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**A GORE BAY THANKSGIVING TRADITION**—The Gore Bay Rotary Club held its annual Fall Production Auction last Saturday at the Gore Bay community hall. With a huge crowd on hand and many items bid on, the Rotary Club raised more during this year's auction than in any of the 35 plus years the event has been held previously. There was a good crowd on hand to bid on the many items up for auction, which included fresh produce and even two airplane rides around Manitoulin Island, 15 tons of crushed stone, gift certificates galore, art work, and much more, all auctioned under the gavel of Robbie White.

photo by Tom Sasvari

## Ratepayers taking Assiginack to task on High Falls bridge

*Fears construction completed in sensitive ecosystem; no concerns raised by ministries*

by Tom Sasvari

ASSIGINACK—Assiginack Mayor Dave Ham says once work is complete on a new pedestrian bridge at High Falls, everything will be put back where it should be, acknowledging that with construction work taking place the site does not look attractive. Meanwhile, an Assiginack couple is raising concerns with the project, the damage it has caused to the area of the falls, and the disruption it has caused for turtles and other wildlife in the construction area.

"Everything is under construction right now," said Mayor Ham, recently. "The reason it all looks upset is that the concrete abutments have been installed right into the stone and are curing right now. The construction company

had to put rerod going into the bedrock. I was out there and I noticed that the contractor has

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An Assiginack project to place a pedestrian bridge across High Falls has caused concern for some ratepayers.

## Indigenous Tourism Ontario lands \$300,000 boost for creation of 'authentic experiences'

by Tom Sasvari

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Building relationships and having confidence in the people and the projects/programs that the province is funding is very important to Neil Lumsden, minister of tourism, culture and sport, who announced funding for Indigenous Tourism Ontario (ITO), last week.

"Relationships are huge to me, when I trust people and trust what

they are doing and planning it is very important to me," Minister Lumsden told The Expositor. "I like the way Kevin (Eshkawogon, ITO president and CEO) thinks, as well as everyone in ITO. There is a certain amount of pride that goes into it for me. I feel confident and assured that the funding being provided is going to be used very well. And Kevin shared the ITO strategic plan and the direction they are going."

The Ontario government is providing \$300,000 to ITO through the Pan-Regional Fund to create jobs and support unique and authentic Indigenous experiences across the province.

This investment also supports a wide range of projects that unite communities, including cultural authenticity workshops, product development and itineraries, marketing and workforce development.

"By supporting ITO, our government is helping to provide meaningful opportunities for Indigenous communities through the province to showcase their deep-rooted diverse culture," said Minister Lumsden. "This funding will support Indigenous arts, culture and tradition, while bringing people together, boosting the local economy and allowing visitors to celebrate our province's broad cultural landscape through a wide variety of unique and inclusive programming."

Minister Lumsden explained the funding is part of a \$1.65 million investment the government has provided to ITO since 2018 to create jobs and encourage more visits to Indigenous tourism operators and the businesses in their communities.

"It is great to be able to make grant announcements like this,"

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## Regional Chief Hare calls on government to make amends for education inequities, pay tuition fees for all Indigenous students

TORONTO—Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare has condemned recent actions of the Office of the Minister of Education that he claims "perpetuate systemic inequities in the Ontario education system." The regional chief feels that to help make amends, all First Nation student tuitions should be paid by the government.

"You know that since September 30 and the Every Child Matters campaign was initiated after so many unmarked children's graves have been found at Residential Schools, that's where the government can live up to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action and the federal government should be paying all tuition fees for all students in Canada," Chief Hare told The Expositor. "At least this would be something that we could work with the government on. And I would be shocked if the government stood up and said we can't do this."

"And the government needs to put the Native language in schools and in the curriculum," said Chief Hare.

"Recent actions by the Office of the Minister of Education do not support Ontario's commitment to work with First Nations as partners

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## Manitoulin monarch counters report plummeting numbers

by Judith Jones for Nenizaanak Wii Ngoshkak/Wiikwemkoong Species at Risk Program

MANITOULIN—Monarch butterflies are a common sight on Manitoulin Island in the summer, but they don't spend the winter here. At the end of every summer each little butterfly spends weeks flying across North America, migrating to a single wintering region in the mountains of central Mexico.

For the past few weeks, the Species at Risk (SAR) program of the Wiikwemkoong Department of Lands and Natural Resources has been collecting data about the annual monarch migration on Manitoulin Island. The public was asked to report sightings of any monarchs seen after August 17 by email with the date, time, location, and number of monarchs seen. With cooler weather and hard frost, the migration is now mostly finished, and the results of this summer's study have been tallied.

In 2022 almost everyone noted they saw many fewer monarchs than last year. In 2021, by con-

trast, monarchs were so abundant in some places that it was hard not to hit them while driving. However, this year they were noticeably absent in many areas. Monarch populations naturally

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## Hope for an Island-wide turtle conservation project

by Lori Thompson, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter WIKWEMKOONG—Theodore Flamand didn't expect such a big response when he posted about a potential Manitoulin Island-wide turtle conservation project.

"Being there was a great interest in turtles over the spring and summer of 2022," he wrote, "How would you feel about an Island-wide turtle conservation project?"

"I didn't think this was going to go anywhere," Mr. Flamand said. "I thought I'd get a few responses and that's about it." There were about 150 responses saying it was a good idea.

Mr. Flamand is species-at-risk coordinator with Wiik-

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# Manitoulin Votes 2022

## Meet the candidates for Rainbow Board trustee, Billings and Gore Bay

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—With the upcoming Manitoulin Island municipal elections taking place October 24, The Expositor is profiling the candidates for mayor/reeve and councillor positions in all those municipalities where elections will take place.

This week we are profiling candidates in the Town of Gore Bay, Billings Township, and the two candidates for trustee for the Rainbow District School Board.

In the Town of Gore Bay an election will take place for both the position of mayor and councillor seats. Ron Lane, former mayor, and newcomer Maureen (Mo) Arm-

strong will be in the running for the mayor seat.

There are a total of seven candidates in the running for the six Gore Bay council seats. They include incumbent Mayor Dan Osborne, incumbent councillors Ken Blodgett, Pauline Nodecker, Leeanne Woestenenk and Aaron Wright, along with Kelly Chaytor and Terry Olmstead. Mr. Blodgett could not be reached by press time Monday.

Billings Township councillor Bryan Barker was the only candidate who put his name forward for the position of mayor of the township, and was acclaimed. However, there are six candidates in the running for the four council seats. They include incumbent councillor Michael

Hunt and newcomers Dave Hillyard, Jim Cahill, Vince Grogan, Mike Larocque and Paul Darlaston. Mr. Hunt could not be reached by press time Monday.

There will also be an election held for the Manitoulin Island trustee on the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB). Incumbent Margaret Stringer, who had earlier this year indicated she would not be returning, has decided to throw her hat in the election for another term. Recently retired teacher Lisa Corbiere-Addison will also be running for the trustee seat on the RDSB.

### Rainbow District School Board

#### Lisa Corbiere-Addison

Lisa Corbiere-Addison, a newly retired educator of over 27 years, believes she is the person to take on the role as Island trustee for the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) come October 24.

"I was born and raised on the Island and come from a family of educators—I'm third generation," she tells The Expositor. "I'm a parent, grandparent, teacher and businesswoman. I'm used to working two jobs; I'm accustomed to long hours and hard work." When Ms. Corbiere-Addison would leave Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) for the day, she would head straight to the family business, BJ's and Addison's.

Ms. Corbiere-Addison also represented the staff at District 3 of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) as the Communication and Political Action Rep for MSS. "From the District 3 level, I was promoted to a OSSTF Provincial First Nation, Metis and Inuit (FNMI) Advisory Committee where I served for eight years, working with the leadership advising on policies involving FNMI issues. I also spent eight years servicing the public of Algoma Manitoulin in the role of Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant Review Team, working constantly for the betterment of Manitoulin Island."

Ms. Corbiere-Addison says her view both as a businessperson and teacher gives her a unique and fresh perspective on the role of trustee, and she's keen to use the tools of assessment she taught her business students and set straight to work surveying the public for their wants and needs from the RDSB on Manitoulin.



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#### Margaret Stringer

Margaret Stringer came to Manitoulin in 1984 with her husband Jim, a Haweater and long-time teacher at Manitoulin Secondary School. Ms. Stringer was an educator for 35 years, including 30 on Manitoulin as a teacher and principal. She has worked at schools in Gore Bay, Mindemoya, Little Current and Manitoulin Secondary School. For five years she was the principal of special education programs and services, with responsibilities for all schools in the board.

Ms. Stringer has represented Manitoulin Island as a trustee on the Rainbow District School Board for the past four years. Earlier this year she announced her retirement but decided to run again after learning there was only one candidate. "I believe that democracy requires that voters have choices and are able to make informed decisions based on competing goals and visions," she said.

As one of nine trustees (with three being from Manitoulin), she has been part of a team effort to advocate for and to support students. "The results of that team effort included substantial efforts to maintain and improve our school buildings," she said. "Manitoulin has received its fair share of that spending, including a major revitalization project at Manitoulin Secondary School, improved ventilation at all of our schools, and various upgrades at our elementary schools ranging from lighting and heating systems to exterior brickwork, water lines and parking lots, to name a few."

"We've also increased transparency and accountability by live-streaming board meetings and strategic planning meetings, and archiving board meetings," she added.



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### Township of Billings

#### Jim Cahill

If elected, I will: oversee the best use of the township's finances and other resources; listen and respond to residents and businesses concerns and ideas; focus council decisions toward a healthy and sustainable Township of Billings and bring common sense to the council table.

My background: I have lived in Kagawong for 19 years (16.5 years seasonal resident and 2.5 years permanent resident), father of five grown children, chartered professional accountant (CMA) with 30-plus years of accounting, finance, budgeting, infrastructure project financing and project management experience; and 20 years of community volunteering and hobbies include hiking, kayaking, fishing and golf.

The issues facing Billings Township include: demographics in Billings have begun to transition from a natural occurring retirement community to more of a mixed community due to the growth in population of younger families. This is great. However, as a result of this shift there is a lack of both daycare and youth activities that need to be addressed. A second issue that Billings is facing is the lack of affordable housing.

At the start of the new council's mandate and over the next four years I'd like to see all council meetings and committee meetings return to in person meetings.

In the coming four years I'd like to see Billings collaborate with other Island municipalities to obtain grant support to install electric chargers for vehicles and implement a glass recycling program. Additionally, it will be

important for Billings to work toward solutions to the issues identified above.

I think that my 30-plus years of financial and business experience, together with my common-sense approach, makes me a strong candidate for councillor for Billings.

#### Paul Darlaston

Good day to Billings voters. I'm Paul Darlaston and I live in Kagawong with my wife Suzanne. We moved to Kagawong 16 years ago. We were leaving a community just north of the Greenbelt under huge development pressure. Coming here we didn't know Kagawong. We chose Manitoulin and we chose a house that happened to be in Kagawong. Never regretted it.

Born in England to an English father and Irish mother, I got into information technology in its early days. Recruited to Canada to help build BMO's original online banking system. Four years later my family and I became Canadians. I progressed through technical specialties in Canada and with Bell Canada International in Saudi Arabia; then consulting (with KPMG).

I bring experience and good judgement of capital projects and tax funds generally. I believe a councillor's job is to listen to the community and to advice coming from staff and experts and then vote for what is best for the community. I have extensive experience preparing and executing complex budgets.

I successfully lobbied Queen's Park to cancel plans for mandating grey water holding tanks in pleasure craft. I

organized residents of a 1920s street and persuaded local council and Ministry of Transport to modify standard road specifications to preserve streetscape of 70-year-old trees.

I've collected 800-plus signatures on a petition to Ontario government to stop utilities like Hydro One spraying glyphosate pesticides.

I've attended many Billings council meetings (physically and virtually).

For this term and beyond climate change will loom over all decisions. I have been an active member of Billings' Climate Action Committee from 2019-2022. I hope that stands me in good stead.

I'm told I'm approachable. For sure, community members regularly come up to me and ask 'Paul, what do you think of...'

Billings' Official Plan states, "municipalities should plan for a population growth of approximately 800-900 residents by 2036." Based upon property sales this last year I think that those numbers are already wildly out of date as new arrivals are buying up every bit of housing stock. Billings council needs to plan the service capacity, for example water treatment and roads for all these extra residents.

#### Vince Grogan

Please give me a few minutes of your time to introduce myself, Vince Grogan. My wife Denise and I have been

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### Town of Gore Bay

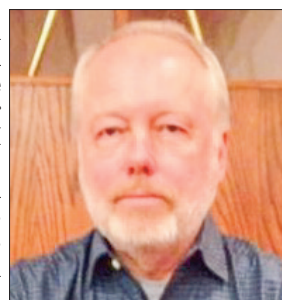
#### Ron Lane, mayoral candidate

Ron Lane has a total of 16 years experience in municipal government, having served as councillor for eight years and mayor for eight years. Mr. Lane is running for mayor of the Town of Gore Bay. "I know how council works and am familiar with our partners, including government people," he said. "I know the town, having lived here for over 60 years."

Mr. Lane was the mayor of Gore Bay from 2010 to 2018 and served two terms on council in the 1990s. He was also a manager in public service for 30 years and has "dealt with the public and have been working with people my whole professional life."

After three years on the sidelines, Mr. Lane re-entered public life in July 2021 by sitting as a citizen member on the general government committee. Once he was back and involved again, he decided he would put his name in for mayor if the current mayor, Dan Osborne, decided not to run again; if he did, Mr. Lane would put his name in for council.

Mr. Lane said he is focussing on a broad number of issues to look at if elected. "The next four years could be tough, especially in the area of health care," he said. "As we all know, the (Manitoulin Lodge) nursing home does not meet provincial standards and because of this, they had to reduce the number of beds from private and semi-private. Fewer people are getting into the nursing home but the demand for this senior's living facility is growing."



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#### Maureen Armstrong, mayoral candidate

Maureen Armstrong is a long-time resident of Manitoulin Island and feels it is time for her to give back to her community. With that, she has several issues that she would like to see the town address and lists what would be part of her focus if she is elected mayor of Gore Bay in the upcoming municipal election.

"The first problem that I can see is we need to address the needs of the Gore Bay Medical Centre, which not only serves Gore Bay but the entire West End of the Island, along with summer visitors," said Ms. Armstrong. "The doctors there need help with Dr. Bob (Hamilton) and Shelagh (McRae) wanting to retire soon, which would leave Dr. (Chantelle) Wilson as the lone doctor. It is super important to add more doctors and we need to focus on that."

"Secondly, in the town's strategic plan dated March 2016, under infrastructure, it was stated they would ensure our streets, curbs and sidewalks meet the current and future needs of the town. They are in terrible shape and need not just repairs but a rebuild with accessibility in mind; not only for those with accessibility issues but with a large senior population it is tougher for them, and others, to get around," said Ms. Armstrong. She notes that according to provincial legislation, all municipally owned buildings need to be accessible by 2025.

"Next, as our town's population shrinks and ages, we need an influx of younger people to come and live here," said Ms. Armstrong. "To that end, we need to find and develop



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## editorial

### Friends of the Old School a case study in community action

The days of the Mindemoya Old School building in Mindemoya looked to be destined for the wrecker's ball a couple of years ago, coming right down to the wire as Central Manitoulin council pursued plans for a multi-plex community centre that would replace the antiquated Mindemoya arena. Observers of the debate at council could be forgiven for thinking the demise of the historic building was a fait accompli—a done deal—given the seeming intransigence of a couple of council members and the allocation of budget dollars for the demolition.

But then something changed.

A small but determined group of community members came forward to advocate for the preservation of the historic edifice. At first, the group was just a collection of individuals who attended the public input sessions held by council to express their dismay at the demolition plans.

That gained little traction.

It's easy to make suggestions, to offer alternatives or to hypothesize alternative solutions if one doesn't have any skin in the game council members pointed out, going on to set up a committee to move forward with the multi-plex plan.

Individuals concerned about the fate of the building looked abroad for support, bringing in historical preservation architects to assess the building and prepare a report.

Still little traction. There was no viable business plan. No-one willing to step up and put the aforementioned "skin in the game," noted council. With no sustainable or viable business plan to assess, the wrecking ball moved closer.

Seemingly insurmountable concerns abounded. Asbestos' hoary head was raised (without a lot of evidence to support the concerns), roof repairs were cited as being too expensive to tackle, the heating system was a bust, buried oil tanks presented an environmental nightmare—the list was extensive.

The group of like-minded individuals bent on saving the Mindemoya Old School realized that, without a well-organized local champion, the building was doomed to demolition—nobody was going to ride

in on a white horse from off-Island to save their damsel. So, they created a champion, going on to form Friends of the Mindemoya Old School (FOMOS) and incorporating as a not-for-profit—literally creating that champion.

There was still a mountain ahead for that champion to climb—but now there was a champion.

That was just the beginning, of course, there was still that business plan and viable path forward to sustainability to come up with. So, they did. COVID threw some serious curves into the mix, making getting those plans together even more challenging for a group of volunteers. But dogged determination and the willingness by several individuals to put their own skin forward bought extensions of deadlines that culminated in a business plan.

Studies concluded that the asbestos concerns were overblown, the buried oil tank failed to surface, and a major donor offered to step up on the roof repairs. Surveys were conducted and estimates made, funding sources researched and applications made.

Thanks to the hard work and determination of FOMOS members, that business plan proved to be the final link in a chain that would bring enough council members onside and willing to give FOMOS a chance.

This past week, an open house invited the public in to see just how solid the old building's bones are and to allay some of the rumours and disinformation swirling around debate on the building's fate.

If ever there were to be a case study on fighting city hall, FOMOS could write the book. From fait accompli, to organized advocacy, to rolled sleeves and opened wallets, chapter by chapter, FOMOS has inched the Mindemoya Old School building back from the precipice of oblivion. A small group of individuals with passion and dogged determination can indeed fight city hall.

The verdict is still out on the Mindemoya Old School. There is a lot of work to be done, money to be raised and regulations to be met, but judging from the past few years, FOMOS will likely prove equal to the task—provided the community gets behind them.

If anyone deserves the chance, it is them.

## letters

### Community spirit alive in Central Manitoulin

#### Great turnout to all-candidate nights

**To the Expositor:**

Last week, Central Manitoulin played host to three "Meet the Candidates" events. I am happy to report the public turnout was fantastic—the Spring Bay Hall was full! And something wonderful happened there; the myriad of challenges facing this municipality kept the crowd engaged but the steadfast hand of Leanne Lewis, the moderator, ensured both humour and decorum prevailed. All those present felt a sense of community and seemed to enjoy the good old-fashioned Town Hall meeting. It was a great night.

While the public participation was contagious, unhappily, the candidate participation was depressing; the Sandfield candidates missed the

opportunity to hear Sandfield's unique voices and concerns in the beautiful Sandfield Hall. One of the mayoral candidates attended only one of the three events. How can you tell us, on the one hand, you want to represent us when, on the other, you can't even bother to attend the platform provided for you?

These gatherings proved Central Manitoulin has an engaged populace. Now all we need are elected officials brave enough to provide the transparency needed to fuel that engagement. Folks, it's time for a change!

Therese Trainor  
Spring Bay

### Concerns raised about waste management draft report

#### Why is Central Manitoulin investing in experimental pilot projects?

**To the Expositor:**

Thursday evening, October 6, I had the opportunity to listen to the Providence Bay Draft Waste Management Report presented to Central Manitoulin's Waste, Water and Education (WWE) Committee by Cambium. It was generally a well-rounded report produced in a very short time.

Of concern was Cambium's persistent referral to a proposed pilot project using thermal treatment technology—advanced recycling (AR). It was obvious that this report was structured by direction of council to promote this technology. This technological solution was presented to the WWE committee by Gagnon Renewables originally in 2019. At last week's meeting there was a follow-up appearance by Matthieu Gagnon of Gagnon Renewables, who further outlined what this proprietary non-combustible process in an oxygenless system might do.

By directing the Cambium Waste Management report to further the

interests of a third party, Gagnon Renewables, the current Central Manitoulin council is dancing around Section 106 of the Ontario Municipal Act regarding anti-bonusing legislation, the granting of obvious undue advantage to a third party provider and dodging their own Procurement Bylaw requirements setting up Gagnon as a sole provider of a proprietary AR.

Central Manitoulin has other waste disposal options that were clearly set out in the Cambium Waste Management report. Why don't we work towards implementing those instead of investing our energies in proprietary experimental pilot projects about which very little has been shared with the stakeholders, the citizens of Central Manitoulin.

Regards,

Gertha Griffiths  
Spring Bay

### Ongoing concerns about the sports-plex that wouldn't die

#### A comprehensive report should be compiled and published on costs and usage

**To the Expositor:**

Apparently, the idea of a centralized sports-complex in Central is still alive.

Before this concept is advanced any further, I believe it would be prudent for our esteemed town-councillors—a preponderance of whom bill themselves as "fiscally conservative"—to commit to a) generating a report to be made available to the voting and tax-paying public and b) hosting a substantive, well-publicized townhall discussion with mandatory attendance of all council members. I suggest that, at minimum, the following considerations ought to be addressed in serious, sober and significant detail in such a report and at such a meeting:

1. How much will the entire project, at completion, realistically cost (inclusive of predictable budget-overruns) vs. what it would cost to properly upgrade existing facilities? How is the projected interest rate for financing the project arrived at and how realistic is it? What is the total projected interest \$ amount payable over the lifetime of the loan? How does this cost break down as a cost per individual property-tax roll-number?

2. What will be the actual difference, if any, in projected operating costs between the proposed complex and properly upgraded, existing facilities? How are these projections arrived at?

3. How many individuals in the community are likely to avail themselves of the complex to an extent greater than they use existing facilities and how does this break down to each area of the facility? How much real time are these individuals projected to spend utilizing the proposed facilities? What is the scientific method employed to arrive at these projections?

4. How many existing facilities will be eliminated? Where are they located and how will this impact the communities that are slated to lose their facilities?

5. How many residents will have to travel much further now for services they currently have access to within a reasonable distance of their homes? How will this extra travel affect these people's quality of life as well as their pocketbook?

6. Since this is such an enormous and seemingly frivolous expenditure which would put every single property-tax payer in Central in the hawk for many thousands of dollars each, upon publication of such a report and holding such a townhall meeting, council should commit to holding a referendum on whether in fact a majority—with more of the pertinent facts in hand—are supportive of this project moving forward.

Malene Brynildsen  
Providence Bay

# Manitoulin Blood Feeders: Part II of a series

## Fleas, bed bugs, lice and ticks... oh my!

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Joe Shorthouse is an entomologist and a professor emeritus with Laurentian University. This article is the second in a series of two examining the Island's relationship with the bity critters with whom we share the land.

by Joe Shorthouse

After discussing mosquitoes, black flies, horse and deer flies in Part I (September 7, 2022), I continue here with fleas, bed bugs, lice and ticks. Ways to reduce being annoyed and fed upon by these blood-feeders is also discussed.

### Fleas

Adult fleas are small, yellowish-brown to black, wingless insects about 3 mm in length specialized for life on furry or feathered animals feeding on blood to survive and reproduce. They are laterally flattened shaped like a coin standing on end.

Adult fleas have stiff backward-pointing hairs which makes it easy for them to move through their hairy hosts while making them difficult to dislodge by grooming. They have muscular legs, each with a pair of claws used to grasp hairs.

The immatures of fleas look like tiny caterpillars and do not feed on blood. Instead, they feed on faeces and organic material found in the beds of dogs and cats.

There are about 300 species of fleas feeding on birds and mammals in North America, with about 127 in Canada. Fleas traditionally do not bother people on Manitoulin Island, but anyone with a dog or cat knows they sometimes bite the owners.

Fleas cause major discomfort to cats and dogs and can lead to an eczematous itchy skin disease called flea allergy dermatitis. The bites often appear in clusters or lines of two and can remain itchy and inflamed for several weeks.

Newly formed adults can lay dormant in a host's bed for up to a year, until a host animal is detected. They detect a potential host (sometimes a human) using cues such as low-frequency sound, vibration and increases in temperature and CO2 levels.

Adult fleas are effectively removed from the fur of pets using a fine-toothed flea comb, and are most easily spotted against a light background, such as a white sheet. Flea infestations are controlled by first eliminating adult fleas, and then by eliminating larvae and pupae.

A number of products are available at pet stores for treating adult fleas both on pets and in the home. Immature stages can be removed by washing pet bedding, vacuuming or steam-cleaning carpets and furniture, and by carefully cleaning floors and baseboards where pets sleep.

Being blood feeders makes fleas potential transmitters of diseases such as bubonic plague where they transmit a bacterium from rodents to humans. There are no diseases caused by fleas on Manitoulin Island.

### Bed bugs

Adult bed bugs are small, reddish brown, flattened and oval, wingless insects about the size of an apple seed (5-7 mm in length) which makes it easy for them to hide in tiny crevices.

They have been a pest throughout human history causing itchy bites and irritation. They were so common in the past, people accepted them as a part of their lives, reflected in the popular saying 'Good night. Sleep tight. Don't let the bed bugs bite.'

Bed bugs creep us out because they crawl over our bodies while we are sleeping, suck our blood, then take refuge in folds of mattresses, carpets, under base-

boards, and wallpaper.

They feed only at night by piercing the skin with two hollow tubes and injecting saliva with anticoagulants in one, then sucking up blood through the other. In most cases, victims of these tiny vampires are unaware that they are donating blood because of anesthetics in the saliva. Each feeding takes 3-12 minutes.

Bed bugs have five progressively larger nymphal stages, each requiring at least one blood meal before moulting to the next stage. The entire life cycle from egg to adult requires five weeks to four months, depending on temperature and availability of blood meals.

Both males and females feed on blood. Each female can produce hundreds of eggs in her lifetime, but when blood is unavailable, they can remain dormant for months. They have the uncanny ability to detect our bodies from a distance and can walk along the ceiling then accurately drop onto our beds and join us under the covers.

We have come to associate the presence of bed bugs with a lack of cleanliness; however, they frequently show up in immaculate homes. Bed bugs don't care if their environment is clean or dirty; all they need is a warm host and plenty of hiding places.

Unfortunately, bed bugs have become increasingly common since the 1990s. Their resurgence is likely due to increased global travel and commerce, ease of movement of infested items, resistance to pesticides, and changes in pesticides available for their control.

The Sudbury and District Health Unit does not keep records of bed bug findings on Manitoulin Island, but there is always the potential for infestations. Learn to recognize signs of their presence such as rusty stains on bed sheets or mattresses caused by bed bugs being crushed, dark spots which are excrement, or live bed bugs.

Bites on the skin are an unreliable indicator of an infestation because bed bug bites look like bites from other insects (such as mosquito), rashes (such as eczema or fungal infections), or even hives. Victims of bedbugs usually wake up to a distinctive row of three bite marks.

Bed bugs rely on humans to move them from one building to another. Bed bugs were likely first brought to all the islands in the Great Lakes in the canoes of early explorers.

Bed bugs are exceptional hitchhikers, travelling on clothing, bedding, luggage, furniture and cardboard boxes. As a result, they can be found in hotels, cruise ships, airplanes, trains and buses. Always check old mattresses and furniture for bed bugs before bringing them into your home.

If found in your home, find a reputable pest control company to treat the infestation early with insecticides before it becomes established or spreads. Steaming, vacuuming and applying insecticides to mattresses, pillows and beds eliminates bed bugs. Placing your luggage in plastic bags when in hotel rooms suspected of having bed bugs prevents transporting them home.

Bed bugs do not carry or transmit diseases. They are not a dangerous medical threat; however, the discovery of bedbugs in homes or hotel rooms results in considerable stress.

### Lice

Lice are tiny insects about 1mm in length, oval, and usually yellow

to white and sometimes with a red belly. They have fed on us throughout human history. The phrases 'you nit picker' or 'I am feeling lousy' reflect the human disdain for these insects.

Two kinds of lice are found on humans - head (or body) lice and pubic lice. Head lice are commonly called cooties whereas pubic lice are called crabs. Both kinds spend their entire life cycle on humans. They cannot live off our bodies for more than 24 hours and are never found on pet dogs and cats.

Lice spread between people by crawling from the hair of one infested person to another. Adult head lice can live for 30 days on a person's head and lay 150 - 250 eggs during its life cycle.

Eggs of head lice are called nits and are glued to the base of hairs near the scalp. They take about one week to hatch. Nymphs become adults about 7 - 10 days after hatching.

Pubic lice attach themselves to coarse hairs in the pubic region, eyebrows, eyelashes, beards and armpits. They are sometimes charmingly described by the

phrase 'papillons d'amour' or butterfly of love (no further explanation needed in a family newspaper).

Lice take blood meals about six times a day.

They inject saliva at each feeding which causes inflammation leading to intense itching. Itching leads to scratching and secondary bacterial infections. An itching scalp is the chief symptom, whereas presence of viable nits confirms the diagnosis.

Head lice infestations, or pediculosis, commonly occur among young children on Manitoulin Island during the winter. They spread from infected children when coats and hats are piled together or sharing bike helmets, brushes and head phones.

Lice were likely common among all the early peoples of Manitoulin Island, both Indigenous and settler peoples.

Head lice are not a significant health hazard nor an indication of poor hygiene. However, several infectious diseases such as epidemic typhus, relapsing fever, and trench fever can occur when people live in poor-hygiene caused by war, social disruption, or severe poverty. No diseases associated with lice are found on Manitoulin Island.

Head lice are detested especially among children and their presence usually results in fear and frenzied attempts to get rid of them. When active lice or nits are detected, it is important not to panic as they are easy to eliminate by using shampoos containing the insecticide pyrethrin, readily available at pharmacies. Ivermectin lotion such as Sklice is a topical, single-dose treatment applied directly to the scalp for 10 minutes and then rinsed with water.

If lice are detected, wash all clothing, bedding, hats, stuffed animals, and towels with hot, soapy water at 50°C and dry them at high heat for at least 20 minutes. Wash combs and brushes and soak them in rubbing alcohol for an hour.

### Ticks

Ticks are not insects as they have four pairs of legs and two body parts. However, they have life cycles similar to insects whereby they start off at the egg stage, followed by nymphal stages, and then the adults. Nymphs look like

small adults.

Common ticks in Canada include the blacklegged tick, more commonly known as the deer tick, the brown dog tick, and the American dog tick.

Unfed adult female blacklegged ticks are spider-shaped, approximately 3 to 5 mm in length and red or dark brown. Adult blacklegged ticks are smaller than the more common American dog tick.

Ticks cannot fly or jump and instead move about by climbing onto low vegetation and clinging onto passing mammals such as deer, dogs or people. Once ticks grasp hairs, they walk about on the skin then cut a hole and sink in their mouthparts. They attach a harpoon-like barbed structure near their mouthparts while injecting anticoagulant.

The average life span of an adult tick ranges from one to three years. They typically take a blood meal at each stage of the life cycle and when full grown can consume 100 times their weight in blood and become swollen. After engorging on the blood, they fall off and find shelter somewhere until they need to take another meal, then the process starts again.

Peak tick season for nymphs occurs during the spring and summer months, while adults are a threat in the late fall. They are usually found in wooded areas and areas overgrown with tall grasses.

When walking through areas of tall grass inhabited with ticks, wear light coloured clothing that makes it easier to spot ticks. Wear long-sleeve shirts and tuck your pant legs into long socks. Spray the lower parts of your pants, socks and shirt sleeves with insect repellent.

Do a full-body check before re-entering your home to ensure no ticks have attached to your clothing or pets. Examine your body when you shower or bath paying attention to arm pits, crotch and the site of bra straps.

Ticks are important vectors of Lyme disease. Early symptoms of Lyme disease include fatigue, fever, headaches, and rashes. One sign of the onset of Lyme disease is a bull's eye rash around the feeding site; however, not all people fed upon by a tick show the rash.

If a feeding tick is found and its mouthparts are sunk into your flesh, it must be removed with a pair of forceps (tweezers). Place the forceps on either side of the head region of the tick and gently pull without leaving any parts within your skin. Wash the area with soap and water.

Ticks on Manitoulin Island have tested positive for Lyme disease. Reporter Lori Thompson wrote about ticks and Lyme disease in the June 17, 2020 issue of The Manitoulin Expositor. This disease is caused by a bacteria spread by the bites of infected blacklegged ticks. A visit to a doctor to receive a dose of antibiotics is usually enough to treat the early stages of Lyme disease.

### How to Avoid Blood Feeders

An exhibition at the Royal Ontario Museum in 2019 entitled Bloodsuckers: Leeches to Legends informed us that 30,000 species of animals around the world feed on blood. The show drew on science, medicine, popular culture and the supernatural to provide a refreshing perspective on the animals we have come to hate and fear.

People have been bothered by

blood-feeding insects throughout history, and in many cases, we have learned to live with them. Mosquitoes and black flies, for example, are an irritating but inescapable part of the Canadian experience.

Mosquitoes were just one of the ROM stars in a much larger cast of squirm-inducing creatures that are united in their quest for the liquid lunch that flows through our veins.

At one time, our effort to eliminate many pest insects was centred on the insecticide DDT. At first it killed vast numbers of insects, but in time it bioaccumulated in the tissues of animals, including humans and birds resulting in an environmental disaster. No pests were eliminated by DDT while some became resistant and their numbers increased.

We also must recognize that larvae and adults of mosquitoes and black flies serve as food for the immatures of our sport fish. Males of mosquitoes and black flies are pollinators. Many species of birds and frogs eat adult blood feeders, so eliminating blood feeders would eliminate many fish, birds and frogs.

While the prospect of Manitoulin becoming free of blood-feeding insects is seductively attractive, past history has shown that attempts to exterminate has proven harmful and we instead should learn to avoid them.

It helps to understand their biology and avoid being in places when and where they are most abundant. Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants and a hat when outdoors in biting fly season. Tuck your pants into your socks helps keep biting flies and ticks from getting under your clothing. Mosquitoes are attracted to dark moving objects so wear white, tan or yellow clothing.

Netting that covers the head, like the bonnets used by beekeepers, provides protection when biting flies are at their peak. Avoid wearing sweet-smelling perfumes and deodorants, or clothing tainted by fabric softeners. Don't eat candy or consume soft drinks when outdoors as their odours attract black flies.

Mosquito pics or coils help keep mosquitoes from coming indoors. Pics are a repelling incense made with pyrethrum powder which is a natural insect repellent. Pics can burn for up to 5 hours and like candles, should never be left unattended.

The best way to avoid biting flies and ticks is to apply repellents with a high percentage of DEET (Diethyl-meta-toluamide) to exposed body surfaces. Spray it on your hat, arms, pant legs, socks, and exposed skin. Never spray repellents directly on your face and spray in well-ventilated areas away from food.

Always read the recommended levels before applying repellents on yourself and children. Safe and effective repellents are sold in most pharmacies, grocers, and outdoor stores in Canada. Sunscreen and insect repellent can be applied at the same time.

It is unfortunate that TV advertisements tell us that a chemical barrier must be laid down to prevent any creepy-crawlies from entering our homes and gardens, without mentioning the harm many such chemicals cause to human health and pets. As a result, many home owners regard all insects that enter their household with contempt which is both unfortunate and harmful.



An adult flea.



A black-legged tick gets ready to pounce.

## Part I of a series

# Forum looks at state of Great Lakes, celebrates 50 years of collaboration

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The 2022 Great Lakes Public Forum, held September 27 to 29 in Niagara Falls, Ontario, was both a celebration of 50 years of successes in water quality improvements and overall ecosystem health and an opportunity to discuss concerns and emerging threats to the Great Lakes basin. Panelists shared their thoughts on the past, present and future of various aspects of the lakes including habitat health, invasive species, algal blooms, harmful chemicals, Indigenous stewardship, community initiatives and climate change. Over the next few weeks, The Expositor will look at these issues individually and consider what the next 50 years will look like.

**by Lori Thompson, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter**  
 NIAGARA FALLS—For three days last week, researchers, eNGOs, conservation authorities, government staff, Indigenous leaders, members of the public and binational organizations from across the Great Lakes basin gathered in Niagara Falls, Ontario to share successes and concerns about the state of the lakes, progress made under the 1972 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA) and to discuss binational priorities for science and actions over the next three years.

The Forum is jointly held by the governments of the United States (US) and

Canada every three years, to provide information and receive input.

The first study on pollution in the Great Lakes was started in 1912 and completed in 1918 by the International Joint Commission (IJC), which concluded that water quality in the Great Lakes was 'generally chaotic,

everywhere perilous and in some cases, disgraceful,' said Mike Goffin, regional director general for Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and forum co-emcee.

By the 1950s and 1960s, the degradation of the Great Lakes due to excessive algae was so severe

that some newspapers declared Lake Erie dead. The IJC began to study the situation in 1964, a time when there was a groundswell of environmental consciousness among the general populace.

On April 15, 1972 Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau

and President Nixon signed the GLWQA. The agreement recognized the need for binational collaboration and coordination and committed the two countries to restoring water quality in the Great Lakes. The initial focus was on reducing phos-

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## Kagawong van fire close to spreading to home

**by Tom Sasvari**

**KAGAWONG**—A Kagawong couple is fortunate that they, along with their home and valuables were not destroyed when their van was engulfed in a fire. Although the vehicle was fully engaged when Billings Township Fire Department volunteers arrived on the scene, the couple was very impressed with the firefighters' quick response.

"The firefighters were here in less than 15 minutes after the call. It was a really fast response," stated Alin Lefebvre who, along with his wife Betty Ann, own Bridal Veil Variety Store in Kagawong. "They saved the car from blowing up," he said, explaining, "I was worried about the gas I had in the van. There was still 100 litres of gas in the van at the time of the fire. It could have been an environmental mess."

Billings Fire Chief Martin Connell said the fire took place on the evening of Wednesday, October 5 on Grandor Road (the Lefebvre's home). "We had received the call of the fire at 5:42 pm about the van, a 2013 GMC Explorer van, that was on fire. They (Lefebvres) had just got home from driving the vehicle."

"Alin had been unloading the van when he noticed smoke coming from the tire, and the wheel was on fire," said Mr. Connell. The vehicle had been parked close to the Lefebvre house, "and Al got in and drove the vehicle away from the house."



A member of the Billings Township Fire department works towards dousing a van that was destroyed during a fire which took place October 5 in Kagawong.

"Our firefighters responded quickly and were on the scene in 11 minutes after receiving the call out, but the van was fully engulfed in flames," said Mr. Connell. "We got water on the fire in under three minutes of staging. The fire was quickly extinguished, but the van suffered a total loss due to fire damage."

"The fire had started at the rear passenger well wheel," said Mr. Connell. Mr. Lefebvre had noted that he just came back from a trip with the van and he

noticed smoke coming from the rear passenger well. Mechanical issues such as stuck brakes can overheat the wheel to the point of melting the brake lines and axle seals causing break fluid and axle lubricant to catch fire on the hot surfaces.

Mr. Connell noted, "vehicle fires are inherently dangerous and present dangers ranging from exploding gas tanks, exploding tires, exploding shocks and struts, exploding bumper shock absorbers as well as

airbag cylinders. The smoke is also extremely toxic. The fire department was quick to deploy a foam agent to the vehicle, to stabilize and gain access to the engine compartment to disconnect the 12v power supply to render the airbag system safe. Safety officer and firefighter Bill Orford noted that everything was powered by the 12v system and was turning on and off during the fire. The lights were flashing, and horn was sounding as well as the wiper blades were turning on and off."

"The fire was extinguished in quick time and we let the vehicle cool down and checked for hot spots using our T4 Max Bullard thermal imaging camera," said Mr. Connell. "This unit is extremely sensitive in detecting hot spots after a fire and can speed up the process of what we call overhaul."

Mr. Lefebvre explained, "I found my wife Betty Ann's purse the next day where the seat was, and all the other stuff from the fire. There was \$1,000 in the wallet inside, but nothing was melted."

"We were kind of lucky that the fire didn't get into the fuel tank," said Mr. Lefebvre. He and his wife had come back home from shopping in Gore Bay when the fire occurred. When he noticed the smoke coming out of the tires, he moved the vehicle away from the house, and removed a 20-pound propane tank from the vehicle.

## Law & Order

### Woman arrested for involvement in Sheguiandah murder granted bail

Following a review hearing recently in Gore Bay, 55-year-old Sherry Eadie, of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, was granted bail and must reside at the residence of her sureties.

On June 24, officers with the Ontario Provincial Police and the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service responded to a weapons complaint in Sheguiandah First Nation, where they found a critically injured man, Cheyenne Roy. Mr. Roy later died from his injuries.

Ms. Eadie and Darcy Shawanda were both charged with accessory after the fact to murder, contrary to section 240 of the Criminal Code (CC) and obstruct peace officer, contrary to section 129(1) of the CC.

Ms. Eadie has been in custody since her arrest in June.

### M'Chigeeng driver charged after traffic complaint

A M'Chigeeng First Nation driver has been charged in relation to a traffic complaint received by the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

On October 4, at approximately 3:45 pm, the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP responded to a traffic complaint on Bidwell Road in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.

The complainant reported a vehicle being parked on the road and that they were unable to wake the driver. Police attended the location and spoke with the driver. It was determined they had consumed drugs. The driver was subsequently arrested and returned to the detachment for further tests.

Bonita Taibossigai, 55, from M'Chigeeng was charged with operation while impaired-alcohol and drugs and possession of a schedule 1 substance, cocaine.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on October 26.

## Friends and Neighbours

### Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Team Fergmeijer was on the lookout for members of the Kagawong Gobble Brigade this past weekend as they moved around town, trying to avoid becoming part of a Thanksgiving feast. We had heard shocking rumours that they were loudly shouting some pretty fowl language. They tried to ruffle our feathers, because that's what they do best. No one is safe from these fluffy ruffians - they'll cross the road to get to you just to show that they're not chicken.

Thanks to everyone who organized the in-person All Candidates Meeting at the Kagawong Park Centre last week, and special thanks to Sandy C who facilitated a Zoom connection for those who couldn't make it. A healthy turnout had lots of questions for the candidates. Don't forget to mail in your municipal election ballot ahead of the deadline listed on your mail-in ballot!

According to research, salmon don't like to watch cable television. Apparently, they prefer streams. This time of year is always a good time to check out the salmon running up the Kagawong River. Be sure to stay safe along the riverbanks as you cheer our fishy friends on their quest to the falls!

Happy birthday to Team Fergmeijer superfan Jef as we think he celebrates his 29th trip around the sun this week (but we can never be sure how birthdays work off-island). Survive and thrive, high-five and jive!

The last thing Team Fergmeijer wants to do is leave our

readers in the dark about what's going on in Billings Township. So, consider yourselves warned! There will be an island-wide planned power outage Sunday, October 23rd from 7 am to 2 pm. Be sure to plan accordingly.

Save the date! Christmas in Kagawong is back! Mark November 18-20th on your calendars and prepare yourselves for a festive good time in Kagawong. We'll share more information as it becomes available.

We're once again putting out the call for your original short poems/haikus/limericks and the like. Submit them to fergmeijer@gmail.com and we'll get them in the column! As long as they are PG. The Expositor editors only let us get away with so much. Here's one of the more dill-icious entries:

A funny young fellow named Perkins  
 Was terribly fond of small gherkins.  
 One day after tea,  
 He ate ninety-three,  
 And pickled his internal workin's.  
 Have a good week!

### Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Thanksgiving weekend is approaching as I write my article and as you read this it will be over, and we will be recovering from too much good food and lots of visiting with friends and relatives.

We are leaving for a few days to the Sault for an early Thanksgiving with my aunt. I am anticipating some beau-

tiful vistas of brightly coloured leaves. We will be back home for the weekend. We are close to an ATV trail and I am sure it will be busy.

We enjoyed getting our yearly supply of kidney beans from Josie and Dave's market garden. Once again, I will mention how superior they are to anything that you can buy in the store. When I get back, I will be picking up turnips as well.

Rose VanEvery's steel roof, done by Prosteel in Manitoulin, is now finished. It matches the trim on her windows and doors and looks very bright against the green shade of the trees and the dark wood of her square timber home. It is a really nice shade of red. Rose is pleased with the results. Pat's house is next, I think. I understand that someone else is hoping for a new roof as well. We should have a roof judging contest for who has the prettiest roof.

I cannot submit cards results because this column must be submitted before the Friday night cards have begun but best wishes to all the card players.

I am practicing the hymns for Sunday and it will be nice to have Janice back from her holiday.

I am wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving Weekend with family and friends. We have a lot to be thankful for.

## Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips  
by Larry and André Leblanc



### Venerable run, turns fifty, Sunday!

Fifty years ago in 1972, my Dad (Larry Leblanc) wanted to start a race in Wiikwemkoong to encourage a growing group of local runners in town and around. His Wasse Abin Pontiac colleague, Henry Hoy, was game to join in and get the first Wiki Road Race off the ground. And so it began, with local speedster, Randy Rivers winning the inaugural event! The race has brought thousands of runners out to make the trek from Kaboni to Thunderbird Park in Wiikwemkoong.

The Walkers begin at 8:30 am, Youth (runners) will begin at 9 am and Adult (runners) will begin at 9:30 am. Participants must pre-register for the race by e-mailing Amanda at amandatrudeau@wikyhealth.ca. The registration deadline is this Thursday, October 13th. There will be prizes for the top three male and female per categories that include: 10 and under, 11-13 yrs, Youth 14-18 yrs and Seniors (55+). Please be advised as well that COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place.

If you can help the current organizers out please send Amanda a message. Good luck to everyone on Sunday!

### Cross Country this week!

Both elementary and secondary runners will be on the trails, roads and fairways this week. Starting with the younger set, the annual Bobcats Invitational is back from COVID in Birch Island, set for this Wednesday, October 12. Hosted by the Shawanosowe School Kindergarten to Grade 6 and held on the Whitefish River First Nation, all the races feature that scary hill! The school always puts on a great event. Races, start at 10 am with the Kindergarten kids: too fun.

The Manitoulin Mustangs play host this year to two North Shore races. The preliminary, Pre-NSSSA event will be this Friday, October 14 at the Rainbow Ridge golf course in Manitowaning. This will be the primer for the real thing, a week later (October 21) for NSSSA, the gateway run to qualify for NOSSA held this year in the 'Gateway City' of North Bay. The Northern Ontario Secondary Schools championship then, is their ticket to the all-Ontario OFSSA championships on November 5 in Uxbridge.

Good luck, to all participants!

### Off their 'rock' hockey!

This past Tuesday and Wednesday the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League (NOJHL) held its annual showcase at Countryside Arena in Sudbury. This event is attended by scouts from NHL, OHL, and several North American universities and colleges. Opening the tournament were the Espanola Paper Kings, featuring Mindemoya's Liam Bridgeman, who took on the French River Rapids. The Paper Kings came out strong, peppering the Rapid's goaltender Brady Dyer with 38 shots but couldn't get one past him. In the end the difference was special teams, as French River went 2 for 6 on the power play, while the Paper Kings struggled, going 0 for 5, and lost the game 4-0.

If that performance wasn't curious enough, on Wednesday the Paper Kings outshot their opponent the Cochrane Crunch 63-16 yet dropped the game 4-3, this time in a shootout! Special teams again played a role in the defeat, with Cochrane successful in 2 of 4 man advantage situations, Espanola going just 1 for 7. Clearly though the story was the performance by Crunch goaltender, Marcus Ouellet, who rode this remarkable 60 save performance to being named one of Eastlink TV's NOJHL Stars of the Week.

Fairing much better in their games were the Sudbury Cubs, led by Little Current's Billy Biederman, who went 2-0 in the showcase. Billy tallied a goal and two assists in a 4-2 victory over the Hearst Lumberjacks. He then notched another goal in his team's 5-4 win over the Powassan Voodoos. With these added points, Billy leading his team in scoring, and tied for 6th in NOJHL, with 6 goals and 10 assists in just 12 games!

### Turkey Gobblers!

The annual Turkey Gobbler Trots took place in Sudbury this past Sunday. There were 1km, 3.5km and 8km races. A pair of Manitoulin runners were front and center in the longer distance. Maren Kasunich of M'Chigeeng continues her training runs for the cross country season with as the top female runner in a time of 34:52! Teammate Ava Corbiere finished third in the 13-19 year old division. The two will be in Manitowaning on Friday for Pre-NSSSA! Go Mustangs, go!

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## Mustangs golf teams compete at NOSSA championships



The Manitoulin Secondary School Mustangs golf team took part in the Northern Ontario Secondary School Association (NOSSA) championship last week. In photo left, is coach Devin Lockyer, Amy Smith, Ava Corbiere, Saraya Eshkawkogan, Noah Thorpe, Hudson Hare, Corbin Best, Jon Mende, Rylan Carrick and coach Jordan Smith.

M'CHIGEENG—While no one on the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs golf team has advanced to the provincials, chalk up this year's Northern Ontario playdowns as a learning experience for this team in the future.

Eight members of the Mustangs had qualified for the Northern Ontario Secondary School Association (NOSSA) championships, held at the North Bay Golf and Country Club in North Bay on October 3.

"It was a great experience for our golfers," said MSS coach Jordan Smith. "We have a great core of golfers that will be competing for us for a couple of

years to come."

The Mustangs finished in ninth place in the boys' division which included 10 teams. Noah Thorpe finished in a tie for seventh place overall, individually, with an 18-hole score of 84, to lead the way for MSS. Other members of the boys' team included Hudson Hare, Rylan Carrick, Jon Mende and Corbin Best.

The MSS girls team placed fourth in the NOSSA championship with the team made up of Amy Smith, Ana Corbiere, and Saraya Eshkawkogan, along with KC Migwanabi of Espanola High School who played for the Mustangs.

## Wiikwemkoong Road Race celebrates 50th year



Competitors in the first heat of the 2019 edition of the Wiikwemkoong Road race set out from their marks.

by Michael Erskine

WIKWEMKOONG—Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, the Wiikwemkoong 10KM Road Race has become a rite of passage for aspiring runners across the region.

Established 50 years ago by teachers Larry Leblanc and Henry Hoy, the race continues to enjoy a strong following.

This year's edition will take place on October 16, with the starting line located at the traditional location in Kaboni and the finish line at Wiikwemkoong's Thunder Bird Park.

Walkers are the first to set out from the starting line at 8:30 am, followed by youth at 9 am and then adults at 9:30 am. Those wishing to participate must pre-register by email to amandatrudeau@wikyhealth.ca. The registration deadline is 4 pm, Thursday, October 13.

There is more at stake than just bragging rights, with prizes for the top three male and female finishers in each category. Those categories include 10 and under, 11 to 13 years, youth: 14 to 18 years, 19 to 54 years and seniors 55-plus.

COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place.

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**Three-Pitch champions rock!**

**LEFT**—The Central Manitoulin Public School Eagles team tied for first place in the senior division at the Island Elementary school 3-Pitch championships. The CMPS team included back row left, coach Lisa Pennie, Josh Daniso, Thomas Redmond, Jack Bridgeman, Jonah Balfe, Anders Watson, Jonathon Cooper, Chase Taylor. Front row left Liz Cooper, Kimberlee Williams, Scarlet Mohr, Kaci Lariviere and Darcy Thorpe.

**RIGHT**—The Little Current Public School Coyotes team tied for first place in the senior division at the Island Elementary school 3-pitch championships. The LCPS roster includes Hazel Cooper, Lexy Varey, Kayla Lockeyer, Charmaine Webkamigad, Ryan Carter, Max King, Roen Deschenes, Xavier Aquonie. Missing from photo June Corbiere, Liam Stephens, Luis Anaya and coach Tim Lockeyer.



**Thanksgiving golf!**

A Thanksgiving golf tournament was held at Manitoulin Golf in Gordon on Saturday. A total of 10 four player teams took part. Taking first place was the team of (in photo) Ryan Punkari, Amelie Deschamps, Christine Barbeau and Ryan Barbeau, who posted an 18 hole best ball score of 65. There was a two-way tie for second place between the team of Dan Marois, Richard and Luc Huneault who shot 68 and the Allison Idle team of Jessie Orford, Dave and Arie. A fantastic turkey dinner with all the trimmings was enjoyed by all participants after play on the golf course.



**A Tour de Meldrum update**

This year's Tour de Meldrum bicycle ride fundraiser for the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Mindemoya site raised the second largest amount of money in its 21-year history. "I thought we did pretty well this year," said Dale Scott, organizer of the annual event, which took place in September. "We have raised over \$16,000 this year. This was the best (single) year we have had other than last year when we were celebrating the 20th year of the ride. Different donors gave \$1,000." A total of 26 riders, with five support vehicles, began their journey early Saturday morning September 24 on their trip to Meldrum Bay where riders had dinner and stayed at the Meldrum Bay Inn that evening, heading out on the return journey to Mindemoya the next morning. All the funds raised this year will be going to the 'Let's Emerg Together' fundraising campaign for the emergency department expansion at the Mindemoya Hospital.

**Two Mustangs fare well in Turkey Trot**



Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs runner Maren Kasunich, left, was the top female runner overall at the Walden Trails Turkey Trot held on Sunday.

WALDEN—Two Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs finished in the top three in their divisions at the Walden Trails Turkey Trot held on Sunday. Maren Kasunich was the top female runner overall and Ava Corbiere finished third in the 13- to 19-year-old age category. Both MSS runners ran in the eight-kilometre cross-country race.

**'Plan your escape' this year's theme for Fire Prevention Week**

by Michael Erskine  
**TEHKUMMAH**—It's almost time for that biennial daylight savings time ritual of checking your home's fire alarm, but it doesn't hurt to do it more often—fire alarms save lives, but only if they are working. Normally, fire safety week would see members of Island fire departments coming to visit your fire alarm for a check-up, but that hasn't happened for a while. "It's one of the main things we really stress with people every year," said Tehkummah Fire Chief Jeff Wilson. "We used to go door to door in the community to check people's alarms with them," he said. "We haven't done that in the past couple of years, obviously due to COVID, but we are hoping to get back to doing that soon." This year's theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 9 to 15, is "Fire won't wait, plan your escape."

Saturday. A working smoke alarm clues family members in that there is a fire, and they need to escape. Fire moves fast. Your family might only have only minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. "Smoke alarms should be installed in every sleeping room, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement," noted Mr. Wilson. "Test all of your smoke alarms by pushing the test button. If it makes a loud beep, beep, beep sound, you know it's working. If there is no sound or the sound is low, it's time to replace the battery. If the smoke alarm is older than 10 years old, you need to replace the whole unit. If your smoke alarm makes a chirp, that also means it needs a new battery. Change the battery right away." Another important consideration is to make sure everyone in the home

knows the sound of the alarm and what to do when it sounds. Creating your own home fire escape plan will make sure everyone knows what to do when the smoke alarm sounds so they can get out safely. Draw a map of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors. Children, older adults and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure they are part of the plan. Make sure all escape routes are clear and that doors and windows open easily. Pick an outside meeting place (something permanent like a neighbour's house, a light post, mailbox, or stop sign) that is a safe distance in front of your home where everyone can meet. Everyone in the home should know the fire department's emergency number and how to call once they are safely out-

side." Finally, practice makes perfect, so practice, practice, practice, both daytime and nighttime home fire drills and don't forget to share your home escape plans with overnight guests. The complete fire prevention plan checklist can be found at [nfpa.org](http://nfpa.org).

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# ...Ratepayers taking Assiginack to task on High Falls bridge

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much of the rock torn up on each side of the river bed. I realize right now it doesn't look pleasant but once the work is complete everything will be back in place and it will look as attractive as it did before."

Mayor Ham noted as part of the project, "there will be new fencing and other features put in to be provided for safety purposes."

The project includes the construction of a pedestrian bridge to cross the top of the falls that will link both sides of the township property. It was funded by a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the estimated budget is \$495,000 net taxes.

However, not everyone is happy with the project. Graham and Debbie Laporte, who own a cottage by High Falls said the area, "is such a beautiful place. Over the years we have seen a lot of aquatic and wildlife in the falls area including a healthy number of Blanding's turtles (which are an endangered species)."

"I have gone on many hiking trips with my grandson to catch frogs and fish," said Mr. Laporte. "But with the heavy machinery in their now, it has destroyed the habitat for the turtles and many other aquatic species. Trees have been taken down when part of the ledge was broken off during construction."

"Cement has been installed on both sides of the riverbed," said Ms. Laporte. "They have removed the earth and overburden around the falls and dumped this over the falls with no disregard to what happens to anything below it. It is devastating, it looks like a moon scape."

"Everything has been stripped off all the plants and cat tails," said Mr. Laporte. "And they have stripped the riverbed to the rocks and all the trees in front of the cascade falls."

"The municipality is creating a tourist bridge across the two links with picnic tables," said Mr. Laporte. "I was absolutely horrified when I looked at it the first time with the construction going on."

"I know that one of my neighbours transferred turtle eggs that had been at the river to a pond on his property so they will be safe," said Mr. Laporte. "I called the MNR (Ministry of Natural Resources) tip line about the situation."

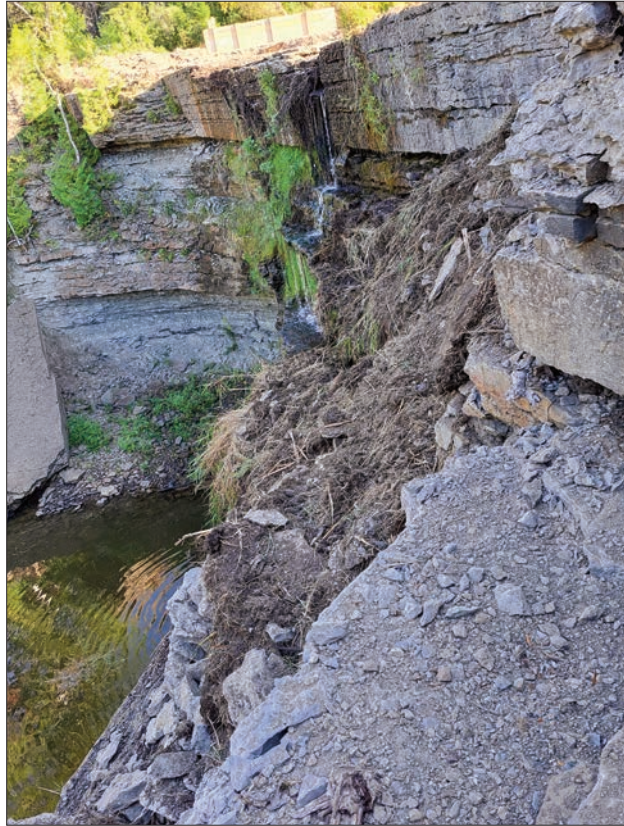
"We the members of the public were never notified of the development taking place," said Mr. Laporte. "Why was the community not made aware of what was going to take place?"

"I think the real story is that there is such beauty on the Island, and it should be preserved," stated Mr. Laporte. "Imagine if anyone wanted to do something like this at Bridal Veil Falls (in Kagawong). There would be an uproar."

"We are worried about the aquatic and wildlife damage

to habitats, and our privacy with people coming through," said Ms. Laporte. "There are no trails there, but there are numerous people that walk in the area and ask for them (trails). Maybe there were trails 30 years ago but they are all gone now."

"It's going to be one of the new attractions being created for Highway 6 in the municipality," said Mayor Ham. "With the new pedestrian bridge people are going to be able to walk over the falls. When they travel across, they will be looking down at the falls," said Mayor Ham. He said origi-



Many of the concerns stem from what appears to be the overburden dumped over the lip of the falls into an ecologically sensitive area.

nally the contractors would be done by mid-September but there have been tremendous holdups as they haven't been able to get the materials they needed to do the work, so the project has been delayed.

"This is the right time to do this work because the water over the falls has dried up," said Mayor Ham. "It should look really nice and be a real attraction once the project is complete."

# ...Hope for an Island-wide turtle conservation project

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wemkoong's Lands and Resources Department. He realized his vision for an outdoor learning environment in his community with the completion of the Prairie Point Marsh Trail in 2021.

The area is home to numerous species and plants, including the at risk Gattinger's agalinis, a delicate pink flower only found at Prairie Point, as well as wolves, snakes and turtles. Mr. Flamand and his crew have documented Blanding's turtles as well as painted, map and snapping turtles, which are all listed as endangered, threatened or at risk in Ontario.

This summer, a teaching lodge was erected at the marsh. Between the viewing platform and the teaching lodge is a sandy area enclosed by a large chicken wire box. The sand was brought in to create a good, safe place for turtles to nest.

What would a turtle conservation project look like? Mr. Flamand noted it would be community driven but he could "do the leg work." The project would raise awareness, provide hands-on learning experiences for children and youth, while protecting and monitoring nesting sites and habitat. "That's what my thought was, people going out and trying their best to protect turtles," he said.

Building nesting boxes, creating wildlife crossings and erecting fencing could be part of the project. In



An endangered Blanding's turtle.

fact, Wiikwemkoong does have turtle fences erected in some areas. One of the major threats to adult turtles is being hit by cars as they cross roads to their nesting sites. Other threats include habitat loss and predators.

One turtle conservation project at Algonquin Provincial Park uses arti-

cial nesting mounds made of sand and gravel, similar to the nesting box at Prairie Point, to mimic the natural nesting habitat chosen by turtles. This provides adult turtles with a secure place to lay their eggs and helps to reduce predation and hatchling mortality.

Researchers currently with Dr. Patricia Chow-Fraser's lab at McMaster University are studying a population of Blanding's turtles in the McGregor Bay area, teaching volunteers from Whitefish River First Nation and McGregor Bay Association so they can carry on monitoring and stewardship activities once the project is complete.

Understanding the habits and habitats of the Island's turtle populations will enable communities to monitor their health and safety, especially in a changing climate.

"There was a lot of interest in the spring when the turtles were moving," Mr. Flamand said. "That's exactly why I posted that. We can do something over the winter. We have something like five or six months to come up with a plan."

Mr. Flamand is willing to facilitate that working group and can be reached by email at theodoreflamand@wiikwemkoong.ca or by phone at 249-878-1706.

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Alton Hobbs, Assiginack CAO has confirmed the township obtained permits from the MTO for the work to be carried out.

Jaclyn Lytle of the MTO told The Expositor last week that High Falls Road would be the municipality's jurisdiction. "I checked with our structural engineer team, and they indicated the minister does not normally have jurisdiction on municipal property, but there would still be standards that need to be followed, although it does not necessarily fall under the MTO."

Derrick Luetchford, of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) told The Expositor, "we have no role in the work being done. The falls are within the municipality and is being done through the municipality and because of the type of work being carried out, no approvals have to be provided by the MNR. It is only on Crown land where we would get involved in something like this."

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The campaign in 2021 was a success in spite of the pandemic. We collected \$6,850.00 from the local communities and donated over \$5,000.00 to support veterans, local charities, as well as the nursing home.

**Anyone wishing to purchase a wreath or lawn sign for Remembrance Day please leave a message for Kari, Legion Member at 705-348-0850 or Sue Morin, President at 705-368-3621.**

**Thank you for your continued support.**

## Bahá'í Writings

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# ...Indigenous Tourism Ontario lands \$300,000 boost

...continued from page 1 said Minister Lumsden. “In a lot of cases announcements are made and then everyone leaves. But here it was great to hear ITO’s plan and where the funding is going.”

“By supporting ITO, our government is helping to provide meaningful opportunities for Indigenous communities throughout the province to showcase their deep-rooted, diverse cultures,” said Minister Lumsden. “This funding will support Indigenous arts, culture and tradition, while bringing people together, boosting the local economy and allowing visitors to celebrate our provinces broad cultural landscape through a wide variety of unique and inclusive programming.”

The projects that will receive support include cultural authenticity workshops, product development and itineraries, marketing, and workforce development.

“ITO is extremely thankful for the fantastic contributions provided by the Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport,” said Mr. Eshkawkogan. “We couldn’t continue our work to improve the socio-economic conditions of Indigenous people through tourism without support like this.” Aundeck Omni Kaning Chief Patsy Corbiere was

on hand for the funding announcement and said, “we have been advocating for ITO for a long time and what they are doing. Kevin is very professional and knows tourism, and part of the plans ITO has is to pro-

The Expositor, “the ITO strategic plan works on four pillars: developing operational sustainability and brand integrity, building capacity and increasing economic opportunities, marketing and branding

evening the minister stayed at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre.

ITO is Ontario’s only dedicated Indigenous tourism organization that focuses on uniting communities, Indigenous organizations and industry leaders to support the growth of Indigenous tourism in Ontario.

The Pan-Regional Fund is designed to support project-based initiatives related to tourism and destination development that benefit more than one region.



Neil Lumsden, minister of tourism, culture and sport announced the province of Ontario is providing funding of \$300,000 to Indigenous Tourism Ontario (ITO) while visiting the ITO office in Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK), last week. From left is minister Neil Lumsden, AOK Chief Patsy Corbiere and Kevin Eshkawkogan, president and chief executive officer of ITO.

vide for stronger tourism awareness in our communities, that brings people in and also benefits our businesses, not just here but throughout Ontario.”

“There is definitely awareness here,” said Minister Lumsden. “My wife knows how important these type of things are to me. It’s been a great experience visiting the Island; you have so much right here in your backyard.”

Mr. Eshkawkogan told

authentic products and service and providing support for communities and entrepreneurs.”

Minister Lumsden had been at Killarney on the evening before the visit to ITO which was preceded by a tour of Wiikwemkoong trails, Holy Cross Mission ruins, lunch at Rainbow Ridge Golf Course, and much more and a tour of the Ojibway Cultural Foundation in M’Chigeeng. Monday

# ...calls on government to make amends

...continued from page 1 on policies and programs,” stated Regional Chief Hare. “Further, these actions do not reflect the spirit and intentions of the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.”

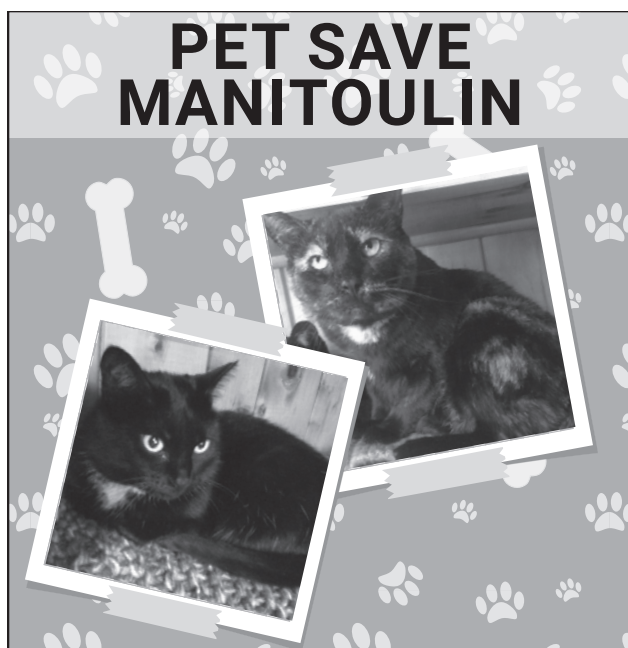
“The minister’s office recently dismissed the thoughtful work of curriculum writers when Indigenous science and technology was struck from the 2022 school year,” the regional chief continued. “In addition, the minister’s office removed expectations that would have allowed students the opportunity to analyze contributions to science and technology from First Nations, Metis, and Inuit; Black and other racialized communities; women; people with disabilities; and 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. This expectation was rendered down to ‘analyze contributions to science and technology from various communities.’ This deprives students of the opportunity to understand and celebrate the unique contributions of distinct communities that have been discriminated against, omitted, or misrepresented throughout history.”

First Nation students attending school in the provincial education system continue to experience deep, ongoing marginalization and vulnerability associated with systemic inequities embedded in the system. “We need a curriculum in the schools that human-

izes and elevates historically marginalized voices. Instead, we have witnessed paternalistic actions of the Office of the Minister of Education, which silence our voices in the new K-8 science and technology curriculum,” continued Regional Chief Hare.

“Ontario must commit to addressing the systemic gaps within the education

system, beginning with a collaborative effort to improve the curriculum development and revision process,” said Regional Chief Hare. “The ongoing disregard for First Nations identities, cultures, values, and ways of knowing has to stop. Our children and future generations deserve better.”



## Smudge-Baby & Sir Anthony

These two long-term residents have become best friends in their foster home. Smudge-Baby (black female with a white chest) is 10 years old and has been with us for nine years. She was rescued from a hoarding situation and is very shy.

Anthony has FIV. He requires daily immune boosters, antibiotic drops in one eye and t/d food. Both felines still dream of a forever home.

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**Municipal Elections – Public Notice**

The mail-in ballots for the Municipal Election on October 24th have been mailed, please watch the mail for yours. If you do not receive a ballot over the next week or so, please feel free to contact the town office to ensure you are on the voters list at 705-368-3500.

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**Fuel Tender**

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Please see our website for full details  
Tender closes October 27th

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Tender closes October 27th

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**Insurance Tender**

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**Fall Events at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah**

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She's been 'pounding the pavement' during this election period and is proud to say she's attended all of the candidates' nights that have been held across Manitoulin. Throughout this time, she's heard from many parents, students and staff about their concerns. She raises a new protocol bus drivers must adhere to this school year as one such concern. As was reported by this newspaper in August, the Sudbury Student Service Consortium, which oversees the handing of school buses in the Rainbow Board, including Manitoulin, enacted a new technology whereby each student is equipped with a QR code which drivers are meant to scan with a tablet each time the student boards or exits the bus. The tablet uses cell data, Ms. Corbiere-Addison says which on Manitoulin is fraught as there are huge pockets with no service, so the technology doesn't work. "Plus," she adds, "this is distracted driving" as the bus driver is forced to pull out a tablet over and over again.

"You know as a parent if you put your kid on the bus or

## ...Lisa Corbiere-Addison

you didn't put your kid on the bus," she says. "And if they didn't go to school, the school secretary will call and ask where that student is. This system is not working efficiently. I would rather see that money put toward additional resources that are needed by the void left by COVID ... Throughout the pandemic our children have suffered."

Because of this, Ms. Corbiere-Addison would like to see the opportunity for summer school at MSS, to help students earn lost credits in compulsory credit courses. "Many students need access to special education resources, literacy skills, math and science support. Fundamental skills have fallen behind. In today's classes, many teachers are pressed into teaching basic literacy skills, to help kids catch up instead of teaching the curriculum in various courses."

Ms. Corbiere-Addison says students are struggling to make up for lost time in the classroom, the effect of COVID-19 lockdowns. She's hearing from parents of children in daycare who are frustrated by some of the mandates still in place. "Some of these mandates need to go back so we can

again function as a society." While daycare is not in the purview of RDSB trustee, Ms. Corbiere-Addison believes these things go hand in hand.

She says she would like to see a transition plan in place for children going from daycare to Junior Kindergarten, similar to what happens with Grade 8s heading to Grade 9 suggesting a buddy system with an older child at elementary school as one suggestion.

Ms. Corbiere-Addison says she would take a holistic approach to the role of trustee. "It's not just about focussing on the students, but the support systems too."

The candidate has concerns with staffing shortages and suggests that one way to attract teachers would be by offering housing, which was done in the past.

The candidate for trustee gives three examples of areas that she believes can see vast improvement.

First, more focus on the trades at the secondary level. "We need to look at tailoring education to available jobs," she says, giving the Ring of Fire development by way of example.

Second, she would push for a feasibility study for outdoor education. "While a student at Queen's University I had the opportunity to attend a variety of outdoor education schools. These centres brought students in from across the board, taught in an outdoor setting. Here on Manitoulin, we have a unique environment and unique culture, both could be shared so effectively." Ms. Corbiere-

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## ...Margaret Stringer

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Ms. Stringer has served on a number of committees, including the Special Education Advisory Committee, Labour Relations, Audit Committee, Strategic Planning and the First Nations Advisory Committee. "I've played a leadership role when needed and I've been able to use my 30 plus years of experience as an educator and principal in Island schools to help shape the direction of the board."

Recognizing that communication with parents and community members is important, Ms. Stringer does use social media and has been available through her Facebook page, but she is "old school" and prefers telephone or face-to-face communication.

Ms. Stringer was part of the Manitoulin COVID leadership coordination committee, since fall 2020, keeping community partners (including mayors, reeves and chiefs) informed on the situation in schools during the pandemic.

"The last two-and-one-half years have been dominated by the pandemic," she said. "Not that we weren't focusing on achievement but our top priority was to keep everyone safe."

A crucial element to this was ensuring the board provided (and continues to provide) the necessary mental health supports while addressing learning gaps created because of COVID, and continuing to prepare students for their future.

"The work to fill in gaps has begun, with tutoring in our elementary schools, starting last April and continuing this

fall, extra resource teachers in place starting this fall, along with a variety of other supports including summer literacy and numeracy programs for elementary students, and summer co-op and learning options for secondary students. That said, it is critical that these measures continue until the job of getting everyone back up to speed is complete," said Ms. Stringer.

She believes the board must continue to prepare students for their future. "We need to stress the basics, and develop strong reading, writing and math skills. We need to help students develop the resilience needed to meet life's challenges, and the character and interpersonal skills that will help along the way. We need to encourage our students to look at areas like the trades, where graduates are in high demand, and will be for the foreseeable future."

The board must always look at things from the perspective of keeping students safe, healthy and in school, Ms. Stringer said. She doesn't believe there will be a dramatic resurgence in COVID but if there is, she would expect the provincial government to focus on keeping students safe and in school by expanding public health measures like masking.

"Public health measures, including masking, helped keep students safe during the pandemic," she said. "A large majority of our people are vaccinated now, which is why we are where we are today. Masking is no longer required. We're now in a place of personal choice, one of kindness

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## ...Township of Billings

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together for over three decades and have raised two fantastic children, a son and a daughter. We raised our family in Cambridge, Ontario where I was very involved with minor sports, both hockey and lacrosse.

Every opportunity Denise and I had for holidays we would pack the family, the dogs and the boat up and head north.

We first spent years exploring the Massasauga Provincial Park system, just south of Parry Sound, very remote, very peaceful. Then, thanks to some close friends, we were introduced to this beautiful island. I discovered quickly that my soul is at peace here. We spent two to three years renting various cabins and cottages, predominantly in Billings Township, and spent many days just enjoying the whole Island's charm.

We found that our hamlet is a flawless diamond and fell in love with the natural beauty and tranquility, not to mention the incredible people we have met. From our pristine shorelines and water systems to the most incredible night skies. We had to find a place here to call our own. Our first property on Maple Point Rd was part of the original Dodge estate and we hear it could have been "Danny Dodge's duck pond." Still living in Cambridge, we purchased that property in 2005 and as a younger couple Denise and I cleared a lot of the land and now have our little bunkie in the bush.

Just like you, I love our hamlet and I would like an opportunity to be part of Billings town council with a commitment to protect and preserve our beautiful environment, from the pristine waters we are blessed with to the vital farmland that feeds our families, council must be good shepherds.

Council is also obligated to focus on fiscal responsibility and economic development to encourage smaller to medium sized companies that want a healthy lifestyle option for their valuable employees to consider opening a facility in our community.

I look forward to meeting as many of my neighbours in person as possible and I would really appreciate your support in electing me to your town council.

### David Hillyard

I'm known as a big kid, full of life and the happiest person in the room. I love to have fun, to serve others in my community and I love my home. I have lived in beautiful Billings Township since 2019 with my wife Stephanie and our two boys ages 6 and 4.

I am new to politics, but I am not afraid of hard work. I know that joining the Billings council is a big responsibility which brings with it an extremely steep learning curve. I care deeply about Billings Township and am willing to go above and beyond to serve its needs. I'm a people person and a simple family man. I will do my homework and get informed on the issues that arise as I represent the taxpayer. I want to give the Billings taxpayer a voice when it comes to important matters such as bylaw opposition or major decisions generated without any public input.

My goal as a young councillor is to encourage people to get back out into the community. I want to work with and develop options for our kids and youth to start enjoying year-round outdoor activities.

I would like to review the current bylaws and recently changed bylaws. Another issue on the rise the last four years is that we have an abundance of jobs and limited supply of workers available, and this has become an Island-wide problem. We should work with our neighboring municipalities to develop an Island-wide strategy to tackle this problem.

Projects that I would like to see completed right away: update strategic plan, address the continued parking challenges at Bridal Veil Falls to improve public safety, promote local food and strategies to reduce our carbon footprint and speeding on our back roads is a problem.

We can dream big while maintaining fiscal responsi-

### ...Lisa Corbiere-Addison

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Addison believes that with more outdoor education in Manitoulin schools would make for good stewards of the land and would create a better understanding of First Nation culture and effective steps toward Reconciliation.

"I retired in February 2022—I have a fresh perspective of the needs of students, staff and administrators," she continues. "And I feel I'm in touch with people from one end of the Island to the other, the heartbeat of Manitoulin."

### ...Margaret Stringer

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and respect for others, recognizing that some people have personal reasons why a mask was necessary."

"The province should only close schools and move to virtual learning, if its public health experts determine that students can't be kept safe in school even with enhanced public health measures," said Ms. Stringer.

"I care deeply about our students. I want to see them all succeed, and their success is my motivation as trustee. If elected, it's my pledge to continue to work as hard as I can to ensure that the students of Manitoulin have everything they need to become the best possible versions of themselves," she said.

bility. We can lead as a council by example, building on the vision of those that have gone before us—capitalizing on serious investments to infrastructure such as the river trail, the marina overhaul and the improved road through town, to seize new opportunities building a bright future and set the tone for a Billings that our children will grow and thrive in.

### Michael Hunt (incumbent [no response by press time])

### Mike Larocque

I'm Mike Larocque, running for council in Billings Township. I was born and raised in Sudbury and permanently reside in Kagawong since 2012 following my retirement from INCO with 31 years of service.

I was involved with the Community Centre in Blezard Valley for 20 years with the last five as vice president.

My priorities for the community are road maintenance (specifically snowplowing, sanding), Lake Kagawong management and to promote more business and tourism to the area.

I would like to have the opportunity to represent you and be your voice on council. I am also fully bilingual.

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The lease with Jarlette Health Services runs out in 2025. Mr. Lane wants to ensure the nursing home remains open in town.

The current doctor situation is another issue that must be addressed. Drs. Bob Hamilton and Shelagh McRae would like to retire. While the town has been trying to recruit new doctors, it has not been successful so far. If both doctors retired, Gore Bay would be down to one doctor, Dr. Chantelle Wilson. "Ideally we want an additional full-time doctor," he said.

The health care issues affect more than Gore Bay, as the nursing home and doctors provide services for all of Western Manitoulin.

A lack of housing for seniors is another concern. "At one time there were three senior housing buildings in town, the Bayside, Millsite and Woods Lane apartments," Mr. Lane said. "Now we are down to one. All of us are getting older and there will be more of a demand for senior housing. There are huge waiting lists."

He'd would like to see more housing for seniors, like they are building in Little Current. "This is a huge issue for me," said Mr. Lane.

He also pointed out the need for more affordable housing for young families and individuals. The newer apartments

## ...Ron Lane

have higher rental costs that might be affordable for families with two incomes, he said. "We have to be able to provide something, housing wise, that they can afford."

Downtown revitalization is also on Mr. Lane's agenda. "The core area of town does not look good." He pointed to work that needs to be done to curbs, sidewalks and interlocking stone that needs to be repaired or rebuilt. The last time we did this type of work in town was 30 plus years ago. Our town has to look good. I would like to see the downtown revitalization take place."

He also has his eye on the master plan for the marina. In 2019 the town completed the first phase of upgrades, which included new docks and hydro. Phase two includes more docks on the east side of Fish Point, similar to the west side of the marina. Mr. Lane would like to see this phase move forward and is confident the town can obtain funding for the work.

Mr. Lane pointed out numerous projects currently underway, including the new gazebo and boardwalk repairs. The water project up to Thorburn Street will take up most of next summer and other cast iron water mains need to be replaced, he said. "That will carry on."

Another thing Gore Bay needs is a marketing plan to let

people know what Gore Bay is all about and where to find it, he said. "The key is getting people here."

The marketing plan would also encourage people to move to Gore Bay. This would be facilitated by a partnership with local businesses, a round table consisting of council and business owners, Mr. Lane said.

Event-wise, Mr. Lane wants to see the successful Main Street summer market continue. He would also like to see another community event take place in town on an annual basis, maybe bringing back the winter carnival, adding to the popular summer theatre and the Harbour Days celebrations, he said. "It makes money and brings in people to the town. That's a win-win for the town and businesses. I think we need a major festival twice a year."

The mayor sets the agenda for council and sets up committees, he concluded. "It is a big job, one that I have done in the past and know I can do now. I have a lot of knowledge of this town and have all kinds of experience."

## ...Maureen Armstrong

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more housing for people to live. Some new building needs to take place."

"Finally, we have spent so much money and effort on the marina, which is wonderful. I would like to ask the question of what is there to do once visitors arrive. We need to meet that question with amazing answers," said Ms. Armstrong.

Ms. Armstrong explained, "I came to the Island to live full-time in the 1990s because I wanted to raise my kids in a country environment. My mother was from Silver Water and I have long felt strong ties to the Island."

"I started my career doing visiting nursing as a registered nurse with Bayshore," said Ms. Armstrong. "One of the things I am most proud of during that time is learning about the portable pain pump that is used to help people with terminal illnesses stay at home instead of going to the hospital. It provided people with a choice to die at home instead of in a hospital. I went on to teach its (portable pain pump) use to healthcare professionals all over the Island."

Other accomplishments Ms. Armstrong noted include teaching the personal support worker (PSW) program twice for Cambrian College (on Manitoulin Island) and the registered practical nurse (RPN) course in Wiik-wemkoong.

"I worked for 18 months in M'Chigeeng First Nation as the long-term case manager, giving me experience with the Ojibway culture," said Ms. Armstrong. "I also worked in the far north with the Cree for Health Canada, learning advanced nursing skills."

"After that, I went back to school for my Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, graduating in 2008. When I returned, I worked nightshift for Manitoulin Lodge and then became the Director of Care in November 2009," continued Ms. Armstrong. "In December of that year, I was involved in a car accident that ended that career, as I wound up in a wheelchair. That changes one's perspective on life entirely."

Ms. Armstrong said, "I have no political experience per se, but I have navigated the medical system for years with its many changes in legislation, rules and regulations. Also, as a nurse, I have experience in looking at problems and finding solutions."

"I also think of myself as being a people person, and after COVID-19 people need attention," said Ms. Armstrong. "The people of this town were so giving and supportive at the time when I was originally hurt. Now is the time when I can give something back. I am running for Mayor because I think the townspeople just need someone who cares about them, and I am ready to be that person."

## MAUREEN ARMSTRONG Mo for Mayor

Maureen Armstrong BScN R.N. cares about people and their welfare and thinks the Mayor of Gore Bay should too.

I have extensive experience over my many years working as a nurse in tackling challenges, meeting with people and getting things done. I look forward to highlighting the challenges of aging well here as one third of this town is over 65. As I live with a physical disability myself it makes me uniquely qualified to address some of these issues. In saying that, it does not mean that it will be the only group I am interested in helping. I have developed and implemented programs when teaching for Cambrian College, doing home nursing for Bayshore, working for Health Canada and as Director of Care at Manitoulin Lodge. I am very much a people person who believes I can help serve the towns current and future needs and bring a fresh approach to the job of Mayor.

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## Town of Gore Bay

### Kelly Chaytor

I have been a resident of Gore Bay along with my husband Greg and our two children for the past six years. I work at Manitoulin Transport and have been with the company for 18 years. I have also been on the school parent council at Charles C. McLean Public School for the past

## Township of Assiginack

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Dene Banger's campaign note was inadvertently missing from last week's profiles of candidates for Assiginack council. The following is Mr. Banger's profile.*

### Dene Banger

My wife and I moved to Manitoulin Island about five years ago from Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario. Honestly, it was the best thing that we have ever done and wish we would have done this 20 years ago! The difference between the Island and Southern Ontario can be summed up in one sentence, "On the Island you live, down south you only exist."

During the all candidates' night, it became apparent to me that the constituents of Assiginack are primarily concerned with the condition of our infrastructure and taxes. As a candidate for Assiginack council, it's important to listen to the people. With this in mind, I think the new council should focus on the people's concerns and set their goals and planning accordingly. In looking at the state of both the global economy and the Canadian economy, it makes more sense at this time to move slowly and carefully; reinforce our infrastructure, regroup and either put large projects on hold or have a solid longer-term plan in achieving them. Either way, it would be good practice to properly present large projects to the constituents and have them voted upon. In preserving the unique characteristics of the Island, it is necessary to find the right balance between preservation and economic development. As the growth of the Island over the past few years reflects, it is a gem that has been discovered by the mainland and needs to be treated as something precious—a place to be highly desired.

I believe in serving the constituents, administrative staff and our public works sector with unbiased excellence; service not lordship. I have a background in automotive engineering, ergonomics and entrepreneurship. As well, I have served on the Board of Directors for a large housing complex; serving in the capacity of director, vice president and president. I am well able to deal with issues on provincial and municipal levels and to make good solid decisions based on facts. As a team player, I see a wise and productive council being made up of several points of view.

five years where I have gotten to work with some amazing parents.

I have put my name forward to run as a councillor because I want to be a voice for the youth and young families within Gore Bay. With being involved in the local school and having my own children I want to help make Gore Bay the place to be for generations.

This past summer, along with my husband and our two children, we organized and ran Nerf Wars at the arena for kids of all ages. We had kids from five years old up to 65. It was a great experience where I got to meet parents and kids. I heard from so many people saying they loved that there was this activity for our community.

It was great to see how the local business also stepped up to help with donations to show their support for the local kids in this event. Running this event is what started to motivate me to step up and put my name forward so I can help more activities for all residents.

We need to bring back the community events as everyone has suffered socially with COVID restrictions. The Gore Bay Recreation committee has some upcoming events which will be exciting for the community. Volunteers are a must to have for these events. I would like to encourage anyone who wants to help to please reach out.

If I am voted for council, this opportunity would give me a chance to learn how our town runs and works for/with the residents of Gore Bay.

### Leeanne Woestenek (incumbent)

I have lived in Gore Bay for the past 15 years. During this time, I have enjoyed watching things change in our community. I have always had a genuine passion for Gore Bay and shortly after moving here decided to volunteer on the recreation committee as a citizen representative. Our committee has a lot of fun planning events for our community.

As our children grew older, working part-time at Service Ontario, and my husband serving a term on council I found myself having more time for myself to do something to give back to the community, so I decided in 2018 to throw my hat in the ring and run for council as well.

It's been more demanding at times that I ever thought but I feel I bring the energy and hard work needed to be successful. Unpopular and controversial decisions are made at times and you experience scrutiny but you just have to listen to members of the community and hope you're doing the best for them.

I have decided to run for this term of council again as the first four years went by far too quickly. I enjoyed being one of six decision makers, to ensure the alignment with our communities' visions, values and wants.

Being on council has been a real eye opener in that you realize there is no money tree in the town that you can pick from. There is a lot more to making responsible and rea-

sonable decisions. We need to make decisions based on reality and what we have.

Our taxpayers work hard for their money and it's only fair if we let them keep it. I don't believe they should have to pay the price for council's wants.

I believe this past term there have been a lot of positives that have happened in our town. Some taking more time than wanted but that was out of our hands.

If elected, I look forward to promoting the welfare and interests of our residents and business owners for another term.

### Terry Olmstead

For over 35 years, I have had the privilege of serving as a human resources professional for a number of industries, including logistics, retail, operations and manufacturing. My wife Rosanne and I currently run a consulting business from our home in Gore Bay, where we have resided for 25 years. Previous to this, I held the role as Director of Human Resources for Manitoulin Transport and currently maintain my membership as a Certified Human Resources Professional with both the Sudbury and Toronto Chapters

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My career heavily focused on the areas of harassment and discrimination. I have been featured as an expert speaker at several industry conferences, additionally developing a number of training programs on this topic as well as others.

I feel strongly that, because of this, I can assist in the development and care of our infrastructure and accommodation needs. I have been working under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act for the past 17 years. I also have the knowledge required to be effective in the financial requirements of the councillor position. I am very interested in the retail success of Gore Bay, and through my experience in the retail industry (10 years) think I can assist.

In 2015, I joined the board of the Manitoulin Health Centre and quickly moved into the role of chair of the board from 2016-2021. Through this role, I served on several MHC volunteer committees including audit, executive, fundraising, governance, nominating, resource, strategic planning, and quality assurance.

If elected, my broad exposure to the health care needs of Island residents through the hospital board will prove very beneficial in the long-term planning for both the Gore Bay Medical Centre and nursing home which has to be rebuilt. I

have developed and facilitated many successful strategic plans throughout my career in human resources and time with the board at MHC.

Through my professional career, as well as being a husband and father, I've embodied the importance of listening, mentorship, community, and helping people achieve their goals; qualities that I feel would serve my fellow citizens well if they choose to support me as their representative in the upcoming election.

For more information on my plan for Gore Bay visit [www.terryforgorebay.ca](http://www.terryforgorebay.ca)

Let me know your thoughts! I'd love to hear from you about how we can make Gore Bay better together. CouncillorTerry@gmail.com (705) 282-0894.

### Paulie Nodecker (incumbent)

Hello. My name is Paulie Nodecker and I am running for the position of councillor for the town of Gore Bay.

I have been a full-time resident of Gore Bay since 1996. My mother was originally from Gore Bay, and I still have very strong family ties to the area. Although I was not raised on the Island, we spent every summer at our cottage on Tobacco Lake and I knew at a very young age someday I would be here permanently.

My education is in nursing; I have been a registered nurse for 22 years. As a student, when the opportunity arose for me to complete my

final placement and preceptorship at Manitoulin Health Centre (Little Current) I jumped on it. I have been nursing on Manitoulin ever since (except for a year of adventures in northern Alberta driving a medic truck in the oilfields).

I have had the privilege of working in many different areas of health care Manitoulin has to offer. I have worked acute care, emergency, labour and delivery, and day surgery at Manitoulin Health Centre, at both Little Current and Mindemoya sites. I have worked at two long term care homes, Wikwemikong Nursing Home and Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay where I filled the role of Director of Care for six years. I currently work for Home and Community Care Support Service coordinating home care services for the wonderful residents on Manitoulin.

If elected in 2022 I would be serving a second term. Four years ago, I had interest but no experience in municipal politics. It has definitely been a learning curve and I have enjoyed every minute of it. Being part of a wonderful team of people, who genuinely care about the betterment of the town, has been a privilege and I look forward to serving another four years. Seeing how hard the dedicated and committed town employees work to make Gore Bay (in my opinion) the best town to live in on Manitoulin is truly inspiring.

For the next term I hope to see mayor and council build on the foundations laid for several projects and look forward to seeing what more can be accomplished.

One area particularly is physician recruitment and retention. It is of utmost importance to find innovative strategies and collaborations to bring dedicated physicians to Gore Bay and the rest of Western Manitoulin Island. Time is limited and this issue should be top priority.

I feel current council has done a good job with improving services at the transfer station, staff are working hard to make more

improvements and more plans are in the near future.

The recreation committee has had a few changes to the membership to include new community members. This is a hard-working committee and the members spend countless hours volunteering their own time organizing special events for the town residents to enjoy and participate in.

In conclusion, I don't have a specific agenda, but I will say I am here for the greater good of Gore Bay. This town is a very special place and has a lot to offer its residents and visitors. I will remain committed to the role of councillor. I'm

not afraid to ask questions, I will speak up and advocate for issues I believe in.

I hope to see everyone out at the polling stations and thank you for your support!

### Dan Osborne

Lynn and I have called Gore Bay home since 1987. We came here as tourists and never left.

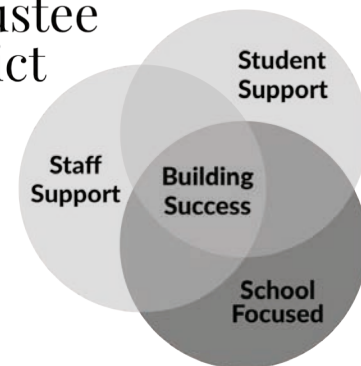
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I have been involved with town council since 2003, and have sat on numerous boards and committees

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## Gordon photog's works on display at prestigious Stephen Bulger Gallery

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON—Isobel Harry, a Gordon/Barrie Island photographer and journalist (who works as a freelance reporter for The Manitoulin Expositor) has photographed the likes of musicians Bob Marley and Teenage Head. She currently has many of her photographs on display at the Stephen Bulger Gallery in Toronto.



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"There is a small display of my work in the reading room of the gallery, the anteroom from the main gallery," Ms. Harry told The Expositor. The show opened on September 10 and closes October 15.

It was a long process to get her photographs into a gallery like this, said Ms. Harry. "I had an extensive archive of stuff from the early 1970s to, say, the early 1990s. In those days, I would shoot a lot of stuff: performances by artists, music, self-portraits, and had many published and shown. I kept all the proofs and negatives of the photos, archived all these years. I had no idea this was going to happen."

About six or seven years ago, Ms. Harry approached Stephen Bulger, who has one of the leading galleries in Canada. He is a seller of photographs and his gallery is a commercial one. There wasn't a lot of interest, until Ms. Harry's partner Bert went to see

Mr. Bulger and talked to him about her work.

"All of a sudden he seemed interested," Ms. Harry said. "We talked and he said, 'why don't you make an inventory of what you have.' Because of everything I do on the Island, it took me six years to make a complete archive of all my photographs. The whole time Stephen was very supportive. He became like a cheerleader and told me to keep going."

She finally finished her inventory list and sent it off in February. They met in March and Mr. Bulger is now in possession of a lot of Ms. Harry's materials. "There is a small display of my stuff," she said. "He represents a lot of photographers, probably about two dozen."

Ms. Harry's curiosity as

a young photographer was intense, compelling her to capture what she saw in people's faces, in her own face, allowing her to discover the artfulness in life through her camera. Everything became subjective, filled with her own emotions. Each portrait recorded feelings made tangible in print and each performance made the symbolic visible.

"My photos were also about what moved me visually," she said. "It was a feeling, an intention to carry the camera and shoot what was there. Curiosity, and just always carrying the camera, reacting to what was around me, photographing where I was. Documenting, but also hoping to reveal something

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# 6 Foot Festival

Debajehmujig Storytellers is extremely proud to be presenting our thirteenth celebration of Land, Art and Food, The Six Foot Festival. Our thirteenth festival is magical and we are mindful that we have completed a whole phase of growth with Six Foot.

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This year's theme is "Community Connections". Our work at Debajehmujig as well as our Six Foot Festival would be so much less inspiring without our community partners, Elders and knowledge keepers. We have learned so much and feel inspired to keep exploring and evolving as we go.

The Six Foot Festival asks artists to be organically inspired by their creativity, the land, and celebrating food from the land in a cube that is limited to 6x6x6 feet. When an artist thinks about space many stories are created, imagined, explored and documented. We invite artists emerging and established to explore what community connections mean to them.

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# ...Gordon photog's works on display at prestigious Stephen Bulger Gallery

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Born in Ottawa, Ms. Harry graduated from Carleton University with a B.A. in English and French literature. After hitchhiking around Europe with a backpack and her best friend, she settled in London, where she was hired by Time Out magazine and began writing columns and doing paste-ups in the layout studio. Her first published article was about London's new women's lib groups.

She returned to Canada, settling in Toronto and finding work at A Space, an artist-run gallery, the first of its kind in the city, if not the country. There, Ms. Harry was handed her first 35 mm camera and assigned

the job of documenting spaces in the city that were suitable for artists and performers. Having previously only used a Kodak Instamatic, she ruined her first outing by opening the camera without first rewinding the film. Despite losing that first roll, she knew that from then on, the camera would be her backstage pass to everything interesting.

At A Space, photographer David Hlynsky enlisted her help to build the darkroom and taught her how to process negatives and prints in the chemical bath. Soon after, Ms. Harry participated in her first group exhibition in the upstairs gallery.

When Toronto's punk scene exploded at the Crash

'n Burn club in the summer of 1977, Ms. Harry photographed local bands, including the Viletones, Teenage Head, the Curse, and the Poles, among others. She captured images of Fashion Burn, a witty catwalk of homemade punk.

After several visits to Jamaica beginning in 1975, she travelled back to the politically explosive city of Kingston in April 1978 on her first ever photo assignment to cover the historic One Love Peace Concerts for the Toronto Star Weekend magazine. The years 1976 to 1980 were the most violent in the country's history, culminating in over 800 politically motivated gun killings in the 1980 election year alone, carried out by enforcers in the

city's ghettos, armed and paid for by the two main political parties to wipe out their opposition.

Ms. Harry was able to photograph Bob Marley at the I Kingston at the Peace concert. Upon her return to Canada, she began an association with Canadian reggae band Truths and Rights, serving as photographer and publicist for several years. She promoted Caribbean music through major profiles and cover photographs while associate editor at the Canadian Composer and wrote think-pieces for cultural news magazines Centrefold and Fuse. Jamaica changed her consciousness of the world and her place in it.

In 1989, Ms. Harry began work in the field of human rights, first with Peace Brigades International's Central America committee. In 1992, she began work with PEN International (PEN Canada), first as

international programs director and then as executive director until 2010, alongside committed writers who advanced the organization's mission to defend freedom of expression and celebrate literature in over 100 countries. She advocated on behalf of political prisoners, particularly imprisoned and exiled writers and journalists worldwide, and for refugee rights, at the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva and New York and before governments internationally.

"My photographs will be in series, the first one music and musicians," said Ms. Harry. "I did a lot of photographs of reggae musicians Bob Marley, Peter Tark and some from England when they would come to Toronto. I loved music."

She's done a lot of digital photography since 1996, when she started to vaca-

tion at an old cottage on Lake Manitou. "I haven't been able to figure out how to print right but one day I would like to address that," she said. "I will have more series of photographs in the gallery, with different themes."

"To be honest, part of the reason I'm keen to be represented by Stephen is that he knows the business and he thinks some of my photographs can sell," Ms. Harry added.

Isobel Harry's photographs have appeared in Toronto Life, the Globe and Mail, Macleans, Saturday Night, the Canadian Composer, Shades, Theaterwork, FILE, Image Nation, and FUSE. Her photographs have been exhibited at the Art Gallery of York University, the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Power Plant, the Art Museum at the University of Toronto, and is included in the collection of the National Gallery of Canada.

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over the years, gaining a lot of knowledge on the workings of municipal politics.

I do not have a specific agenda and can't promise anything other than I will continue to put in the time and effort required to continue representing our residents and town.

We are facing many challenges similar to most places in Canada. We need doctors, affordable housing for both seniors and young families. We need to retain the employment. And we have to create an environment to attain more.

We need to continue improving our infrastructure and expand our water and sewer services to allow for more development.

Our marina is a key part of tourism in Gore Bay, and we need to move on to our next phase of expansion. All of these things and more are what we have been working at over the past years.

I like the path our town is currently on and would like to continue in this direction.

Looking ahead to the future years I would hope our council and staff can work together as we have in the four years and continue to move our town ahead.

I would like to be a part of the next four years.

**Aaron Wright (incumbent)**

Hi, I am Aaron Wright and I am seeking

your votes for council in Gore Bay for the 2022 election.

I have lived in Gore Bay for over 27 years and work as a paramedic. I have enjoyed and learned from being on council during the past four years. We were faced with the challenges of COVID and being able to maintain all of our services. All while keeping taxes at a minimal increase; which we need to continually think about.

During the next term we need to be active in our community health care and extended health care. We need to encourage new doctors to come here and stay. We also need to work with our community partners in keeping our nursing home in Gore Bay.

This helps keep our seniors near their homes and their families close to them as they are cared for.

I am also aware that we need to work closely with all the local and prospective new businesses to continue growth and jobs here. We have a beautiful community that draws in many tourists from all over the world and we need to keep them coming. Our marina is constantly improving and that work needs to continue for more and bigger boats. This also contributes to our tax base.

These are all very important issues but what I want, if elected, is to work in harmony with all the councillors, mayor and staff for the betterment of Gore Bay. Thanks for your support.

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# Innovative fun comes to Manitoulin with annual 4elements Living Arts festival

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—From great music and dancing to just plain fun, the fifth annual Elemental Festival, hosted by 4elements Living Arts on October 1 and 2, was a huge success.

There were opportunities for people to try out new activities and people surprised themselves by joining in things they had never considered before, said Lou Hayden, festival coordinator. “As Mel Hunt, owner of Feather and Fern Studio in Kagawong, said of the workshop held by local dancer and educator Candice Irwin, ‘I was surprised by how gentle it was. If her adult dance workshops are like that, I could absolutely manage it.’”

Cassidy McAuliffe, pho-



Soprano Brooke Dalton, left, and clarinetist Rebecca Danard, brought their magical performance of Ariadne to Sandy Beach in Kagawong, at the Elemental Festival.

body. I was lucky to be able to share my own work.”

Ms. Irwin has many memories of being younger and playing in the water, memories that include a metal slide, cannonballs and playing with her cousin. “My mother taught me to love the water,” she said.

Accompanied by the music of Ms. Hathaway, Ms. Irwin had all members of the audience, young and old, participating in dance exercise moves and games. It was evident from the smiles on everyone’s faces how much this event was enjoyed.

“Both of these wonderful

people have done fantastic artistic work,” said Ms. Snelling. “Candice with ‘Water Bodies’ for youth in two locations on Manitoulin this year and Georgia was our artist-in-residence this past August. She lived in our mobile studio to share her artistic wealth. It was a pleasure to have her as artist-in-residence. It’s all about artists coming together with the community.”

Brooke Dufton, who is a soprano singer and has a Ph.D. in outdoors sound, put on a fascinating workshop at Riverbend Stage, where she shared her

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Elijah and the Backburners performed in front of a large crowd in the Park Centre during the Elemental Festival.

photos by Tom Sasvari

tographer, filmmaker and artist had a go at improv theatre for the first time and discovered it wasn’t nearly as scary as she had imagined. “It’s really just a question of following the basic rules of play and seeing where they take you,” said improv teacher Scott Florence.

“We were really delighted to have so many fans and friends of Elijah and the Backburners come and support the band at the festival and would like to thank them for coming in from across the Island to be there,” Ms. Hayden said. “The band was in top form and we had a lot of fun

dancing together, especially dancing a rock ‘n roll conga around the room. That was a first for me and a definite highlight of the festival.”

The M’Chigeeng Ladies Drum Group (made up of Mary Dantouze, Isadora Bebamash and Bonita Bebamash) sang a welcoming song in Anishinabek to begin the festival.

Susan Snelling, chair of 4elements, welcomed everyone and thanked Ms. Hayden for organizing the festival. Ms. Hayden added her welcome and thanked volunteers for their major contributions to the two-day festival, encouraging everyone to thank Ms. Snelling.

“When I had health problems, she stepped in to fill in the gaps in organizing this event. The Island is so lucky to have her.”

Ms. Irwin shared her latest work ‘Water Bodies,’ a development of her water-based work with local youth dancers earlier this year, in which Georgia Hathaway was also a guest musician collaborator.

“Water has always been a comfort and home for me,” Ms. Irwin told the large gathering. “This past summer I was fortunate to partner with 4e on a three-day youth workshop and performance on how to feel comfortable with their



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# ...Manitoulin monarch counters report plummeting numbers

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fluctuate from year to year due to weather and climate conditions, so it is hard to know whether the reduction in numbers is due to natural environmental factors or due to human-caused problems.

Last year, the study had three reports of sites where there were dozens of monarchs roosting overnight together in trees. This year, there were no reports of large numbers of roosting Monarchs, but there were a few reports of single butterflies resting overnight in a tree.

The response from the public was very enthusiastic in 2022. The SAR program received 111 reports from 29 observers across Manitoulin Island from Wikwemkoong to Silver Water. Dates of sightings ranged from August 14 to September 19. Most observations were just a single butterfly, with some sightings of 3-5. The largest numbers seen in one day were reported at South Baymouth and at Lorne Lake south of Evansville. South Baymouth is a well-known migration "funnel" (a place through which many monarchs pass). Large numbers of monarchs are seen there every year during migration.

Peak dates for the highest number of reports and the most monarchs seen included Saturday, August 20, Sunday August 21, Monday August 29 for eastern Manitoulin, and Thursday, September 1 for Western

Manitoulin and South Baymouth. The greater number of sightings may mean that more monarchs are moving through, or since some of these are weekend dates it could also be that on those dates people were not at work and were able to be out looking at things.

In 2021, migration



Migrating monarch butterflies nectaring on Joe Pye weed flowers.

photo by Sherry Turcotte

appeared to be done on the eastern part of Manitoulin by around September 3, but then a second wave of migrants came through after the 7th and into the teens, with especially large numbers seen on Western Manitoulin (Elizabeth Bay, Dominion Bay, Walkhouse Bay, Providence Bay, etc.). In 2022, we watched for this phenomenon to see if it occurred again, but with fewer monarchs overall, it was hard to tell whether there was a second surge. We speculate that the different surges may represent Monarchs coming

from separate locations to the north of Manitoulin Island, but so far this is not proven.

In both years it is apparent that the long points of land that extend out into Lake Huron are high-traffic funnels for migrants. We've had excellent reporting from landowners on some

of the major points describing (2021), "hundreds moving through" and even "an embarrassment of monarchs." As well, many sightings have come from other places along the south shore where it is clear that lots of monarchs stop to feed or rest before the water crossing. The 2022 reports continue to show these areas are important for monarchs, even though there were fewer butterflies seen.

The Government of Canada expects to legally list the monarch as a Canadian endangered species

sometime this winter. North American populations of monarchs were greatly reduced between the mid-1990s and 2015 in part due to the increased use of herbicide-tolerant crops which lead to more herbicide use and a loss of milkweed, which is the only food plant for Monarch caterpillars.

As well, in Mexico severe winter storms and illegal logging wiped out habitats and butterflies for several years running. Other problems include new research that appears to show raising monarchs in captivity may interfere with their ability to orient themselves

for migration. In addition, exotic species of milkweed planted as ornamentals (such as tropical milkweed, *Asclepias curassavica*, available for sale in Ontario) attract egg-laying female monarchs but the caterpillars do not grow well when eating this plant.

Despite all this, the biggest threats to the monarchs occur mainly outside Canada, and there are very few threats here on Manitoulin Island. Therefore, this is a good place to study monarchs and to help them if possible.

Point Pelee and Long Point are well known southern Ontario locations

for observing migrant Monarchs as well as migrating birds. Manitoulin Island is still little known as a migration point, but clearly we are an important place where monarchs can rest and fuel up on flower nectar before flying across the big lake. Wikwemkoong's SAR program thanks everyone for participating in the study of monarchs. It's not too late to send in your data from this season if you haven't already. Please submit any sightings with date, time, and location to [manitoulinmonarchs@yahoo.com](mailto:manitoulinmonarchs@yahoo.com).

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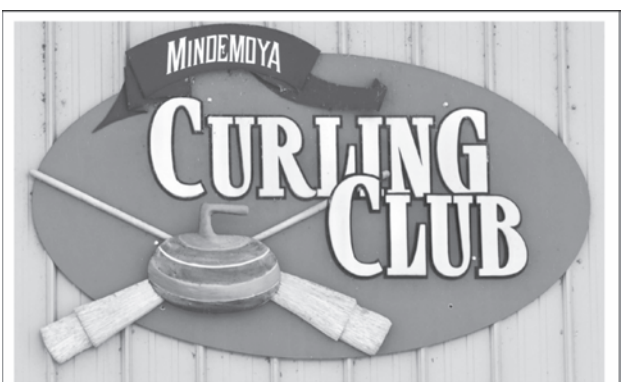
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Submissions are to be sealed in an envelope marked **TENDER-HARBOUR CENTRE FLOORING**  
Submissions will be received by the undersigned at the Municipal Office, 15 Water Street, Gore Bay, Ontario, until 3:00 p.m., local time, October 21, 2022.  
Submissions received after 3:00 p.m. October 21, 2022 will not be considered.

For further information contact the undersigned.  
Stasia Carr, CAO/Clerk  
Town of Gore Bay  
P.O. Box 590, 15 Water Street, Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0  
Tel: 705-282-2420 Email: [scarr@gorebay.ca](mailto:scarr@gorebay.ca)




**NOTICE TO VOTERS**  
**Municipal Election 2022**

The Tehkummah Municipal Election is by mail-in ballot. Vote-by-Mail Kits have been mailed to all eligible voters currently registered on the voters' list. If you have not received a Vote-by-Mail Kit and are eligible to vote\*, you may add your name to the voters' list and receive a kit by registering in person at the Tehkummah Municipal Office on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 8:30 am and 4 pm, and up to 8 pm on Voting Day, Monday, October 24.

**\*You are eligible to vote if you are:**

- 18 years of age or older
- A Canadian citizen
- A resident of Tehkummah (proof of residency is required)
- An owner, or spouse of an owner, of land in Tehkummah
- A student whose main address is in Tehkummah

The Corporation of the Township of Tehkummah  
456 Hwy 542A, Tehkummah ON  
705-859-3293  
[www.tehkummah.ca](http://www.tehkummah.ca)



**Township of BILLINGS**

**NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW**  
**TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS AND ALLAN EAST**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Billings and Allan East passed Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 2022-57 on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022, under Section 34 of the *Planning Act*.

The purpose and effect of Zoning By-law No.2022-57 is to repeal Zoning By-law No. 92-01A for the Corporation of the Township of Billings and Allan East and replace this with a new document to regulate land uses, buildings, and structures in the municipality. The document was updated to ensure that zone boundaries, permitted uses, and regulations are now in conformity with the District of Manitoulin's Official Plan that was approved in 2018 and to address recent land use planning issues.

No Key Map is provided as the Zoning By-law applies to all lands within the municipality.

**Take Notice that** an individual, corporation or public body may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal, by filing a notice of appeal with the clerk of the Township of Billings and Allan East not later than the 26th day of October, 2022. The notice of appeal must set out the reasons for the appeal, and must be accompanied by the fee required by the Tribunal.

**Take Notice that** only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

**And Take Notice that** no person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

A copy of the complete By-law is available for inspection at the Township Office during regular office hours.

Dated at the Township of Billings and Allan East this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

Kathy McDonald  
Clerk/CAO  
Township of Billings and Allan East  
15 Old Mill Road; P.O Box 34  
Kagawong, ON POP 1J0  
Tel: (705) 282-2611



**SNOW REMOVAL TENDER**

To supply all equipment and services necessary to provide snow removal in the parking areas at the Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc. and Noojmowin Teg Health Centre location at 48A&B Hillside, in Aundeck Omni Kaning.

Interested parties can tender for one or all locations. Contractor must quote on a "per call" basis for snow removal and sanding as well as a "lump sum" basis for snow removal and sanding for the seasons commencing fall of 2022/2023 and 2023/2024.

Snow removal requirements are available upon request. Interested parties must possess a valid Ontario driver's licence and carry liability insurance. Tender can be faxed or mailed to:

**Tracy Tooley, Operations Manager**  
**Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc.**  
**Postal Bag 2002 – 48A Hillside**  
**Little Current, ON POP 1K0**  
**(Telephone) 705-368-2182 Ext. 214**  
**(Fax) 705-368-2229**

Quotations to be submitted no later than **12:00 noon October 14, 2022**

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted

# Friends of the Mindemoya Old School hold open house

by Michael Erskine

MINDEMOYA—First impressions are important. Friends of the Mindemoya Old School held an open house recently aimed at dispelling rumours and misconceptions about the venerable building they felt were circulating in the community.

"Today we are opening up to the public so that they can come in and take a look at what really is going on," said Allison McAllister. "Over the last year-and-a-half there is a lot of fear-mongering, I call it 'asbestos mongering' and I think there is a lot of bad information out there. So, we want people to come in and see that it is not as bad as people are being led to believe."

Ms. McAllister pointed to the main floor which she described as "almost operational."

There are a number of "big things" that do have to be dealt with. Ms. McAllister gave the example of the heat plant, which is a com-



A former teacher's room holds relics of the battle waged by the Friends of the Mindemoya Old School to save the historic building.

photo by Michael Erskine

ination of an out-dated oil boiler and forced air systems. "It's very inefficient," she said. "We have to bring in a more efficient heating system and bring in some more insulation. We need something more economical and sustainable over time."

Plans are to eventually lease out space on the main floor to artists and artisans. "We conducted a number of surveys that indicated a lot

of interest, a seniors' survey and a creative hub survey," said Ms. McAllister. Among the questions on the creative hub survey was what they wanted in a space, what type of space they wanted and if they were willing to stay long term, she said. "Obviously, we want them to be here for a long time for their security and ours and the building's security over the long-term."

"If this doesn't happen there will never be another opportunity again on the Manitoulin Island," she said. "There is no building anywhere. Nobody is going to spend the money to build a building for this purpose, if they did it wouldn't be this big."

Ms. McAllister said that this is good opportunity to be able to give back to the community. "Make it an asset that's worth having in here, increase tourism, increase incomes for our artists and artisans," she said.

The lower level, which is almost equally as bright as the upper level with big windows downstairs, will be a seniors' centre. "We got a lot of feedback from seniors on what they want to see in a centre," she said. "That is what we would like to deliver. Not just providing them with a room, engaging programming for our seniors. We provide the training opportunities, the guest speakers to come and talk about what they

want."

Ms. McAllister said that seniors have a lot of life experience and a lot to offer the community.

The Mindemoya Old School has cleaned up nicely since the last time The Expositor came to visit,

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MUNICIPALITY OF ASSIGINACK



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Cashier - Assiginack Arena Canteen

The Township of Assiginack is looking for part time cashiers to work at the Assiginack arena in the canteen from November 2022 - March 2023.

Skills required include: handling customers, using POS/Debit, knowledge of handling cash transactions. Evening and weekend work.

Submit resume or letter of application to:  
Jackie White, jwhite@assignack.ca or Box 238,  
Manitowaning, ON POP 1N0.

Deadline is October 28, 2022.



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CASUAL/ON-CALL CUSTODIAN

Salary: \$20.00 an hour

The Whitefish River First Nation is seeking a highly motivated individual to fulfill the role and responsibilities for a casual/on-call position of Custodian for Whitefish River First Nation owned buildings. The ideal candidate will be responsible for cleaning throughout the facilities (interior and exterior). The custodian will be skilled in cleaning techniques, with a keen eye to detail, and thorough approach to a wide variety of tasks. This position may require "opening up" the buildings and some lock up responsibilities. The custodian will on occasion be called upon to assist with emergency response, minor repairs and set-ups/tear downs of events. Hours will vary depending on operational needs.

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

The custodian will report to and receive instructions from the Logistics Manager. Some duties include:

- Daily cleaning and upkeep of floors, washrooms, tables, desks, chairs, offices & garbage disposal;
- Sanitize all equipment and furniture (interior and exterior of building);
- Check and clear all walkways and entrances to the buildings for ice or slippery conditions;
- Keep all access areas clean and safe by sweeping, shovelling, salting and sanding;
- Operate heating, cooling and ventilating systems for energy savings;
- Clean and ensure maintenance of all outside playground equipment;
- Clean and ensure maintenance of all inside playground equipment;
- Inventory of cleaning products & order supplies;
- Experience with floor cleaning, stripping, buffing and waxing;
- Experience in minor repairs, maintenance and preventative maintenance;
- Ensure the buildings are maintained in a healthy, safe, sanitary and timely manner;
- Carry out routine building and grounds maintenance and inspection procedures;
- Ensure cleaning and custodial work duties are completed daily in accordance with completion deadlines;
- Ensures the safety of all members, property and staff by following established WHMIS safety standards and Workplace Health & Safety policies, practices and procedures;
- Must have access to a reliable vehicle and hold a valid G Licence; must be able to on occasion, provide garbage removal; and all other duties as assigned.

### SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE & QUALIFICATIONS:

Whitefish River First Nation strongly believe our custodians play a very important role. We hold pride on our clean, aesthetically pleasing facilities for any visitor who walks in our doors, and our custodial team help deliver on that first impression. Your typical work day will include keeping our school and daycare looking its best, but your role also comes with meeting some of our community members and visitors to ensure they leave with a memorable experience that they cannot wait to come back.

- Grade 12 Diploma or equivalent;
- Must have CPR/First Aid and WHMIS or be willing to obtain;
- Must have biohazard Cleanup Training or willing to obtain;
- Previous custodian experience or related work experience would be an asset;
- Strong commitment to accuracy and detail;
- Good communication and interpersonal skills; Ability to follow oral and written instructions;
- Self-motivation and the ability to work independently as well as in a team environment;
- Able to prioritize multiple tasks; and impeccable time management;
- Must have valid driver's licence and access to a reliable vehicle;
- Must be able to safely operate: power tools, drills, snow blower, lawn mower, etc.;
- Must perform indoor and outdoor working conditions year round in various weather conditions;
- The physical ability to move and lift furniture, and safely operate cleaning equipment;
- Must be able to lift medium to heavy objects (to maximum of 50 lbs).

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

### CONFIDENTIAL:

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 October 21, 2022 by 4:30 p.m. and must include the following:  
Cover letter, current resume, and three reference names (with contact information).

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



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN

Salary: will be based on WRFN salary grid

The Whitefish River First Nation is seeking a highly motivated individual to fulfill the role and responsibilities for a full-time position of Custodian for Whitefish River First Nation owned buildings. The ideal candidate will be responsible for cleaning throughout the facilities (interior and exterior). The custodian will be skilled in cleaning techniques, with a keen eye to detail, and thorough approach to a wide variety of tasks. This position may require "opening up" the buildings and some lock up responsibilities. The custodian will on occasion be called upon to assist with emergency response, minor repairs and set-ups/tear downs of events. Hours will vary depending on operational needs.

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

The custodian will report to and receive instructions from the Public Works Manager. Some duties include:

- Daily cleaning and upkeep of floors, washrooms, tables, desks, chairs, offices & garbage disposal;
- Sanitize all equipment and furniture (interior and exterior of building);
- Check and clear all walkways and entrances to the buildings for ice or slippery conditions;
- Keep all access areas clean and safe by sweeping, shovelling, salting and sanding;
- Operate heating, cooling and ventilating systems for energy savings;
- Clean and ensure maintenance of all outside playground equipment;
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- Inventory of cleaning products & order supplies;
- Experience with floor cleaning, stripping, buffing and waxing;
- Experience in minor repairs, maintenance and preventative maintenance;
- Ensure the buildings are maintained in a healthy, safe, sanitary and timely manner;
- Carry out routine building and grounds maintenance and inspection procedures;
- Ensure cleaning and custodial work duties are completed daily in accordance with completion deadlines;
- Escalate any custodial, maintenance and/or safety issues to the Public Works Manager for resolution;
- Ensure the safety of all members, property and staff by following established WHMIS safety standards and Workplace Health & Safety policies, practices and procedures;
- Must have access to a reliable vehicle and hold a valid G Licence; must be able to on occasion, provide garbage removal; and all other duties as assigned.

### SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE & QUALIFICATIONS:

Whitefish River First Nation strongly believe our custodians play a very important role. We hold pride on our clean, aesthetically pleasing facilities for any visitor who walks in our doors, and our custodial team help deliver on that first impression. Your typical work day will include keeping our school and daycare looking its best, but your role also comes with meeting some of our community members and visitors to ensure they leave with a memorable experience that they cannot wait to come back.

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## Mindemoya Medical Clinic (MMC) is looking to fill the following position: Daily Cleaning Service Provision

**The successful candidate will be required to:**

- Provide daily cleaning services to a busy medical clinic and administrative offices.
- Provide cleaning services according to IPC guidelines
- This position will include but is not limited to the following services: floor stripping, waxing and polishing, disinfection of examination rooms, garbage and recycling removal, quarterly in-depth cleaning
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to move furniture and equipment as required to fulfill duties.

**Qualifications:**

- WHMIS Certification
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Satisfactory criminal reference check

**Please submit resume to:**

Mindemoya Medical Clinic  
PO Box 150, Mindemoya, Ontario, P0P 1S0  
Attn: Lori Oswald  
Fax: 1-855-908-2517  
Email: manitoulincentralfht@mcfht.ca  
Please reply in writing no later than 4:00pm,  
Oct. 14, 2022.

*\*Only those selected for an interview will be contacted\**



### NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Prevention Coordinator - 2nd Posting

Department: Mental Health and Addictions  
Ka Naadimaadimi Wii Minamaadziying  
Employment Status: Full-Time Term  
Salary: \$65,000/year

**Position Summary**

The Prevention Coordinator will be responsible for the development, implementation, and oversight of a prevention program in M'Chigeeng First Nation. The position will include the supervision of a team of prevention workers as well as program development for preventative services in the areas of substance use and addictions and violence prevention.

**Reporting Relationship**

The Prevention Coordinator will report to and work directly under the Mental Health and Addictions Department Manager.

**Essential Functions**

- Plan and Coordinate program activities including trainings and workshops for youth at both Lakeview School and Manitoulin Secondary School.
- Lead the High-Risk Table through case management and ensure all cases are being followed up on within each Department.
- Provide supervision and guidance to prevention workers including training opportunities and support.
- Maintain a holistic approach to prevention services.
- Work alongside other Department Programs geared toward youth to ensure prevention workshops, and services are included in school and/or after-school activities for youth.
- Meet regularly with Elders and Traditional Knowledge Keepers to ensure culture and language efforts are at the forefront of prevention programming.
- Other related duties as assigned.

**Qualifications & Requirements**

- College Diploma in a Human Services Related Field (Minimum 2-year program) (i.e. Health, Public Health Management, Social Work)
- At least two years of experience in coordinating programming
- Knowledge and experience of Workplace Health & Safety procedures
- Strong Understanding of Decolonizing Approaches and Indigenous Ways of Knowing
- Knowledge of current issues in First Nations mental health and addictions services

**Other**

- Must have a contemporary knowledge of current key issues in First Nations Mental Health and Addictions Services
- Must have a strong understanding of ongoing colonialism and its continued impacts on Anishinabek People
- Ability to manage Independently
- Maintain professional attitude when interacting with stakeholders
- Have a sound and thorough understanding of Addictions and Mental Health Challenges as they relate to First Nations communities
- Effective problem-solving skills
- Knowledge of Anishinabek culture, traditions, and practices
- Understanding and fluency in Anishinabemowin or willingness to learn
- Valid Driver's Licence and access to a reliable vehicle

**Condition of Employment**

- Police Vulnerable Sector Check

**Closing Date: October 21, 2022 by 12:00 p.m.**

Interested applicants can submit a cover letter, resume, three (3) current references (with names and contact information; two recent work-related and one character reference) and education certifications to:

Confidential - Human Resources  
PREVENTION COORDINATOR  
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333  
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0  
Fax 705-377-4980 or employment@mchigeeng.ca

*Miigwetch for your interest, however, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.  
For detailed job description, please email andream@mchigeeng.ca.*



## Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Board Vacancy Off-Reserve Representative

The Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Board of Directors seeks applications to fill the Board vacancy specific to First Nation/Indigenous members living Off-Reserve.

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is comprised of a multi-disciplinary team of health professionals who provide community-based, integrated, and on and off-site services that include: Traditional Healing and Cultural Support Services; Primary and Clinical Care Services; Mental Health and Addictions Services; and Health and Wellness Programs and Services; to the seven First Nations and Off-Reserve Anishinabek populations living within the Manitoulin Island District, Espanola and area.

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is seeking two (2) board members who are interested in making a difference for Indigenous health; Specifically, applicants must live Off-Reserve within the Manitoulin Island District and Espanola and have a clear Criminal Records Check. Off-Reserve applicants with lived experience with mental health and addictions, Type 2 Diabetes and/or 2SLGBTQAI+ will be prioritized. Previous familiarity with funding and reporting requirements and experience in reviewing budgets is an asset.

The length of each term is four (4) years. The successful applicant must commit to attending monthly regularly scheduled board meetings, and other special meetings (annual general meeting, strategic planning, etc.) throughout the year, participating in up to 15-16 meetings per year.

For more information about the organization, please visit our website at: [www.noojmowin-teg.ca](http://www.noojmowin-teg.ca).

**Pre-requisites:**

Please submit the following:

- Cover Letter (outlining reasons for your interest, and what strengths you bring to the board)
- Resume or Description of experiences relevant to the position
- Three (3) relevant references with contact information
- Current and clear Criminal Reference Check
- Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination Status is required
- Must be able to provide proof of Status or Indigenous Ancestry

**Send "Confidential" to:**

Attn: Linda Debassige, Board Chair  
c/o Noojmowin Teg Health Centre  
Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Rd., Postal Bag 2002  
Little Current, ON POP 1K0  
Ph.: 705-368-0083 ext. 204  
705-368-3922  
Linda.Debassige@noojmowin-teg.ca

**Deadline:**

Posting is open until filled

***Miigwetch/Thank you to those who express interest and submit an application.  
Only those under consideration will be contacted.***



### MNAAMODZAWIN HEALTH SERVICES EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Nurse Practitioner, Palliative Care - 2nd Posting PERMANENT, PART TIME

**Overview:**

As part of a team of community health nurses that services five First Nation communities on Manitoulin, the Nurse Practitioner will ensure response capacity to provide expert clinical care to palliative clients and expert clinical advice to primary care physicians, community nurses on the management of pain and symptoms, psychosocial support, and therapeutic interventions. The Nurse Practitioner will complete home visits to palliative clients and their families for the purpose of conducting comprehensive clinical assessments and contribute to the development of comprehensive shared care plans in consultation with the interdisciplinary team and provide clinical advice and support for families of palliative clients as they interact with home and community care, primary care, acute care, and specialist care.

**Required Competencies:**

- Educate and recommend courses of action in consultation with primary care providers and the care team
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the care provided to the client and family and make recommendations to ensure high quality care
- Identify, assess, and meet the educational needs of clients and their families
- Respect cultural diversity

**Qualifications and Work Experience:**

- Experience incorporating physical, mental, social/environment and emotional/spiritual practices to meet the needs of individuals, families and communities
- Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture, and language
- Minimum of three years' related experience as a Nurse Practitioner, currently registered with College of Nurses of Ontario in good standing
- Current Ontario Driver's Licence (and vehicle)
- Current CPR and First Aid Certification

**Deadline: Friday, October 21, 2022 at 12:00 pm (noon)**

**Submissions:**

Send resume, cover letter, Vulnerable Sector Check, three references and copies of credentials marked 'Confidential' in person, by mail or email to:

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

## 6-Foot Festival connects community dots

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—Debajehmujig Storytellers are inviting the community to attend their 13th Annual 6 Foot Festival entitled 'Community Connections.' The name tells part of the story. For the past 13 years, artists from across the region have submitted art installations that invoke and provoke thought and introspection through a celebration land, art and food.

"Our 13th festival is magical and we are mindful that we have completed a whole phase of growth with 6 Foot," says Debajehmujig, through a release. "We have grown this festival from seed and now we have an excellent hardened off seedling to grow through the next stage of its life. We are all feeling like proud parents with a teenager heading off to high school."

This year's festival theme is Community Connections. "Our work at Debajehmujig as well as our 6 Foot Festival would be so much less inspiring without our community partners, elders and knowledge keepers," states the release. "We have learned so much and feel inspired to keep exploring and evolving as we go."

The 6 Foot Festival engages artists to be "organically inspired by their creativity,



An exhibit from the 2020 edition of the 6-foot Festival is chock full of items that invoke questions and thought. Each art installation in the festival brings the dawn of new insight.

the land, and celebrating food from the land in a cube that is limited to 6x6x6 feet."

"When an artist thinks about space many stories are created, imagined, explored and documented," notes Debajehmujig. "We invite you to our festival this year. New this year Debajehmujig's Brasserie! There is the tangible food connection!"

The festival takes place from October 13 to 15 at the Debajehmujig Creation Centre at 42 Queen Street Manitowaning and is open from 9 am to 5 pm through the week.

### The Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team

located on beautiful Manitoulin Island, just off the swing bridge, is seeking a motivated and experienced individual to join our health care team:

#### Nurse Practitioner, full time

(1 year contract position with a possible extension)

Start date: November 2022

You will complement a team that provides primary care for patients living in Little Current and the surrounding area.

#### Qualifications:

- BSCN NP certificate or Masters Degree
- A current certificate of competence, registered with the College of Nurses of Ontario in the extended class(RNEC) in good standings
- A member of NPAO
- Professional liability insurance.
- Valid license and vehicle

#### Experience:

- Working with a multidisciplinary team of Primary Care Physicians and other health professionals in a medical setting.
- Working in a clinic environment delivering collaborative care.
- Working with community partners and sharing patient care.
- Working with a Medical record such as PSS suites or Meditech

Applications for the above position, including resumes, references will be accepted until Wednesday October 26, 2022

#### Send to:

Attention: Judy Miller, Director  
PO Box 549, Little Current, ON POP 1K0  
Fax: 705-368-1259 OR Email: [jmiller@nemfht.ca](mailto:jmiller@nemfht.ca)



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Mental Health Clinic Manager

Department: Mental Health and Addictions  
Employment Status: Full-Time Regular  
Salary: Program Supervisor Grid (\$61,200 - \$74,800)

#### Position Summary

Under the supervision of the Ka Naadmadini Wii Minamadziiying Department Manager, the Mental Health Clinic Manager will be responsible to oversee the day-to-day management and supervision and support of the clinical services and program staff of the Mental Health Sector of the Ka Naadmadini Wii Minamadziiying Department in accordance with the Mental Health Policy and Procedures. The Mental Health Clinic Manager shall implement a culturally relevant case management system within a framework of person-centred and trauma informed care for all clients utilizing the Mental Health Sector Services.

#### Essential Functions

##### Program Coordination

- Oversee and coordinate the Ka Naadmadini Wii Minamadziiying Mental Health program and services
- Incorporate and promote Anishinabek cultural values, beliefs and practices and Anishinabemowin into program delivery and include in management and administration of program
- Coordinate and monitor visiting clinicians and specialized services
- Work directly with the Department Manager in monitoring and assessing the Wellness Recovery Program (Methadone, Suboxone and Sublocade)
- Develop annual work plans for the Ka Naadmadini Wii Minamadziiying Mental Health program in consultation with program staff
- Ensure that clinical assessments are completed, and plans are developed to support clients within a framework of person-centred and trauma informed care
- Design and Implement aftercare supports for clients in collaboration with the Ka Naadmadini Wii Minamadziiying Department Manager
- Facilitate and lead regular client intake meetings

##### Supervision & Administration

- Develop and implement annual workplans including required training & professional development for all staff
- Manage and supervise all staff of the Ka Naadmadini Wii Minamadziiying Mental Health Program

##### Reports & Budgets

- Manage and monitor annual program budgets, in consultation with the Ka Naadmadini Wii Minamadziiying Department Manager
- Prepare funding proposals based on needs of clients and community

##### Planning & Development

- Coordinate strategic planning activities for short & long-term program goals

##### Communications

- Consult with Department Manager on Ka Naadmadini Wii Minamadziiying Mental Health Services programming

#### Qualifications

- Master of Social Work Degree with working experience in Mental Health Services
- Bachelor of Social Work Degree with a minimum of 3 years' direct experience in Mental Health Services
- Minimum of 3 years' Management and Supervision experience
- Registered/able to register with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Services Workers
- Must have program management, staff supervision and financial experience
- Great communication and interpersonal skills and time management skills
- Knowledge of M'Chigeeng First Nation's challenges and aspirations

#### Other

- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, history, and customs of the M'Chigeeng First Nation
- Understanding and fluency of Ojibwe is an asset or the willingness to learn
- Valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle

#### Condition of Employment

- Police Vulnerable Sector Check

Closing Date: October 21, 2022 by 12:00 p.m.

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MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC MANAGER  
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333  
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0  
Fax 705-377-4980 or [employment@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:employment@mchigeeng.ca)

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS COUNSELLOR

Classification Level: CS-4 (\$61,200-\$74,800) + pension and health benefits  
Employment Status: Regular Full-Time  
Department: Mental Health

**Position Summary:** Under the supervision of the Mental Health Clinic Manager, the Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor will provide counselling to individuals and families to address mental illness and substance use challenges. The Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor will provide services through a trauma-informed lens with a focus on addressing intergenerational trauma inclusive of grief & loss. The position will be responsible for providing services that include Traditional ways of Healing.

#### Essential Functions:

- Excellent working knowledge of mental health and addictions
- Provide client needs assessments and develop treatment plans
- Provide supportive counselling to individuals and families
- Provide support services within the framework of person-centred care
- Assist team with prevention, intervention, and promotion workshops/activities/awareness within the community, inclusive of both traditional and western approaches
- Develop and implement the delivery of workplan initiatives
- Provide Trauma Informed Care services and promote a Harm Reduction approach to wellness
- Assist and provide support to clients with referrals to detoxification or treatment centres
- Ensure professional competence by seeking consultation and effective use of clinical supervision
- Research evidence-based practices and weave these strategies with Anishinaabe teachings when delivering services and/or programming; Keep abreast of new developments in the mental health and addictions field
- All other duties as assigned.

For a detailed job description, please email [andream@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:andream@mchigeeng.ca).

#### Qualifications:

- University Degree or College Diploma in Social Work or related field of study (i.e. Addictions & Mental Health Diploma, Social Services Worker)
- In good standing with Regulated Professional Body
- Three to five (3 - 5) years' work-related experience in the field of mental health and/or addictions
- Knowledge and skills in mental health and prevention
- Experience with public speaking and facilitation
- Valid First Aid and CPR and Mental Health First Aid
- Certification in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training

#### Other

- Must have working knowledge of harm reduction philosophies
- Knowledge of community, social and health resources, and ability to make connections
- Extensive knowledge of substance uses and misuse
- Excellent time management and organizational skills with ability to prioritize and handle multiple tasks
- Ability to ensure high level of confidentiality
- Ability to work independently and with minimal supervision
- Ability to work in a team environment and with other key partners of the community
- Must be a role model both during and after regular work hours
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office, case-noting systems, and general office procedures
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Must have a valid G Licence with access to own vehicle
- Understanding of Anishinaabe language, culture, traditions as it relates to traditional healing
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe people
- Must be willing to work flexible hours and the occasional weekend
- Must provide proof of COVID-19 Vaccinations (at least first two doses)
- Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) requirement must be 30-days current and must be an original

If you are interested in this opportunity, applicants must submit cover letter, resume, three current references with contact information (two work-related and one character reference) and copies of education certifications to:

MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS COUNSELLOR  
c/o Human Resources  
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333  
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0  
Fax 705-377-4980 or email to: [employment@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:employment@mchigeeng.ca)

CLOSING DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2022 AT 12:00 P.M.

Miigwetch to all interested applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

# ...Innovative fun at 4elements Living Arts festival

...continued from page 21 expertise in vocalization techniques in natural outdoor settings, part of the Listening Out Loud workshop inspired by the work of R. Murray Schafer. Everyone who participated in the exercises learned to see the world anew with their ears.

"I was so pleased to be there to see many of the varied performances and experiences taking place," said Stephanie Hahn, executive director of 4elements. "Personally, I especially loved the sounding workshop that took place in that beautiful outdoor space where we could hear the river in the background; it's such a breathtaking setting, perfect for 4e's work to help people connect with the land through art."

There was also time for Saturday afternoon games, including a Maypole string game and others. Then it was time for a parade led by Patrick O'Schraves and his family around the Park Centre, with everyone

wearing funny hats and costumes.

Scott Florence, one-half of the Sudbury-based performance company 'oddhawks' brought his brand of fun to the festival with a beginner's improvisational workshop. Ms. Hathaway shared her new songs and tunes. Cassidy M'Auliffe, official photographer for the festival, presented her film 'Women Who Break Trail', featuring stories of trailblazing Ontario women including lumberjills, Indigenous women, frontier women, wilderness riders and gold rush prospectors.

Patrick and Julie O'Schraves, along with son Aine, are an award-winning group of musicians, educators and community leaders from the Algoma region who play piano, bagpipes, whistle, flute, fiddle, cello and guitar. They had the audience up and dancing to some tunes and stomping their feet to others as the O'Schrave family performed Celtic and

French traditional music. Later on Saturday, they led the Ceili and Family workshop.

"The turnout for our family ceili with traditional Celtic musicians, the O'Schraves, was amazing," said Ms. Hayden. "Folks came up to me afterwards and said how excited they were to have a ceili back on the Island and how long they'd been waiting to dance. They've asked me to come back every month and call the dances again. I couldn't be more delighted."

Ariadne, the classically trained collaborative of soprano Brooke Duffon and clarinetist Rebecca Danard, was to bring their magical performance to Sandy Beach from a canoe on Sunday morning. Ariadne uses water, rocks, trees, canoes, natural sounds, voices and instruments to create a meditative and mystical performance.

"There are always surprises that come up during a live event," Ms. Hayden

said. "Our last performance with the classical duo Ariadne had to be adapted at the last moment, as the weather turned quite windy at Sandy Beach. Our expert paddlers, Sandy Cook and Ted Kilpatrick, did their best to paddle out despite the waves but it was too rough to perform in the canoe, so Ariadne performed on the beach instead. It was really amazing."

"Elemental Festival is a showcase for the 4elements Living Arts project that happens throughout the year, as well as other community-engaged performances," said Ms. Snelling. She thanked the Ontario Arts Council, Heritage Canada, and the government of Ontario for making the festival possible as an accessible, pay-what-you-can event.



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Community Living Manitoulin  
PO Box 152  
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Or by email to [mwickett@clmanitoulin.com](mailto:mwickett@clmanitoulin.com)  
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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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



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

#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

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

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

#### CONFIDENTIAL:

Human Resources Manager

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

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

Applications must be submitted by October 20, 2022 by 4:30 p.m. and must include the following:

Cover letter, current resume, copies of certificates (Degrees or Diplomas), and three current (dated within the last three months, one being from your most recent employment) reference letters.

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

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

## Manitoulin Central Family Health Team (MCFHT) is looking to fill the following position:

### 1 Full Time – Social Worker

#### Position Summary:

- Provide counselling, support, and system navigation to a wide range of patient population, at different stages of life, including adolescents, new parents, patients with new life changing medical diagnosis and the elderly.
- Provide psycho-social assessments, cognitive-behavioural therapy and advocacy for patients and families where required and appropriate.
- Work collaboratively with the primary care team to support patients with advance care planning conversations, support with transitioning from independent living to supported living and assisting with conducting capacity and cognitive assessment where required and appropriate.
- Conduct poverty screening with patients to support intervention. Which may include working with patients to complete social assistance applications, income augmentation applications and other community social services or funding opportunities.
- Support patients in system navigation across community based and professional services and programs appropriate to the needs of the patient.
- Provide house calls and community outreach visits when appropriate.
- Provide culturally safe and respectful services.
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#### Qualifications:

- Bachelor's or master's degree in Social Work
- Registration in good standing with the Ontario College of Social Workers
- Demonstrated experience working in a counselling capacity with patients and families who have multiple service needs
- 3-5 years' experience in counselling/therapy preferably in a community setting would be an asset
- Familiar with the broad range of community and social services available in the Manitoulin District
- Experience with patient or system navigation

#### Please submit resume to:

Manitoulin Central Family Health Team  
PO Box 150, Mindemoya, Ontario, P0P 1S0

Attn: Lori Oswald

Fax: 1-855-908-2517

Email: [manitoulincentralfht@mcfht.ca](mailto:manitoulincentralfht@mcfht.ca)

Please reply in writing no later than 4:00pm, Oct. 21, 2022.

\*Only those selected for an interview will be contacted\*



## ...Forum looks at state of Great Lakes, celebrates 50 years of collaboration

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phorus pollution, nuisance conditions and the discharge of toxic substances.

The agreement was revised in 1978, when the ecosystem concept was first introduced. Ecosystem was defined as 'the interactive components of the air, land, water, and living organisms including man, within the drainage basin.'

Another revision was made in 1987 when commitments were made to restore Areas of Concern and required the development of Lakewide Area Management Plans for each of the lakes. In 2012 the GLWQA was revised once again, strengthening accountability and reporting.

Things have changed considerably over the past 50 years but there is still a lot of work to do, said Chris Korleski, director of the Great Lakes National Program Office.

The agenda format was a change over previous forums, with a series of panel discussions focusing on "what happened, what's happening and what's going to happen." Panels consisted of people from various agencies, government, Tribes, First Nations, eNGOs, academics and others all offering a perspective from "their own particular situations, in their own particular ways, to the restoration and protection of the Great Lakes," Mr. Korleski said.

Perhaps Ontario Lieutenant-Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell best summed up the thoughts and concerns of attendees in her opening address. At least from an Ontario perspective, the Great Lakes define us, she said. "We simply cannot understand Ontario without the Great Lakes."

"Those inland seas have inspired us, whether it's seeing through the eyes of the Anishnaabe, as the lifeblood of Mother Earth, or through the eyes of industrialists as the river highway of North America, or through the eyes of some people as a water playground for swimmers, boaters and anglers, and dare I suggest in a post-COVID world, some of us see it as a place to heal," the Hon. Ms. Dowdeswell said.

"Our relationship with the lakes actually continues to evolve. The Great Lakes by their size and history speak to the essential need for us to connect with something bigger than ourselves, encourage a deep and emotional spiritual commitment in people."

The Hon. Ms. Dowdeswell enjoyed a long career in the environmental sector, including working on water issues at the regional, national and international levels prior to becoming Lieutenant-Governor in 2014. The observations and lessons learned shared by the Lieutenant Governor were echoed throughout the proceedings over the next three days.

The first lesson is that collaboration, where all orders of government come together for a com-

mon cause, is necessary. This was repeated in the arenas of academia and eNGOs, who noted they couldn't do the work they are doing without collaboration within and between sectors.

"Collaboration is the very essence of the Boundary Waters Treaty, the International Joint Commission and the work we do proactively under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement," the Hon. Ms. Dowdeswell said. She recalled when the late Queen Elizabeth II opened the St. Lawrence Seaway in 1959, calling it "a great joint enterprise between our two countries and a magnificent model of the enduring friendship between our two nations."

The term 'ecosystem' itself implies the interdependence of human beings

and nature, "a genuine collaboration," said the Lieutenant Governor.

Using science as the foundation of decision-making in the basin, community building, civil engagement and making space for the ecological knowledge of Indigenous peoples were also consistent factors in progressing towards healthy and sustainable lakes and watersheds.

There is still much to improve. "We need to try much harder for systemic and holistic thinking," the Hon. Ms. Dowdeswell said. While it's understood that sustainability is an appropriate framework in which to build resilience, the complexities within that don't work very well in siloes.

The global pandemic has laid bare the inequities in society and the somewhat artificial siloes of the eco-

nomical and social sectors have to be broken down because if we are ever to return to the economic prosperity that we're looking for, we have to do so by dealing with social issues, she said.

This was perhaps more evident in First Nations communities. In one panel discussion on reducing risks from harmful chemicals, Sylvia Plain of the Aamjiwnaang First Nation spoke very passionately about the environmental racism her community has experienced with chemicals being dumped by reserves. "This isn't cradle to grave but womb to grave," she said. "Chemicals are killing us. We're dying."

"Decisions are being made by decision makers who live far away," she said. "More girls are being born than boys in my communi-

ty. That doesn't make them care. What will?"

Abraham Francis of the Mohawk Council of Akwesane said Indigenous people want to be a part of decision making but aren't offered full participation. For example, when a panel came to do an assessment of the fish community there, they didn't ask the community's knowledge holders about fish species in that area, and which ones were experiencing issues.

"We need to ask ourselves how can we imagine and implement co-creation of partnerships," said the Hon. Ms. Dowdeswell. "How do we actually do transitions, particularly in energy field. How do we scale initiatives for impact? Will we ever see the recognition for a healthy climate and environment as a human

right and a recognition that perhaps the greatest power that we have to enforce that right might well lie within our own communities and neighbourhoods? Do we really believe that citizens have actual agency right here on the Great Lakes? We need to continue to agree to work on engagement, not just consultation, to have the humility and courage to make sure that the right people are in the room and that we're all really listening."

She commended everyone for their work of the past 50 years and for their continuing commitment to tackling coming challenges. "This forum provides a tremendous opportunity for strategy, for efficacy, and most importantly, for genuine dialogue at an urgent, urgent time."

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# ...Friends of the Mindemoya Old School hold open house

...continued from page 28 even without any major renovations. Ms. McAllis-

Smith 'Tales from the Old School' were on hand, as well as hand-thrown bespoke FOMOS-themed pottery mugs—each were being quickly snapped up. The last of the current mugs sold while The Expos-

itor was onsite. "We will be getting more mugs in," said Ms. McAllister, "but the new ones will be slightly different."

FOMOS members fought a hard-won campaign for the opportunity to re-purpose the historic old building, facing strong initial opposition from several members of municipal council. The failure of a funding application to build a new multi-purpose complex near the site to win approval from granting agencies provided FOMOS with some breathing room and they were eventually able to win over

enough councillors for the building to, literally, get a new lease on life when council agreed to let the building to FOMOS follow-

ing the development of a business plan aimed at sustainable operation of a community centre.



Friends of the Mindemoya Old School volunteer Allison McAllister, right, greets supporter Sharon Stephens during an open house held at the school. The open house was well-attended and there were plenty of answers to questions from the public.

photos by Michael Erskine

ter pointed out that more than just the bones of the building are sound, and the tour bore that claim out.

Supporters and curious members of the public could be seen wandering through the hallways and rooms of the upper level asking questions of the FOMOS volunteers on hand. In one room, a set of tables were set up with fundraising merchandise available. A book written about the Mindemoya Old School by Joanne and Jim



'Tales from the Mindemoya Old School' co-author Joanne Smith holds a copy of the fundraising book that chronicles memories from the school.

## Death Notice

MELVIN CARMEN MOGGY

September 6, 1949 - September 26, 2022



In loving memory of Melvin Carmen Moggy, who passed away peacefully at his family home on Monday, September 26, 2022 at the age of 73. Beloved husband of Linda (nee Dorey). Loving father of Susan (Ryan) Jones, John Moggy, Maryann (Michael) Anderson, Carolyn (Dustin)

Lavelle, Valencia Moggy, Heather Moggy, David (Morgan) Moggy and Deborah (Greg) Fawcett. Proud grandfather of 10 grandchildren. Brother of Eileen (Earl predeceased) Leeson, Ralph (Audrey) Moggy (both predeceased), Leona (Herb) Reid (both predeceased) Carl (predeceased) (Barb) Moggy and Bruce (Joanne) Moggy. Melvin spent his whole life at the family farm in Bidwell. He spent the majority of his time tending to his many beef cattle. He will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews and friends from within his community of Manitowaning. Family and friends gathered at the Christadelphian Hall in Manitowaning on Friday, September 30, 2022 from 11 am until 2 pm. Funeral service was held there at 2 pm. Burial followed in Hilly Grove Cemetery. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at [www.islandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.islandfuneralhome.ca).

Memorial donations are gratefully appreciated and can be made at the admitting office to the auxiliaries of the Manitoulin Health Centre and the Renovation Fund in both Mindemoya and Little Current and the Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary Incorporated, 3 Main Street, Gore Bay, Ontario, P0P 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Fundraising or Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 10 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, P0P 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0.

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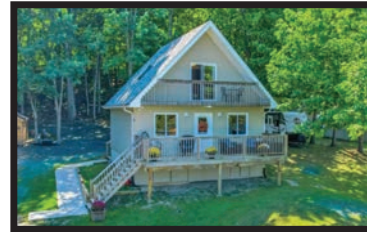
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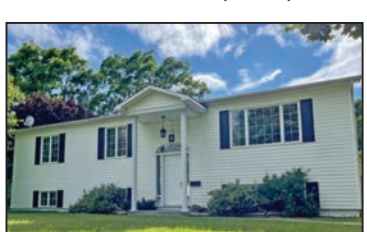
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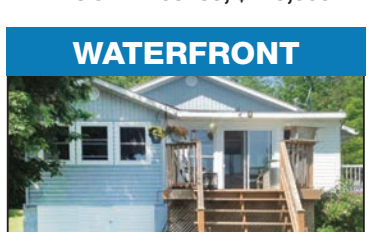
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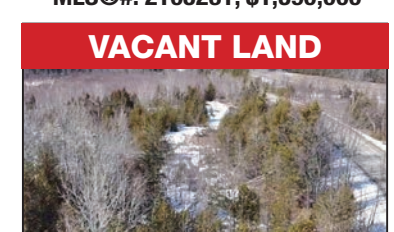
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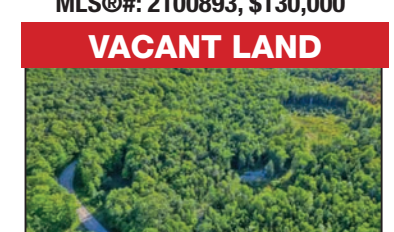
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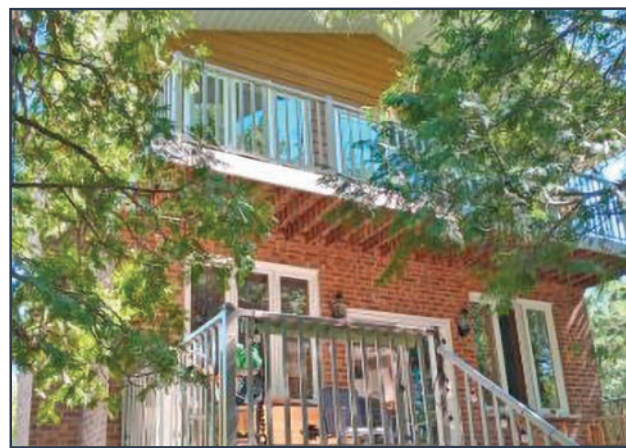
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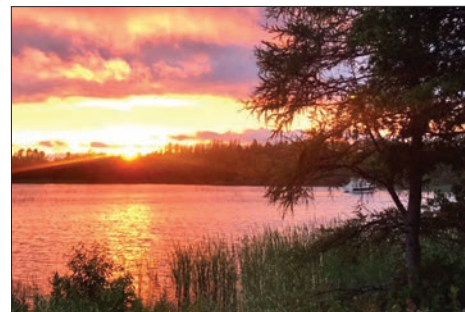
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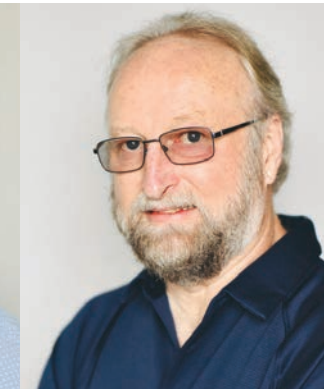
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