ambassador contest and Manitoulin Idol.

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Stay tuned for more great events and attractions to the Providence Bay Fair as the summer approaches.

"We look forward to a safe and family fun weekend!" Ms. Dawson adds.

# Wish a member of the Canadian Armed Forces a Happy Canada Day Postcard campaign being organized by Island Royal Canadian Legion branches

### by Expositor staff

MANITOULIN-The Royal Canadian Legion's Ontario Command Zone H3 is urging Island citizens to spare a few minutes to write a postcard note to a serving member of the Canadian Armed forces to wish him/her a happy Canada Day.

The colourful postcards are being distributed on Manitoulin Island through the Little Current and Gore Bay branches of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Spokesperson Linda Bowerman is spearheading the initiative in Little Current and she made sure there were postcards for people to pick up at local churches after last Sunday's services

"The cards are self-addressed," Ms. Bower-

man notes, "and no postage is needed."

"All one has to do is write a message of thanks, letting our troops know how much we appreciate them, and wish them a happy Canada Dav.'

In Little Current, the post cards are available at The Expositor Office or from Ms. Bowerman (705-368-2465) and there will be a special box at the post office where cards can be deposited for eventual delivery to troops.

Gore Bay Legion President Jim Woods confirms that his branch is also part of the initiative and that postcards can be picked up at the Legion and at participating stores downtown. If you wish to put your return address on

the cards, there is a place to do that.



Postcards are available at The Expositor Office, by calling Comrade Linda Bowerman, in Gore Bay at the Legion and participating downtown businesses.

# All-candidates' night 2022 highlighted the strong slate of Algoma-Manitoulin options

# by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—The 2022 Expositor Allcandidates' Night was held at Manitoulin Secondary School on Wednesday, May 18 at 7 pm and, as expressed by incumbent MPP and NDP candidate Mike Mantha this election has presented the strongest slate of challengers he has faced since first coming to office.

Manitoulin Expositor publisher Alicia McCutcheon welcomed everyone to the proceedings and provided a land acknowledgement of the Anishinaabe of Mnidoo Mnising, particularly neighbouring M'Chigeeng First Nation.

The evening was moderated by educator and star of Fuel the Fire TV Neil Debassige who oversaw an evening of political discourse that was long on policy and partisan passion yet decidedly civil in demeanor.

Candidates for the three main provincial parties were on hand for the debate: Cheryl Fort for the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party (PC), incumbent Mike Mantha for the New Democratic Party (NDP) and Tim Vine for the Ontario Liberal Party. Both Ron Kosti of the New Blue Party and Carolyn Legault of the Green Party were invited to the debate, but were unable to attend due to conflicting schedules.

The evening began with six-minute presentations by each candidate, followed by a three-minute rebuttal opportunity for each candidate. Once those niceties were completed, the floor was opened for questions from the audience. The order of presentation was determined by lot before the start of debate and Mr. Debassige read out a short bio for each candidate before inviting them to address the crowd from the podium. When it came to answering questions from the floor, each candidate remained at their socially distanced assigned desks.

In their opening addresses, each candidate also provided an acknowledgement of the Indigenous traditional territories upon which the evening was being hosted.

First up on the firing line was Progressive Conservative candidate Cheryl Fort. "Cheryl Fort is the mayor of the Township of Hornepayne. Cheryl enjoys time with her three grown children," Mr. Debassige read from her official bio. "Cheryl is an avid volunteer; served as a town councillor, school board trustee, library board chair, hospital board member and Legion youth education chair. While working as both mayor and CP locomotive engineer, she also serves as a Northern Zone director for the Ontario Good Roads Association."

Ms. Fort highlighted her experiences as a community builder and referenced the PC focus on "re-building" the Ontario econo-my, asserting that Algoma-Manitoulin needs to have a voice at the table when government decisions are being made. She alleged the PCs had inherited a health system "in shambles" and that the province needs to "move forward," putting forward a case for the PCs as the party that can make that happen. Ms. Fort repeated several times in her address that Algoma-Manitoulin needs to elect her to represent the riding in the provincial legislature at Queen's Park. She pointed to her success as a municipal politician "in just three years" in rebuilding her own community of Hornepayne, attracting \$20 million in new investments, including a new hotel and airport.

Liberal Tim Vine was next up to the firing line, emphasizing the Liberal's "progressive and responsible" plan to move Ontario forward. He noted that "affordability" is the key issue he is hearing at the doorsteps in his campaigning. Mr. Vine highlighted the OLP plan to hire 138,000 new long-term care workers and to improve the lives of those living with disabilities, including a 20 percent rise in Ontario Disability Support Program payments. Mr. Vine pointed to his career in health administration (he is the former co-CEO and vice president corporate services at Manitoulin Health Centre and now chief financial officer at St. Joseph's Health Centre in Elliot Lake) as providing him with a strong background in tackling the challenges facing Ontario's health sector—which he admits will require complicated solutions to complex problems. "But I like complicated puzzles," he noted, adding that he is good at finding solutions that work at solving complicated issues. Mr. Vine pointed to PC leader Doug Ford's plan to spend \$10 billion building a highway in southern Ontario (413) that "will save a handful of his wealthy friends 30 seconds off their drive," asserting the



Moderator Neil Debassige introduces the candidates from left to right, Progressive Conservative Cheryl Fort, incumbent Mike Mantha and Liberal candidate Tim Vine.

Liberals will spend that money on shoring up the province's health system instead.

NDP candidate Mike Mantha then brought forward his party's vision for the future, noting that he is very interested in continuing to represent Algoma-Manitoulin despite facing the "two strongest candidates I have faced since first elected in 2011" which he applauded as being "good for all of us as it brings out the best in us."

Mr. Mantha pointed to his party's advocacy for expanding health care and combating the cost of living so that "the seven generations to come" can enjoy a better life through affordable housing and a living wage.

He recalled the success the community attained in securing the MS Chi-Cheemaun ferry's ability to dock when low water levels in Lake Huron threatened its ability to land at South Baymouth and noted the actions of the Ford government in selling off long-term care to private companies. "That has to stop," he said, asserting that the dollars being syphoned off from longterm care in profits would be better spent on providing better resident care.

Mr. Mantha tapped into discontent with the maintenance of highways in the province, vowing that an NDP government would ensure that both Highway 17 and Highway 11 would be designated as class one highways. He vowed that an NDP government would increase health care worker numbers dramatically and immediately increase PSW wages by five dollars an hour.

"I have spent 11 years fighting for the people of Algoma-Manitoulin," he said. "I am not planning to give up my job to my opponents.

In their rebuttals, each candidate essentially reiterated their main platform messages.



Mr. Mantha noted that his party has a fully costed plan that will invest in roads, education and health care, including a pharma-care plan. When it comes to agriculture, he said the NDP would stop paving over farmland and support the supply management system. He advised Mr. Harfield to look at the platform documents he had available at his booth.



**Mike Wilton** 

Mike Wilton, water steward and environmentalist decried the deterioration of the Ministry of Natural Resources and dilution of its mandate to protect the province's environment with the inclusion of mining and forestry within its purview.

Ms. Fort responded by saying "I am with you," before going on to relate her work with the forestry industry in her region. "We have to listen to people in the forestry industry," she said, pointing to the positive impact a biomass operation in her region is having and the important role that Indigenous consultation played in its development.



for that matter. He pointed to the highway to Chapleau as "a dark road" and that a lack of cell service in that area is a huge issue in terms of safety. "It could be a matter of life and death," he said.

Ms. Fort noted that she had first-hand experience in the challenges of poor cell service, having had a flat on a section of Highway 17 near Massey, that did not have service, luckily having been taught how to change a tire by her father. She said she would not stop pushing "until that voice was heard," adding that service is essential.



Willow Fogal

Student Willow Fogal expressed concerns about the direction that education has been taking, particularly during the pandemic and virtual learning, how split classes are impacting youth and what each candidate, without simply stating partisan policy, would do to "make education better" and she expressed concerns on the kind of world being left for youth by the present generations.

Mr. Vine said that education has gone through a great deal during the pandemic. "I am pretending to be a politician," he said of his approach to dealing with issues, "I probably have more education than I should," but added "I am a Liberal because their plan is good." Mr. Vine pointed to the Liberal plan to include an optional Grade 13 to address the issues of small schools and limited options for rural students to follow their career aspirations. He also touched on environmental issues, noting the plan to become carbon neutral by 2050.

Mr. Mantha said he was going to "speak from my gut" in answering the question. He said that "for me, education is way up there," and voiced the importance of maintaining a safe environment for staff and students in schools. He encouraged students to aim high in their aspirations, but to also remember where they came from and to consider coming back to their home communities to ply their skills.

Ms. Fort noted that she too had gone to a small high school and experienced the challenges this presents. She said that increasing financial literacy in school curricula is important so that, when school is done and one goes out, gets a job, seeks a mortgage and starts a family, it can be challenging. "I live that personally through my own children who are at that point," she said.



Keith Harfield

Howland's Keith Harfield asked the first question, directed at each candidate as to what steps they would take to strengthen the farming community if Doug Ford were to appoint them minister of agriculture.

Ms. Fort said "I would do what I have already done," pointing to a consultation group she helped set up in her area, before going on to say that "we need to fight fuel prices" and that she would listen to what farmers are saying they need.

Liberal candidate Tim Vine noted that his appointment by Mr. Ford to a cabinet post would be an "astounding act of bi-partisanship." But he related that agriculture is a vital part of the Ontario economy and he had started out his working life overseeing the finances of an 8,000 acre national agricultural operation. "I know I can't tell a farmer how to farm his land, but I know enough to help."

# John Finlay

John Finlay of Honora Bay, asked each of the candidates to outline why they would be the best choice to deal with the lack of high speed internet connectivity and cell service in the region, without simply reciting their party's platform promises.

Mr. Mantha noted that his utmost concern is in bringing broadband service to Northern Ontario, but noted that the challenge is in working with the federal government and the intransigence of the federal government as well as the large providers such as Bell and Rogers. He said that providing support for local providers will be central to finding solutions. "It is an essential service," he said.

Mr. Vine noted that cell service is very spotty where he lives near Blind River and that the trans-Canada corridor should not have gaps in its service, or on any highway **George Williamson** 

George Williamson of Little Current, a personal support worker (PSW), noted that he took up that career after spending 12 years in the south in order to be able to move back to Manitoulin. He suggested that the current shortage in PSWs and other care workers might be alleviated somewhat by allowing students to get on-the-job training at health care facilities on the ground, rather than travelling for hours outside of their communities to go to school, especially given the cost of transportation.

Mr. Mantha responded that a lot comes down to affordability. He agreed that the lifestyle in the North "is a little bit differ-

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# Collision leads to impaired charges

On May 17, at approximately 10:49 pm, the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and Manitoulin-Sudbury Paramedic Services responded to a motor vehicle collision on Poplar Road in Gordon Township.

The complainant reported that a vehicle was in the ditch and that the driver was "passed out." After speaking with the driver, officers determined the driver had consumed alcohol. An approved screening device was administered that resulted in a fail and the driver was subsequently arrested.

Beth Wagner, 45, from Robinson Township, was charged with: operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs and operation while impaired, blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on June 22.

# Two traffic complaints lead to refusal charges

On May 17, at approximately 4:30 pm, the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP received a traffic complaint of a vehicle that was all over the road travelling on



Highway 540 in Robinson Township.

While officers were patrolling for the described vehicle, a second traffic complaint was received regarding the same vehicle. The complainant reported that the driver of the vehicle was impaired. Officers were able to locate the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. Upon speaking with the driver, it was determined that the person had consumed alcohol, and was subsequently arrested.

Michael Jones, 39, from Grand Bend, was charged with: operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs; failure or refusal to comply with demand; dangerous operation; unauthorized possession of a firearm; and driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on June 22.

### Waterways no safer for paddlers than other boaters when lifejackets tossed aside

Ten canoes, a kayak, a stand-up paddle board (SUP) and a rowboat were among the marine vessels from which a tragic scenario unfolded for 13 of the 27 people who died on OPP-patrolled waterways in 2021.

Similarly, 12 canoes, three kayaks, an SUP and a rowboat were involved in 17 marine deaths in 2020, a year that saw a record 32 boaters/paddlers lose their lives, an OPP release explains.

"Whether paddling a slow-moving vessel or traveling in a motorized boat, boating enthusiasts should be aware of some telling facts around marine fatalities over the past two boating seasons (2020/2021)," the OPP reports. "Over half (30) of the 59 people killed were paddling human-powered vessels, with the balance of those who died traveling in motorized boats."

The majority, 52 of the 59 fatalities, involved a vessel that either capsized, or the person(s) who died fell overboard. Only four of the 59 deceased were wearing a lifejacket at the time of the incident. Alcohol and/or drugs were a factor in at least 12 of the deaths, the OPP release states.

"With weather, hazardous waterways and operator inexperience among other contributing factors in boating fatalities, the number one take away from the OPP's data is that no one is completely safe on the water if they are not wearing a lifejacket or personal floatation device (PFD). The OPP strongly encourages all boaters to stop tossing this proven life-saving device aside and to wear it."

During Safe Boating Awareness Week (May 21-27) and throughout the boating season, OPP marine officers will be out on the water promoting marine safety and enforcing boating laws.

"For a safe and enjoyable boating season, always be well-prepared. Ensure your vessel is properly functioning and equipped and check the weather to determine if it's safe to go out. Always boat sober and drugfree. Familiarize yourself with Canada's Safe Boating Guide and share your knowledge with new, inexperienced boaters/paddlers," the release continues

Remember that the only lifejacket/PFD that can save you is the one you are wearing.

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# Deceased person identified in M'Chigeeng fatal shooting, murder charges laid

# by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—Members of the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) crime unit and the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Anishnaabe Police Services (UCCM APS) crime unit have laid murder charges in connection to a fatal shooting in M'Chigeeng First Nation.

On April 5, 2002, at approximately 1:30 am, UCCM APS, Manitoulin OPP and Sudbury-Manitoulin paramedic services responded to a residence on Pine Street in M'Chigeeng First Nation, responding to a person who had been shot, and who later died as a result of their injuries. The deceased has been identified as Brandon Brooks, 30, of Toronto.

As a result of the investigation, five people have been arrested and charged in connection to the case. Jerome Fuller, 20, from Newmarket has been charged with first degree murder, contrary to section 235(1) of the criminal code of Canada, possession of weapon for dangerous purpose, contrary to section 88 of the CC, knowledge of unauthorized possession of firearm, contrary to section 92(1) of the CC, occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was a firearm, contrary to section 94 of the CC, unauthorized possession of a firearm, contrary to section 91(1) of the CC, public mischief, contrary to section 140(1)(b) of the CC, two counts of failure to comply with release order-other than to attend court, contrary to section 145(5)(a) of the CC, possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking-cocaine, contrary to section 5(2) of the controlled drugs and substances act (CDSA), and possession of a schedule 1 substance-cocaine, contrary to section 4(1) of the CDSA.

Sajieth Kamaraj, 26, from Markham has been charged with first degree murder, contrary to section 235(1) of the CC, possession of weapon for dangerous purpose, contrary to section 88 of the CC, knowledge of unauthorized possession of firearm, contrary to section 92(1) of the CC, occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was firearm, contrary to section 94 of the CC, unauthorized possession of a firearm, contrary to section 91(1) of the CC, possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of traffickingcocaine, contrary to section 5(2) of the CDSA, and possession of a schedule 1 substance-cocaine, contrary to section 4(1) of the CDSA.

Umainesan Manuel, 30, from Scarborough has been charged with first degree murder, contrary to section 235(1) of the CC, possession of weapon for dangerous purpose, contrary to section 88 of the CC, knowledge of unauthorized possession of firearm, contrary to section 92(1) of the CC, occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was firearm, contrary to section 94 of the CC, unauthorized possession of a firearm, contrary to section 91(1) of the CC, possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking-cocaine, contrary to section 5(2) of the CDSA, and possession of a schedule 1 substance-cocaine, contrary to section 4(1) of the CDSA.

Warren Mills, 21, from Brampton has been charged with first degree murder, contrary to section 235(1) of the CC, possession of weapon for dangerous purpose, contrary to section 88 of the CC, knowledge of unauthorized possession of firearm, contrary to section 92(1) of the CC, occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was firearm, contrary to section 94 of the CC, unauthorized possession of a firearm, contrary to section 91(1) of the CC, possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking-cocaine, contrary to section 5(2) of the CDSA, possession of a schedule 1 substance-cocaine, contrary to section 4(1) of the CDSA.

Jeromie Simon, 20, also from Brampton, has been charged with: first degree murder, contrary to section 235(1) of the CC, possession of weapon for dangerous purpose, contrary to section 88 of the CC, knowledge of unauthorized possession of firearm, contrary to section 92(1) of the CC, occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was firearm, contrary to section 94 of the CC, public mischief, contrary to section 140(1)(b) of the CC, unauthorized possession of a firearm, contrary to section 91(1) of the CC, possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking-cocaine, contrary to section 5(2) of the CDSA, possession of a schedule 1 substance-cocaine, contrary to section 4(1) of the CDSA.

The accused individuals remain in custody with a court appearance to be held on April 19, at the Ontario court of justice in Gore Bay.

The investigation is continuing by the UCCM crime unit in conjunction with the

# Large grass fire doused before more serious damage done

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up to \$2,000.

### by Tom Sasvari

EVANSVILLE—With the very dry conditions, not to mention being windy, an Evansville couple is fortunate that a fire that took place on

their property on May 9 wasn't much worse.

"It was a very large grass fire," said Duncan Sinclair, deputy fire chief of the Gore Bay volunteer fire department, which assisted the Burpee-Mills fire department in putting out the fire.

The fire took

place on the property of Vic and Cynda Noble of Evansville. "The bush and grass are very dry and it was fortunate the fire didn't spread much more than it did," said Barret Wright, a member of the BurpeeMills Fire Department. He explained, "there was some damage done to the outbuildings on the property, with the siding melted on the back of Vic's meat shop, but

all the buildings are still standing." Firefighters had a tough time containing the flames, especially with the windy conditions.

"It is also fortunate they live near the lake, and the Gore Bay fire department helped us draw water from the lake and use it to put out the fire," said Mr. Wright.

A woodshed on the property was also burnt on one side, and the flames at one point hopped the fence to another property but this was also contained.

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# Friends and Neighbours

# Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

id you know that many moons ago, there was a bar right in the middle of downtown Kagawong? One half of Team Fergmeijer used to live nearby; it was just a five-minute walk from her house to the bar. However, it was a 35-minute walk from the bar to her house. The difference was staggering.

Speaking of the history of our fair township, the library and museum both have copies of the newly printed How It All Began books detailing the history of European settlement in Billings Township! Books are \$30 each with the funds raised being split between the two organizations.

Tennis season is off to a great start with the Manitoulin Tennis Club! Participants played in round-robin doubles at the Blackfly Tournament last Saturday and shook off the rust of a long winter. Regular weekly sessions begin this coming Sunday, May 29 at 10 am at the Manitoulin Secondary School courts, and continue through the summer. Beginners and seasoned players welcome!

What do you get when you cross a cow with an octopus? A visit from the ethics committee and immediate withdrawal of your funding.

Thanks to some rainy evenings last week, the burn ban was lifted over the weekend. Keep up with the burn status by following the township Facebook page (facebook.com/billingstownshipkagawong).

It's spring-cleaning season! If you have clothing, household goods, or other items that you'd like to see out of your house, consider joining the community garage and trunk sale on Saturday, May 28th. It is a collaborative event courtesy of Sugar Bush Coffeehouse, Bare Naked Beauty, Cultural Seeds, and Manitoulin Climate Collaborative. Email kim.neale0@gmail.com for more information.

This section is directed to the farmers in the crowd. Because we have questions. Do cows not wear flipflops because they lactose? Is a cow that just had a baby decaffeinated? If a cow has a sense of humour does that make them a laughingstock? Did you find any of these jokes funny or had you already herd them all?

The Late Bloomers 'adopt' one or two flower boxes around the community, planting their individual choice of

flowers. The result is a beautiful collection of plantings for all to enjoy! If you would like to join them and adopt a planter, email jferguson@manitoulin.net for more information.

Do you know a citizen of Billings who goes above and beyond and deserves special recognition? Nominate them for Billings' Citizen of the Year! There are two categories under 18, and over 18. Submit your nominations to tmills@billingstwp.ca by June 1st.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Casey R, who celebrates her big day this week. We wanted to offer you a birthday toast, but turns out we don't have any bread.

With all this election excitement, don't forget that this fall we'll be having a municipal election. Anyone interested in being a candidate for councillor or mayor in the upcoming municipal elections can register at the township office between now and August 19th. Check out the Vote Billings blog (https://votebillings.blogspot.com/) to learn more about what is involved in being on council or some helpful information on running a campaign.

Last night we thought we would try some alligator for dinner, but couldn't in the end because all we had was a crockpot. Have a great week!



### No 'Blackfly' Tennis results

The Manitoulin Tennis Club held their annual 'Blackfly' Tennis tournament this past weekend. Players aged from 11 to 65 enjoyed some fine weather and fun on the courts, rotating with some singles and doubles, and fortunately there was enough wind to keep the bugs away. Regular sessions will begin on May 29, and run Sunday mornings at 10 am throughout the summer. "Everyone is always welcome to come out and join us! Just show up at the Manitoulin Secondary School tennis courts and we can find a spot for you to play," updates club organizer **Chris Theijsmeijer.** 

### Mountain Bikers united

**Ben Quackenbush** and his youth mountain bike program continues to improve his young charges. He is pleased to see that, "everyone is getting more confident on the trails. We're continuing to do an hour and a half group lessons followed by an optional race."

Ben lists the following category winners. The top senior male was Bradley Slaght; Junior Male, Xavier Coleman; and Junior Female, Nova Debassige. Garrett Sheppard recorded the most improved lap time while the Fastest Single Lap was clocked by Tobias Madrigal!

The group meets weekly at McLean's Park, off Highway 6 close to Tehkummah.

### **Caught being active!**

I love to see kids take the initiative to improve themselves in some way. **Jonathon Cooper** of Mindemoya was a self-described "bush goalie." Having grown up loving to play net during road hockey and shinny games and then just made the leap to organized hockey, suiting up with the Mindemoya Thunder. This year, Jono had an amazing introduction to the position as he helped the "blue and orange" to their championship title.

Once the season is finished, many players put up their feet and play more video games. Not Jonathon. He asked Mom and Dad if he could use his own money to pay for specialized goaltender instruction in Sudbury. So, once a week he makes the trek over for an hour of dry-land and a half hour of on-ice instruction. Keep up the hard work, Jonathon.

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# **New Horizons Funding** will support Island seniors

### by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—A total of five municipalities, First Nations and organizations on Manitoulin Island are receiving New Horizons funding through the federal government, to support seniors in their communities.

On May 16, Kamal Khera, Canada's Minister of Seniors, announced an investment of \$61.34 million to fund over 3,000 community-based projects to support seniors across the country. This funding was awarded through the most recent call for proposals for community-based projects through the new horizons for seniors' program (NHSP).

'Every year, the (NHSP) for senior program makes a meaningful difference in the lives of seniors across Canada," said Minister Khera. "I am thrilled that we are funding thousands of projects across the country focused on improving the quality of life of seniors. These projects will help seniors fight social isolation, compatiseniors' fraud, and will support healthy aging in an inclusive and accessible environment. By supporting these community-based projects we are taking action to ensure that seniors are empowered and have a strong presence in their communities.<sup>3</sup> The Township of Assiginack has received \$19,400 for the 'bringing pickleball to everyone on Manitoulin' program. Seniors involved with the organization will provide pickleball lessons, helping seniors and youth to stay active, which will promote social participation and inclusion of seniors. The Township of Tehkummah has received funding of \$17,170 for the nutritional healthy snacks with fitness and sports for seniors and elders' program. The organization will purchase fitness equipment to allow seniors to exercise and remain active, which will promote their well-being and social inclusion. The NEMI Public Library received \$25,000 for the senior 'Creating Opportunities for More Patrons to Access Support Services (COM-PASS) program. Seniors involved with the organization will develop a virtual reality system and a book program to promote volunteerism and social participation, and to prevent elder abuse. The Silver Water recreation centre hall board received \$16,326 for a Silver Water Memorial Community Hall upgrade for post-COVID use. The organization will purchase computers, laptops and internet service for the hall and offer digital training to seniors to promote the social participation and inclusion of seniors. The Whitefish River First Nation is to receive \$25,000. The funding will be used for the Gekaanyag Bimaadzawin 2022 (Elders Good Life of Living) seniors to participate in lifestyle mentoring and workshops by other senior and professionals to promote seniors' participation.



MSS runner Brodie Pennie won the junior boys' aggregate title, winning the 800, 1,500 and 3,000 metre races in his division.

# Mustangs dominate North Shore track and field, head for N. Ont. championships

M'CHIGEENG—The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustang's track and field team won the North Shore Secondary School Association (NSSSA) championship.

"We dominated," stated MSS sports coordinator Jordan Smith. "Of our 23 students who took part, 22 finished from first to third in their events to qualify for the NOSSA (Northern Ontario championships)." In the process, MSS runner Maren Kasunich broke two long standing NSSSA records, set by former MSS student athlete Kaitlyn Tallman in 2004.

Maren broke the record in both the junior girls 1,500 and 3,000 metre races. In the 1,500 metre run, she finished with a time of 5:05.50 and in the 3,000 metre run, she had a time of 10:59.75. In both races, fellow Mustang runner Mackenzie Green finished second.

In the women's novice 100 metre dash, Sadie Bridgeman of MSS finished second with Tessa Merrylees sixth. Sadie took top spot in the 200-metre dash.

In the women's 800 metre novice run, Autumn Davy of MSS placed second, with Tessa finishing first in the 80 metre hurdles.

MSS runners Brooke Gibeault and Saraya Eshkawkogan took first and fourth place in the women's junior division 100 metre dash. Brooke also finished first in the 200 metre dash.

Annie Balfe of MSS was first in the women's 400 metre dash junior division, with fellow Mustang Morgan Green in third, while the women 800 metre run saw Maren Kasunich finished in first and Mackenzie Green in second.

The MSS women's 4x400 metre relay open team, which included Morgan and Mackenzie Green, Maren Kasunich and Annie, finished second.

Deea Peltier of Wasse-Abin High School finished first in the women's high jump novice division. Sadie of MSS was second in the women long jump novice with Autumn fifth, and Deea in sixth.

Tessa took top spot in the women triple jump novice division, with Autumn fourth.

Morgan was first in the women's high jump junior division, with three MSS runners, Annie, Brooke and Saraya Eshkawkogan, finishing first to third respectively in the women's long jump junior division.

Mustangs took the top two spots in the women's triple jump junior division, with Annie first and Saraya second.

Mustang Sophie Hietkamp took first place in both the senior women's high jump and long jump events. Sophie finished second in the senior women's triple jump.

Two MSS runners, Rhyis Aurthurs and Cash Duchesne, finished first and second, respectively, in the men's 100 metre dash, novice division. Ryhis also finished first in the men's 200 metre dash novice division, while Andrew Cooper finished third. Andrew also finished second in the novice men's 400 metre

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# MSS tennis doubles teams qualify for provincial high school championship

M'CHIGEENG—Both the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) girls' and boys' tennis doubles teams have qualified for the Ontario championship.

The team of Aspen Debassige and Zee Toulouse took second place in the girls' doubles division at the Northern Ontario Secondary School Association (NOSSA) championship, held in Sudbury last Friday, to qualify for the provincials.

The Mustangs team finished third overall at NOS-SA. In the boys' singles division, Andrew Rose finished fourth, as did Zoe Redmond in the girls' singles

### division.

In the mixed doubles division Avery Sheppard and Garrett Sheppard (who were filling in for the team of Abby Hawke and Eli Lock) finished in third place.

The boys' doubles division saw the team of Brett Mastelko and Trent Bell place third. They will move on to the provincials, as another team has backed out of the competition.

Aspen and Zee as well as Brett and Trent will be taking part in the provincial championships taking place in Toronto May 30-31.

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# Seven Days On: A tale of loss and finding one's self again

WRITER'S NOTE: The following entries are excerpts from the daily journal of a heartbroken Leafs fan. They are not meant to be a guide to health and wellness, but may well be considered so. If you are experiencing discomfort as a result of the Leafs Round One exit, please know that you are not alone. The goal of this writer, despite the fact that he has written five Leafs articles in a row, is to forget that the Leafs exist...for a little while at least. Please, read on. by Mike Brock

### Sunday, May 16 – The Next Morning

Fantastic. Sunday morning. New start. So many opportunities. Doors wide open. Sunny side of the street. Might even get some chores done. Go somewhere for coffee. And amazingly, I only have one job today.

I need to get my mind off yet another horrifying, soul defying, mind frying Round 1 loss.

I need to do something that has nothing to do with hockey. Something fun.

First thing I do is look at the schedule. What's this? Not just one Game Seven, but TWO Game Sevens! OK, I'll watch a bit of one. Probably a good idea to watch a team other than the Leafs. In fact, I just read a very interesting article about why I should watch the playoffs, no matter which team I cheer for.

No chance these games go to overtime, right?

First up, Pittsburgh and New York at MSG. No chance

this goes to over...OK. But that means for sure that the Stars and Flames will not go to OT. OT.

That was a long night of hockey. At least I didn't think about the Leafs.

### Monday, May – Turn my attention to The Hoser Cup

The Hoser Cup is the playoff pool that my bud Johnny and I have been running since 1990. And while I've won more than my fair share (just ask him), I've always been at a bit of a disadvantage because it has been proven that it is too it's too much for a Leafs fan to watch the Leafs go on a playoff run and have a bunch of high scoring Leafs on his Hoser Cup Roster. It would be greedy for so much good to happen to the longest suffering sports fans, right? To have a long playoff run and a shot to win the Hoser Cup? That combination hasn't happened since 1999, when Johnny thought that the Devils had it under control. But, nevertheless, like the tipsy bird on Homer's desk, every year I continue to go back to the well. I pick four or five Toronto Maple Leafs ever year in the Hoser Cup Draft. The great news is that I usually watch them pile up points in the first round. The bad news is that not one Toronto Maple Leaf has scored a point in the second round of the NHL Playoffs since 2004.

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# ... Mustangs dominate North Shore track and field

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Mustang Xavier Mara was second in the men's 800 metre run novice division and finished in top spot in the 1,500 run and the 3,000metre run.

Devin Legg, of MSS, was second in the men's 100 metre dash junior division, while TJ Green was fourth in the men's novice division 200 metre dash.

In the men's 400 metre dash junior division, Davin Deschenes took first place, with TJ fourth and Orland Carter sixth.

Brodie Pennie of MSS was first in three races, the men's 800, 1,500 and 3,000 metre junior division run, with Orland in sixth and fifth respectively in the 800 and 1,500 metre runs.

MSS runner Jared Cortes was sixth in the men's 100 metre dash senior division.

Mustang Alan Wilkin finished in top spot in the men's 400 metre dash senior division, with Jared in sixth. Alan finished in third in the 800 metre run senior division, with Jack Pennie of MSS in sixth. Alan also finished fourth in the men's 1,500 metre run senior.

Jack finished in second place in the men's 400 metre hurdles senior division

The men's 4x400 metre relay open saw the MSS am of TJ Green, Brodie Pennie and Davin Deschenes finish in second place. In the men's long jump novice division. Cash and Rhyis placed second and third. Davin and Devin of MSS finished first and second, respectively in the junior men's high jump. Devin was first in the junior men's long jump, with Davin in fourth. Andrew was fourth in the novice men's triple jump. Aiden Case of MSS placed third in the junior men's shot put, and finished first in the junior men's discus throw. He was also first in the men's javelin throw. Jack Pennie of MSS was eighth in the senior men's long jump, while Jared placed third in the senior men's triple jump.

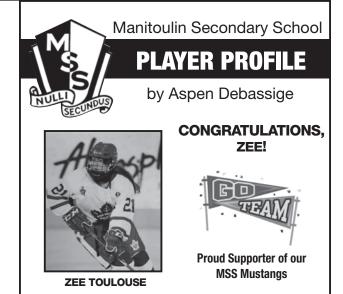


LEFT: Maren Kasunich won the junior girls' aggregate championship, winning the 800, 1,500 and 3,000 metre races in her division





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From a very early age, Zaagaasge (Zee) Toulouse, demonstrated remarkable athleticism and great potential on the sports field. She is sure to leave her mark as a MSS athlete in the years to come. Zee has been playing sports for many years already and was a standout in both of the elementary schools she attended. Zee went to Lakeview School in M'Chigeeng and LCPS, where she currently resides in Little Current. Through these years she played a variety of sports including baseball, volleyball, soccer and track and field. Outside of school she also plays a lot of hockey.

Zee is a Grade 9 student at MSS who is halfway through her second semester. This year she has eased her way into the high school life and sports. She joined the MSS girls' hockey team as well as the tennis team. Zee played in the girls' doubles division for tennis, playing against girls from Grades 9 to 12. She and her partner (Aspen Debassige) won the doubles title at NSSSAA (North Shore Secondary School Athletics Association) which was hosted at MSS, then travelled to Sudbury this past week and played at NOSSA. She and her partner placed 2nd at NOSSA (Northern Ontario Secondary School Athletics) gualifying for OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletics Associations) in Toronto at the end of the month! She explains that this is a highlight in her Grade 9 year. In future years Zee wants to try out for the badminton and volleyball teams.

Zee enjoys playing sports because getting movement, staying active, and having fun are all things that are important to her. Like most athletes, she would much rather be playing sports than sitting in a classroom all day. Her favourite sport is hockey, she likes the physical contact element and fast pace of the game. She also explains how it is a fun sport to watch so it is enjoyable when friends and family come to watch her play. She has been playing hockey since she can remember as she started skating when she was three years old.

In her novice year she started to play for the Manitoulin Panther team and in the Peewee division she earned a spot on a Triple A boys' team in Sudbury. In 2019 she made it on a team in the Toronto area and was selected to play in the 'World Selects'. This is an invitational tournament open to all AAA-level teams and players in youth hockey, playing in exotic locations around the world and she got to play overseas, in France.

Unfortunately, in 2020, due to COVID restrictions Zee was unable to play because of cancellations. In the coming years she is hoping to continue playing with the same Toronto hockey squad. She enjoys travelling and hockey has allowed her to play in the United States, Montreal, Edmonton and countless times in Toronto. She has also played with the WHA (Women's Hockey Association in Sudbury) and is currently on track to play in Niagara from May 27-29th as well as a memorial tournament in July. With a schedule like that it is no surprise that she is looking forward to the summer and perhaps a little rest and relaxation!

When Zee isn't playing sports or hockey her most favourite hobby is art. She is a talented artist and enjoys drawing and sketching. She has worked at the J&G Marina in Birch Island as well as volunteering with the UCCMM. She also has a cat named Whiskers that doesn't necessarily keep her active but is good company, nonetheless.

When it comes to school Zee has found that her favourite class is Physical Education, because there is more upbeat action and less monotonous seatwork. It is also another opportunity to be active during school hours. When considering post-secondary options she has yet to decide exactly what she wants to do but we are confident that when she sets her sights on a target she has the desire and drive to hit it right in the centre!

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# ...Question of the week

# ...Tim Vine, Liberal Party

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order to give further expert advice that will support government response on this crisis. To support mental health and addictions treatment, we will reverse the Ford government's cuts and invest an additional \$3 billion. We will increase the number of mental health and addictions professionals in emergency rooms and ensure they are ready to respond to emergency calls, making sure the right people are intervening at the appropriate times.

Yet, it's not just enough to pull people out of the river we must go upstream and ensure that the guardrails are maintained to keep people from falling in. To do this, an Ontario Liberal government would create 15,000 more mental health and addictions supportive homes as part of the 138,000 more deeply affordable housing units that we would build. We will invest \$100 million in the co-operative home sector, working with local municipalities and District Service Boards. We would also reinstate the rent control that has eroded under the PCs and impose a vacant home tax to get more homes on the rental market. We know that having a safe and affordable home is the first important step of support.

We also know that there are too many people falling behind economically, especially those living on fixed incomes and social supports which can lead to hopelessness and turning to escape. Ontario Liberals would increase ODSP and OW by 20 percent, raising the claw back to \$6,000/year. For our most vulnerable seniors we would increase the provincial top up of OAS by \$1,000/year. We would keep more money in people's pockets with our bucka-ride, province wide transit plan that includes Ontario Northland, and eliminate HST on prepared foods up to \$20. Not being valued in the workplace can also lead to hopelessness. The dignity of workers needs to be valued and we know that this starts with a fair wage. Which is why Ontario Liberals would immediately increase the minimum wage to \$16/hr and establish a framework for a regional living wage. We would ensure an affordable and portable benefits plan for all workers that would include mental health coverage, require 10 paid sick days and eliminate Bill 124 because everybody needs economic dignity and we know that burnout can contribute to addictions.

Our Ontario Liberal plan is responsible and robust, and provides the badly needed investments for the wrap around supports that are key to addressing the opioid crisis we find ourselves in, as well as the root causes. You can find more details on our plan at ontarioliberal.ca/platform/ On June 2, the choice is yours.

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casinos and gifting a \$500 million online-gambling licence to the Toronto Star is not going to save us. It's only going to compound a systemic problem.

What did we think would happen when the provincial PCs and the NDP-Liberal coalition shut down small businesses, the largest employment sector of our economy and mandated isolation, while launching divisive campaigns to coerce people into compliance and compel them into vaccination with the threat of job loss or travel restriction?

Ask yourself how many people you know got vaccinated to keep their jobs or travel to a friend's wedding? With the millions of dollars spent mishandling this situation, how many new hospital beds have you seen in our riding? How many new doctors and nurses? Depression, anxiety, and isolation are a given in this environment. No amount of CERB is going to alleviate it.

...Ron Koski, New Blue Party

What the Ford-PCs did was compound multivariate problems with short-term politicized solutions. Thousands of nurses and numerous doctors across Ontario were fired for conscientiously objecting to the government's approach to COVID-19. In the words of Doris Grinspu, CEO of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario, "They're feeling overstressed, but more importantly... they're feeling extremely, extremely abandoned by this Premier."

We could start by reinstating them and rescinding Doug

### ... Cheryl Fort, Progressive Conservative Party

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mum wage to \$15.50 per hour as of October 1, 2022 and to remove the special minimum wage rate for liquor servers.

We also continue to support households with the Ontario Electricity Rebate for residential customers, small businesses and farms. And why we introduced and are expanding the LIFT tax credit for 700,000 more people who had fallen behind, expanded the CARE tax credit for families and continued to keep energy costs low.

The PC team believes that Ontarians of all ages should be able to access high-quality and evidence-based mental health and addictions care. That is why we are the first government in Ontario's history to create a ministerial department for mental health and addictions. We are getting it done by investing \$3.8 billion over 10 years in support of the Roadmap to Wellness, our comprehensive plan to address the mental health and addiction needs of all Ontarians. This plan needs to be championed for our riding and as your MPP I am willing to do that and get it done for our families and loved ones so we stop experiencing needless deaths, sadness and loneliness due to mental health challenges and addictions.

Since the release of the Roadmap to Wellness, we've invested over \$40 million in new annual funding to address mental health and addiction needs across Northern Ontario. Through Budget 2022, we invested an additional \$204 million in net new annualized funding to address mental health and addiction needs across the province. This brings our total investment to \$729 million.

This includes funding for four new mobile mental health clinics to serve remote, rural and unserved or underserved regions across the province.

We need to ensure we have an MPP at the elected table to ensure that this plan is fully implemented in our riding for the sake of family, friends and loved ones.

This is a complex and comprehensive challenge that needs addressing from multiple angles and that's why we have announced \$3 billion in funding to help sustain, repair and grow community housing and address homelessness in Ontario. This is just part of our PC team's commitment to ending homelessness. We also implemented "by-name lists," which are a real-time list of people experiencing homelessness that includes detailed information about the needs of each person to improve their access to supportive housing.We will continue to get it done and make investments in this important file and we work to end homelessness.

I am confident that by working together with the elected government we can accomplish much in this next term to save many lives and this is one of the main reasons my name, Cheryl Fort, is on the ballot, to help Algoma-Manitoulin people have thriving and healthy lives.

### ...Michael Mantha, NDP incumbent

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region—but we don't. And after the initial crisis, people need access to a full continuum of care (i.e. safe housing, accessible community support) to prevent relapses.

As a government, the NDP will not only declare the opioid crisis a public health emergency, but we will also wisely invest in addiction rehabilitation, detox centres and harm reduction strategies. We'll remove the harmful cap Doug Ford placed on supervised consumption sites, expedite approvals for supervised consumption sites in the North, and we will work to ensure safer alternatives to the current toxic and deadly supply of drugs available on the street.

New Democrats will also work in tandem with the federal government to reduce the stigma of drug addiction and decriminalize personal drug use so that people can get the medical help they desperately need. Chiefs of police have joined the call for stronger action, including decriminalization.

The NDP is the only party committed to bringing mental health care under the OHIP umbrella to make it free at the point of access for all Ontarians. Mental health care is just as important as physical health care if we want to better

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Ford's \$500 million gift to the Toronto Star and investing it back into the doctors and nurses we need to clear the back-log impeding people's lives.

We could also help alleviate purchasing pressure by reducing the HST from 13 percent to 10 percent and cutting out the misdirected carbon tax. Two commitments of seven that are built into the New Blue platform.

Any solution we invest in needs to help people rebuild relationships, establish social connections, and work through unresolved trauma. Admittedly I'm not providing an absolute answer here, but I am providing an approach.

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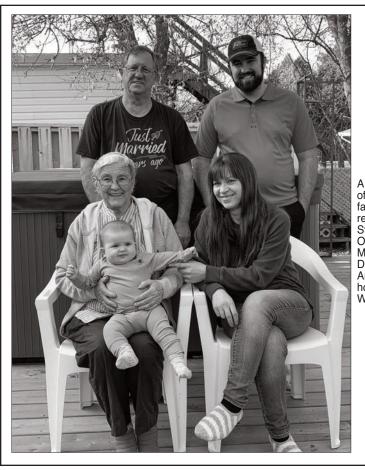


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### PAGE 10—THE MANITOULIN EXPOSITOR



# Five generations!

A five generation photo of the Orford and Moggy family was taken at a recent gathering. Standing left is Bill Orford and Corey Moggy. Sitting, left, is Darlene Orford and Angie Moggy, who is holding five-month-old Willa Moggy.

# ...Michael Mantha, NDP incumbent

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our individual and community well being. I believe that no one in Ontario should be denied access to mental health services because of associated costs.

Bringing mental health under OHIP will ensure that people get the treatment they need before they reach a crisis point. In addition, in the long run, providing such services for every individual will mean less stress on our hospitals and public services and therefore reduce such costs.

Addressing the underlying causes of mental illness and addiction means providing Ontarians with access to the building blocks of a good life. The NDP proposes to do that by making housing more affordable by bringing back rent control, building thousands of units of new social housing while updating thousands more, taxing speculators who leave housing units vacant and ending exclusionary zoning.

We will also increase Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program rates, both of which have declined to below poverty levels under successive Conservative and Liberal governments.

An NDP government will ensure that Ontario's government is working for people and is addressing head-on the underlying issues that have been neglected in our province. We will ensure that communities and the province are working together to end the mental health and addictions crisis that we are experiencing.



# ...arrival of mobile live fire training unit

...continued from page 3 two main areas for actual fires, one being a sofa fire and the other being the opportunity to fight a kitchen fire."

Mr. Sinclair noted the fire training unit has an entrance from the main floor, so firefighters can traverse a live fire experience by going up the stairs to a second storey to fight a fire, or start from the top floor and traverse down to the main floor area to put out a fire.

"The unit can also mimic a roll over, so when a firefighter is walking toward a fire at the end of a hallway, as the flames hit the ceiling the fire can roll over the firefighter and can end up behind you," explained Mr. Sinclair. He pointed out, "generally we won't endanger a life for a house on fire. This (live training) will allow firefighters to recognize the danger signs."

"There is also a section on the mobile unit roof which mimics the potential different pitches of a roof where firefighters can look at how to ventilate an attic or roof to attack an attic fire," said Mr. Sinclair. "There is a lot of invaluable fire training firefighters can gain by working on this fire unit." "The fire training unit looks like a sea container," said Mr. Sinclair. The unit is a full-sized transport trailer (16 metres [53 feet] long) with a pop-up second floor (total assembled height of just over six metres)." The total operating weight of the trailer (including full consumables on board) is approximately 23,000 kg.

"I had to pick one of three date ranges as to when we would like it here on the island for training sessions," said Mr. Sinclair. NEMI Fire Department is hosting the OFC at the Little Current recreation centre parking lot. There are several safety features on the unit that will allow the instructor to initiate the system and monitor operation so that they can identify problems and, if necessary, terminate the live fire.

The costs for having the unit on the Island are being taken care of entirely by the OFC.

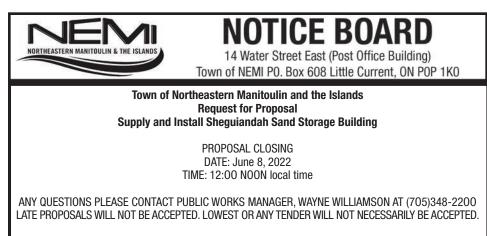
"The mobile live fire training unit will be dropped off on June 2 on the Island and we will be able to start training from June 3-6," said Mr. Sinclair.

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wall are representatives, must remain committed to not only settling the annuity case, but to renewing the treaty relationship and reaching agreement on the future implementation of the Robinson Huron treaty," said Chief Dean Savers of Batchewana First Nation in a release.

The Governor General of Canada and Lieutenant Governor of Ontario are representatives of the Crown. The Robinson-Huron chiefs signed a petition at the 2021 treaty gathering addressed to the governor general and lieutenant governor. The petition echoes the call that the RHTLF has made for over a decade: it is time for the Crown to act honourably in accordance with the law.

"The RHTLF await the response of the Governor General of Canada, Mary Simon, and Lieutenant Governor of Ontario Elizabeth Dowdeswell on the petition and memorial, sent in September 2021," the RHTLF release adds.



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# ...Lakes Huron/Michigan will fall by 3.5 feet over record by 2030

...continued from page 1 the impact of climate change as was presented by ECCC's Dr. Frank Seglenieks, lead author for ECCC.

The ECCC study predicts that all Great Lake levels generally will trend upwards, with increasing variability. Lake Michigan-Huron currently has, by far, the widest range between high water and low water levels of all Great Lakes. at 6.3 feet. The study suggests that this may go to 13 feet. By 2040, Lake Michigan-Huron is likely to face water levels as high as 177.8 (one foot higher than the 1986 record high). Worst of all, Mr. Bialkowski said, by 2030, which is only eight years away, Lake Michigan-Huron is projected to drop to 174.5 (3.5 feet lower than 2000 lows). "It may become possible to walk to many islands," he said.

The Baird report (Baird Report III) was presented by Rob Nairn, a professional engineer with Baird. The ECCC method used numerical models (Global Circulation Models and downscaling with Weather Research and Forecasting Model [wrF]) that are very complex and not necessarily designed for the Great Lakes, Mr. Nairn said. Other organizations, including the United States Army Core Engineers of (USACE), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) are currently working on a similar assessment, due to be completed in 2023/2024.

'These models do not necessarily consider or have not been shown to predict the cyclical nature of the Great Lakes water levels," Mr. Nairn said. He doesn't believe the global climate change models were ever designed or intended to be scaled down to an area the size of the Great Lakes. "Our approach is empirical and is based on observing intelligible patterns and linking those patterns to know the cyclic behaviour of climate (but does not include climate change).<sup>2</sup>

The prediction model was developed using harmonic analysis to determine the major driving cycles for Great Lakes fluctuations and was calibrated using monthly average lake level data from 1860 to 2019. Predictions may have phase errors of +/- five years.

"We successfully predicted approximately 10 years of low lake levels on Lake Erie (2005 to 2015)," Mr. Nairn said. "We successfully predicted the rapid decline of Michigan-Huron that we are currently experiencing, but one year late."

Using this same method (which does not consider anthropogenically induced climate change), a period of low lake levels is predicted for the next 20 years or longer on Michigan-Huron.

"ECCC has not released the actual documents with the data of how they arrived at these conclusions," Mary Muter, chair of GBGLF, told The Expositor. "They're saying they won't be released until late August. It is highly unusual to present findings such as he did but not provide the background document upon which his presentation was based. That's a concern.'

But she wasn't so much concerned with what ECCC said as with what they didn't say. "They presented those findings with absolutely no discussion whatsoever on what the implications are," she said.

Those who live around the Great Lakes understand what three-and-one-half feet lower means: dried up wetlands, municipal infrastructure concerns, fisheries impacts, and warmer water temperatures to start.

"I can't remember what the docks are like at Little Current but the docks at Parry Sound, Midland, Penetang and Collingwood are all fixed, large concrete piers. They cannot be lowered," she said. "I'm not even sure that there will be enough water at some of them to be able to access (the docks) at three-and-ahalf feet lower," she said. Obviously, there are implications for the Chi-Cheemaun ferry.

"The wetlands drying up will affect the recreational

fishery big time. They're the nursery habitat for all the young fish. What's that going to do to recreational fishing all across the Great Lakes, not just Georgian Bay?" she asked.

ECCC concluded that Georgian Bay wetlands will be able to be resilient while facing climate change, Ms. Muter said, but "They only went to a few wetlands." She took a group into a Canadian Shield/Georgian Bay wetland but they didn't collect depth information to create a bathymetry profile for the area, choosing to rely on LIDAR data instead.

Canadian Hydrographic Services arranged to have LIDAR imagery collected all along the Canadian coastline of the Great Lakes, but it was only after the work was done and the imagery provided to ECCC did they find out the LIDAR was unable to read through the dense wetland vegetation, Ms. Muter said. "So they had no depth information for the wetland they spent several days assessing. Thev scrapped that site. It's not included in this work.

"They said the wetlands in Lake Erie are vulnerable to climate change. Well, I know enough about it to know that the wetlands in Georgian Bay are also very vulnerable, especially facing a range of levels going to 13 feet from 6'4"."

The impacts are much greater for Lakes Michi-

gan-Huron and Georgian Bay because the other lakes are regulated. "They'll be able to hold back water during low supply situations," Ms. Muter explained. "The Lake Superior control board will dump excess water out during periods of high supply. They're implying we're going from the six-foot-four range that we currently have, that's beyond what any of the other Great Lakes have, to going to a 13 foot range, without even commenting and saying something should be done about this.

Shouldn't we figure out a way to control water levels to some extent for the middle Great Lakes?"

GBGLF said the projected high values make it imperative for the International Joint Commission (IJC) to revisit means of reducing Lake Michigan-Huron high levels including minimizing the Long Lac and Ogoki diversions into Lake Superior, improve the Plan 2012 lake balancing algorithm, use ice booms in the upper St. Clair River to

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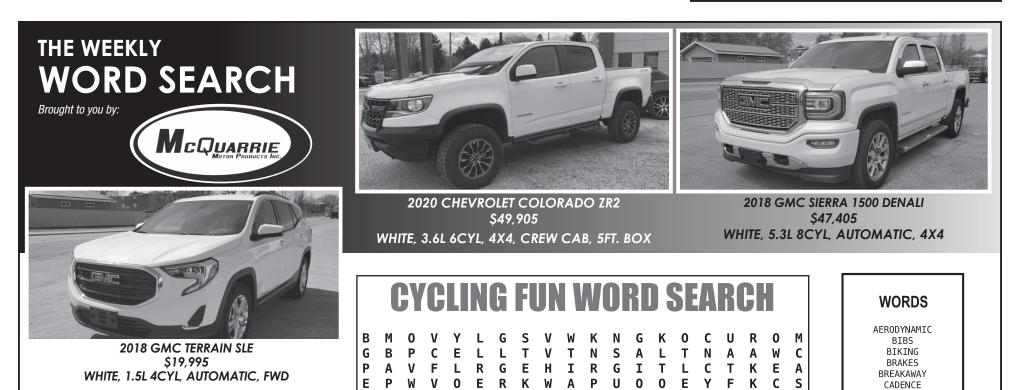


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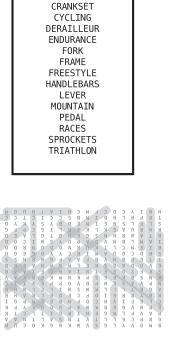
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Ice Out champ!

Dave Patterson, right, is this year's Lake Manitou Ice Out Derby champion. The derby is held each spring by the Sprack family of Manitowaning. Dave took top honours with his twotook top honours with his twolake trout haul combined weight which topped the scales at 19.11 lbs. The 'torch' was passed on by Marcie Hughson, wife of Scot Hughson, who was the last Ice Out derby winner.

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increase winter outflows, and to revisit the potential for a temporary increase in the Chicago diversion out of Lake Michigan.

However, the 2030 low water projection means it's even more imperative to collect proper bathymetric data of the St. Clair River and to design flexible compensation structures for the St. Clair River's in order to minimize low levels, Mr. Bialkowski said. "A three-dimensional hydraulic model of the river is needed to allow the design of the flexible structures to hold back water during low water periods, while ensuring no impact on high water."

"The USACE has collected bathymetric data, and we're waiting and hoping that they collect data they consider valid, that they can share with us and then we will be able to pay Baird to run that," added Ms. Muter. "In the meantime, you need hydraulic control engineers working on designs. In the webinar, you heard what Bill Bialkowski's research has determined to be the best methods. He consulted with NASA to get the most dynamic shape that would not provide any resistance to the flow and he even consulted with the coastal flooding engineers at Wood's Hole, which is a big US research facility. We have control gates and locks in the St. Mary's River and in this day and age, we can't figure out a better way than just let the St. Clair River erode? It's just unconscionable."

Locks and control gates in the St. Mary's River have been there since the 1930s. They were designed for the St. Clair River when the Seaway was designed, but never built. "We're not proponents or supporters of locks and control gates," she said. "We do not think that's needed in the St. Clair River, but we need much better management of the water levels."

It's less than eight years until 2030. "This is an urgent issue that nobody's paying attention to," Ms. Muter said. "You can imagine this will require binational cooperation and bi-national funding. The work to determine the best method needs to be done right now. I can imagine it will take several years to complete the project. Technically, this is a challenging, high flow river. I've spoken to the USACE. They know it's doable. But it will cost a lot of money and it will take time. How bad do we want it to get? That's the only question."

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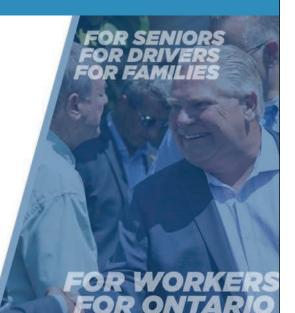
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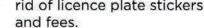
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an excellent job.'

Veteran Assiginack municipal councillor (and former reeve) and former Owen Sound Transportation board member Hugh Moggy also expressed disappointment with the lack of an Island representative on the board, especially when it comes to diversification.

"I thought they wanted a First Nations person on the board," he said. "The board was always valuable to the Chi-Cheemaun ferry.'

Mr. Moggy said that during his seven vears on the board "there were always three Manitoulin members and two from Tobermory. The ferry means an awful lot to our economy here on Manitoulin and it is important to have people on the board who know what is going on.'

The newly announced board consists of chair Marta Leardi-Anderson of Amherstburg, vice-chair (former Conservative MP) Larry Miller of Georgian Bluffs, Bradley Fletcher of Annan, Dr. Benson Lau of Toronto, James Hepple of Meaford, Brook Dyson of Collingwood and Richard Stivrins of North Bay. All members of the OSTC board are appointed for a three-year term (eligible for reappointment) and serve in a part-time capacity, meeting as required for business. Appointees are eligible for reimbursement of expenses.

The Expositor has learned that the OSTC has recently reached out to at least one potential Indigenous candidate as a director from Manitoulin Island. That candidate has been instructed to reach out to the Ontario Appointments Secretariate.

Despite the concerns being expressed by Island residents, OSTC board member James Hepple said Manitoulin should rest easy when it comes to board representation

"I'm on kind of a good will tour, showing the flag and support for the people on the Island," he said during a recent visit to The Expositor. "Even though the Island doesn't have a representative on the board, people should understand that the board is sympathetic to Manitoulin. I want them to understand, we have your back.'

Mr. Hepple noted that he is no stranger



James Hepple of Meaford, an Owen Sound Transportation Company board member, made a tour of Manitoulin last week, including a stop into The Expositor Office.

to Manitoulin Island, having first visited the area with his family in 1956. He was staying with long-time Island friends Jib and Debby Turner of Little Current. "It helps keep expenses down," he laughs, noting that staying with friends allows him to catch up with what is happening on the ground in an informal way.

Mr. Hepple was scheduled to address the Manitoulin Municipal Association's Wednesday meeting, but the meeting was cancelled at the 11th hour.

The board director said he was very pleased with the changes that have taken place at the OSTC and said that employees of the company have told him they are very excited about the direction the company is taking.

"Morale is really high," he said, adding that he believes the future of the ferry is sound. "The Chi-Cheemaun is very well built," he said. "The folks in Collingwood (where the ship was originally built) really did a good job and it has not been in salt water." (Ocean sojourns tend to be rough on ship hulls and systems.)

The board director knows a bit about boats, having been on the water for most of his life, even up to the present day, as he currently still moves vessels from port to ... continued on page 16







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# **CALL TO ACTION #13**

We call upon the federal government to acknowledge that Aboriginal rights include Aboriginal language rights.

# **CALL TO ACTION #14**

We call upon the federal government to enact an Aboriginal Languages Act that incorporates the following principles:

# **CALL TO ACTION #15**

We call upon the federal government to appoint, in consultation with Aboriginal groups. an Aboriginal Languages Commissioner. The commissioner should help promote Aboriginal languages and report on the adequacy of federal funding of Aboriginal-languages initiatives.

- Aboriginal languages are a fundamental and valued element of Canadian 1. culture and society, and there is an urgency to preserve them.
- Aboriginal language rights are reinforced by the Treaties.
- The federal government has a responsibility to provide sufficient funds 3. for Aboriginal-language revitalization and preservation.
- The preservation, revitalization, and strengthening of Aboriginal 4. languages and cultures are best managed by Aboriginal people and communities
- 5. Funding for Aboriginal language initiatives must reflect the diversity of Aboriginal languages.

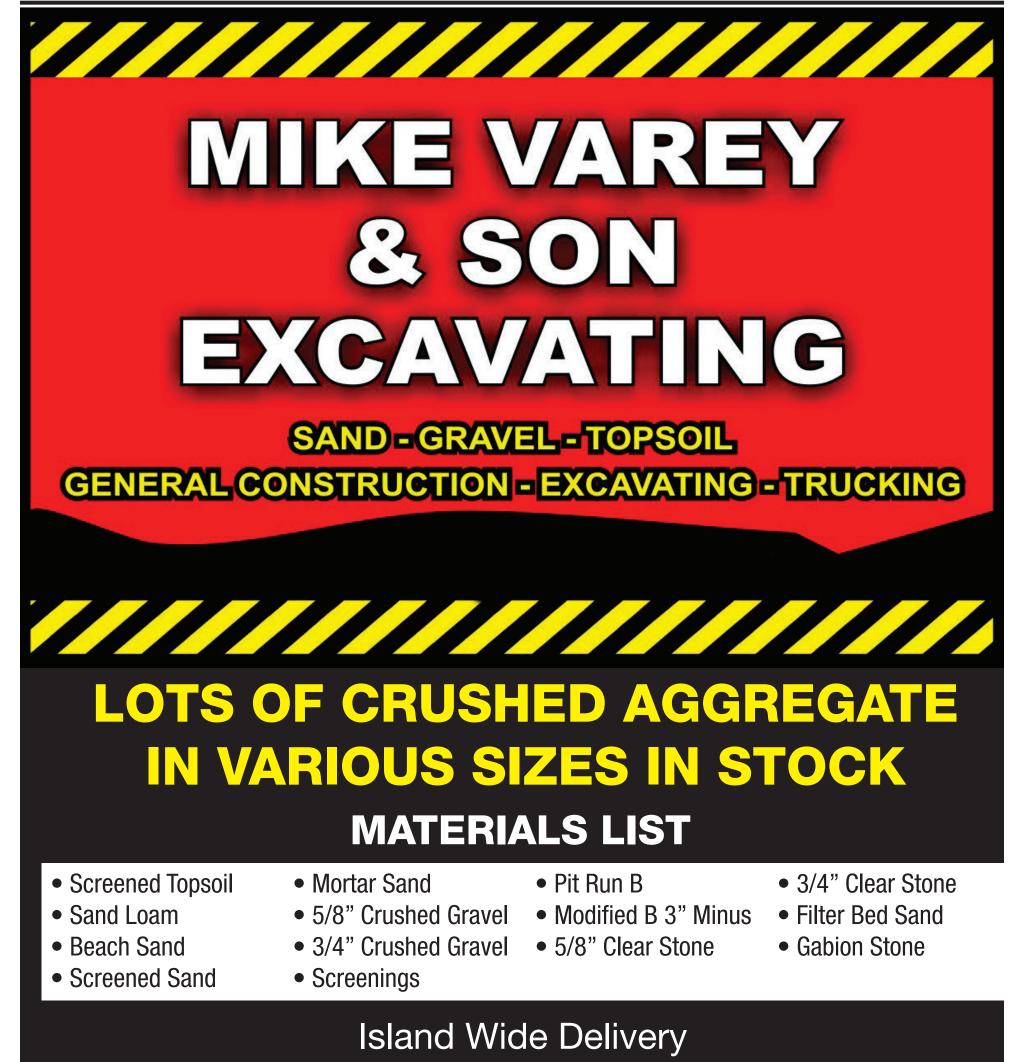
# CALL TO ACTION #16

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# ...Sheshegwaning First Nation installingnet pens in Bayfield Sound

...continued from page 1 and submersible," said Chief Endanawas. "This means they are located out in the fast currents, and they can be put under the surface to protect the fish from ice and hot temperatures."

"They (net pens) start 600 feet offshore. We can run the airlines and feedlines from shore," said Mr. Taylor. Each cage can hold 100,000 fish. We are putting the first 25,000 in," said Mr. Taylor, who pointed out four people are employed through the joint project venture. He noted that when the fish are first put in the cages they are about 100 grams and they are raised for harvest at about 2.83 pounds.

"We'll be stocking five pens this spring with rainbow trout," said Chief Endanawas. "These trout will be grown all summer and fall and will be harvested before Christmas."

"We are very interested in protecting the lands and waters of Sheshegwaning First Nation," continued Chief Endanawas. She explained the farm has a rigorous environmental monitoring program, "and to date we have not seen any negative impacts on the surrounding ecosystem."

"Last year the farm secured best aquaculture practices, an internationally recognized eco-certification. An auditor came on site to make sure we were raising fish in the best interests of the environment, their welfare, our staff and our community," said Chief



With many members of the Sheshegwaning First Nation community on hand, Odawa Island Farms kicked off the new year by welcoming the first load of 25,000 trout fingerlings that were transferred from a tractor/trailer into a net in the harbour, to be raised in cages this summer. Odawa Island Farms was co-founded in 2016 by Sheshegwaning First Nation and John O. Foods.



Endanawas.

At the May 16 event, the community of Sheshegwaning and the team at Odawa Island Farms came together for an opening ceremony. The first load of 25,000 rainbow trout fingerlings was transferred from a tractor/trailer into a net in the harbour. "We attached a pipe to the bottom of the tanks on the truck, pulled open the valves and watched them rush out," explained Chief Endanawas.

Elders joined from the community to lead a welcoming prayer and smudge to invite a good growing season.



**Cookies for a cause** Friends of the Mindemoya Old School held a fundraiser at the Lions Club pavilion in Mindemoya on May 21. Jade Danville and Jackelin Bran, both of Mindemoya, are pictured getting their favourite treats at the bake table from FOMOS executive member Lynn Quesnel.

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# ...Wiikwemkoong's Urban Mejaki to be named to Great Northern Opry

And my grandsons are just

starting to learn music. My

daughters have all the musi-

cal equipment but they

"I used to play music

three-four hours a night,

just to keep in practice and

keep up the beat," said Mr. Mejaki. He pointed out a

few years ago he started

having major problems with his fingers because of

arthritis, and with arthritis

in his legs as well, "I can

barely move around at

Mejaki. "It was really hard

after my wife passed away

and no one could visit due

to COVID." He passes his

"by listening

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"I live alone," said Mr.

times.

time,

don't use it very much."

...continued from page 1 was exposed to music. "I was very young when I first got interested in music. My grandparents and several of my uncles were right into music, in fact, one of my uncles, Steve Mejaki, was a fiddle champion," he told The Expositor. "My mother was a music teacher but I never learned to read or write music, so I play music by ear."

"Back in the day I could play the fiddle, banjo, mandolin and guitar," said Mr. Mejaki. "I have provided the backup with several bands in the community over the years, such as Crystal Shawanda, Hardy Peltier and Eugene Manitowabi. I play bass guitar."

"I was just 16 when I first played in the band that Hardy and Eugene had. I remember the first show I played with them was at a talent show in the community in 1967," he said, also pointing out at the time he also had his own band.

"Now all of my old friends, except for Eugene, are passing away these days," said Mr. Mejaki. "When I played with Eugene and Hardy I went anywhere they went, playing in Sagamok, Wiky, M'Chigeeng and I remember one time playing in the Espanola hotel. We played all over the place. When Eugene and Hardy had the band we called ourselves 'The Odawas' and we had Stanley Pangowish, he was our fiddle player, Ron Wakegijig and Paul Abel."

"Now I play with Robbie Shawana, Doug Hore and Maurice Labelle," said Mr. Mejaki. "We will be playing at the Bluegrass in the Country show in Providence Bay in June (9-12) playing on the Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning at the gospel music show. And I'll be with them in Tehkummah on May 28 for the celebration show."

"I remember one time years ago Eugene had problems with this voice and he couldn't sing, so I asked if Robbie (Shawana) could help out," said Mr. Mejaki. The band The Chiefs,



including Robbie, Eugene, Henry Peltier, and myself with Sonny George on drums."

When he was first approached several years ago about being nominated for induction into the Great North Opry Mr. Mejaki refused. "I lost my wife a few years ago in May, and Eugene and Ben showed up one day and asked me if I would accept the nomination. I refused because I told them I'm not a singer. But Eugene said my wife would love to see me inducted."

Mr. Mejaki said his sons are also involved in music, and his youngest son "plays and likes his own style of country music.

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port for customers across the eastern seaboard.

Mr. Hepple noted that, despite recent renovations to the vessel, there is considerable work that needs to be done to bring the MS Chi-Cheemaun up to modern standards. "There is work that needs to be done on the plumbing and electrical systems," he said. "But hopefully the ferry will be going strong for a long time."

He said that he believes the target market for the ferry remains southwestern

Ontario. "I like to point out that it is the part of Highway 6 you don't have to drive," he laughed. More importantly, however, "you don't need to drive through Toronto and around. The Chi-Cheemaun is the way to go."

Mr. Hepple reiterated several times in the conversation with The Expositor that he believes the OSTC board is dedicated to maintaining and expanding the use of the vessel by tourists and that as far as he is concerned, the Island will remain a key part of ongoing strategy for the company.

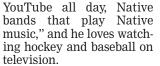
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"I'm going to need to pick up my guitar again and practice, with the show coming up in Tehkummah," said Mr. Mejaki, who over the years has provided the backup music at wakes for those who have passed away. "Music is part of the healing process."

Mr. Lentir said after having to postpone celebration parties for Mr. Mejaki the past two years due to COVID, a celebration party and show in honour of Mr. Mejaki will take place this Saturday, May 28 at 7 pm in the Tehkummah hall. Admission is \$15 per person with all tickets purchased at the door.

"Entertainment for the evening will be provided by Opry members from Manitoulin Island who will be performing two songs each," said Mr. Lentir. "We were working on this and had everything booked for a celebration show for Urban for September 12, 2020, but as we all know it had to be cancelled due to the pandemic."

Mr. Mejaki's actual induction into the Great North Opry will take place in Sault Ste. Marie on November 4-5.









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# Sharon Hunter's 'Souvenir' exhibits at the Debajehmujig gallery

by Michael Erskine MANITOWANING-From Prince Albert, to Bridal Back, to her current home in Blind River, Sharon Hunter's journey as an artist has been one of many roads and her earliest travels with her parents instilled a fascination with the road that has informed her art and provided a lens through which many questions travel.

Ms. Hunter's latest exhibition of new works, hanging at Debajehmujig's K.B. Reynolds Mastin Gallery is entitled 'Souvenir,' and evokes that sense of wonder and mystery inherent in the road.

"What began as a child's fascination continues.' she said. "As I am examining more deeply the idea of objects as mnemonic. The installation for souvenir is a place which begins with the iconic highway motels dotted along the Trans Canada Highway."

'Souvenir' is a microcosm of some of Ms. Hunter's previous work which involved a series of full-sized billboards placed along the highway, large murals which explored the stories of different groups of people, from First Nation elders and women of Algoma Mills to the last work in that series in Thunder Bay which focussed on waterkeepers.

A series of idyllic landscape paintings, rescued from a soon to be demolished derelict motel, form a base upon which are layered photo images of motel signage, marrying the Northern décor that once soothed a motel patron with images of motel signs, motels of which many are now themselves disappearing from the landscape—often leaving behind only the ghostly presence of the motel signs themselves.

'The idea is to skew, obscure and disassemble notions of land as an idyllic free space and instead construct parallel divisions and acknowledge the theft and reclamation of land treaty rights," she said.

The parallel extends to Ms. Hunter herself, whose Indigenous heritage was

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memory. We needed to find something to recognize his commitment and dedication to the community.'

"The whole Island is invited to participate in the dedication renaming ceremony," said Ms. White. "Marc and his family live here (Assiginack), but he was very well known throughout the Island and his family has ties everywhere on the Island."

The renaming of the marina will take part in a public dedication taking place on July 1 on the Manitowaning waterfront at 11:30 am.

passed down by blood through her Indigenous father, but her upbringing was bereft of cultural heritage and knowledge and the connection to the land.

Ms. Hunter's work layers questions and images, trade blanket stripes, geometric forms, clan animals, eagles, bears, raven and pike travel into her work bringing along those teachings which she has spent a lifetime seeking out and discovering in her artist's journey.

Visitors to the exhibit can bring away their own souvenir, a mnemonic device to help them continue their own inquiry into unpacking the questions found on life's road—postcards with images screenprinted upon tarpaper, "a simulacrum for a long tar-mac highway," explains Ms. Hunter.

One of her works entitled 'Manitou Motel' poses a contemporary question.

"What does Manitou mean?" she asks. "I have been told, 'a great spirit'." The juxtaposition of that name and its meaning with the concept of a motel and the settler occupation of the land is just one of the questions explored in her work. The May 7 opening

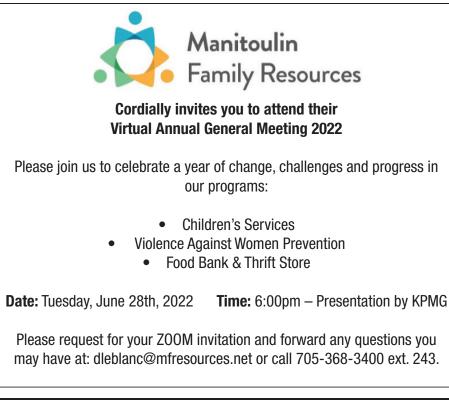
reception featured an amazing charcuterie and music by Patrick O'Leary and Norman Assiniwe.

'Souvenir' is on exhibit at Debajehmujig's gallery, 43 Queen Street in Manitowaning until June 30.



Artist Sharon Hunter stands by 'Manitou Motel' one of her paintings during the opening reception for 'Souvenir,' an exhibit of her new works being held at the K.B. Reynolds Mastin Gallery in the Debajehmujig Creation Centre.

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# Manitoulin Secondary relaunches school composting program, receives grant

M'CHIGEENG—Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS)'s SHARE/Go-Green and Eco-Hero students held a relaunch of the schools composting program on May 19.

"The program received generous support from the Learning for a Sustainable Future Action Project funding for student-led climate change/sustainability initiatives," said teacher Yana Bauer. "With a \$500 grant, the students were able to purchase compostable cups and bags, as well as set-up waste diversion containers and a compost bin." Ms. Bauer explained, "the collected compost is mixed with plant matter from the school greenhouse and uses friendly bacteria, heat and moisture to break down the organic matter in banana peels and such. There are also worms and insects in there as well that help, but the main action is aerobic and bacterial. The school will use the finished com-

post in the greenhouse and in the raised beds around the school, to help enrich the soil."

During the May 19 launch, the organizers (stu-

Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) SHARE/Go-Green and Eco-Hero students held a relaunch of the schools composting program on May 19. Students who organized the event served tea in compostable cups, held a bake sale, ran a quiz game on sustainability and waste diversion and educated fellow students on composting and waste sorting.

# UCCM Police welcomes experienced detective sgt.

M'CHIGEENG—The UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service is pleased to wel-

come an experienced detective sergeant to their ranks. Detective Sergeant Todd Fox hails from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory who also has family ties to M'Chigeeng First Nation. Mr. Fox graduated from the Police Foundations program at Algonquin College in 2006, and soon after joined Wikwemikong Tribal Police.

Detective Sergeant Fox was sworn in May 2. "After his first week of orientation, he will be ready to join the crime unit to serve the communities of UCCMM," said James Killeen, chief of police for UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service. Mr. Fox, "has been an officer since 2008, having been promoted to sergeant in 2014, and to detective sergeant in



UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service Chief of Police James Killeen, right, welcomes Detective Sergeant Todd Fox to the force.

2019 with Wikwemikong Tribal Police. UCCM Police is pleased to have Todd join our team as he brings experience in working the crime unit and with supervision." "Outside of work (Mr.

MP Carol Hughes calls for better reproductive health care for women

OTTAWA—Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing, is calling for better reproductive health care for women.

"A recently leaked draft opinion revealed that the United States Supreme Court is considering overturning Roe v. Wade, a landmark decision on abortion rights. This unprecedented disclosure raises deep concerns about the existing guarantees of abortion access, and it's more important than ever to ensure that reproductive rights and justice are protected in Canada."

This is the statement that MP Hughes made in the House of Commons May 18 to bring attention to the concerns women across Canada have about access to reproductive health services, and to draw attention to the fact that women in rural and remote communities often face Fox) and his wife enjoy their dogs, travelling, watching hockey, golfing, or spending time at camp. Please help me in welcoming detective sergeant Todd Fox to the UCCM Police Services when you see him out in the communities," said Mr. Killeen. dents) served tea in the compostable cups, held a bake sale, ran a quiz game on sustainability and waste diversion and most importantly, educated students on composting and waste sorting, explained Ms. Bauer. "Students were supportive

and willing to change their habits to help the school become more sustainable. So far, the launch was successful in raising awareness about zero-waste and carbon emissions from waste in food consumption."

Student organizers of the relaunch of the schools composting program included Anika Smith, Daphne Carr, Ezra Diebolt, Alex Wilson-Zegil and Jocelyn Kuntsi.





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the greatest barriers to access.

MP Hughes also quoted a recent Sudbury Star op-ed from Manitoulin-based writer Ruth Farquhar, who stated, "abortion in this country will only be truly accessible to women of privilege." She further acknowledged the barriers many women face in accessing reproductive health services due to issues related to geography, age, gender, race, socio-economic factors, and immigration status.

"It is paramount to advance reproductive justice by addressing the needs of the most marginalized women, families, and communities and expanding access to reproductive health care across the country," added MP Hughes.

# **Expositor clarification**

An Assiginack councillor has asked that a clarification be made in reference to a news story in the May 11 issue of The Expositor, 'Assiginack Township to undergo repairs on bank building in phases,' Page 3.

Any committed repairs to date only relate to the flooring in the post office portion of the building and as yet there is no commitment for the estimated \$700,000 repairs the building requires. The Expositor regrets the misunderstanding. Each of the following Paramedic Services stations will be offering an open house:

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# Sheguiandah welcomes university students on first field course since start of pandemic

by Lori Thompson, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

SHEGUIANDAH—Dawn Bazely first came to Manitoulin on an ecology field trip when she was in Grade 12 in 1979. She was working on a cattail research project, measuring plant quadrants at the edge of a beaver pond, when she came face to face with an adult beaver. That was the moment she decided to be a field ecologist.

She went on to earn a masters and undergrad degree at the University of Toronto, in biogeography and botany, before working in the field on Hudson's Bay from 1980 to 1984. She completed a doctorate at Oxford University in the United Kingdom and returned to Canada to become a professor at York University in 1990.



Students check water sample from Sheguiandah Bay dock area for presence of microplastics.

and other Ontario universities: Trent, Brock, Guelph, and Toronto Metropolitan (formerly known as Ryerson). They were based in Sheguiandah this time around, with accommodations at the Paradise Motel photos by Lori Thompson dise Motel and Green Acres.

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Simon Nguyn, in hip waders, collects data samples at Sheguiandah dock.

Once at York, she was invited to prepare a field course. "It could be studying river dolphins up the Yangtse River in China or studying African ecology," she said. "It could be scuba diving on coral reefs in Costa Rica or studying ornithology (birds) at Algonquin."

Professor Bazely decided to locate her course on Manitoulin, at the Lake Huron Fisheries Research station at South Baymouth. "It was field methods in plant ecology," she said. She was excited to display a recently rediscovered file folder that contained notes, student course papers, schedules, and her own handwritten plant list from that initial field course. There was even a copy of a letter she wrote in 1993 to the Rainbow County Tourism Association and cc'd to The Manitoulin Expositor about what they were doing. She ran that course from 1990 until 1993; the next year she had a baby. She resurrected the field course this year. "Frankly, if you'd asked in 2019 or 2020 would I ever be resurrecting a field course like this, the answer would have been no," she laughed. "I don't know why we are here," she said. "I think it was being here last fall. I just needed to get out of Toronto. Manitoulin is such a healing place, I will say. I've loved it for about 40 years. It's the place where I decided I wanted to have the career that I've had so I think in some way, I'm giving back to Manitoulin.' Eight students participated in the course, which ran for two weeks from May 2-13. They came from York

Professor Bazely has been teaching this field course virtually (with assistance from friend and colleague Dr. Shoshanah Jacobs from the University of Guelph), using scienceat-home kits she developed, due to the pandemic. York students were particularly affected," she said. "Our demographic at York is recent immigrants, low income, multi-generational families working in Amazon call centres. They are highly racialized and were hit very hard by COVID. From the get-go, this was for kids in my classes."

No one could step outside their house, she added. "You couldn't even have a field course where students went on the street

ples at Sheguiandah

and a classroom and lab set up at Sheguiandah Hall.

because lockdown was the boundaries of your property"

Wondering where she could go in Ontario that was safe, she remembered Manitoulin Island and everything just came together. Professor Bazely emphasized how the community came together to make it happen. "The infrastructure that's needed for these field courses is monstrous," she said.

There were accommodations to figure out, meals, and access to areas for conducting field research. "You've got to find a place to set up your classroom, your lab," she added. They couldn't afford a bus: no one had worked in two years, so they needed to be somewhere they could easily walk to field locations. Sheguiandah Hall was accessible to the bay, Para-

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# ...Sheguiandah welcomes university students on first field course since start of pandemic

...continued from page 19 importantly, from an ecology perspective, this is part of the pre-Cambrian Shield," noted Professor Bazely. "It is the only place on Manitoulin where the north shore crops up. The rest is escarpment, paleozoic, so I knew we had that cool geology.'

She brought in the traditional ecology course: identify the trees, learn about frogs, and she also brought in other scientists. Andrew Tanentzap, а leading researcher on microplastics, was one of those. He was Professor Bazely's grad student and is now professor of global change and ecology and head of EcoSystems and Global Change Group at the University of Cambridge.

"He's just had one of the most important research papers (on microplastics)



Students learn to adjust for available equipment in the field while collecting water samples to test for microplastics at Sheguiandah Bay.



Andrew Tanentzap, left, with students collecting samples at Sheguiandah Bay.

published." said. she "You've got one of the world's trailblazing scientists right here on Manitoulin.'

Dr. Joe Shorthouse, retired entomologist from Laurentian University and occasional contributor to this paper, spent a day teaching the students about bugs and insects. Another associate led the students on a field trip to study turtles and frogs in their habitat.

There was a day spent with the Little Current Fish and Game Club and Manitoulin Streams at Bass Creek, and an Indigenous knowledge day where they visited the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation and Lillian's in M'Chigeeng.

When this reporter visited the group at Sheguiandah Hall it was a hive of activity. Students were completing class work inside the hall and preparing gear for data collection at Sheguiandah Bay. Professor Bazely hustled between the student group and the car, getting students out the and making sure equipment and lunches were all packed and loaded.

"These students haven't been outside or done anything like this," Mr. Tanentzap pointed out. "They're COVID children. This is the first time they've done any outdoor field work in their whole degree. They're in their third (or fourth) year of university. It's all been done through computer screens."

Skye Vasey just completed his third year in environmental science/studies at Trent University. He came on the field trip because of the previous two years spent online. "It's just been really hard to get field experience," he said. He hopes he makes enough connections during the course of his undergrad to be able to find work on a study when he's through.

Emily Whitehead was the youngest of the group. She's entering her third year of biology at Toronto Metropolitan University and hopes to specialize in environmental science. She came on the field trip to obtain some hands-on experience. "I've done the lab stuff and the clinic stuff," she said. "It's just not for me. I wanted to try out the field experience and it's been really great and has solidified that's what I want to do.'

Most of the students are from the Greater Toronto area, Ms. Whitehead included. "It's been nice seeing the environment and culture shift, coming to a place like Manitoulin.

tant zone for environmental work." Several international students participated as well. Dama Chowdhary, from Bangladesh, is a fourth year York University student majoring in environmental science and specializing in life science. This was her first opportunity to explore another part of Ontario. "It's really a nicer outlook to see, experience and be able to use knowledge the we've gained mostly from books and lectures," she said. "It's an opportunity to look towards the culture and (sense of) community and how everybody comes together when there's an issue, for example at the hatchery." Nandini Patel is from India. She's also a fourthvear student at York. She

enrolled in this field course because she needed field experience for her degree, and to learn what she wants to do and what she is good at. "We have to know what are our drawbacks, where we are lacking, so this field course is pretty good," she said. "I think it is difficult in the city to experience some things which we experienced here, like the unity and so much culture.'

"I think the story is you can be from anywhere in Canada and go on to be a professor at Cambridge University," Professor Bazely said. "We've got what it takes. As long as we share that with students we can prepare them to be good citizens in the world, not just on the environmental but also on the social justice front."

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# ...All-candidates' night 2022 highlighted the strong slate of Algoma-Manitoulin options

...continued from page 5 ent" than that of the south. He pointed to the cost of fuel and insurance as areas where regulation is needed to control spiralling costs.

Ms. Fort pointed to the PC government's removal of the licence plate sticker fee and the agreement with the federal government to provide \$10 a day childcare by 2025, maintaining the 10 percent tuition cut and increasing the minimum wage as examples of how her party is working to make life more affordable.

Mr. Vine noted that the current rise in costs is global in nature and problematic for any government to tackle in the short term. But he pointed to the Liberal plan to implement a \$25 minimum wage floor for PSWs and the return of the ability for collective bargaining as potentially providing some relief. The Liberal commitment to 10 days of sick paid leave will also help alleviate some of the stress in the health care system.



**Corbiere-Addison** 

Retired teacher and entrepreneur Lisa Corbiere-Addison focussed on affordability, noting that her business could not afford 10 paid sick days on top of all of the other hits that have come during the pandemic and she also pointed to the lack of Indigenous education in the Ontario curriculum.

Mr. Vine said that small businesses, which are the engine that drives the Northern economy, are critically important to the province's economic health, highlighting the need to balance policy in such a way that does not negatively impact those businesses, such as tax exemptions for smaller businesses. On the Indigenous education front, the Liberal candidate said that Indigenous history has too often been downplayed in the education system. "Not only was it one of the main

dren are able to learn in their own language. "It makes sense," he said. When it came to small business, he said the NDP would provide rounds of small business support as long as it is needed.



**Corey Stacinski** 

Corey Stacinski, manager of the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre, (and sporting a Liberal button) asked the candidates why any Indigenous voter would consider voting for their party, given there was no mention by any party leader of Indigenous issues during the televised leadership debate.

Mr. Mantha pointed to the lack of potable water in many Indigenous communities, noting that it is time to stop the ping pong ball game played by the province and federal government over jurisdictions. He challenged "we" as government for daring to not address the issues facing First Nation communities.

Mr. Vine pointed to the "honour of the Crown" as being central to living up to the truth of the past and the need for the return of a Minister of Indigenous Relations in the province. 'We need to work to a Minister of Indigenous Reconciliation whose sole job is repairing our relationships.'

Ms. Fort said that the question is complicated as Indigenous people in Canada are not "Canada's Indigenous people, or 'our people.' I think having a voice at the table is where we need to go.'



"The last time the federal government had anything to say about gas prices was when the government bought PetroCanada," he said. He went on to suggest that the province should after being in power for 11 streamline the ability of foreign-trained health professionals get into their professions. The best place to have a heart attack in Toronto is in a taxi cab, because the driver is probably a doctor." (The federal government sold off the last of its shares in Petro-Canada near the end of the

Chretien Liberal government era, having first purchased the company as a window into the industry during the tenure of Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau.)

A questioner who identified herself as Roxanne and a registered nurse, noted that health professionals cannot afford to work in their trade. She pointed to the cost of gas, as a case in point, explaining that the only Island home care nurse she is aware of, lives in Espanola and is not appropriately reimbursed for the gas to come to Manitoulin clients. A young Conservative volunteer identified as Sheldon asked Mr. Mantha why he should be re-elected

years. He noted that the Owen Sound Transportation Corporation Board does not have a representative, although Mr. Mantha was tourism critic. Mr. Mantha said that not

only is the board a challenge, he pointed to the loss of the volunteer navy aboard the ferry which would advocate for services

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recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission," he said, "it's the right thing to do.'

Ms. Fort pointed to the money that has flowed into the region from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, streamlining of apprenticeships, internships and other skilled labour programs as important business supports. But the second question she said really hit home for her personally, as she is an Indigenous woman. "First Nation curriculum is important to me," she said. Ms. Fort said she did not have the opportunity to learn about her history in school, but her own children took the opportunity to teach their colleagues through their own school projects.

Mr. Mantha said that it was important that chil-

Bill Cranston of Mindemoya asked the candidates where they were going to find the thousands of PSWs and other health professionals, given the long turnaround time necessary to train them and the erosion of perceptions of work in the health system. He went on to ask why the price of gas cannot be controlled the same way liquor is through the LCBO.

Ms. Fort said it was that toughest question she has faced and apologized that she really did not have an answer.

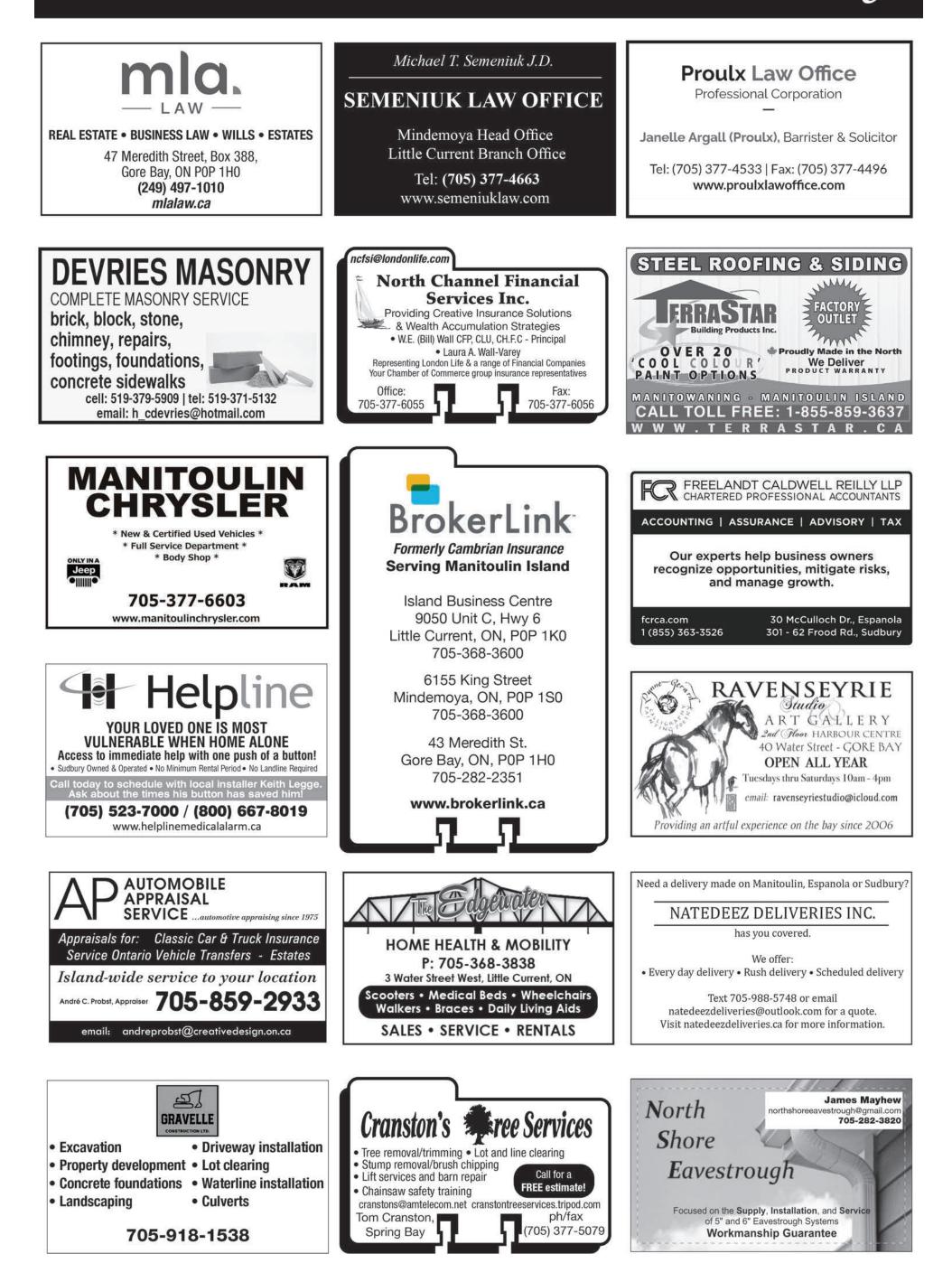
Mr. Vine noted that the free market can pose challenges, but that multinationals must pay their fair share of taxes. "We need to see why those prices are so high," he said. "We need to find regional solutions."

Tim hit it right on the head," said Mr. Mantha.

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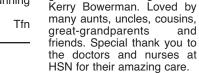
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...continued from page 21 on the Island. "The destination shouldn't be the Chi-Cheemaun," he said. "It should be Tobermory or Manitoulin Island.

Mr. Vine said that cronyism lies at the core. "It's not just the OSTC," he said. "It is a politics of friends, cronyism that goes right to the premier's office," he said. "A politics of friends and enemies is not the politics that Ontario was built on."

"I saw the Chi-Cheemaun for the first time recently,' said Ms. Fort. "It's not just picking and choosing. We have to ensure the applications are there."

Linda Williamson, an RPN, pointed to the challenge of trying to make a living in part-time jobs. She noted that she had heard how many tax dollars each candidate's party was going pay with your OHIP card."

Linda Williamson out even more taxes. Mr. Mantha agreed affordability is an issue. He pointed to the pharmacare and affordable housing proposals of the NDP that would bring some relief. "Instead of paying with your credit card, you will

to spend, but pointed out

she is 67 years old and

unable to retire as she can-

not pay the cost of rent,

food and fuel as it is, with-

he said.

"The system has failed you," said Mr. Vine. He noted that under the Liberal plan, no one making under \$250,000 would pay more income tax. He also pointed out that the system is still a long way away from equal pay for equal value of work. "Can we afford four more years of Doug Ford?" he asked.

Ms. Fort pointed to the avowed aim of the Progressive Conservative Party to keep taxes down and work



Mildred Kelly

# Manitoulin food convention and market planned for Gore Bay rescheduled for fall

### by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY-The Manitoulin food convention, originally scheduled to be held in Gore Bay later this month, has had to be rescheduled.

"COVID-19 has interfered with our plans to hold the food convention and market in May," said Barb Erskine, acting manager of Split Rail Brewing Company in Gore Bay. "Some of our guest speakers' schedules have been interfered with due to COVID-19. These things will be sorted out. but not by the original date that we had planned.

The Manitoulin food convention and market was originally planned for May 28-29. Its purpose to is to provide people the opportunity to network and develop food group connections and partnerships.

The first day of the event, which was to be open to members of the public, was to hold the education convention piece of the event in the Gore Bay (community) hall, with speakers, farmers, producers, and agency representatives, mostly local, (although some from other areas) discussing food product development and farming. The following day, a market was take place at Split Rail Brewing Company, with food producers having food products on hand (and for sale).

The event is tentatively rescheduled for this fall.



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together to find solutions. Mildred Kelly asked

where all the new affordable housing would be built, noting that currently it seems to be on good arable farmland in southern Ontario.

be a partnership between municipalities and the contractors.

Ms. Fort said that would

Mr. Vine said that land

speculation has to be tackled, noting that the value of agricultural land for housing has placed it in grave danger, given the ideology of the current government. Mr. Mantha touted his

party's housing-first strate-

gy and its opposition to ministerial zoning orders that have declared open season on the green belt.



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Required:

Preferred:

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- Prepare comprehensive reports and provide recommendations to improve the effectiveness of services and programs of the Health Unit; and
- Develop and implement community emergency response planning procedures.

### **RELATIONSHIPS AND TEAMBUILDING:**

 Work collaboratively and cooperatively at all levels in order to support the use of a strength-based, community-focused practices while assisting team members to build their capacity in providing safe and nurturing environments for WRFN members.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

- Provide guidance, direction and support to staff;
- Supervise, coach and direct staff;
- Monitor and address employee performance and conduct performance reviews;
- Coordinate staff professional development and address any training needs; and
- Establish and sustain a work environment that promotes and rewards optimal performance, an ongoing commitment to excellence and the adoption of strength-based cultural practices.

# FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:

- To assist in the preparation and monitoring of the Health Unit Budget;
- Assist in the development of the Yearly Health Unit Budget and review, monitor, coordinate and plan for the allocation of resources for staff that fall within the limit of authority;
- Review, monitor and approve financial expenditures for health staff; and
- Ensure WRFN financial policies and procedures are adhered to.

### **ADMINISTRATION:**

- To complete administrative functions and adhere to all WRFN policies, procedures and standards of practice;
- Develop and submit a yearly work plan with goals, objectives and measurable indicators of success;
- Review and approve various forms to be used, i.e. Monthly Report Forms, Intake Forms, Medical Forms, Liability Forms and etc.; and
- Prepare and submit comprehensive monthly and quarterly reports to the Band Manager and Leadership (when requested).

### EDUCATION

• Degree or Diploma in Health Administration, Public Health or related field.

### EXPERIENCE

- Minimum two years' (2) managerial experience including supervision of staff, preferably in the Health Care field;
- Must have a good understanding and adhere to: General Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP), Funding Contribution Funding Agreements;
- Strong proposal writing skills; and
- Working experience working with First Nation people, organizations and communities.

### KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS

- Knowledge of First Nation communities and structures and the ability to integrate traditional and mainstream practices as a central and vital part of health service delivery;
- Knowledge of local services available to the WRFN community;
- Knowledge and understanding of the Canada Health Act, Non-Insured Health Benefits Program and Indian Act; and
- Knowledge, understanding, respect and sensitivity of the Anishinabek culture, traditions and the Seven Grandfather Teachings.

- Experience with MEDITECH
- Training in LEAN principles and CQI
- Experience in a healthcare setting in a related position
- Certifications to support technical competencies

### **Other Qualifications:**

• Ability to provide regular attendance

# Knowledge/Skills:

- Proficiency in several Operating System Platforms: Windows, Linux, Cisco iOS
- Proficiency with Microsoft SQL Server
- Proficiency with Enterprise level firewalls, anti-virus, anti-malware software
- Proficiency with SIEM and other logging tools
- Proficiency in WAN, LAN, WLAN, VOIP
- Proficiency in Microsoft 365
- Proficiency in technical writing of manuals and, policies and procedures
- Knowledge of ADT, HL7, DICOM an asset
- Knowledge of Hospital Information Systems or Electronic Medical Records an asset

Please apply to: Human Resources at recruitment@mhc.on.ca Please quote Job Posting Number 2022-NU-06 in the subject line.

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

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

### SUPERIOR SKILLS

- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Excellent problem-solving skills
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Excellent planning and organizational skills
- Excellent time management skills
- Excellent computer skills with Microsoft Office software
- Ability to work independently and within a team environment
- Ability to deal with difficult and conflicting situations
- Ability to work flexible hours including unplanned overtime
- Ability to work with confidential and highly sensitive and personal information
- Proven ability to work with First Nation communities and people
- Ability to understand and speak Anishnaabemowin is an asset

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

### CONFIDENTIAL:

Tricia Podlatis, Human Resources Manager Whitefish River First Nation, 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP 1A0 Email: applications@whitefishriver.ca; Fax: (705) 285-4532

Applications must be submitted by June 3, 2022 by 4:30 p.m. and must include the following; Cover letter, current resume, copies of Degrees/Diplomas, and 3 reference letters (with contact information).

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

is currently seeking a bilingual

Salary range: \$26.93 to \$40.48 per hour

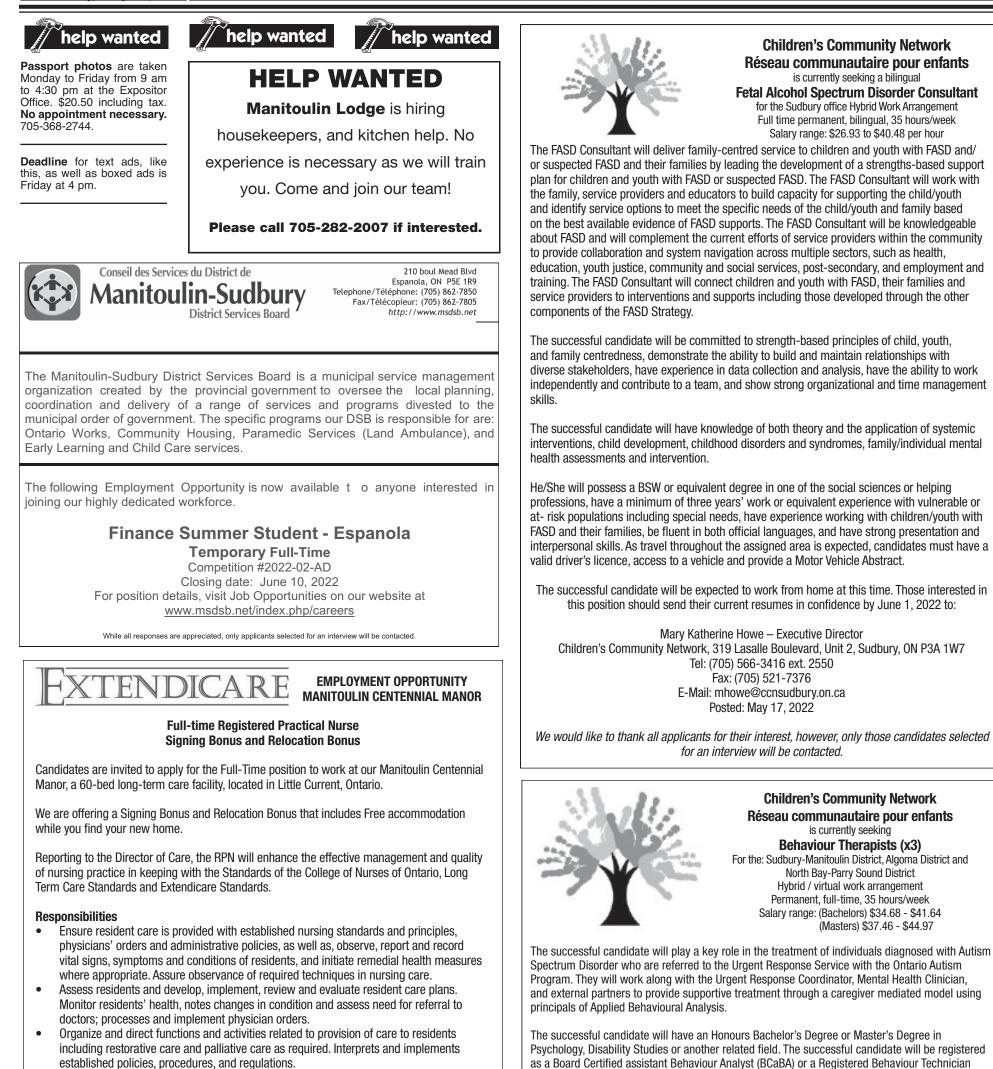
**Children's Community Network** 

is currently seeking **Behaviour Therapists (x3)** 

North Bay-Parry Sound District

Hybrid / virtual work arrangement Permanent, full-time, 35 hours/week

(Masters) \$37.46 - \$44.97



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

### Qualifications

Director of Care.

- Appropriate current certificate of competence from the College of Nurses of Ontario required.
- Registration or eligible for registration with the Registered Practical Nurses Association of . Ontario.

Plan, direct, supervise and evaluate the work of nursing and personal care staff assigned

to the unit. Orient and train new personnel and may participate in in-service education.

Monitor performance and conduct performance appraisal and refers problems to the

- Comprehensive knowledge of nursing and health care practices, as well as knowledge in Infection Control Practices.
- Effective human relation skills and demonstrated commitment to working with seniors.
- Effective communication skills and ability to work independently and collaboratively are essential.

Interested applicants may forward their resume by mail, fax or email in confidence to the attention of: Sylvie Clark, Director of Care 70 Robinson Street Postal Bag 460 Little Current, ON P0P 1K0 705-368-2710 | FAX: 705-368-2694 | sclark@extendicare.com

In Ontario, Extendicare, ParaMed Home Health Care and affiliated organizations including our partner homes in Extendicare Assist, accommodate the needs of job applicants throughout its recruitment and selection processes in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. Accommodation needs must be provided in advance. To discuss your needs, please contact the individual noted in the posting.

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

A valid driver's licence, access to a vehicle, and current insurance are required as travel throughout the assigned area may be expected. The successful candidate must provide a clear vulnerable sector criminal reference check. The potential candidate will be expected to work from home at this time as well as using virtual and in-person formats.

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

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

Children's Community Network 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 would like to thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

### Wednesday, May 25, 2022

# Important Insects

by Anika Smith nsects are the backbones, without backbones, of our ecosystems, and recently we have been breaking

▲ some vital vertebrates. Insects are pollinators, decomposers, aerators and impressively fascinating versatile pan-crustaceans. Sadly, the population of these meagre creatures has been plummeting since the industrial age began; however, we can help our minuscule friends. Deforestation, light pollution, pesticide use, urbanization, and habitat loss all add to a bug's struggle for its life and ours.

Light pollution is the effect unnatural light has on a surrounding environment. This is the fault of urban centers leaving neon lights on all night. Not only does this obstruct our view of the stars it furthermore attracts a harmful amount of insects into the light, literally and metaphorically. This is especially harmful to the migratory bugs.

Insects have many habitats, and many of those habitats are in green spaces that we adore. Forests, swamps, fields, ponds, lakes—need we continue? Many of these wonderful



habitats are being destroyed every minute for the purposes of urbanization, farming, resource access and lumber, leaving less and less living space for these little critters.

Pesticides are never the solution. Yes, some bugs can be pests, especially when growing something, but instead of making the former habitat unlivable to all insects and kind of harmful to some humans and definitely the surrounding wildlife; instead, encourage your bird and bat population to flourish by providing habitat and houses. They will not pick too much on your product if you really have a pest problem. If they do then thin the numbers by encouraging owls and other big birds.

'No Mow May' is now in progress. Reserve your lawn for the insects that need it and allow your dandelions to bloom and your milkweed to start. This attracts the bugs and

Vision Loss Rehabilitation Canada Eye Van embarks on 50th anniversary tour

TORONTO—The Vision Loss Rehabilitation Canada (VLRC) medical mobile eye care unit, known as the Eye Van, has set off on its annual tour, (which includes several stops on Manitoulin Island). This year's tour marks the 50th anniversary of the program.

The Eye Van is a mobile medical clinic that delivers eye care in Northern Ontario communities where ophthalmology services aren't readily available. With the commitment of 25 participating ophthalmologists and with funding from the Ontario Ministry of Health, the eye van travels more than 6,000 kilometres every year to serve nearly 4,500 patients across Northern Ontario.

"We are thrilled to be celebrating the Eye Van's 50th birthday this year," said Lisa O'Bonsawin, general manager. "We're so grateful to the many people, including dozens of dedicated ophthalmologists, who have helped keep the Eye Van going strong for all these years."

Established in 1972 as part of the prevention of blindness program in partnership with the Eye Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, the Eye Van started out as a modest camper van outfitted with equipment to perform eye exams and provide basic treatment. Today, the Eye Van is a fullsized truck-trailer, equipped with the latest medical technology for performing in-depth eye exams and providing a wide array of treatments, including minor eye surgery. It is also fully wheelchair accessible and outfitted with wifi access.

The goal of the Eye Van's annual tour is to help people in Northern Ontario communities prevent vision loss and improve their eye health through early detection and treatment of eye conditions. In fact, nearly 90 percent of patients who visit the Eye Van continue to be monitored by Eye Van ophthalmologists for eye conditions that could lead to blindness, if left untreated.

"It's estimated that around 75 percent of vision loss is preventable, and many common eye diseases can be treated if caught early," said Ms. O'Bonsawin. "The Eye Van is a crucial pathway to vision health for people in communities across Northern Ontario, where this kind of care isn't readily accessible."

After kicking off in Englehart, Ontario in late April, the Eye Van will visit 17 communities on this year's golden anniversary tour, which is sponsored by Bayer. The tour will culminate in Little Current, October 5-7. The Eye Van will also visit Wilkwemkoong October 3-4 and will be in Gore Bay from September 26-30. Learn more at visionloss-rehab.ca/eyevan.

gives them full stomachs. This is extremely vital this year due to excessive bee loss over the winter. At Manitoulin Secondary School the SHARE Go-Green committee is instituting a No-Mow-Zone (a bug buffet) and encouraging diversity by sprinkling wildflower seeds everywhere (thanks to the generosity of Manitoulin Streams). We hope to see more bees, butterflies, wasps, and others as we enter our last month of school.

Bee an Eco-Hero and skip mowing for a few weeks!



Inside sales associate

Yard position

Flexible hours, full-time and part-time available

Please drop off resume to Larry Karn or email sales.manmil@eastlink.ca



Espanola/Manitoulin is looking for a summer student to start July 1, 2022.

- Must have own CSA approved safety boots
- Ability to lift 40lbs and over
- Demolish and remove damaged portions of homes as per supervisor direction
- Assist carpenters and skilled workers with duties as required
- Collect and dispose of construction waste
- Haul, move, set up, and take down of drying equipment
- Disinfect areas as required
- Submit accurate time sheets on a weekly basis

Contact First General for more information or to apply at 705-368-2518 or www.first-general.com.



# 3 COWS & A CONE MANAGER WANTED

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

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

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

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

Please send resume to: pantry3cow@hotmail.com

# **Noojmowin Teg** = Health Centre

# alth Centre EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Noojmowin Teg Health Centre (NTHC)** is comprised of a multi-team of health care professions providing community-based services through the use of a wholistic approach that integrates both traditional and western healing methods. Our dynamic team includes: Traditional Healing & Cultural Services, Primary Care, Mental Health & Addictions and Health & Wellness Program & Services.

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

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

# Available Positions:

\*\*\*Psychologist (Full-time) \*\*\*Nurse Practitioner (2-year contract) \*\*\*Foot Care Nurse (Full-time)

We are also hiring for:



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 t o anyone interested in joining our highly dedicated workforce.

# Integrated Program Assistant - Espanola Temporary Full-Time

Competition #2022-10-ISS Closing date: June 9, 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

- Aging at Home Van Drivers (Casual)
- Registered Practical Nurse (Full-time)
- Traditional Care Coordinator (Full-time)
- Traditional Knowledge Keeper (Full-time)
- Cultural Support Worker (Full-time)
- Anishinaabek Services Coordinator (Full-time)
- Receptionist (Casual)

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

# Submission Pre-Requisites:

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

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

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

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

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# **Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc** EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

# MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLOR

**Full Time Permanent Position** 35 hours per week

Mnaamodzawin Health Services is seeking a reliable and committed individual to provide community-based client centred mental health services to First Nation community members of Aundeck Omni Kaning, Whitefish River, Sheguiandah, Sheshegwaning, and Zhiibaahaasing. The counsellor will work in a confidential environment that is interdisciplinary and values the cultural philosophy of First Nations communities.

# **Skills and Qualifications:**

- 1. Experience working with First Nation communities and knowledge of Oiibway culture. language, traditions, and treatment approaches an asset
- 2. Bachelor of Social Work Degree preferred
- Social Service Worker Diploma will be considered 3.
- 4. Must be a member or eligible for membership with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers
- 5. Ability to provide mental health assessment and evidence-based treatment services to individuals, couples, and families
- A minimum of two years' experience in a mental health setting is an asset 6.
- Ability to liaise as appropriate with other First Nation, internal and external providers to 7. ensure appropriate continuum of Mental Health services
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively 8.
- Must have a valid Ontario Driver's Licence and dependable vehicle 9.
- Possess Standard First Aid/CPR certification or be willing to take training 10.
- Experience with Microsoft computer software 11.
- Experience working with electronic medical records (EMR) is an asset 12.
- Ability to assist in the development and planning of community mental health 13. resources
- 14. Administrative skills include management of scheduling, health records, annual work plans, and tracking of services provided

# Closing Date: Friday, May 27, 2022 at 12:00 pm

Qualified individuals are invited to submit a cover letter, current resume, recent Vulnerable Sector Screening (within the last year), credentials, registration with their appropriate College, along with three current work-related references, marked CONFIDENTIAL, to:

# **Human Resources**

Mnaamodzawin Health Services Postal Bag 2003, Hwy 540 48A Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0 Phone: (705) 368-2182 ext. 271, Fax: 705-368-2229 hr@mnaamodzawin.com

\*only those candidates considered for an interview will be contacted



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

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors, as the committee responsible for bringing forward suitable candidates to the Board, is seeking applications from persons within the District of Manitoulin who are interested in serving as Directors. The Committee encourages applicants from all geographical areas of the Manitoulin Region.

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

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



# **Employment Opportunity**

Chef

# **Department: Food & Beverage Reports to: General Manager**

# **BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Ensures food meets quality standards, prepares requisitions for food and kitchen supplies, estimates food requirements and controls food and labour costs
- Holds a pre-function briefing to determine specifications of each function
- Prepares and cooks complete meals, banquets or specialty foods such as pastries, sauces, soups, ٠ salads, vegetables, meat, poultry and fish dishes, and creative decorative food displays for special guests and functions
- Controls supplies in the refrigerator and storeroom •
- Assists with set up and tear down of buffets, banquets, and promotions
- Meets weekly (or as needed) with kitchen staff and servers to discuss up-coming function sheet for • additions or changes
- Works closely with the kitchen staff to ensure food presentation consistence and delivery times for service and for each function
- Solves problems effectively and reports incidents to the General Manager
- Ensures all kitchen equipment is maintained and in proper working order and reports deficiencies to the General Manager
- Supervises the handling, storage and security of all kitchen equipment
- Ensures the maintenance of a clean and safe working environment ٠
- Assists in training and up-grading programs for staff in preparation, cooking, garnishing, and presentation of food
- Demonstrates new cooking techniques and new equipment to cooking staff
- Explains all kitchen equipment and its safe handling to staff
- Organizes employees in preparing duty schedules and prep lists
- Encourages employees to offer suggestions and ideas toward improved production

# **SKILLS, ABILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Full Time position that requires full flexibility, including the ability to work weekends and holidays and a varied schedule
- A true desire to understand and anticipate the needs of others in a fast-paced environment
- Refined verbal and written communication skills •
- Must be proficient in general computer knowledge
- Candidates should be extremely creative, innovative, detail-oriented and organized •
- Hotel experience and a thorough understanding of all levels of kitchen service •

Hours of Work: FT, variable shifts, days nights, weekends & holidays

Previous experience as a Chef/Sous-Chef

Number of Positions: 1

If you are interested in the above position, please submit your resume in complete confidence. Corey Stacinski - General Manager gm@manitoulinhotel.com



# **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

# **CLASSROOM TEACHER** Salary: Based on Shawanosowe School Teacher Salary Grid

The Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) invites applications for the position of a Classroom Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Shawanosowe School is an Indigenous school governed locally under the Whitefish River First Nation and regionally through the Kinoomaadziwin Education Body. Our community-centred school aims to nurture each child's unique gifts as we foster academic and all-around excellence. We also provide students with a strong foundation in culture and identity. WRFN is seeking an individual who will contribute to Shawanosowe School and to the broader community through exemplary teaching practice and schoolwide leadership.

# **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- To ensure all students are supervised in a safe, culturally supportive environment that meets the approved curriculum plans and mission of Shawanosowe School.
- Promote academic excellence by working collaboratively with school staff and to communicate effectively with parents.
- Ability to prepare daily lesson planning and long range plans.
- Follow the policies and procedures of Shawanosowe School and the Whitefish River First Nation.

# QUALIFICATIONS:

- ٠ Human Resources/Labour Relations;
- Law/Justice; ٠
- Marketing/Fundraising/Public & Government Relations; •
- Public Sector Administration/Education/Health Sector; ٠
- CEO/Senior Executive/Management;
- Community Based Organization and Engagement; •
- Other relevant skills desirable to the Board. •

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

### Interested persons are asked to submit:

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

by 12:00 pm (noon) on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, addressed to Chair, Nominating Committee, Board of Directors, by email to Imastelko@mhc.on.ca.

- Bachelor's Degree in Education or equivalent •
- Ontario Teaching Certification; with membership in good/active standing •
- Certification in Primary/Junior Division •
- At least 1-2 years' teaching experience
- Must have excellent planning and organizational skills •
- Must have excellent communication skills •
- Up-to-date First Aid and CPR
- Special Education Part I or a plan to complete within one year
- Experience working with Indigenous communities; knowledge of First Nations culture, • traditions, and language would be considered an asset

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

# **CONFIDENTIAL:**

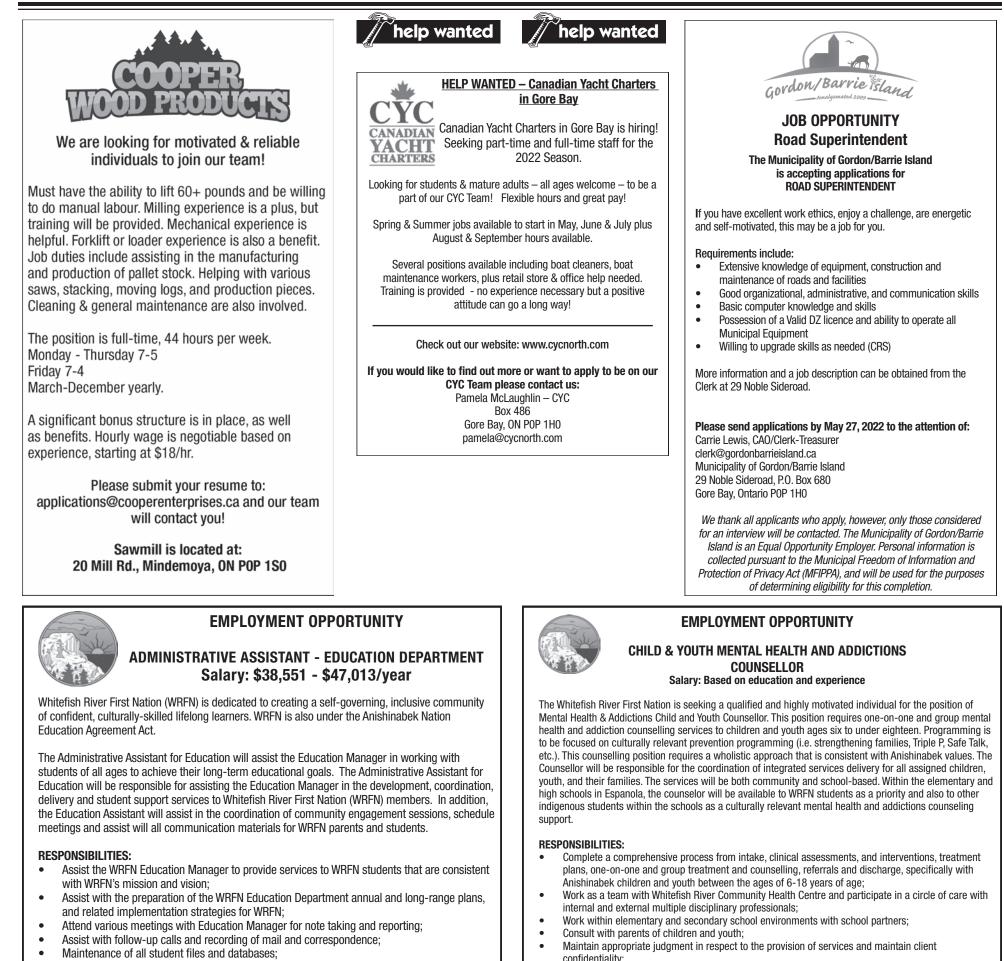
Tricia Podlatis, Human Resources Manager Whitefish River First Nation, 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P1A0 Email: applications@whitefishriver.ca; Fax: (705) 285-4532 Applications must be submitted by June 24, 2022 by 12:00 p.m. and must include the following:

Cover letter, current resume, and three current 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 inteprview will be contacted.

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- Assist with the delivery of the post-secondary program according to guidelines and policies;
- Attending relevant workshops, training sessions, seminars on education to develop personal skills in order to bring professional qualifications to the position and to the efficient operation and benefit to the WRFN;
- Schedule, set-up, deliver and facilitate outreach programming and services to all students;
- Maintain continuing documentation including program reports, program evaluations, surveys, • etc.:
- Plan and execute logistics for education events, training and conferences, material acquisition, agendas, room, event/training bookings, guest speakers, etc.; and
- Assist with the completion of reports, statistics and budgets for all events and programs.

### OUAL IFICATIONS:

- confidentiality;
- Demonstrate sound knowledge of area children, youth and family services;
- Develop and implement community-based and culturally relevant mental health prevention and promotion 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; Registered Nurses must have documentation demonstrating ability to provide mental health and addictions counselling and or psychotherapy certification:
- 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;

- Diploma or Certificate in a field of Education, Business or Office Administration;
- At least 2 years' experience working in an office environment;
- Experience working with schools, school boards and external education bodies would be an ٠ asset:
- Must have working knowledge and experience with Databases and Microsoft Office;
- Knowledge of First Nation issues, traditions and culture: •
- Motivated self-starter with discipline to work independently; ٠
- Strong organizational skills and attention to details are required;
- Punctual, independent, result driven and self-motivated; and
- Excellent verbal and written communication. •

### **Other Requirements:**

- Must provide a Vulnerable Sector Check upon hire.
- Must possess a Valid Ontario Driver's Licence.

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

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Tricia Podlatis, Human Resources Manager Whitefish River First Nation, 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP1A0 Email: applications@whitefishriver.ca; Fax: (705) 285-4532 Applications must be submitted by May 31st, 2022 by 4:30 p.m. and must include the following: Cover letter, current resume, and two employment-related (recent) reference letters.

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

- Knowledge and understanding of Indigenous culture, language, and healing practices;
- Have excellent communication skills with the ability to effectively maintain solution-focused dialogue;
- Have excellent group facilitation, verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills;
- Ability to support and advocate for families;
- Ability to develop collaborative relationships with families, internal and external service providers;
- Knowledge of unique needs of WRFN children and families, or the willingness to learn;
- Complete all relevant data reports and maintain financial records to be reported to the funder;
- 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; and Critical Incident Stress Management level 1 & 2;
- 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:

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Human Resources Manager Whitefish River First Nation, 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP1A0 Email: applications@whitefishriver.ca; Fax: (705) 285-4532 Applications accepted until position filled 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.

I hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend!

On Wednesday, May 18, the NSSSAA (North Shore Secondary Schools Athletic Association) track and field championships took place in Espanola. MSS athletes came home with some excellent results, with many qualifying for NOSSA (Northern Ontario Secondary School Athletics). In the novice girls' division, Sadie Bridgeman placed second in triple jump and the 100

long jump, second in the 100 metre dash and first in the 200 metre; Autumn Davy placed fifth in both long jump and triple jump and second in the 800 metre; and Tessa Merrylees placed first in triple jump, first in the 80 metre hurdles event and sixth in the 100 metre. In the novice boys' division, Cash Duchene placed second in long jump,

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Gordon-Barrie Island is

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# Funding provided to Gordon/ Barrie Island to help municipality strengthen asset management

by Tom Sasvari

OTTAWA—The municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island has received fundand ing to support strengthen its municipal infrastructure asset management plans effectively.

'We are working with a firm that we hired to carry out this work," said Lee Hayden, Reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island. "They will use a template, looking at all our municipal assets, and what we need."

The municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island has received \$50,000 from the



SLOSS-In loving memory of Marvin Sloss, July 25, 1927 to May 19, 2021. How could we ever forget you? For all the good you have done. You were always there for

US. Things aren't the same since

vou died. Until we meet again. Love, Theresa, Anne and Paul, Vicki, Graeme and





# notice

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

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls

metre dash: Rhvis Arthurs placed third in long jump. first in both the 100 metre and 200 metre; and Andrew Cooper placed fourth in triple jump, third in the 200 metre and second in the 400 metre; Xavier Mara placed second in the 800 metre and first in both the 1,500 metre and 3,000 metre. The junior girls' division was basically swept up by MSS athletes. Morgan Green placed first in high jump and third in the 400 metre; Annie Balfe placed first in long jump, triple jump and the 400 metre; Brooke Gibeault placed second in long jump and first in both the 100 metre and 200 metre; Saraya Eshkawkogan placed third in long jump, second in triple jump and fourth in the 100 metre; Maren Kasunich placed first in the 800 metre, 1,500 metre and 3,000 metre; Mackenzie Green placed second in the 800 metre, 1,500 metre and 3,000 metre. Their 4x100 metre relay team consisting of Annie Balfe, Morgan Green, Saraya Eshkawkoga, and Brooke Gibeault placed sixth overall. The 4x400 relay team consisting of Annie Balfe, Morgan Green, Mackenzie Green,

and Maren Kasunich placed first! In the junior boys' division, Davin Deschenes placed first in high jump and the 400 metre and fourth in long jump; Devin Legg placed second in both high jump and the 100 metre and first in long jump; TJ Green placed sixth in long jump and fourth in both the 200 metre and 400 metre; Aiden Case placed third in shot put, and first in discus throw and javelin; Brodie Pennie placed first in all three of the 800 metre, 1,500 metre and 3,000 metre; and Orland Carter placed sixth in both 400 metre and 800 metre and fifth in the 1500 metre. Their 4x400 m etrerelay team consisting of TJ Green, Brodie Pennie and Davin Deschenes (only three runners) placed sec-

ond. In the senior girls' division, Sophie Hietkamp placed first in

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in long jump and second in triple jump. In the senior boys' division, Jared Cortes placed third in triple jump and sixth in the 100m and 400 metre; Alan Wilkin placed first in the 400m, third in the 800 metre and fourth in the 1500 metre; and Jack Pennie placed eighth in long jump, sixth in the 800 metre and second in the 400 metre hurdles.

Great job, Mustangs! And best of luck to those competing at NOSSA in Sault Ste. Marie today, Wednesday, May 25 and tomorrow, Thursday, May 26.

The prom project is back at MSS just in time for the spring formal on Friday, May 27. The formal takes place from 7 to 10 pm in the cafeteria. Students can stop by room D5 to find the perfect dress or suit for the formal. Just a few reminders for graduating students. Graduation pictures begin today, Wednesday, May 25 and run until Friday, May 27. Don't forget about your appointment! Also, graduation is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28 at MSS at 7 pm. Mark the date and time on your calendar!

We are down to the final dozen in spymaster. Congratulations to the remaining few, I imagine it will only be a matter of time before we have our final two or three standing. Good luck spies!

Joke of the week: The track and field team complained that the hurdles were too short.

But I'm not worried, they'll get over it.

Upcoming events include tennis, track and field and Spymaster.

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

# **Notice of Study Commencement Class Environmental Assessment**



# **KAGAWONG RIVER PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE**

The Township of Billings has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for the construction of a replacement pedestrian bridge on the trail system in the Kagawong River Park. The goal of the pedestrian bridge on the Kagawong River will be to provide hiking and trail opportunities to

people of all ages and abilities. This will allow the community further opportunities and diversify and grow the tourism sector of Manitoulin Island. The bridge is a replacement for a previous crossing that is no longer functional and will be removed as part of the construction activities. We are proposing a crossing that is

located slightly downstream of the current location. We are also proposing that the pedestrian bridge be a prefabricated unit that will be placed at a height that will permit moderately high flood flows to pass under the structure while extreme events may pass over approaches on either side of the bridge.

The study is being undertaken by the planning and design process for 'Schedule A+' projects outlined in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (June 2000, as amended in 2007 and 2011) under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.

Prior to the final completion of the study, the proposed bridge design plans and supporting documentation will be made public for further opportunities for public input for a 30-day review period.

If you wish to comment on this project, have your name added to the project mailing list, or have any questions about this project, please contact:

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**INVITATION FOR TENDERS General Contractor** Washroom Conversion Project Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service invites tenders for the washroom conversion project at the existing WTPS detachment. Work will consist primarily of provision of services for renovation and addition to the women's locker room area.

Please submit your letter of interest and proposal for:

- Removal of brick walls and flooring.
- . Removal of countertop, sinks, shower area.

**MILDRED BERNICE SLOSS** (nee Wood)

**Burial Notices** 

Family and friends will gather at the Mindmoya Ceme-tery on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at 11 am for a graveside service for Mildred Bernice Sloss (nee Wood).

# **LEILA COULAM** January 20, 1939 - January 10, 2022

Camily and friends are invited to Leila's interment which will be held at Long Bay Cemetery on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at 12 noon.

Memorial donations are gratefully appreciated and can be made at the admitting office to the auxiliaries of the Manitoulin Health Centre and the Renovation Fund in both Mindemoya and Little Current and the Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary Incorporated, 3 Main Street, Gore Bay, Ontario, POP 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Fundraising or Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 10 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, POP 1K0, Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0.

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-Messages 2011. are checked daily.

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Knox Rummage Sale in Manitowaning will be closed from Monday, May 16 to Wednesday, May 25. It would be greatly appreciated if donations were held back until the 25th.

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Taking Donations for the Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Yard Sale. Please leave small items on Lion Matt Young's front porch at 5278 Mira Street. Providence Bay. Please call 705-968-1911 for large items or questions.

# **Notice to Creditors** In the estate of Doris Elizabeth Middaugh, late of Gore Bay, Ontario, deceased.

All claims against the above estate duly verified by statutory declaration, and with particulars and valuation of security held, if any, must be sent to the undersigned before the 10th day of June, 2022.

Cathie Runnalls, Executor of Will 16454 Hwy 540 RR#,1 Evansville, Ontario POP1E0

- Expansion of women's locker room area.
- Supply of own tools/materials and processes required for the completion of the entire work job. •
- Proposed locker room area job items for restoration, and remodelling.
- Interested companies may attend the WTPS office for viewing and assessment of the construction area to properly submit their proposal submission.

Please contact our Fleet/Facility Technicians - Thomas Assiniwe or Don McGibbon at 705-859-3141 for viewing.

All tenders must submit legible copies: proof of WSIB coverage and proof of Commercial General Liability Insurance that is valid during the entire contract period. Failure to provide the named documents will result in a non-compliant bid submission.

All decisions are based on price, quality, and service level of supplier. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Time frame for delivery of goods/services and duration of the contract; it is the intention of the WTPS to have this work completed by the end of August 2022.

Tender closing date is Friday, June 10th, 2022 at 4 pm:

Please submit sealed tender to: Gregory Mishibinijima, Acting Chief of Police Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service 2074 Wikwemikong Way, PO Box 27 Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0

Attention: WTPS Renovation/Extension

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# ...Seven Days On: A tale of loss and finding one's self again

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### Tuesday – Perspective is important

Yesterday came and went without a hockey game. That's a good start. If I can't watch my favourite hockey team, it makes it just a little easier to swallow if nobody can watch their favourite hockey team. But it's Tuesday now. Three days into this abyss of fandom. Sometimes, even when you can't make sense of things, you should try and look at it from a different angle, or even stop looking at it altogether. Either way, it's always good to keep looking for something new. So today, I'm going to spend a lot of time reading a book.



Wetting a line in the North Channel can sometimes be the cure for what ails ya, in this case the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Turns out that reading a book isn't as much fun as watching your favourite hockey team.

Wednesday – Chores that needed to get done... Went for a long walk today. I wanted to take a little time to think about the other Canadian hockey fans, and what they must be going through, too. I WANTED to, but I didn't.

Then, I was given the opportunity this afternoon to do some of the chores that were "excused" when the Leafs were playing. I had a thought as I was cleaning the garage. I wonder if it's as much fun doing chores as it is watching your favourite hockey team play in playoff hockey. No, it is not. My mind wanders to the Island. That's where I'll be able to filter through the flotsam and jetsam and get to the important stuff. I need to go North.

**Thursday – Getting Out Of Here** There is no shame in running away. At least, that's what I say as long as I'm running away to Manitoulin.

# Assiginack receives funds to host Canada Day event

MANITOWANING—With funding received from the federal government, as Canada celebrates the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Assiginack Township will be able to hold Canada Day events for the first time in a few years. "We haven't been able to hold any celebrations on Canada Day for the past two years (due to the pandemic)," Jackie White, activities coordinator of Assiginack, told The Expositor. "We will finally be able to hold a celebration on Now, it's been five days since the Leafs were ousted. In the old days, the glory days, the Leafs were usually still in the playoffs during the May Two-Four weekend. That meant that we'd have to go into the Anchor, or Aunt Vi's (or both) to watch the games. But, there is no Leafs hockey this weekend. If the fresh air doesn't knock me out, satellite radio will do just fine for the Battle of Alberta.

Most importantly, though, it's about time to get home. It's about time to understand again that the best parts of life that never let you down. Just like my oldest friend, Bubber. It is about time for Bubber and I to soak in the North Channel.

### Friday – Opening Up

To wake up with the sun kissing the shores of Manitoulin is a gift that will never set. A few things to do around camp. We put the boat in. Build a trampoline net, because Safety is always Fifth. The Yahtzee Yogi also makes his first appearance of the season. Perhaps his wisdom will grace these pages one day. Because everyone knows that rolling dice is perhaps the most predictable way of gathering knowledge. Saturday - Fishing

Seven days on. First Saturday without the Leafs. Fished and fished and fished with Bub. We didn't catch a thing. Still happy. Have not thought about the Leafs in 2 days.

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Ms. White noted there will be fireworks held on July 1, along with a barbecue, cardboard boat races and several beach activities. "Everyone in the township is invited to come out and enjoy themselves and celebrate the platinum jubilee for (Her Majesty) Queen Elizabeth II and Canada Day."

"It will especially be nice for the kids, especially since we haven't been able to hold any celebrations for the past couple of years," said Ms. White.

This year, Canada celebrates the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

On the eve of the Royal Tour of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, the Minister of Canadian Heritage, Pablo Rodriquez, announced \$2.14 million in funding for celebrations and community projects marking the Platinum Jubilee of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

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# New regional judge serving Island has strong family ties to Manitoulin

### by Tom Sasvari

SAULT STE. MARIE-Justice Dana Peterson, who has family ties to Manitoulin Island, is the third member of her family to sit on the bench as a judge, having been appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice by Attorney General Doug Downey on April 7. She is following in the footsteps of her grandfather and great-grandfather

"Dana has been a fantastic assistant Crown Attorney and she will be an exceptional provincial court judge," her former boss, Kelly Weeks, director of Crown operations (for Algoma) in Sault Ste. Marie told The Expositor. "I have known her for her entire career." She told Soo Toda on April 29 that Ms. Peterson was a fantastic prosecutor, who showed fairness, justice and dignity and demonstrated "alwavs empathy and respect for all participants in the justice system. Our loss is a gain for the entire system of justice."

During a swearing-in ceremony on April 28 at the Sault Ste. Marie courthouse, the former Crown prosecutor became a judge in the Ontario Court of Justice. She is assigned to Elliot Lake and will also sit in satellite courts in Blind River, in Espanola in the Sudbury District and she indicated she could be asked to preside anywhere in the Northeastern region, including Manitoulin Island.



**Justice Dana Peterson** 

Ms. Peterson told The Expositor she is looking forward to her new position.

Justice Peterson is the daughter of Sault-area lawyer Larry Peterson and retired lawyer Patricia Tossell.

Patricia Boyd Tossell is a generation fourth Haweater. "I was born and raised in Gore Bay," Ms. Tossell told The Expositor, noting she went on to practice law in Sault Ste. Marie. She is the sister of the late Judge Clifford Boyd of Kagawong. "I know Dana is very honoured and grateful to be appointed as a judge."

"Dana was born in Sault Ste. Marie, and she visits Kagawong in the summer with my brother Mike Boyd and his wife Sharon and the family at their camp in Kagawong in the summer," said Ms. Tossell, who for many years also had a cottage in Kagawong, and brought her daughter.

Justice Peterson followed the footsteps of her father and mother, in graduating from Queen's University Law School.

Justice Peterson's greatgrandfather, Nolton H. Peterson founded a law firm in Bruce Mines in 1899 and travelled the North Shore servicing clients across Algoma.

Nolton Peterson's son Harold D. Peterson joined the practice with his father in 1945, forming the law partnership of Peterson and Peterson. The former was appointed magistrate for the Algoma District of Algoma and, in 1947, Harold Peterson took on the role of magistrate serving Blind River and Elliot Lake.

In 1967, Mr. Peterson was appointed provincial judge in the Criminal Division.

Ms. Tossell, whose brother is Mike Boyd of Edmonton, is originally from Kagawong. Their older brother and Dana's uncle, Clifford Boyd was also raised in Gore Bay and began his law career in 1951, becoming a lawyer and practicing law in Gore Bay. He served as a Judge of the provincial court criminal division in Sault Ste. Marie from his appointment in 1965, retiring in 1989.

Justice Peterson's greatgrandfather, William Boyd, was a justice of the peace in Kagawong.

Justice Peterson was called to the bar in 2002. She has been an assistant Crown attorney since 2002. In 2017, she became the designated bilingual assistant Crown Attorney for the district of Algoma.

She was most recently the North regional sexual violence Crown and a member of the Sexual Violence Advisory Group.

Judge Peterson's daughter Ella has been accepted at Dalhousie Law School and aspires to carry on the family tradition.





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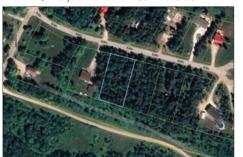
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