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WIKY ROAD RACE IS GOLDEN! The signature event for the Wikwemikong 10K Road Race is the adult division. The adult runners set out under overcast skies and misting rain from the start line in Kaboni. Luckily, the threatening deluge held off until after the last runner had crossed the finish line. This is the 50th edition of the Wiky Road Race that began in 1976. At the beginning, the races (then known as the Kaboni Road Race) were held twice yearly. For story and photos, please see Page 7. photo by Michael Erskine

Banners honouring veterans adorn downtown Little Current

by Tom Sasvari

LITTLE CURRENT—Banners of local veterans were flying on the main street in Little Current this past Monday as a way for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177 to give back to the community.

Linda Bowerman, who spearheaded the recognition of the local military veterans, those made, 28 of which are displayed

who have, or are serving in Canada's armed forces or who have passed on, told The Expositor, we did this as a way for our branch to give back to our veterans who served and as the Legion branch way of giving back to the

A total of 32 banners have been

on light standards in the downtown area of the town, with four hung in business windows. Each banner has the name and photo of the veteran. All the veterans are from the Northeast Town.

started this project in May of this year, approaching people in person who I know about veterans in their family and whether they (families) would like a banner flown," said Ms. Bowerman. She pointed out the Northeast Town had provided a donation of \$500, and \$2,200 was provided through the Legion. Each of the families paid \$125 towards the making of the ban-

Linda Bowerman explained, "in fall of 2019, when Espanola Royal Canadian Legion Branch 39 displayed their banners along Centre Street in Espanola and there were news articles regarding these banners posted on Facebook, many comments were made and my daughter Leeanne posted, 'Mom this is a project for you.' A couple of ladies I knew

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Manitoulin **First Nations** leaders prominent in Can. Geographic, **Swim Drink Fish Great Lakes** protection project

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter NIAGARA ON THE LAKE—We have a great deal to lose if we don't acknowledge our shared responsibility to protect and restore the Great Lakes. That's the underlying premise of Biinaagami, a multi-year collaborative project undertaken by Canadian Geographic and Swim Drink Fish. The project was launched September 26 in Niagara on the Lake with a number of First Nations leaders from Manitoulin Island as key participants.

Patrick Madahbee was brought in as advisor to the project and coordinated the launch event. Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare gave a perspective from the Chiefs of Ontario on the protection of water, raising a number of concerns. "He talked quite a bit about how crucial water is, about burying nuclear waste near water, and about Line 5, key to the protection of water," Mr. Madahbee said.

Professor Rick Hill, Mohawk from the Six Nations of the Grand River and Brian Charles, who is from the Chippewas of Georgina Island, are historians and spoke about the wampum belts, their relationships to new settlers, the territory and the protection of water bodies. M'Chigeeng First Nation Ogimaa-kwe Debassige, a water walker, gave the keynote address. Linda Manitowabi, an elder and water walker

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Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport upgrades approved

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Final approval has been provided by government funding agencies for the major rehabilitation, renovation and upgrade work project at the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport.

"When do you expect that construction tenders will be able to go out and the project can move forward?" asked Gore Bay Councillor Kevin Woestenenk at a council meeting last week.

'Spring is what we are hoping for, to start construction," said Mayor Dan Osborne.

At the meeting, council passed a bylaw authorizing the passing of an agreement between His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario (as represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs) and the Corporation of the Town of Gore Bay for the purpose of a transfer payment agreement for investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): Rural and Northern Stream.

The project will upgrade the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport and will include the construction of a new air terminal building and an

approximately 71.5 square metre helipad. Project work will also include an upgrade of the field electrical centre, the installation of airfield lighting and emerpower systems and

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A total of 32 military banners that recognize local military veterans will be displayed on light standards and in some local business windows in the downtown area of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands. As shown in the photo, the top of the banner reads 'Lest We Forget' with the name and photo of the military personnel member, their rank and the person(s) who sponsored the banner in the military members name. In photo back left are Rob Marshall, Nancy Marshall, David Marshall, Heather Hutchinson, Gail Fenton, Debbie Turner, Jib Turner, Al MacNevin, and Wes Leeson. In front left is Linda Bowerman, who spearheaded the project, and Roy Eaton, both of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 Little Current. Those in the photo represent six families of military members who are among the 32 military personnel who are being recognized on

Chi-Cheemaun posts increases in vehicles, passenger traffic in 2022

OWEN SOUND—The Owen Sound Transportation Company (OSTC) reports that, without COVID-19 capacity restrictions, the Chi-Cheemaun has carried more vehicles and passengers over last sea-

"Owen Sound Transportation Company (OSTC) is pleased with the success of the 2022 sailing season," Kaleena Sanford said in a release. "Final traffic numbers fared better than expected, given this being our first season operating without COVID-19 capacity restrictions since the 2019 season. As of October 1, the Chi-Cheemaun has carried 21 percent more vehicles (57,320 vehicles) and 31 percent more passengers (154,312) over the 2021 sailing season.'

Although some cancellations occurred, as is typical with all ferry

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Manitoulin Votes (X) 2022

Meet the candidates for Burpee and Mills Township and Cockburn Island

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 Burpee and Mills Township and Cockburn Island.

For the Township of Burpee and Mills incumbent reeve Ken Noland was acclaimed for another term. However, there will be an election held for the four council positions with a total of 10 candidates in the running. Incumbent Art Hayden is in the race for one of the councillor seats along with Nicole Middleton, Kim Middleton, Ed Wright, Mike Wright, Melanie Blain, David Deeg, Steve Dinsmore, Larry Pfeiffer and Roger Morrell. Nicole Middleton could not be reached by press time Monday.

In Cockburn Island, incumbent Mayor Brenda Jones is seeking re-election while incumbent councillor Robert Brown is also in the running for the mayor's position.

There are a total of seven people running for the four seats on council. They include Lee Chappell, Glen Cressman, Jeff House, Simon Lacombe, Evan Papineau, Richard Rintala and Scott Stewart.

This week also includes Ken Blodgett's bid for Gore Bay council. The Expositor did not have Mr. Blodgett's submission by press time last Monday to be included with the other Gore Bay candidates.

Cockburn Island

Rob Brown, mayoral candidate

After two terms on Cockburn Island Council, Rob Brown has thrown his hat into the ring for the position of mayor of the island, a place he refers to as 'a gem.'

'I am finishing my second term on council, so I have been a councillor for the past eight years," said Mr. Brown. "One of the reasons I am running for mayor is I feel there are new people coming to the island and they have a lot of questions without answers being provided."

"There are residents who are happy if everything were to stay status quo and those who want to move forward. We need to help provide a mixture of both," said Mr. Brown.

Melanie Blain

with my husband almost six years ago. I have been a small business owner/operator for the better part of 25 years. I

am currently running my business Pure Relaxation Studio

of running my own business have allowed me to develop

many skills that have yielded me success in business. I

believe these skills and my dedication to all I do will help

me serve my community in an effective, responsible man-

Burpee and Mills is a small community which is unique

in its needs compared to larger communities, however at

the heart of every community some things remain the

same. Safe roads, affordable housing, fiscal responsibility

and council transparency. I feel some fresh ideas and views are needed to move forward but it is also vital to maintain

our way of life and values. As a community we need to be

made more aware of what's going on in our community. We

need to have more say in the decisions that affect us and our

This is my first time running for council. What I lack in experience, I make up for in enthusiasm. I believe my years

in Mindemoya.

I am a new member of the community having moved here

"I have been asked by a lot of people to run for the position ${ t I}$ of mayor," Mr. Brown told The Expositor. "Those who have encouraged me to run say 'you are a doer and seem to be able to get things done.' I can give more back to the community and will continue to listen to what the taxpayers want, to move forward but not lose the quaintness and community spirit. This is a big issue in the community. Community spirit drives the island, we don't have any retail stores on the island so if you need help with something or need a cup of sugar you have to go to your neighbours. Everyone has to work

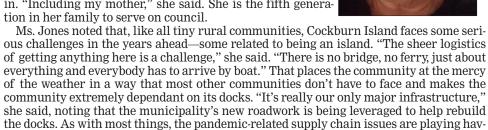
Mr. Brown noted he is a seasonal resident of Cockburn normally living there from May to November during the year. "My wife is a seasonal resident as well. I leave the Island to go

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Brenda Jones, incumbent

Candidate for Cockburn Island mayor Brenda Jones is seeking her third term at the helm of the Cockburn Island council table, having served for 14 years previously on council. Ms. Jones is the owner of the Valu Mart in Thessalon, but she has generally pulled back from day-to-day operations of

Ms. Jones' roots run deep in the Cockburn Island community. "My great, great, grandparents settled on the island and the log cabin they built still stands and is in use today," she said. Generations of Ms. Jones' family were born in that cabin. "Including my mother," she said. She is the fifth genera-



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Burpee and Mills

oc with getting things done.

As a council member I plan on working hard to find ways to encourage community involvement in any changes made that effects peoples' way of life or their personal property. To be a team player to support and encourage others' views and plans to help improve the community as a whole.

I look forward to having the opportunity of serving our community.

David Deeg

I was born and raised in Burpee and am a permanent resident of the township. I think it's a great community and I am proud to call it home.

I'm excited to run for council, and hoping I have something I can contribute to this community.

I'm sorry to lose the councillors that are not running for re-election as I feel the previous council has done a good job of using the finances and resources available.

If elected I hope to contribute my experience to help better the community.

I have no experience as a councillor. Moving forward, if elected, I would do my part to see that taxpayers' dollars are put to good use. We have had great winter road maintenance these last few seasons and I would like to see that

kept up. There is always improvements that can be made and I hope to help.

As for an agenda I have no personal grievances with services now. I would like to improve our disposal services for garbage and recycling. I would like to help improve on our summer road maintenance, and use of equipment. I would also like to see a plan set in place for a permanent access to our waterways, namely Bayfield Sound and Wolsey.

Steve Dinsmore

I have not had the opportunity to serve on council, however, throughout my career I have had the privilege of working for some world class companies, many of which I was a senior manager.

I strongly believe in small government, not large, and also feel in many cases the smaller the community the larger the politics.

I have decided to run for council as I feel that everyone should contribute something to the community.

The one thing I believe in most of all is freedom for every-

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The Manitoulin West Recorder



The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 in Gore Bay recently honoured and recognized its many long serving members and in appreciation for those who have supported the legion. From left, Jim Woods president of the Legion presents a 50 year service pin to Thomas J. Howard.

Major hydro outage to affect all of Manitoulin Island October 23

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Hydro One has announced there will be a major power outage this Sunday, affectthe surrounding area.

The outage will take place on Sunday, October 23 from 7 am to 4 pm affecting 10,482 Hydro One customers. "Hydro One is investing all of Manitoulin Island and ing in improving reliability for

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Thomas Howard awarded 50-vear pin for Legion Branch 514 service

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The Royal Canadian Legion's Branch 514 in Gore Bay recently held a special evening to honour and recognize its many long serving members and appreciation for those who have supported the legion.

The Legion Honours and Awards celebrations took place September 19, with Legion President Jim Woods assisted by chairman Robert Yaegar presenting the awards.

Legion member Thomas J. Howard was presented with his 50year service pin. Frank Cada and Ivan Purvis each received their 45year service pin.

Robert Bould, Morris Emery, Robert V. Lamb and Mark R. Lamoureux were all presented with 25year Legion service pins.

Bruce Third, Deborah Woods and Beverley Wright all received Hardwick, Norman A. Matheson, and Jeff Porter all received fiveyear service pins.

"We also awarded certificates of appreciation to those who have helped and for all that they have done for the Legion over the years," Mr. Woods told The Expositor. He explained that Marilyn Clarke, Annie Porter, Erwin Thompson, Leo Orford, Hercules

20-year service pins, while Verna Kasombas and Alain Desaulniers were all recognized.

At the awards evening, Jack Bould presented a cheque in the amount of \$501.70 on behalf of James J. Bousquet Realty to Mr. Woods toward the Legion building fund. Bousquet Realty held a barbecue lunch fundraiser in Gore Bay for the Legion this past sum-

Sheguiandah quilter's work selected for international show

by Tom Sasvari

SHEGUIANDAH—Sheguiandah quilter Judy Martin has had her newest work selected for an international show.

'My newest quilt, 'Under Drifting Stars,' has been juried into Quilt National 23. This is my fourth Quilt National and the thrill is just as strong as it was the first time," stated Judy Martin.

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<u>editorial</u>

Time is running out to vote in the municipal election

It is often said that municipal politicians are the closest to their electors, being likely to actually be a neighbour and/or friend. It's somewhat counterintuitive, therefore, that turnouts in municipal elections tend to run from the sparse to dismal.

If your local council is doing a good job (likely keeping them from being top of voters' minds on a day-to-day basis) then perhaps the existing council members could deserve your support against challengers, but sadly, the plain truth is that it is more often when the electorate is unhappy with the performance of their elected officials that people tend to pay attention. The adage "voters don't elect governments, they fire them" is never truer than when it comes to local elections—people are far more likely to vote when they are angry about something and then woe betide the candidate whose stance has raised their hackles.

Municipal council seats are often filled with those who have the time to devote to the numerous meetings and research necessary to carefully allocate the taxpayers' tithe—read retirees, other pensioners or those of independent means—but a broader field bringing wider viewpoints to the table often provides the best reflection of a community's needs. Those needs are among those most directly impacting a resident's daily life, making who is representing you on the local municipal council an important decision at election time and one that deserves consideration.

The Expositor devotes a great deal of the editorial real estate available within its pages to candidate profiles and campaigns during the days and weeks leading up to elections. This commitment by the paper is intended to allow for a greater understanding of the issues and stances of each candidate among the electorate, those people

whose decisions will impact the next four years.

It is rare that someone steps up for public office, especially at the local level, in order to gain power or wealth—truth be told, municipalities do not pay our elected council members a princely sum for their efforts on our behalf and council's powers are clearly set down and established by provincial authority, which sets clear boundaries to their scope of authority. Municipal candidates nearly always tend to be motivated by a love of their communities and have its best interests at heart.

That being said, it is still important to take a look at just who it is that is asking for your support, because a vigilant electorate is the best defence for our democracy and helps ensure madness does not take control

The Expositor is an important source of the information an elector can use to make an informed decision, but this newspaper is not the sole source. Take a moment to ask a friend or neighbour for their thoughts and reasons behind their voting choices. While you are at it, remind them to vote.

We are blessed to live in a truly democratic society (social media rants notwithstanding,) but the quality of our democracy extends only as far as the exercise of the electorate's vigilance.

So let's make this the year Manitoulin Island municipalities have a record turnout at the polls, whether you are looking to fire someone or just express your gratitude for a job well done, get out and vote and help get the vote out.

It's your community—take charge.

letters

Hey gals, make sure you get your ballots

If you have not received your ballot, call your town office

To the Expositor:

While canvassing door-to-door, it has become apparent that many people, seemingly the majority of them women, have been unwittingly left off the municipal voter's list! As long as you are a Canadian who resides in a municipality and are 18 years old by October 24, 2022, you are entitled to vote.

The municipal voter's list is predominantly prepared by MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation) but if your name does not appear on a deed (land registry documents) chances are you might not be on the voters list. Anyone residing in a municipality (whether you rent or own, are a spouse or simply live here) is entitled to vote. You can contact MPAC with your occupancy update to get on future voter's

lists, but for this election, you will need to get a ballot from your municipality. Completed ballots must be received at the municipal office by Monday, October 24, at 8 pm.

By 1918, most Canadian women had won the right to vote. Prior to that, they were beaten and jailed in their fight for the vote. Let's honour them today, by voting.

For Central Manitoulin voting information can be found at: Municipal Office: 6020 Hwy #542 in Mindemoya or phone 705 377 5726 or visit centralmanitoulin.ca.

Therese Trainor Spring Bay

Manitoulin's inland lake levels are vital for tourism

It's time for people to sit up and take notice

To the Expositor:

I have just recently returned from a great week's vacation on Manitoulin Island. Something we have enjoyed and appreciated for over 50 years. The fall colours were truly spectacular, the hospitality outstanding and the generosity and community spirit exemplified by the people and Rotarians of Gore Bay and their Annual Thanksgiving Charity Produce Auction, and the weather was pretty good too.

There was one main issue that shed a cloud over our week. We stayed at a resort on Lake Manitou. The lake level was so low that I could not get into my boat least of all use it. No, it's not the size of the Queen Mary – it's a modest 16 ft. pontoon boat.

Last year we stayed at a resort on Lake Mindemoya – same thing – the water was not even deep enough at the mooring where we stayed. And the year before on Lake Kagawong where they released so much water through the power plant that it was impossible to enter the mooring where we were staying.

The economy of Manitoulin Island is very dependent on a healthy tourist industry, much of which takes advantage of the beautiful inland lakes. It is very obviously clear that management of the water levels of these lakes is completely out of control.

Surely, someone responsible for tourism on Manitoulin Island is not up to their job. Low water levels render the marine maps basically useless. Is there a qualified, certified and accredited hydrologist employed or engaged to see that the lakes levels are maintained at a constant optimum level? With safety in mind too.

Is tourism on Manitoulin Island really a serious business or just a way of holding meetings to pass the winter months and do nothing in the spring?

Time for someone to sit up and take notice – before tourists go someplace else.

Lionel W.F. Rudd C.E.T. Sudbury

Polarized personal inclinations call for wise choices

As we face local municipal elections we can take a lesson from The Donald's polarizing influence

Choose wisely.

To the Expositor

To say that Donald Trump is a divisive character is the understatement of the century. He is either loved or hated by everyone with equal passion.

Thousands of mothers across America are grateful for him not starting any new wars from which their sons would be coming home in body bags. Others, like Lockheed Martin and Raytheon, missile makers, are deeply saddened.

Many were in favour of his endorsement and use of the XL pipeline and its abundant energy. Others believe that windmills and solar panels are able to energize a country.

Some people are terribly angry about Trump surrounding himself with beautiful women and his perceived attitude towards them.

Others would gladly put down their rifles and stop chasing Bambi if Melania would invite them to Club Med for a week.

Many millions around the world are enamored of his warp speed experimental vaccine and rushed to get injected and protected. A few others are skeptical of instant science.

Some welcome his policy of national sovereignty. Others are attracted to communist China's protocols for governance.

Whatever your opinion of "The Donald" (Ivanka's name for him), he has polarized everyone's personal inclinations.

Now, one way or the other, we all must take a stand and decide.

Tommy Lough Tehkummah

Manitoulin Streams enjoyed a year of working diligently on area watersheds

by Michael Erskine SHEGUIANDAH—The accolades garnered by Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association would bury just about any glory wall and despite the challenges presented by a drought of funding while the province was focused on battling the pandemic, the community-based organization still managed to move a number of projects forward.

Manitoulin Streams held its 2022 annual general meeting in person recently at the Sheguiandah Seniors' Hall. Attendees heard a presentation on water contaminants and treatment delivered by water expert Jeff Wahl and an overview of Manitoulin Streams' activities through the

The executive for the coming year will include chair Ted Williamson, vice-chair Brian Ramakko, treasurer Algis Tribinevicius, secretary Elsa Lindfield and board members Neil Debassige, Delmer Fields, Lynn Hughson and Bob Florean. It was noted by Mr. Williamson that members must be in good standing for three months before standing

Among the business conducted at the meeting were funding applications to the Nature Infrastructure Fund for \$83,471 through Billings Township. The meeting also learned that Manitoulin Streams has received \$1,000 from Lukeystrike705, \$2,500 from Billings Township, a \$1,069 final payment from Canada Summer Jobs, \$14,000 from the Ontario Community Environment Fund, \$5,000 from Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Community Environmental Fund and \$97.50 from the United Way.

Program manager Seija Deschenes noted the organization completed the M17.1 gravel stream restoration and tree planting program and the board was asked to approve



Educational outreach is an important role for Manitoulin Streams. Youth experience science of water during a Mindemoya summer school presentation.

the first invoice from Ferguson Aggregate in the amount of \$62,507.03 for the gravel.

The board also learned that drone photos taken of Island boat launches have been uploaded to the Manitoulin Streams website and relayed the success of the Manitoulin Agricultural Fair minnow races that were hosted by Mani-

Mr. Wahl's presentation covered a host of water contaminants and their usual source in Island water bodies, including phosphorus, pathogens such as coliform bacteria and Escherichia coli bacteria (more commonly known as e-coli), nitrates and perfluoroalkyl and polyflouroakyl substances (PFAS). PFAS are a large, complex group of manufactured chemicals that are ingredients in various everyday products, many used to keep food from sticking to packaging or cookware, make clothes and carpets resistant



Water quality expert Jeff Wahl of Wahl Water proviced an indepth presentation on water contaminants and treatment during the Manitoulin Streams annual general meeting

photo by Michael Erskine



The eyed-egg trout planting operation went ahead during the pandemic albeit with some serious modifications to how the



It's all about teamwork when it comes to stream rehabilitation. Many hands make short work and Manitoulin Streams has managed to tap into a strong empetus amongst youth to extend its reach.

to stains, and create firefighting foam that is more effective—PFAS are also used in industries such as aerospace, automotive, construction, and electronics.

Mr. Wahl noted that most contaminants are essentially invisible, being colourless, odourless and dissolved in water—but added that not all are consumed in levels that would be harmful.

Ms. Deschenes informed the board that Manitoulin Streams has been successful in its education outreach with local schools planting 100,000 trout eggs in Norton Creek, and working with the MSS Robotics team on the METAL STEM and Sustainability Conference. Presentations were made at the Providence Bay Fair by April James, to the Lake Manitou Association's 65 members, during National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations and at the Mindemoya Summer School, during the Teddy Bear Picnic, Gore Bay Harbour Days, Haweater Weekend, Manitowaning Summer Fest and a host of river tours. In all, Manitoulin Streams presented four stream tours, 11 displays and 17 educational sessions that reached 703 youth and 884 adults for a total of 1,587 contacts over 20 events.

As well as the in-person events, Manitoulin Streams has leveraged social media through posts and presentations totalling 285 posts that had a reach of 253,106 that generated 13,073 clicks garnering 3,223 reactions.

Manitoulin Streams and its partners planted 445 trees and shrubs over the course of 2022, including two sites on the Manitou River, during the Manitoulin Metal STEM Conference and Manitoulin Secondary School Earth Day.

Other successful events included Phragmites Day, an Island-wide garbage pickup, and fundraisers that included a Father's Day Gourmet Food Box, painted planters built by Cody Clarke, a fire pit from Steel North as well as items from Matt' Plumbing and Echo Rental, J. Casson Photography and Wahl Water.



Manitoulin Streams' Maria Diebolt stands next to a significant stand

In addition, there was a silent auction with contributions from 69 local businesses. All in, the fundraising efforts pulled in a whopping \$23,169.

Manitoulin Streams total accomplishments to date include: repairing and enhancing 12,297 linear metres of shoreline, 126,478 square metres of aquatic in-stream habitat, enhanced 362,266 square metres of riparian habitat, planted 59,229 trees, installed 6,062 meters of fencing, eight nose pumps and 11 watering ramps to keep cattle out of streams and 100,000 brook trout eggs stocked.

Since 2003, Manitoulin Streams has brought \$6.3 million in funding and in-kind support, employed two full-time employees, one invasive species liaison, one community stewardship resource liaison and summer job positions for

Pandemic negatively impacted invasive species control in Great Lake waters

ANN ARBOR MICHIGAN-A study soon to be released reveals that due to the COVID-19 pandemic forcing limited treatment control on sea lamprey, there was an increase in the invasive species numbers through out the Great Lakes.

"When COVID-19 hit in 2020, it caused a 75 percent lapse in control treatments on all the lakes," said Marc Gaden, communications director and legislative liaison with the Great Lakes Fishery Commission (GLFC). "In 2021 all the stakeholders involved we got back to limited controls but there was still another 25 percent less in control lamprey treatments. "We are back to normal in terms of lamprey control treatments in 2022, but we are seeing the survivors (lamprey) of the 2020 season," said Mr. Gaden. "If you have a 75 percent cut in lamprey control treatments you would expect to see a significant number of lamprey come back to the lakes. We now have the data that proves this, and the number of lampreys being found in nets shows an increase in lamprey numbers. We are also hearing lots of reports of anglers catching fish with many scars on them caused by lamprey."

"It is not surprising that the lamprey numbers bounced back so quickly when there was an easing of control treatments," said Mr. Gaden, noting that all of his information takes in all the Great Lakes in Canada and the US.



Survivors of the 2020 season resulted in an increase in invasive species numbers despite controls returning to pre-pandemic numbers.

Mr. Gaden explained, "the way the carp control cycle works is that we kill the larvae living in stream bottoms with lampricide and removing the larvae before they get back into the lakes. Lampricide kills 98 percent of larvae in a river that has been treated.'

"There are still enough survivors that they cause damage to the fishery and can come back and spawn in one and a half years when they are older," said Mr. Gaden.

"The lamprey we were measuring this past spring were survivors from the 2020 lamprey control season who are coming from stream bottoms and coming back to spawn in 2022," continued Mr. Gaden. "Through measuring their (lamprey) size we can determine that what was captured

in the early summer (2022) are survivors from 2020.'

Mr. Gaden explained the 2020 and 2021 field season for lamprey control treatments was limited because of travel restrictions of agencies carrying out the control treatments due to COVID-19.

"Next vear we will be measuring the survivors of 2021, but we don't expect as big of an increase as we saw this year," stated Mr. Gaden. "We are back to normal now in terms of treatment control and we are cautiously optimistic we will be able to weather the spike by treating lampreys aggressively over the next few years.'

Mr. Gaden explained that in the decade leading up to the pandemic hitting, stakeholders had been aggressively hammering the lamprey to bring their targets down to almost recommended targets for every Great Lake except for Lake Erie. "We were in as good a position as could be."

"If there is a silver lining to all of this, it is that we had been well positioned in controlling lamprey up until the time that COVID hit and we should be able to get the numbers down to where they should be in less time," said Mr. Gaden. He said that lamprey control is based on a partnership of the GLFC in both Canada and the US, and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Along with lampricide Mr. Gaden said, "there is ongoing research to find other ways to control lamprey, one being the use of pheromones. The lamprey gives off odours that affect behaviour of other lamprey in waters. Sea Lamprey have a welldeveloped sense of smell, they can detect pheromones from other lamprey that indicated that there is good larvae in a lake or stream. And an adult male gives off pheromones that will attract female lamprey in a river. Just think what we could do with this measure, we could attract lamprey into a stream not conducive to spawning or one that has traps to catch them and where male lamprey can be sterilized," said Mr. Gaden. "We are only limited by the imagination of scientists. We are pursuing all of these options from the laboratory to the field."

Harassment charge laid by OPP following complaint

On October 7 at approximately 11:10 am, the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a complaint at a business on Meredith Street in Gore Bay.

The complainant reported being followed through the store by a person who was yelling at them. Police attended the location. Following the investigation, a person was arrested and charged.

Perry Armstrong, 60-years-old, from Robinson Township was charged with criminal harassment-threatening conduct, contrary to section 264(2)(d) of the Criminal Code.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on December 14.

Make safety a priority this year

As Hallowe'en approaches, the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP is reminding everyone to think about safety. Keep these tips in mind while preparing for a fun

evening of trick-or-treating.



Children and Youth: Be seen. Carry a flashlight and wear a costume with bright and reflective colours so people can see you. Be aware. Remember to stop, look and listen before crossing the street. Stay in familiar neighbourhoods and only go to homes that are well lit. Be creative. Use makeup instead of wearing a mask. Masks can make it hard to see hazards, other people and vehicles. Be smart. Go trick or treating with your parents or in a group with friends and never go into a stranger's home or vehicle.

Parents and Guardians: start trick-or-treating early before it becomes too dark. Make sure costumes fit properly to prevent trips and falls. Visit the houses on one side of the street before crossing to the other side. Plan a route and set a curfew with your trick-or-treaters. Young children should always be with a trusted adult. Remind trick-or-

treaters to wait for an adult to check treats before they are eaten.

Drivers: Drive slowly, especially in residential areas and always give pedestrians the right of way when exiting or entering a driveway. Watch for excited children who may not follow all road safety precau-

tions. Do not drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

"Safety is everyone's business. Hallowe'en is a fun and exciting time for kids and they may not always remember to look both directions before crossing the street. Adults should keep a close eye on children and immediately report any suspicious activities to police," said Inspector Megan Moriarity, detachment commander, Manitoulin OPP.

Officers from the Manitoulin detachment will be out on patrol helping to ensure this Hallowe'en is a fun, memorable and safe experience for everyone.

Manitoulin Votes (X) 2022

EDITOR'S NOTE: Ken Blodgett's campaign note was not included among last week's profiles of candidates for Gore Bay council. The following is Mr. Blodgett's profile.

Ken Blodget, council candidate

My name is Ken Blodgett and I have represented the people of Gore Bay on town council for four terms. I would like to represent you again for a fifth term.

I first came to Manitoulin as a tourist and spent some

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time here in the summers, and later purchased Canadian Yacht Charters. I made my home in Gore Bay 32 years ago, where I have raised two daughters with my partner Pam. I have also spent half of those years on town council.

I believe working in the tourist business not only has given me the acumen needed in a role like this, but it also allows me the unique position of talking to both tourists and towns people about what is needed.

I am also able to gain an understanding of priorities for

each of these requirements.

I am approachable and engaging which allows your voice to be both listened to as well as to be brought forward.

The time I have spent on council has helped me with many decisions and to always keep the betterment of our great town at the forefront of discussions that matter.

I would appreciate your vote and thank you for letting me serve you in the past and in the future.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

We tend to forget how much we love autumn, but as the weather cools, it's fall coming back to us now. Although the weather has been unbeleafably wet this week, we hope you have carved out some good times with friends and family anyway (while squashing any dinner table drama). We hope it's not too acorny of us to say, but it really is the most wonderfall time of the year (you autumn know by now that we love a gourd play on words).

The township's Junk in the Trunk event is back, just in time for Waste Reduction Week! Hosted by the township's Climate Action Committee and the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee, come on out Saturday, October 22nd to the Kagawong Pavilion from 10 am until 2 pm to reduce, reuse and recycle. Got some items to trade, give away or sell? No registration required - just show up at the pavilion downtown, set up a table or pop your trunk and you're good to go!

Save some money at the Junk in the Trunk event, and then save some power the very next day! Don't forget about the island-wide planned power outage Sunday, October 23rd from 7 am to 2 pm. Be sure to plan accordingly.

We are sending happy birthday wishes east this week to Fergmeijer superfan Joanne T who yesterday turned... whatever people off-Island turn on their birthdays. Celebrating on-Island, and all turning 29, are Rachel B, Ken F, and Sue W. Best wishes to you on your special days, and if another birthday is getting you down, just remember, at least you're not as old as you will be next year!

October 24th is municipal election day. There are no inperson polls, you should have received your ballot in the mail earlier this month. We're past the deadline for mailing in your ballot, but you can still drop it off at the town office any weekday right up to and including the 24th. Have your say in municipal representation!

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! Instead of coming up with our own fish pun, we're hoping salmon else can create one for us.

Take note - the Billings landfill will be closed early on Thursday, November 3. Be sure to drop off anything you need to drop off by 5 pm on that date.

Save the date - yule be sorry if you miss it! Christmas in Kagawong is back November 18-20th. There will be lots of ways to treat yo'elf and have a festive good time. We'll share more information as it becomes available.

The library's annual silent auction is back for 2022! Join the auction facebook page (www.facebook.com/groups/libraryauction) to see sneak previews over the next few weeks. Bidding does not open until Thursday, November 24th and closes Sunday November 27th. All proceeds go to support Billings Library.

Last call to become a published poet! Submit a poem to fergmeijer@gmail.com and we'll get it in the column. We're not sure how original this one is, but we're always up for a good animal limerick:

An elephant slept in his bunk,

And in slumber his chest rose and sunk. But he snored — how he snored!

All the other beasts roared,

So his wife tied a knot in his trunk.

Get out there and enjoy every moment of this a-maizeing time of year. But it does get chilly, so be sure to grab apple-over before you go out. Have a good week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Thanksgiving weekend is over. There were a lot of people visiting Meldrum Bay for the weekend and the weather was beautiful. Rose had dinner with Richard and Jenn McDonald, (Dale VanEvery's daughter) and Jason Topp and their daughter McKenzie, Scott VanEvery, Gwenn McDonald and Katy Fortier. It was a nice get-together and she told me that they had a great time.

We all want to extend our sympathies to Sara-Lyn on her loss of Terry. He was a really nice guy, well-loved by all of us and will be missed.

Patty was visiting family and it is nice to have her back. She was visiting her brothers and sisters-in-law in Kelowna, BC. They enjoyed sitting at the beach and swimming.

We just drove past Patty and John walking their puppy down by the waterfront. A little farther on and Mary and Angela were walking Mary's gorgeous long-haired dog too. Between the beautiful scenery and the nice weather, they were enjoying their walk.

Josie dropped off turnips and kale for me from her market garden. The veggies were so nice and supplemented my garden produce beautifully. I had gotten tired of beans and left mine to ripen over a week ago. I thought that they would be good for seed for next year. I picked and cooked some yesterday to go with the ribs we had for supper and the beans were still tender and delicious. They are definitely keepers for next year.

On the Saturday the 22nd there are two important events here. One is in the morning and it will be the annual DCIA meeting. In the afternoon is the Roads Board Meeting. The hard work done by the volunteers on our committees is admirable. They are greatly appreciated.

Karen Noble is having a Christmas market in Silver Water on Saturday the 22nd, from 9 am to 12 noon. There will be vendors selling a variety of Christmas items.

The church is closed for the season now except for a service during hunting season. I miss going to play for the service, but we got in the Tesla and went to Spring Bay and enjoyed listening to Rev. Bruce Schwindt. It was a nice service

Friday night at cards: High lady was Brenda Carter with 62 points, high man was Bob Benedict with 72 points, ladies' lone Hands was won by Lois Wismer, men's lone hands was won by Doug Carter, most euchres was won by Myra Duncanson and the juice was brought home by Roger. The money jar is still safe.

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Carolyn Lane-Rock took a trip of a lifetime in September. She met her son Jeff in Munich, Germany and attended the passion play at Oberammergau. An amazing production of more than 400 actors as well as donkeys, camels, horses, goats, sheep and dogs. Set changes were quick and the music was lovely. Reminded me of Mindemoya's Journey to Bethlehem but on a much larger scale. Every actor lived in the village. Then back to Munich for the opening of Octoberfest and more beer to drink then on Haweater Weekend. Then, I journeyed to Copenhagen to meet friends and visit this city which charges such a surcharge on cars that everyone rides bicycles. We saw the little mermaid and other sites and even went across the bridge to Sweden for lunch of Swedish meat-

balls. We travelled by train to Hamburg where we met our friends from Norderstedt Friendship Force and spent the week enjoying their lovely homes and the modern technological city of Hamburg. I learned and saw so much that I wish I had gone years ago.

Dawn Calback and Nathan, Thomas and Zachery and friend Brooke spent a few days with George and Carolyn Calback last weekend.

Family who had supper last weekend with Lance and Lillian Greenman were Natalie and Roger Hayden and Alex and Krystan and friend Doug, Terry Greenman and Kyle and Kayla and friend Will.

On Thanksgiving weekend visiting with Carolyn Lane-Rock were Gloria and Bruce Tuck from Toronto, Ted Lane from London area and Raymond Runnalls from Richmond Hill. They enjoyed the turkey dinner and beautiful sunshine.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Albert and I have put a lot of miles on the car in the last few weeks. We made trips to see Dad in Sudbury. He has been moved to Mindemoya Hospital as of Monday, October 17. Hopefully he will be moved to the nursing home very soon. Dad's left side was affected and there has been some improvement and we are hoping for more as he gets physiotherapy. Our family thanks the Lively Inn for all their services over the last weeks.

We enjoyed a turkey that John Jagt raised for our Thanksgiving dinner. The leftovers are in the freezer for another time. There were two families who booked their dinners at the community hall.

We have been having good crowds out to euchre in Silver Water and Meldrum Bay and encourage everyone to come out to play.

We have had deer in the backyard almost every night. Albert feeds them to keep them coming out.

Murray and Gladys Duncanson had a great trip to Florida recently. They travelled with their son, Blake and his daughters, Willow and Shelby, and with their son, Clarke and wife Heather and their sons, Ethan and Aiden. They had a great time at Walt Disney World. They said there was not much evidence of hurricanes where they were.

I heard stories of some men heading out for moose hunting recently. I will see what news there is to report when they return.

October 22 from 9 am to 12 noon is our first big Christmas Market in our yard. We are hoping to have lots of vendors, and everyone is welcome. The UCW is accepting any donations of baking and can contact Donna Kay McDonald or any of their members for drop off. This is a great time to come out to shop to support the local vendors and start your Christmas baking and shopping.

There are plans being made for a service and potluck supper on Remembrance Day, with the proceeds to the Angel Bus. Everyone is welcome.

There will be a Local Services Board meeting on Sunday, November 13 at 2 pm for the budget for the upcoming year. Everyone is welcomed to come out and give their input. This is the process that determines if the tax amount will increase for next year.

There are plans being made for a pancake breakfast at the community hall on Sunday, November 20, before hunting season starts. Stay tuned for details.

Condolences to the family of Terry Arnot. He was a great neighbour and we will miss our visits with him. There will be a service at the community hall on Saturday, October 29 at 11 am with lunch to follow.

Manitoulin Sporting Life



Wiky Road Race gets people participating!

Firstly, I must correct myself in saying that it has been 50 years since the start of the race. In fact it is the 50th running of the event, because in the beginning, there was a spring and fall run so the initial race was not until 1976. Twice a year? Wow, we were active back then!

The winning time overall was placed by **Neil Mahalanobis** with a clocking of 36:17. **Ted Hanley** was second in 37:44 and then a very, familiar **Aurel Fox-Recollet** took third less than six seconds behind!

The next fastest category was actually the high school division with OFSSA ready **Maren Kasunich** ripping up the course in only 40 minutes followed by teammate **Ava Corbiere** in second. Hats off to **Julian Wemigwans** and **Emery Watson** who filled out the largely unpopular High School Division.

In the women's event **Hannah Brown** was the first female and **Sierra Pangowish** was close on her heels for 2nd and then **Julie Hayes** took the Bronze.

The following runners placed in the 13 and Under Division! **Wasmowin Beaudry** in an astonishing 51 minutes, **Julian Luoma**, second, in just under 54 minutes and then **Brayden Wabano** rounding out the podium.

The huge announcement is that many people who maybe don't ordinarily get out and do this sort of thing DID! You know who you are. Congratulations!

For more results you can visit the Sudbury Rocks Running Club website for complete details.



Old friends Suzanne Chandler and race co-founder Larry Leblanc attended the 50th Wiiky Road Race this past weekend.

photo by Michael Erskine

Mindemoya Hockey?

What is happening at the heart of it all? Central Manitoulin has the luxury of two rinks! Seriously? Last year, all of Mindemoya's games/practices were played out of the Providence Bay rink when the inevitable chiller malfunction occurred. Now, a part that was needed when Mindemoya shut down last fall is still not here. Supply chain issues notwithstanding this appears to be a major blow to all of the kids that live and breathe hockey! Now, Providence Bay has been shut down because their electrical system is not up to code.

If it wasn't for M'Chigeeng accommodating Mindemoya's teams there would be no hockey for them. Everyone knows that recreational activities are a money losing endeavor. It is an easy battle cry at election time. Recreation for youth is needed, despite the cost.

Hockey Night in Wijkwemkoong!

How about this? If you are long suffering Leafs fan or even just a hockey fan you have to go see the Toronto Maple Leafs Alumni Game at the Thunderdome in downtown Wiikwemkoong on October 29 (7 pm start)! Players you may remember include: Rick Vaive, Gary Leeman, Shayne Corson, Trevor Kidd, Wayne Primeau, Dave McIlwain, Brad May, Dave Reid, Lou Franceschetti, Nathan Perot, Ric Jackman, Ric Nattress, Matt Martin, Todd Gill, Craig Muni, Bob McGill and Craig Hotham!

Wiikwemkoong Tourism invites you to see former NHL stars as they come to entertain fans with some classic old time hockey. This will be the hottest ticket on Manitoulin Island with tons of contests, prizes and fun for the whole family. This event is brought to you in partnership with Indigenous Tourism Ontario. To top it off the public is free to attend. There is only a QR code to scan for tickets. Please visit see the ad on Page 20 to scan the code.

Everyone into the pool!

Do you like to shoot pool and have a good time this winter and spring? The Manitoulin Pool Players are looking for people to join their League. The season starts October 22 and runs through to early May. The start time is 6 pm (sharp) and runs until 9 or 10 pm. This 8-ball play occurs in Spring Bay (across from the wind turbines). For more information or to join, call Joyce at 705-988-3143 or Rusty at 705-282-4061.

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Wiikwemkoong celebrated 50th running of the Wiky 10k Road Race

by Michael Erskine

WIIKWEMKOONG—The rain largely held off on Sunday morning as walkers and runners in the annual Wiikwemkoong 10k Road Race lined up at their respective starting lines for the 50th edition of the popular race. We say 50th edition rather than annual as the race began in 1976 and for a while the race was held twice a year.

The signature race began at 9 am, with a large, determined group of runners setting off into the damp morning mists from the chalk starting line etched onto the pavement.

While waiting for the starting whistle, old hands shared stories of races past.

"It's always nice to be greeted by the rez dogs while you are running," said Gerry Holliday, whose name appears a number of times on the Wiikwemkoong Road Race trophy. But in the early days of the race down Kaboni Road, the road was gravel and the companions varied. "One year, I looked over to see what I thought was a dog coming running after me," said Mr. Holliday, who took a double take when he realized just what was chasing him. "It was a pig!" he exclaimed. Mr. Holliday eventually pulled away from his porcine pacer, but found his story met with skepticism. "Nobody would believe me, but out from the driveway came a pig," he laughed.



Neil Maholanobis took first prize of \$500 with a time of 36:17.1.

Trudeau shared some of the annual Wiky 10km Road Race with the participants at the awards luncheon held in the Pontiac School gymnasium.

"The 10km race was first known as the 'Kaboni Road Race'," she said. "The goal was to encourage students to be more active. The visionaries and founders of the road race were the Wiikwemkoong Board of Education staff: Henry Hoy, Larry LeBlanc and Sara Peltier.

The record holders of the race included Gerry Halliday for winning the most races between 1977 and 1982 and Neild Phipps from 2011 to 2015. The winningest female runner was Sara McIiraith, who won in 2011, 2013, 2015,



Junior runners were all smiles as they collected their medals and cheques.

photos by Michael Erskine

Race-co-founder Larry LeBlanc was on hand for the awards luncheon following the race. He recalled running with Scotty Fisher (Odjig) ba in the early days as he chatted with old friend Cindy Ominika. "Scotty gave me the best advice," recalled Ms. Ominika. She had voiced her concern about not being able to beat most of the other runners. "He said 'you are not running against anyone, you are running with yourself'," she said. "I have always kept that advice in my heart."

Race organizer Amanda

2016, 2019 and 2021.

"Notable road race winners were Randy Rivers (1976), Jeffrey Eshkawkogan (1980 and 81), Danny Cooper (1985), Dean Cooper (1987), Jeremy Cooper (2008/09/10) and Aurel Fox (2018/2020/21).

The Wiikwemkoong Health Centre took over organizing the race in 2007.

"Throughout the years, this event has brought families together," said Ms. Trudeau. "Generations of runners have formed unity and friendships."

Ms. Trudeau gave a shout out to

Frank Fisher (Odjig), who at 80 completed the 10 km and beat his last year time by three minutes.

"I came first in my division," said Mr. Fisher, adding with a laugh, "I also came last." As an 80-year-old competitor (walking), Mr. Fisher was in a class by himself.

Race results were: children's division 11-13, male, Wasmowin Beaudry (\$100) first, Julian Luoma (\$75) second, Brayden Wabuno (\$50) third. Among female competitors Lily Beaudry (\$100) came first and Maryliah Beaudry (\$75) second.

In the children's 10 and under division, first male was Lachland Eshkawkogan (\$100), Cohen



Hannah Brown took first in the adult female division for \$500 with a time of 47:34:7.

Wabuno (\$75) second and Daxton Wabuno (\$50) third. First female was Haileigh Simon (\$100).

In the high school male division, Julian Wemigwans took first place (\$500) and in the female division Maren Kasunich took first (\$500), Ava Corbiere took second (\$250) and Emery Watson took third (\$150).

In the adult 19-54 years division, Neil Maholanobis took first prize of \$500 with a time of 36:17.1, Ted Hanley took second prize of \$250 (37:44.5) and Aurel Fox-Recollet took third for \$150 (37:50.2). In the female division Hannah Brown took first for \$500 (47:34:7), Sierra Pangowish took second with \$250 (47:47.3) and Julie Hayes took third for \$150 (50:17.8).

In the senior adult division, Neil Phipps took first place for \$500 (37:59.4), Norm Lonergan took second for \$250 (46:14.5) and Edwin Toulouse took third for \$150 (47:16.0). In the female category, Sara McIiraith took first for \$500 (40:52.4), Lorrilee McGregor took second for \$250 (52:36.4) and Leeann Dokum took third for \$150 (59:08.7).

Complete race results and times can be found online at zone4.ca/race/2022-10-16/7a451e44/results.



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Bobcat Run Cross-country meet draws 11 schools

by Michael Erskine WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION-Laughter and the voices of happy children filled the air as 370 runners from 11 schools across the district gathered at Shawanosowe School for the return of the annual Bobcat Run cross-country competition. This year was slightly different as the run was held strictly for fun without winners or losers at the finish lines.

The Bobcat Run was held October 12 from 10 am to 1 pm and students engaged in runs ranging from 400 metres to 3.5 kilometres, depending on age, according to host Shawanosowe School principal Stephen Nawegahbow.



There were 370 runners from 11 schools participating in the 2022 Bobcat Run Cross-country competition hosted by Shawanoswe School in Whitefish River First Nations.



Running pals display their poster encouraging the Shawanosowe



The look of determination on some of these young runners faces bodes well for their future in cross-country sport.



Youth set out with plenty of enthusiasm during their division of the Bobcat run. There were no winners or losers in this year's edition of the event as the goal was just to get out and have fun



Students from schools across the region gather in preparation to board their buses

Tammy Nahwegahbow

Participating included AB Ellis, Biidaaban, Central Manitoulin, Lakeview, La Renaissance, Little Current, Pontiac, S. Geiger, Sacred Heart, St. Anishinaabek Joseph's, and Shawanosowe.

"It has been an awesome day," said Whitefish River First Nation Rezound editor Tammy Nahwegahbow as students gathered by their buses for their return trips home—many carrying handmade banners. "It is so nice to be able to do these things again."



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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

Regard man as a mine rich in gems of inestimable value. Education can, alone, cause it to reveal its treasures, and enable mankind to benefit therefrom.—Bahá'u'lláh

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to council meetings, the Manitoulin Planning Board, grocery shopping and pick up our mail in Espanola."

"Cockburn Island is a gem," stated Mr. Brown. "We have been very fortunate over the years to secure grants for work on our church, school and hall. But it's the people that live there that are generating the money coming into the

Mr. Brown said that the township is saving significant funds in its current roadwork and major waterfront project. "We have a road where work was needed to be carried out on it to make it a safe road for travellers. It needed to be carried out for safety." The township received funding for

"It was a former councillor who had the fantastic idea that if we are fixing the corner of the road, of using the rock that is being cleared there for our breakwall," said Mr. Brown, He pointed out Cockburn had basically been given the wharf and breakwall on the island from the government with the township maintaining responsibility for it.

'It was Don Rodgers idea to use the rock that was being cleared for the road project, to use around our docks," said Mr. Brown. "The road work will be finished this year, and the rock is being piled up. We will be ready to do the wharf breakwall project as soon as we get the okay from DFO (Department of Fisheries and Oceans) for work to be done in the water. There is only a small period of time the work can be carried out. We have generated enough excess rock from the road project that we don't have to bring in any more rock for the wharf breakwall project.'

Mr. Brown said, "I am very satisfied with what we have

...Rob Brown

done as council over the past few years. We have a very good council that thinks outside the box for solutions. Cockburn Island is a small place, and we have seven people running for four council positions, so you can see people are looking for some change to take place in terms of thinking to continue moving forward.

Mr. Brown noted that Cockburn has grant money in place to revamp a small building on the Island for a first response centre to store first response equipment. "There is an old building that we could use for this centre, and we will be putting out tenders for this in January."

"With the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC), a lot of negative comments have been made on Manitoulin Island about the land that they have purchased over the years," said Mr. Brown. NCC owns a large tract of land on Cockburn Island as well. "We have a special relationship with Huron Timber, the NCC and Zhiibaahaasing First Nation on the Island. Everyone respects each other, we have very good rapport with all our partners and everyone's interests are being heard and covered. The biggest thing is that we are all cultivating great relationships by having open communication.

"We bill ourselves as being a conservation island because of the amount of property the NCC owns on the Island," said Mr. Brown. "I feel it gives us an identity."

Mr. Brown pointed out, "one of the reasons I feel I have the support of people is that I don't quit; I put 150 percent into everything I do. People know that and respect that. The ratepayers are the ones who pay the taxes and number one their voice has to be heard.'

"I'm really enjoying being the Island representative on

the planning board," said Mr. Brown. "If we don't keep our seat at the board table, we lose that representation. We need to have a voice at the table. I've really enjoyed being on the board, I have learned a lot and ask a lot of ques-





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...Brenda Jones

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The other major issue springs from demographics.

"We are probably Ontario's smallest municipality," she said. "Yet the Ontario government expects us to meet all of the conditions and regulations of much larger municipalities—they expect us to be the same as Toronto, but we don't have anything near the tax base they do."

That adds an additional twist when trying to keep taxes in check while at the same time maintaining the charm of the island community.

Ms. Jones said that she "absolutely loves" her community. "I live here practically from the 10th of June until the 14th of September," she said. Now that she is no longer involved in the day-to-day operations of her business, Ms. Jones has more time to enjoy life on Cockburn Island. "I get to see what is going on with my own eyes, not just getting reports.'

While she is focused on maintaining the charm of the community, Ms. Jones also said she believes Cockburn Island needs to move forward and "keep up with the times." Hence the importance of the dock project.

"The current docks were built in 1949 and we did some major work about 15 to 20 years ago," she said. "But we didn't have the funds to complete it." Thankfully, funding has come through from the upper tiers of government and, with the rubble displaced by the current road project, the docks are on the agenda for next year.

Ms. Jones' links to the community are not simply forged through blood and history. She has been a central figure in most community events over the past several decades. "We usually have a big fish fry in August and in the fall, we hold a pork dinner for the hunters," she said. Ms. Jones expressed hope those events will be able to resume in the coming year. "It is usually me that spearheads those events," she said. "It is probably because of my background in the food industry.'

Ms. Jones said she enjoys her role on council and expressed the hope that the ratepayers of the community will continue to support her on October 24.

...Burpee and Mills

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Art Hayden (incumbent)

Born and raised on Manitoulin in Burpee township, I and my wife, Cora, have many family ties in the township. We left Manitoulin to live and work in Sudbury. During that time, we maintained property in Burpee-Mills and our ties to the area

I worked at Inco and Vale for more than 42 years, during which time I progressed to senor leadership positions in several operating facilities and administrative areas. I had the opportunity to successfully manage large teams of people, had accountability for all aspects of the business unit, including multi-million dollar operation and capital budgets. I also completed a number of university and training programs as part of my goal of life-long learning.

We moved back to Burpee-Mills in 2010, building a new home and becoming involved in community work.

My work experience and knowledge of the area have served me well in the past two terms on municipal council, and I have been proud to serve the residents of Burpee and Mills. I have been pleased to work with a diverse and talented group of councillors and staff members to get things done. My personal approach is to accept input and address issues in an objective, fact-based way. During this term on council, I have served as deputy reeve, chair of the recreation committee, chair of the Burpee Mills cemetery board, board member of Manitoulin Centennial Manor Long-Term Care Home and board member of Sudbury-Manitoulin District Services Board.

Thank you!

The Gore Bay Rotary Club would like to thank our Auctioneer Robbie White and everyone that helped contribute to the success of the Fall Harvest Auction held on Saturday of Thanksgiving Weekend.

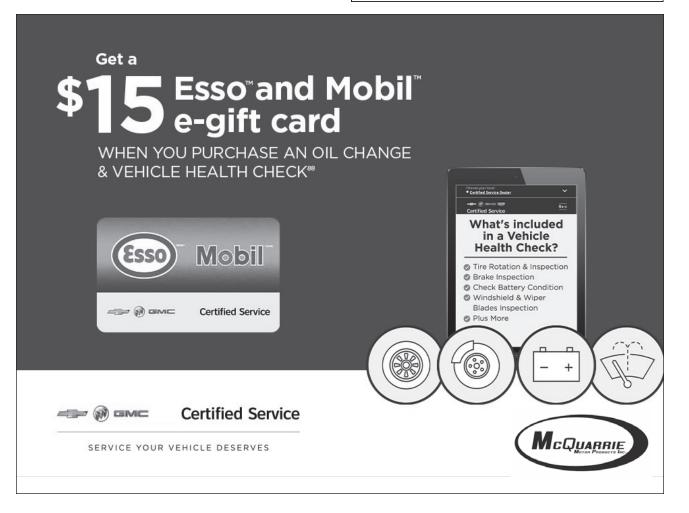
Rotary works hard to help as many local and international projects as possible.

Your donations for this event gives this small group of committed volunteers inspiration that they can make life a little bit better for our community.

In terms of successes as a member of council, I have supported projects and initiatives to improve infrastructure and services while delivering a prudent, balanced budget and limited tax increases.

Moving forward some critical issues I see are the increasing costs of essential services such as policing and how this can affect the tax levy if senior levels of government funding do not keep pace with increases. Health care availability could become an issued due to stresses in the provincial health care system and, closer to home, if recruitment efforts are not successful to fill expected vacancies at the Gore Bay Medical Centre. This is certainly a concern in our municipality due to a relatively large senior population.

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...Burpee and Mills

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If elected, I will work diligently to represent all residents of Burpee Mills.

Kim Middleton (Johnson)

I am a Haweater and I am a proud descendant of those who pioneered both Mills and Burpee Township with my mother's family being from Burpee and my father's family from Mills.

Although I have lived in many different places throughout my life, I've never felt a greater sense of belonging than I do here. I am proud to call Burpee and Mills township my home.

Many people are running because they are inspired by specific issues. I am running for council because I think we need people who are willing to step up and provide strong leadership, integrity and common sense. Running for council is about giving back to the community and I consider myself to be an action-oriented individual who can contribute and make a difference.

While this is my first time running for council, I do feel my career, which has been spent in human resources, has provided me with many important skills that would be beneficial as a member of council. You can always count on me to listen, think critically, ask tough questions, communicate clearly and effectively, and tap into other resources for guidance when I'm unsure.

I hope you will find me worthy of consideration and support me when casting your vote.

Roger Morrell

I was born and raised in Evansville. After finishing high school at Manitoulin Secondary School, I went to Laurentian University where I finished a degree in chemistry. After coming back home for a couple of years to work as a carpenter, and a very brief stint teaching at MSS, I became an air traffic controller. I worked in the North Bay control tower for a couple of years before moving south and working at Pearson International for the remainder of my career.

I have always had it in the back of my own mind that one day I would like to serve on council. I've always been the type to get involved. One thing I have always avoided, though, is getting involved if I couldn't commit. I retired recently and now have the time to devote myself to serving on council.

I do believe 'serving' is the correct word to describe being on council. I don't have any agenda. There's nothing in it for me. I am running in the election because this community is home. I know so many of the people that live here, and have my whole life, and I do think I can contribute something. I have no experience in politics, but I enter this race knowing that, if elected. I will have a lot to learn, but I'm prepared for that, and look forward to it.

I do believe I am a good candidate for council. I do have a ton of experience working with people. I spent 28 years working in a

fairly stressful environment where communication and teamwork were everything. I don't know a ton about local council operations, or even the biggest issues, but I'm a strong listener. I'm pragmatic. I avoid unnecessary conflict, preferring instead to find reasonable solutions that everybody can live with. I'm not the most outgoing person you will ever meet, but I do enjoy meeting people and working with others to solve problems.

If I'm elected, and you can contact me with a problem, you will be treated respectfully. I will listen, and I will help if I can. I promise no more than that.

I didn't enter this race lightly. I considered it seriously waiting until the last minute before filing my nomination papers. If the voters in the township choose to elect me, I will do my best to be worthy of their support.

Sylvia Pfeifer

In response to the municipal election on October 24. 2022, I am submitting my name to the list of nomi-

I am fairly new to this community, but not new to

In the past I was road superintendent for several years, and farmed for 43 years in Perth County, before moving to Manitoulin.

Being that I am currently in the farming business, my interest lies with road maintenance and drainage. I believe in the stewardship of the land, where agriculture meets nature. We have a lot of tourism here on the Island, whether it is cottagers, or hunters or farmers. Roads and drainage is good for property values if well maintained.

So, if your views are the same, perhaps I could count on your support on October

Ed Wright

I was born and raised in the Township of Mills and have lived here my whole life. I farmed beef and dairy cattle and worked off farm at Manitoulin Transport, National Grocery and at Lafarge Meldrum Bay.

I spent two terms on council in the late 1990s and early 2000. While I served on council I served on the airport board, Provincial Offences Act board and roads board.

I have no personal agenda and decided to run because we in Mills have had no one on council in the last four years.

If elected I would work at keeping taxes in check, and as the only thing taxpayers see is how well the roads are kept. We are a small township and seem to have a lot of road equipment. I will be looking into why we needed a wheeled excava-

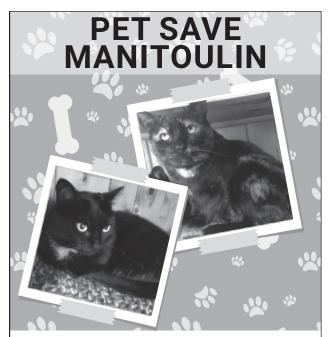
I would like to say thank you to the previous council for keeping things in good shape during challenging times in the world.

Mike Wright

My main concern is proper management of our township roads. upkeep on road repair/maintenance has been lacking in some areas over the past few years. We are a small township with a limited tax base therefore. we must be cognizant of our dollars and how they are spent.

I am looking forward to having a new voice on council to ensure the protocols of the 'New Municipal Act' are followed going forward.

Contact Editorial via email: editor @manitoulin.com



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 eve and t/d food. Both felines still dream of a forever home.

If you would like to adopt one of these cute felines, please contact Pet Save Manitoulin for an application. Please note that adoption fees apply.





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Municipal Elections - Public Notice October 24th is Election Day

Please be reminded that there are a number of ways to make your vote count.

1. Mail in your ballot

2. Drop your ballot off at the town office – 14 Water Street 3. Drop your ballot off in our drop box located on the side of our building 4. Bring your ballot to the appropriate voting site and vote in person Ward 2 - Recreation Centre

Ward 4 - Centennial Museum Voting locations will be open 10 am to 8 pm

Public Notice

The town has three residential lots for Sale by Tender 54 Water Street West 56 Water Street West 99 Meredith Street West

Please see our website for maps indicating the lots for sale and the tendering process. Closing date - October 20, 2022 | Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted

Fuel Tender

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is now accepting tenders for the supply of fuel for the period of January 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 Please see our website for full details

Tender closes October 27th

Propane Tender

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is now accepting tenders for the supply of propane for the period of January 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 Please see our website for full details Tender closes October 27th

Insurance Tender

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is now accepting tender submissions for INSURANCE COVERAGE

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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - IS ON THURSDAYS

Join in the fun, games, crafts with your friends. After school until 5 pm at the NEMI Rec Centre

COOKING CLASSES ARE BACK

Held in the NEMI Rec Centre Kitchen Oct 19th Cauliflower Alternatives @ 6:30 pm Oct 26th Tacos & Scone Dogs @ 6:30 pm

Cost is \$20 each

Preregistration is required for all workshops by email lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca

LEARN HOW TO CREATE AUTHENTIC MEXICAN FOOD

Andrea Miele is lots of fun and knows her Mexican food. There are 2 different classes to take. Part 1 Saturday, October 22nd, Part 2 Saturday, October 29th Cost is \$20 each

If you ask Andrea, she might show you some Salsa dance moves as well. Register by emailing Ihallaert@townofnemi.on.ca

Fall Happenings at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah

Weekly Art Drop-In

Thursdays from 11 am - 3 pm October 20th and 27th

Bring your supplies and come and create, learn and socialize with other artists and creative individuals. Everyone is welcome!

Scary Stories Short Story Contest

Submit your spooky tale for a chance to win a prize! Categories include: Children (11 years and under), Youth (12-17 years) and Adult (18+) Submit your short story of 2,000 words or less by October 20th at 4 pm to Heidi at hferguson@townofnemi.on.ca.

Haunted Museum

October 28th & 29th 6:30 - 9:00 pm nightly

Do you dare to be scared? If so, visit the Haunted Museum for some spooky fun! Cost \$5 per person. Looking to volunteer for this event? Contact Lisa at Ihallaert@townofnemi.on.ca.

The Museum is now closed to the public for the season.

We thank all of our visitors and patrons for a wonderful 2022 season. We look forward to welcoming you back in May 2023!

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Bring the goblins and ghouls to **Water St in Downtown Little Current** Saturday, October 29th 1 - 3 pm



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Notice of Meetings

Due to the ever-changing environment that we are all dealing with, Council meetings will be held every Tuesday Night at 7:00 pm via Zoom Video

Meeting # 489 313 1974 Or call

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Please be advised regular protocol will be in place and members of the public will not have the ability to make comment or ask questions during the meeting. For a full copy of the agenda, please visit our website at www.townofnemi.on.ca

Make sure to check the Calendar of Events on our website for upcoming workshops, activities and programs! Visit townofnemi.on.ca/p/upcoming-events

Perivale Gallery hosting pop-up show this Friday, Saturday

PERIVALE—Perivale Gallery, a well-known destination for art in Spring Bay, will be hosting its first Fall Pop-up event this Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22 from 10 am to 4

Winner of numerous Awards of Excellence, Hall of Fame designations and Tourism Innovator of the Year awards, Perivale Gallery is a must-see destination for any art lover and offers a feast for the senses. Representing and promoting a diverse group of exceptional contemporary

Canadian fine artists, sculptors and artisans for over 41 years, this eclectic exhibition of original work in a variety of media and styles, is ever-changing and evolving and worth several visits over the season.

Perivale Gallery routinely has a season that runs from the long May weekend to mid-September. This fall, owner Shannon McMullan and her staff are welcoming visitors to enjoy the beautiful fall colours along the way to the gallery, to experience the autumn beauty of the property itself in its

stunning park like setting, and to see its outstanding collection of paintings, jewellery, pottery, sculpture, stained glass, blown glass and woodwork.

"We just returned from a month-long visit to Europe: including Spain, France, Italy, Greece, Croatia, Mon-



the Perivale Gallery this budget and taste and weekend for a visit with curator gift ideas galore, espe-Shannon McMullan.

tenegro, Germany and the Netherlands," Ms. McMullan said in a press release. "Those places were very interesting to visit and have lots to offer, but it has been so wonderful to return home to the magnificent fall colours of Manitoulin Island! There is nowhere

more beautiful! We have emptied our storage areas and have put everything out on dis-

"What a beautiful time of year for a road trip to enjoy autumn on the Island," Ms. McMullan continued. 'Perivale Road is especially beautiful on the way to the gallery and the destination is definitely worth the drive. Something for every

cially before Christmas and year-end corporate art purchases.

For more information, check out Perivale Gallery's social media on Facebook and Instagram and the website:

www.perivalegallery.com or call Ms. McMullan at 705-210-0290. Come to embrace the unique!



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Embrace the unique!

...hydro outage October 23

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community members and businesses on Manitoulin Island and the surrounding area by changing out defective poles and making system upgrades," Hydro One announced.

The Howland Seniors Hall on the Townline Road in Sheguiandah is once again serving its famous Power Outage Breakfast. The meal will be served from 8 am to 1 pm and besides a meal, the hall is a place to come in and out of the cold and meet old and new friends. Cost for the hearty breakfast is \$15 per person.

Hydro One has provided some tips to help individuals and families during an outage. Make sure your appliances, such as the stove, are in the off position; make sure your cellphone and extended battery packs are fully charged; keep your refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible; use a cooler with ice for items you will need during the outage; If your water services will be affected, consider filling jugs of water to use for drinking and cooking; if you plan to use a generator, remember to use it in a dry area outdoors away from any open windows,

You can also visit the Electrical Safety Authority at esasafe.com for more tips. If your water services will be affected and you have a bathtub, consider filling it with water before the outage begins. You can use the water and a bucket to fill your toilet tank to be able to flush.

Dawn Orr for Ward 4 Councillor Town of **NEMI**

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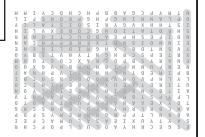
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...Sheguiandah quilter's work selected for international show

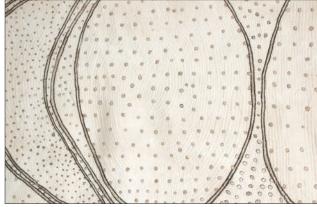
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"I called my newest work 'Under Drifting Stars,' which describes the feeling you get when you pull the blankets over you at night, you dream, and this quilt is to depict that, going into that space, privacy, feeling safe and dreaming," Ms. Martin explained.

A total of 80 quilts are chosen every year for Quilt National, with 647 entries, from 20 different countries, other than the United States, being submitted.

The Quilt National 23 is based in Athens, Ohio, in what is literally a renovated dairy barn. "The show opens in May 2023, running to early September, at the Dairy Barn in Athens, Ohio. After that, the show travels for two years," explained Ms. Martin.

"Usually, they divide the



Sheguiandah quilter Judy Martin has had her newest work, 'Under Drifting Stars' (shown in photo), juried into the international Quilt National 23. This is Ms. Martins' fourth Quilt National.

show into two or three different parts to be displayed in museums and galleries," said Ms. Martin who pointed out Quilt National is an exhibition that has been held since the 1970s and is held every second year.

"What makes this show different is that you have to submit a quilt that provides a medium which reflects contemporary life today in the form of a poet/artist," said Ms. Martin. "In this case, I sent a large drawing, painted on cloth with iron water (that has rust particles in it), and the cloth reacts and turns into



Judy Martin's 'Under Drifting Stars' has been juried into Quilt National 23

an ink black colour. I stitched over the dots with embroidery and you can see the thread on my quilt." The full drawing is of sky and water with a horizon

line dividing the two. The water section dots are embroidered and in the sky section, the dots are outlined. The quilt is 91 inches high and 86 inches wide.

"It is very difficult to get into Quilt National," said Ms. Martin. "It was always something I wanted to do, and I've been fortunate to have my work selected."

Ms. Martin was accepted in the Quilt National in 2017 for, 'Soft Summer Gone' and won two awards for surface design (using natural goldenrod dye). "This quilt was purchased by the International Quilt Museum in Nebraska. It is an honour to be in this museum. The

museum is creating a Quilt National collection of all the prize winners of previous Quilt Nationals. I know how much care they take with these quilts. It is a very beautiful museum." She pointed out the top three prize winners in 2023 will be displayed in this museum and will receive a cash prize.

Ms. Martin also has another piece showing in England. "In the Fine Art Textile Award Short list (14 pieces) my quilt, 'Underfoot the Earth Divine.' was singled out as 'highly commended.'



A musical donation

Every Friday night throughout the summer a group of musicians led by George Williamson would gather and play and sing to entertain at Soldier Park across from the Anchor Inn, on Little Current's waterfront. This summer, thanks to visitors and local community members of Little Current donations of \$2,416.85 was presented to Manitoulin Resources . Food Bank. In photo, George Williamson presents a cheque to Nicky Thompson of the Manitoulin Food Bank. Ms. Thompson noted that approximately 450 individuals have been accessing the Food Bank to carry them through difficult times. Mr. Williamson thanked Cole Hughson, Tom Beamish, Moe Dakin, Maurice Labelle and other musicians, all volunteering their time for this worthy cause.





Eagle staffs from across Turtle Island gather in Sheguiandah

by Michael Erskine SHEGUIANDAH—As the procession of community eagle staffs made their way across the Sheguiandah First Nation powwow grounds to the Sheguiandah Round House a pair of eagles could be seen soaring high overhead. Among those bearing the staffs were elders, veterans and community and regional leaders. They were joined by numerous water carriers, Anishinaabe-kwe bearing the copper kettles and cups of their calling. Many



Eagle staffs from communities across Anishinaabe territories gathered in Sheguiandah for teachings and cultural exchange.

that community. At its base, an eagle staff is constructed out of wood from a tree that has been struck by lightning—touched by the Thunderbird—and usually is adorned by at least one eagle feather. As a unique emblem of a community an eagle staff bears symbols

photo by Raymond Jackson that have come to the creator of the staff through vision and connection to the land and the teachings behind each staff are

shared during an eagle staff gathering. Eagle staffs far predate the flags that were brought to Turtle Island by the incoming settlers.

If there is an overarching theme to eagle staff gatherings it is unity, bringing Anishinaabe communities together. It was a theme touched upon by each of the speakers who addressed the gathering following the grand entry.

There were 70 eagle staffs registered for the gathering, each representing a community or organization and bearing symbols evoking sacred truths about their communities.

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Ontario regional chief Glen Hare speaks of the importance of the eagle staffs to communities, the culture and traditions of the Anishinaabe people.



There were over 70 eagle staffs registered for the gathering in Sheguiandah First Nation at the community round house.

photos by Michael Erskine

had travelled great distances to celebrate the Sheguiandah First Nation Gathering of the Eagle Staffs.

The eagle staff is the emblem of a community encompassing the honour

and memory of a community's veterans and are usually carried by a veteran or important figure in a community. The eagle staff embodies the culture and traditions of a community and is unique to

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.

If you could trust me with your health, you can trust me as your Mayor!

On October 24, vote Mo for Mayor

CULTURAL DAY EVENT

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Bringing Back the Understanding of the Good Life with the Teachings of our Elders



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... Manitoulin First Nations leaders prominent in Great Lakes protection project

...continued from page 1 from Wiikwemkoong, held a water ceremony, accompanied by her grandson, Oha Cada. Wiikwemkoong's Donna Debassige and Garden River's Barbara Nolan also assisted with the water ceremony.

The Anishinaabew-mowin translation of Biinaagami is clean, pure water. "Water is important to life," Mr. Madahbee told The Expositor. "If we don't protect this absolutely precious resource it's at our own peril."

"It all starts from water," said Ontario Regional Chief Hare. "We're at the table with them (Biinaagami). All these projects, they're awesome but we've got a long way to go. We can't fix it overnight but we're part of it."

The partners began working on the concept of

Biinaagami because of the regional and global significance of the Great Lakes watershed, said Meredith Brown, director of special projects with Royal Canadian Geographical Society. "We felt with the 50th anniversary coming up (of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement), there just wasn't enough attention being paid to the Great Lakes."

They wanted the project to be Indigenous guided and brought on Mr. Madahbee as well as Charlene Bearhead, who works for Canadian Geographic. Mr. Madahbee is a "good friend" of Swim Drink Fish, having worked with its president, Mark Mattson, over the years with Lake Ontario Waterkeepers and on the Great Lakes Guardian's Council.

"Essentially, we really

want to shine the spotlight on the Great Lakes watershed and talk about how incredible they are and how globally significant they are and mostly, we have so much to learn from the ecosystem," Ms. Brown said. "We have a great deal to lose if we don't acknowledge that we have a shared responsibility and that we need to take action to protect and restore the Great Lakes."

One way they've begun to 'shine the light' is through the release of a three-part documentary series on the Great Lakes called Great Lakes Untamed. The series was launched in Canada through TVO and in the United States through Smithsonian.

The second piece of the project is about creating a network of the nations that are in the watershed that have been historically excluded from the governance and decision-making, Ms. Brown said. "We want people to understand there's incredible Indigenous knowledge and expertise and perspectives and we've been ignoring them for far too long. There's always talk about two nations that govern the Great Lakes: Canada and the US. We're calling that out. We're saying you need to recognize there's multiple Indigenous nations in the Great Lakes watershed and we need to honour the sovereignty of those nations. We need to honour their ceremony, their practices and their protocols and most importantly, we need to pull chairs up to those decision-making tables and invite them in."

Canadian Geographic is really known for its cartography and mapping and has used that expertise to create a giant floor map of the Great Lakes watershed. "It's quite spectacular," said Ms. Brown. The map shows all the Indigenous languages and territories in the different regions of the watershed in the Indigenous languages only. It uses augmented reality to share three-dimensional stories.

"So far, we have the story of the water walkers told through Indigenous voices," she said. Ultimately, there will be 10 to 14 stories, told from the Indigenous nations in the watershed. It's an opportunity to amplify those stories as the maps will be shared with school groups across the water-

shed and even across the country. Canadian Geographic has a network of over 30,000 teachers and will provide this as a free resource to people. They are developing curriculumbased lesson plans to go along with each of the stories.

Swim Drink Fish similarly brings their experience to the table. They've been creating community-based water monitoring hubs with the goal of increasing the number of these community-based monitoring hubs in the Great Lakes watershed.

Swim Drink Fish is inspired by the leadership of people like Mr. Madah-

bee and Ontario Regional Chief Hare, said Mr. Mattson. He wants to see Indigenous nations included at the table for all of the Great Lakes agreements moving forward. "We also think there needs to be a coming together where everyone can work together on the Great Lakes and it's not seen as a rust belt or a second class water body," he said. "It's one of the most important freshwater ecosystems in the world and we'd like to see it treated as such.'

This is the first big collaboration between Canadian Geographic and Swim

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From left to right, Charlotte Commanda, Chiefs of Ontario chief of staff; Elder Linda Manitowabi, water keeper; Oha Cada, helper to water keeper; Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige, M'Chigeeng First Nation; Patrick Madahbee, Biinaagami advisor; Elder and Anishinabek Language Commissioner Barb Nolan; Brian Charles, wampum belt historian; Elder Donna Debassige and Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare pose with a birchbark canoe built by Chuck Commanda and students at Mohawk College.

Happy Birthday to you, Rick!

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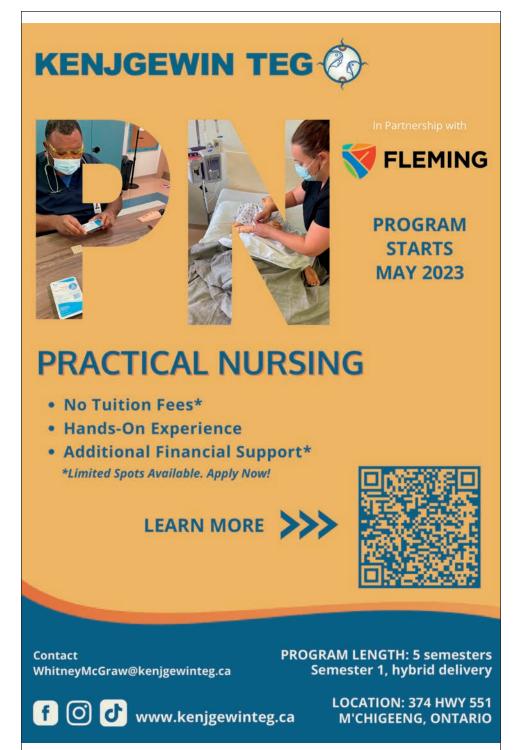
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Wikwemikong Tourism teams up with Manitoulin Streams, provides unique educational experience for students

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

KAGAWONG—Last week was a busy one for Manitoulin Streams' Liam Campbell, as he led numerous school groups on educational tours along the Kagawong River. Most Island schools have participated, as well as students from École Secondaire Catholique Franco-Ouest from Espanola. On Friday, he led students from a Toronto high school.

The tour begins at the mouth of the river, where Mr. Campbell talks about the shoreline and river habitat as well as the life cycle of salmon. The water level is low this year and there aren't any spawning salmon swimming up the river.

Mr. Campbell stops at a bend in the river, about halfway between the small craft harbour and the hydro generating station and tells the group to look down. Manitoulin was once covered by a shallow tropical sea and is rich in fossils; in this area is mostly found fossilized coral. Cedar trees line the bank here, and healthy patches of wild mint. Some students are gathering sprigs of mint to take back with them.

The group is from Monsignor Percy Johnson Catholic



Students learn the difference between a balsam fir and a white spruce.

Secondary School in north Toronto. The Manitoulin Streams field trip is actually part of a bigger experience for the group.

"We've been doing this for about five years," said Sal, a teacher with the group. The trip is part of the school's Grade 11 English curriculum called, 'Understanding First Nations, Métis and Inuit voices through literature.' "As part of the program, we bring them the hands-on, experiential learning outside of the classroom for three to four days."

A little further on, Mr. Campbell stops at two evergreen trees. He has the students use sight, touch and smell to learn the difference between balsam fir and white spruce. He points out the invasive plant, goutweed, on the far side of the trail.

He stops again at three bronze deer sculptures. The artist who created them noticed there was a lot of deer on the Island, but also a lot of roadkill. "That's why this doe deer has a Ford F150 grille built into it," he explained. The buck has propane tanks built into it and the fawn has an invasive emerald ash borer carved into it.

The students are gathered around, examining the sculptures, touching them. The art is "representative of the interconnectedness between man and nature, and the man-made world and the natural world," explained Mr. Campbell.

The purpose of the trip is to help the students connect with the culture of the Anishinabek people of Manitoulin Island and look at how they become that change within the truth and reconciliation framework, explained Jake Rivers, lead cultural guide with Wikwemikong Tourism.

On their first night, an elder and residential school survivor shared her story. "The history books only show so much," Mr. Rivers said. "They're getting to hear the stories from our firsthand experience."

They also heard about the Sixties Scoop and Mr. Rivers shared his own story of intergenerational trauma. "I'm under the age of 40 so it's not that far back. It still affects even me," he said. A facilitator at Osawamick G'Tigaaning, the recently opened Anishnaabemowin language learning house in Wiikwemkoong, led students through some exercises to "show them a different way, to show these students how to understand what happened to these families," said Mr. Rivers. The activity drove that message home that through various acts of the government, this forcible removal had a hand in taking away their identity, he said.

"But what is truth and reconciliation?" he asked. There's more to it than residential schools. The tourism experiences help to break down stereotypes and educate people so they understand the history and the culture and can then ask the hard questions that lead to truth and reconciliation. Reconciliation is not just for Indigenous people. "We try to give them the tools and put them in the mindset of how, and what is the next step they're going to take"

The school groups, cruise ships, motor coaches and others that come up from southern Ontario for tours have provided Wikwemikong Tourism the avenue to tell their story. "We tell most of our stories through our lens, specifically the Anishinabek of Manitoulin and the Great Lakes area because we can't speak for other tribes."

Wikwemikong Tourism has hosted a number of school groups and is seeing more inquiries from schools in southern Ontario, Mr. Rivers said. Programs are developed specifically for each group.

For Monsignor Percy Johnson teacher Michelle on her first visit to Manitoulin, the whole experience has been "amazing. It's one thing to read about things in books and watch videos. It's a whole other thing to be immersed in culture, to hear other perspectives like the people in the Wiikwemkoong community, to hear history from their perspective as well and also just to see the land, how beautiful it is up here, and all the wonderful views."

On Thursday, students had some land-based learning



Bridal Veil Falls was a highlight and the end of the river field trip for Monsignor Percy Johnson students.

activities, she said. "They got to fish. They learned about skinning animals and they loved it. We thought they might be a little squeamish but there was nothing."

She pointed out that in north Toronto, the students don't get to do these kinds of things very often and she has enjoyed seeing their learning come to life and how happy they are just to be out in nature.

Listening to the elder's story on their first evening in Wiikwemkoong was very impactful, Michelle said. "We've been privileged to hear some other stories from some of our guides as well and that's been very powerful to hear and to feel how these experiences have shaped them and what has helped them come back to themselves, to really be within their culture, within their family, that's been really powerful. And just to be able to put yourself in their shoes a little bit, I have two daughters so whenever I hear those stories it hits home, the thought of having to go through that is heart wrenching. So that's just been very powerful and very much of an awakening."

She hopes to take those lessons learned back to her classroom. "I'm always thinking about how I can bring something new into my classroom, new perspectives, new experiences, so just seeing how our students have reacted to being out here and learning that way, I can take that back, to be more engaging and to give them a fuller experience in the classroom."



...Banners honouring veterans adorn downtown Little Current

...continued from page 1 contacted me and said they would be willing to sit on a committee."

"It had only been a little over a year since my husband had passed and he had been my biggest supporter on all the many fundraising projects that I had been involved with so I was not sure if I wanted to do this, but after a lot of thought a vision took place," said Ms. Bower-man. "This vision was to see these banners hanging in all of the communities and First Nations that encompass the area that Branch 177 covers. In other words, the east end of the Island.'

Ms. Bowerman first contacted Branch 39 President Gary McPherson who provided information on how they acquired their banners. She then went about getting permission from the municipalities and First Nations by writing letters.

Then COVID-19 came and the project had to be put on hold, said Ms. Bowerman.

She recently happened upon her banner file. "I wondered if I could start this project again but on a smaller scale."

"One day in early May on my walk to get my mail I met Reid Taylor who works for NEMI and his crew putting up new banners on the main street," said Ms. Bowerman. She inquired as to the size of the banners and where the town had purchased them. She then emailed three different

down flow, horizontal right, or horizontal left



Linda Bowerman displays one of the 32 military banners that recognize local military veterans which will be displayed on light standards and in local business windows in the downtown area of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands. Ms. Bowerman's flag is remembering her uncle Norman Lockeyer, killed in action

companies requesting a quote on the banners.

"In the meantime I had written a letter to NEMI requesting a donation from the wind mill (McLean's Mountain Wind Farm) money. I also made a presentation at the general meeting of the Legion Branch in June and requested that some of the monies they receive from the Catch the Ace draw be provided toward the banners. A motion was put on the floor and received approval and I was wished all the best with this endeavour." Then she received word that \$500

was being provided by

"In compiling my list which started with my own three uncles, I was adding names of those who I knew and who had family that I could contact on a personal level," said Ms. Bowerman. "I also wanted some recognition of veteran's that had served and were retired, so they would know that we appreciate them and the role they played." In July she received a quote from O.J. Graphix, who made the banners.

"With the list I made I started contacting families, giving them a letter with information and a form to fill in and a time frame of when I wanted it returned with their money if they were interested," explained Ms. Bowerman.

"First and foremost, I want people to know that this is not a money maker for Legion Branch 177. It is another way of Branch 177 giving back to the community with my assistance," said Ms. Bowerman. "With the monies I received I was able to lower the cost for families that purchased them."

"As for my vision, I still have it, but feel in order for it to be completed it would require someone or some group in each community to take the lead role," continued Ms. Bowerman. "I would be more than willing to assist in providing any information I can but for me to go and try and compile the information, no, as I feel I still have work to do here

in the Little Current area; these 32 banners don't even begin to recognize all of our veterans."

Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin said, "Linda should be congratulated for everything she has done on this project to recognize military veterans for their service. It's nice to have these 32 banners flying here, to support those in the military who served in different wars." He noted the town donation had come from an agreement the town has with McLean's Mountain Wind Farm. They made a commitment to support different worthy community

events every year."

"I am happy that I have accomplished this project and feel I couldn't have given myself a better birthday gift as I will soon turn 79," said Ms. Bowerman.

The banners will be displayed until November 15.

...Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport upgrades

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enhanced security and wildlife fencing.

The amendment to the agreement is for the secondary runway being dropped from the original proposal for the renovation project.

"We now have an agreement signed by the government," said Mayor Osborne after council gave its approval. "It is our intention to get started on construction in the spring. Tonight the airport partners will proceed in looking at how we are going to go to tender on the project."

Mayor Osborne had outlined recently, "what we are doing, in order to change the scope of the work being planned but not the funding that has already been provid-

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...Chi-Cheemaun posts increases in vehicles, passenger traffic in '22

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In 2020, the service usage figures were just over half of the previous year, despite operating for 31 fewer days and only running trips at half capacity. With Transport Canada

regulations in place, ferry operators could carry no more than 50 percent of their certified passenger capacity. That half-full number for the Chi-Cheemaun is about 300 passengers. Food and beverage service had to be completely shut down for the season and the ferry did not run at all in May that year.

Vehicle counts for 2020 were down 43.03 percent from 2019 levels but were only down 3,144 in September and October combined, or 17 percent compared to the previous year. The ship ran 714 sailings, compared

to 1,036 in 2019.

Passenger counts were down slightly in 2020 compared to vehicle numbers. Some 103,698 people took the ferry as opposed to 202,020 in 2019, a 48.67 percent drop from the previous year.

In 2019, the Chi-Cheemaun had a vehicle count of 80,874, up 2.19 percent from the 2018 total of 79,144. This recovered to the levels experienced in 2017 of 206,718. Passengers increased by 1.06 percent in 2019, from 2018, for a total of 202,020 over 199,896 in 2019. However, this figure did not reach the 2017 level of 206,718.

"With an optimistic outlook for the 2023 sailing season, OSTC plans to strengthen its community stakeholder engagement and reinstate our noteworthy onboard experiences

such as spring and fall repositioning cruises, the concert cruise series and interpretative presentations," said Ms. Sanford.

The Chi-Cheemaun's final scheduled run of the season took place last Sun-

day, October 16, departing South Baymouth at 3:50 pm. On Monday, the ship departed Tobermory for her wintering berth, arriving in Owen Sound Harbour at approximately 12

...Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport upgrades

...continued from page 17 ed, is put out an application to the project funders with our proposed changes." He is a member of the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport partner municipalities (which incudes Gore Bay, Gordon/Barrie Island and Burpee and Mills).

Osborne Mayor explained, "under the original project plan the secondary runway was a want, not a need. The main focus of the project was the new terminal building itself, the helipad and the generator infrastructure. The helipad will be used to provide services in emergency situations. What we are doing is eliminating the secondary runway work and proceeding with the other parts of the proposed project."

This comes after the airport partners received the construction tenders for the work (earlier this summer) that came in substan-

tially higher than had been anticipated.

The tenders came in two times more than we had anticipated, at \$8.2 million for the construction costs, Mayor Osborne explained previously.

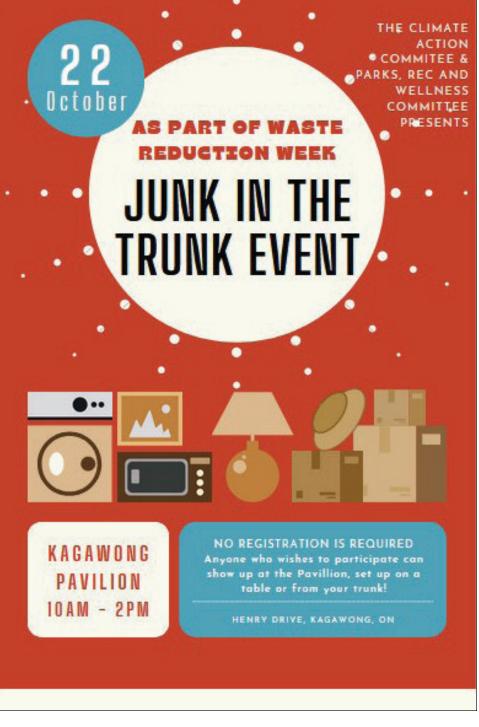
As previously reported, with increases in construction cost and materials over the past couple of years, the airport partners scaled back the project already. With the \$4.2 million project, the federal and provincial governments provided \$3,966,497 for the project while the Western Manitoulin municipalities of Gore Bay, Gordon/Barrie Island and Burpee and Mills contributed \$282,473.

Mayor Osborne told The Expositor after an airport partner meeting last week, "we will be getting the tenders out for construction in January for companies to bid on and obviously construction won't be able to take place until the spring,

as weather allows us. We have also tasked our engineering team to look at possible cost savings. I'm sure we can get this shaved down to where it comes within budget."

"We told Chris Perry (engineer) the bids had come in at \$1,000 square foot, and he said he never saw those costs that high before," said Mayor Osborne. "Originally, we had planned for \$450 per square foot on the building. Then COVID hit and in discussions and planning on construction we thought this might increase to \$650, and then the tenders came in at \$1,000 per square foot."

"We are looking to save taxpayers money, but yes, it will definitely be a very nice airport terminal building. Will it be the showpiece that had originally been envisioned? Probably not quite. But it boils down to what we need and want, and what we can afford. The terminal and other work will definitely be a step up, and make the airport an even more popular place to come to. We are moving forward.'



...Great Lakes protection project

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Drink Fish and they're quite excited about it. "We have such trust in each other," said Mr. Mattson. "A lot of that comes from the leadership of people like Patrick and others who really believe there needs to be more collaboration on the Great Lakes in order to address some of the serious problems, whether it be climate change or plastics or untreated sewage. The Great Lakes don't recognize political boundaries and they need cooperation and collaboration. We need to listen and work together and that's what Biinaagami is about. It's about shared responsibility. To share responsibility it also means that some entities need to give up a little bit of power."

Community science is so important, added Mr. Mattson, pointing to a need to obtain baseline data for fisheries, water quality and wildlife. "The government doesn't have enough resources but you don't need a Ph.D. to collect water samples."

He's hopeful Biinaagami will ultimately help us see problems in the watershed quicker and address them faster.

Water connects us all deeply, he said, and Biinaagami provides an opportunity to find other stories of those who share the same deep connections to their watersheds, and to help provide the tools needed to protect and restore the Great Lakes.

"We need more people to volunteer to protect the Great Lakes right across the board," he said. He urges people to go to the website (biinaagami.org) and find ways to get involved in their own communities. "That's where change happens, whether it's with five people or 500 people."



A water ceremony is performed by Linda Manitowabi who is joined by Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige and Charlene Bearhead of Canadian Geographic.



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EDITOR'S NOTE: Manitoulin is being transformed with the influx of new residents and business owners who bring with them fresh ideas, experiences and perspectives that are enriching the area. Some individuals and families are still unpacking boxes, having only moved in the past month or two, while others made the move over the last few years and are now comfortably established in their new communities. Here are some of their stories.

by Heather Marshall **66** I always wanted to live

on Manitoulin, ever since I was a little kid," explains Pat Giles enthusiastically. It would be quite a while, as there would be numerous detours along life's path before he was able to achieve that dream, but his childhood wish finally came true in the winter of 2021.

Pat was born and raised in Windsor and had grandparents-Edith and Rollie Trepannier-living in Mindemoya. Some of his earliest and fondest memories are spending time on the Island with his grandparents where his family vacationed every summer. The annual trips were an opportunity to visit with other local family members, including an uncle in Little Current and an aunt and cousins in Spring Bay. When he was a little older. he spent several months living with and helping his grandparents, strengthening his bond with them and cementing his determination to eventually make Manitoulin home.

Those ambitions were interrupted when, at 21, he then 17-year-old Meghan at a mutual friend's house in Windsor hanging out around the backyard pool. "It wasn't love at first sight," laughs Meghan, "At first, we both thought the other was a little awkward but that changed quite quickly.

We've been together ever since!"

Meghan was raised in nearby Tilbury, but her family moved to Windsor as she was nearing the end of high school.

She was still in school when she and Pat met. Once she completed her studies she moved into a variety of retail jobs, mirroring Pat's employment history in retail sales and manufacturing

positions. The young couple began raising a family soon after, with three daughters born in quick succession. They didn't get around to marrying until 2011, complete with a built-in family bridal party, Meghan when adopted Pat's surname. Both parents worked full time and Meghan volunteer did work at a cancer clinic. It was during his hectic period that the

busy mom decid-

ed to pursue a career in the health field as a medical clerk.

We had our three beautiful girls and wanted a stable family income with benefits, as neither of our jobs offered those perks," says Pat. "And I was keen to try my hand at health care and decided to take the plunge," adds Meghan. "We did the math and to put three kids in daycare didn't make sense financially. Since Pat was the better cook and great at helping the kids with homework it was a natural for him to become a stay-at-home dad, which he did for many years."

Meghan worked on sev-



NEW-ish to Manitoulin

Welcome to Manitoulin, Pat and Meghan!

eral campuses of the Windsor Regional Hospital over the next 15 years, beginning as a unit clerk in an oncology ward and eventually moving through a variety of medical specialty



Meghan and Pat Giles

With the girls growing up, Pat wanted to return to the workforce and start his own business. launched a tattoo shop in Windsor in 2017 to capitalize on a hobby he had pursued during the years he stayed at home. Artwork came easily to Pat, having learned to sketch from watching his father who was very artistic.

Those skills were put to the test as he began his business during a serious downturn in the local economy, driven by the auto industry which is notorious for its up and down cycles. Those challenges were compounded when the pandemic struck, which forced Pat to close his shop on three occasions

acquired valuable knowledge while honing his tattooing

skills.

The silver lining of the pandemic was the unprecedented rise in housing prices that swept the province, including Windsor, which was by then going through another boom cycle.

"It was a perfect time to sell our house. Meghan was tiring of work in the hospital during COVID, which

was gruelling. Our girls had moved out on their own. We had an empty nest, and it was a sellers' market, so it was time to fulfill our dream of moving to Manitoulin," says Pat.

Because of the pandemic, they were limited to virtual house hunting, although they asked Island relatives to do on-site visits of the properties that interested them. In the end, they chose the former home of Keith and Kathy Size in Sandfield, a "cute little house we had passed by often over the years, taking our girls to fish on the government dock."

The couple moved permanently to Manitoulin in February 2021, just days ...continued on page 28



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Debajehmujig's 6 Foot Festival evokes thoughts on community

by Michael ErskineMANITOWANING—Any-

one who has sent a child off to college (or picked them up after the school year is done) knows you can really pack a lot into a six-foot cube—but when it comes to creating art within the constraining walls of a 6'x6'x6' cube, well, creativity knows no bounds.

This year's Debajehmujig 13th Annual 6 Foot Festival showcased that creativity with a number of installations designed to inform and engage conversation on the theme "Community Connections."

Debaj general manager Linda Trudeau delivered welcoming remarks before introducing board president Marjorie Trudeau who opened the event with her "universal" opening prayer the 'Our Father.' Ms. Trudeau was followed by a drum song from Jesse Kaboni.

"Our 6 Foot Festival was themed with community connections," said Ms. Trudeau. "One of the opportunities offered was the collection of art that Wiikwemkoong has maintained over the years of artists from the community."

The result was an exhibit that coincided very well with the theme of the 6-Foot Festival, she noted. "This collection is very special, as it is coming to us as a voice from the past," said Ms. Trudeau. "We are really excited to be entrusted with this opportunity."

In addition to the artwork from Wiikwemkoong, the family of Francis Kagige supplied works from their private collections.

Ms. Trudeau then opened the reception to comments from the audience and noted that there will be opportunities throughout the exhibit to offer thoughts. Artists in the 'Ezhi-Nawendying' exhibit who have begun their spirit journey included Francis Kagige ba, Randy Trudeau Shkaabewi ba, Daphne Odjig ba and Adrian Trudeau ba, as well as living legends Leland Bell and James Mishibinijima.

As part of the reception, a café was opened at the Creation Centre as well. "People are asking me if we are going to have the café open all the time," said festival organizer Ashley Manitowabi.

Accompanying the art-

work on display are letters from the artists' families and a number of family members arrived for the opening.



Festival organizer Ashley Manitowabi sits in front of the control console as maestro.



Enigmatic art installations in 6X6X6 foot configurations invoked curiosity among the viewers.

photos by Michael Erskine



A mother and baby are usually included in this particular art piece adding yet another dimension to the emotions and engagement of

"I just want to say I am impressed," said Debaj elder Jeanette Corbiere-Lavell. "It's a good cross section of Francis Kagige's work. It makes you want to see it out more."

The opening reception of

the 6 Foot Festival and the Ezhi-Nawendying exhibit can be viewed online at the Debajehmujig Storytellers YouTube channel.

Workshops and presentations were held throughout the 6 Foot Festival expandng on the theme.

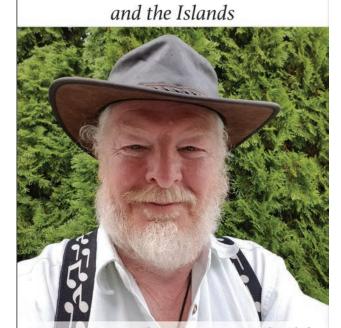
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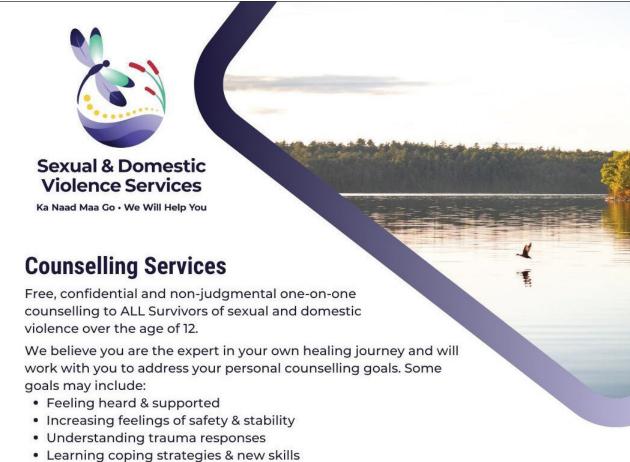


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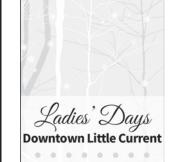
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MSS theatre students visit Stratford Festival

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—Thirty Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) students and chaperones travelled to the Stratford Festival this past weekend!

MSS teacher Yana Bauer told The Expositor, "On October 12, actor Bola Aiveola-Owens did a virtual prologue workshop with MSS students to prepare us for the show Death and The King's Horseman.'

"We also have a visiting artist from the festival coming to MSS to work with our students in November," said Ms. Bauer.

Students left MSS on Friday morning, checking in at The Festival Inn hotel in Stratford, before taking in the production 'Death and the King's Horseman' at the new Tom Patterson Theatre.

Death and the King's Horseman, by Wole Soyinka, tells the story in British-occupied Nigeria, a Yoruba king, the Alafin, has died, and it is the duty of his horseman, Elesin, to accompany him into the While lustily afterlife.



A total of 30 Manitoulin Secondary School students and chaperones travelled to the Stratford Festival this past weekend taking in several theatre productions as part of their visit.

enjoying the pleasure of this world, Elesin proudly anticipates his transition to the next but the sacred ritual is interrupted, resulting in unforeseen tragedy. The play is inspired by a reallife incident. This masterpiece from Nobel Prize winner Soyinka celebrates a community striving to uphold its culture in the face of colonial power.

On Saturday, the MSS students took part in a preshow workshop at the Tom Patterson Theatre and assembled for the produc-

tion of 1939 at the Studio Theatre. After dinner, the students took in the evening performance of Hamlet at the Festival The-

On Sunday morning the MSS group took part in a festival workshop at the old Stratford Normal School which is on the Festival Theatre grounds, and had a tour of the Stratford Galleries and enjoyed lunch. They assembled for Chicago at the Festival Theatre, and then returned to the Island.



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Finance Supervisor: Open until Filled

Located on Manitoulin:

(3) Case Aides: Closes October 31, 2022 Team Assistant: Closes October 31, 2022

CONTRACT POSITIONS Located in Sudbury:

Service Supervisor: Open until Filled

Apply to: Human Resources at hr@kgcfs.org and quote the position title in the subject line. To view the postings and detailed job descriptions, visit our website at: https://www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities

At KGCFS we are committed to providing a barrier-free work environment following the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Accommodations are available upon request for candidates taking part in the recruitment process.

KGCSF services are based on a highly specialized approach to the delivery of child welfare in our area. Preference will be given to Anishinaabe Candidates (please self-identify).



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;
- 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:
- Escalate any custodial, maintenance and/or safety issues to the Public Works Manager for
- 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.

- 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

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CASUAL/ON-CALL CUSTODIAN

Salary: \$20.00 an hour

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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;
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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@assiginack.ca or Box 238, Manitowaning, ON POP 1NO.

Deadline is October 28, 2022.

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

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

Deadline for text ads, like this, as well as boxed ads is Friday at 4 pm.

The Expositor Office can meet your various printing needs: wedding invitations, invoices. letterhead. business cards, rubber stamps, envelopes. Call 705-368-2744, ask for Dave.



NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Prevention Coordinator - 2nd Posting

Department: Mental Health and Addictions Ka Naadimaadimi Wii Minamaadiziiving **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
- Maintain a wholistic 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

- Must have a contemporary knowledge of current key issues in First Nations Mental Health and
- Must have a strong understanding of ongoing colonialism and its continued impacts on Anishinabek
- 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 1GO Fax 705-377-4980 or employment@mchigeeng.ca

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Health Centre

A place of healing

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.

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 1KO Ph.: 705-368-0083 ext. 204

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Otaneienlæilwilson@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

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

Election Compliance Audit Committee



Under Section 88.37(1) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (the "MEA") Municipalities are required to establish an Election Compliance Audit Committee (the "Committee") for the 2022 to 2026 Council Term.

The Township of Billings, the Corporation of the Town of Gore Bay and the Township of Burpee and Mills invite citizens to apply to the Election Compliance Audit Committee. Applicants must have a thorough understanding of the campaign finance rules and be at least 18 years old. The Committee will contain three members, one from each municipality listed above.

The Committee is responsible for reviewing and making decisions on Applications for municipal election campaign finance compliance audits by electors and on reports from the Clerk respecting apparent contraventions of contribution limits.

Members of the Committee shall serve the same term of office as the Council that takes office following a regular municipal election (2022-2026).

Committee Members will be compensated for attending Committee Meetings

The Township of Billings applications should be sent to Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk, by email at tmills@billingstwp.ca.

The Corporation of the Town of Gore Bay applications should be sent to Stasia Carr, CAO/Clerk, by email at scarr@gorebay.ca

The Township of Burpee and Mills applications should be sent to Lynn Jackes, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, by email at burpeemills@vianet.ca.

For your Township specific application form please reference your Municipality's Website, Facebook Page or contact listed above.



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 Minamaadiziiying 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 Minamaadziiying 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 Minamadiziiying Mental Health program and
- 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 Minamadiziiying 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
- Minamadiziiying Department Manager
- Facilitate and lead regular client intake meetings

Supervision & Administration

- Develop and implement annual workplans including required training & professional development
- Manage and supervise all staff of the Ka Naadmadini Wii Minamadiziiying Mental Health Program Reports & Budgets
- Manage and monitor annual program budgets, in consultation with the Ka Naadmadini Wii
- Minamadiziiying 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 Minamadiziiying Mental Health Services

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
- 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
- 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.

Interested applicants can submit a cover letter, resume, three (3) current references (two work-related and one character reference) and education certifications addressed to: Confidential - Human Resources

MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC MANAGER M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333 M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1GO 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.

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 P0P 1K0 Fax: 705-368-1259 OR Email: jmiller@nemfht.ca



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.

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 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 1GO Fax 705-377-4980 or email to: 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.

Three candidates for office in unorganized townships acclaimed

by Michael Erskine

ESPANOLA—The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) has announced the acclamation of certified candidates to represent territories without municipal organization (TWMO).

The three acclaimed TWMO candidates for Area No. 7 are Bruce Killah (current chair of the DSB board), David Santi and Denise Portelance-Godin.

The declaration was made by DSB CAO

Donna Stewart during the September 21 DSB meeting, but the candidates were officially certified and acclaimed in a document dated August 19, 2022, the day nominations for the offices closed.

DSB oversees the elections of unorganized townships on behalf of the Province of Ontario as those areas do not have town clerks or offices associated with organized municipalities. On Manitoulin, the areas of Dawson and Robinson are TWMO

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ahead of a massive snowstorm. They lived in their trailer for the first few weeks until their house was ready for them to move in. By summer, they were settled and ready to launch a new tattoo business—Pattoo's ink —in Mindemoya, which has enjoyed early

Life is unfolding exactly as they imagined, and the duo couldn't be happier. "I once asked a cousin if doctors give people happy pills because everyone is so friendly and cheerful," jokes Pat. "And now I am one of them. The only thing missing in our lives is grandkids eventually but, for now, we have two grand-dogs we take care of so life is just about perfect."

"It's amazing, wonderful!" gushes Meghan. "We love going back south to see our daughters but no longer enjoy spending time in the city. After a few days, we cannot wait to get back home to the beauty, peace and quiet here."

Heather Marshall and her husband worked as journalists and consultants in the National Capital Region for more decades than they care to admit before making their Sandfield cottage their permanent home. A lifelong learner, Heather loves discovering new things and people and relishes the opportunity to write about newcomers to the Manitoulin. If you would like to share your story or know of recent arrivals we should meet, send a message to HAMarshall@proton.me

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

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

RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

- 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 POP1AO Email: 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.

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- be proficient in the Adobe Suite of products, especially InDesign
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- be familiar with Apple operating systems

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- can operate quickly and efficiently under deadlines
- can multi-task
- can manage a large workflow
- works well in a team environment
- can help manage Manitoulin's busiest website and accompanying social media
- has good command of the English language (grammar, spelling, punctuation)
- is creative!

If you meet theses qualifications and want to join our award-winning team, please send resumes and references to: David Patterson, Production Manager expositor@manitoulin.com

> We thank all applicants, however, only those considered for this position 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 appropri-
- 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 appropri-
- 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.
- Provide opportunities for both virtual and in person services.

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, POP 1S0 Attn: Lori Oswald

Fax: 1-855-908-2517

Email: manitoulincentralfht@mcfht.ca Please reply in writing no later than 4:00pm, Oct. 21, 2022. *Only those selected for an interview will be contacted*



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

TRANSFER STATION/ MAINTENANCE OPERATOR

Salary: Based on the WRFN Salary Grid depending on experience

What we offer: Pension matching up to 8%, Benefits including dental, vision and extended health care, Flexible work schedules, Training opportunities

The Transfer Station/Maintenance Operator will help with day-to-day operations of the Whitefish River First Nations land transfer station facilities and assist the Maintenance Department.

DUTIES:

- Oversee transfer station site.
- Ensure proper separation and diversion of recyclables and hazardous materials.
- Operate track loader and empty drop-off bunkers as needed.
- Provide direction to staff and the public regarding proper separation and disposal of materials.
- Ensure the equipment needed for the collection and storage of materials are available.
- Monitor equipment use and safety; Keep daily-weekly logs.
- Supervise workers and contractors entering the site.
- Maintain overall site cleanliness and litter control.
- Monitor procedures for the safe operation and maintenance system of all First Nation public buildings.
- Perform regular maintenance items required by operation & maintenance manuals/guidelines.
- Operate heavy equipment as required including snowplowing equipment backhoe, track loader.
- Provide maintenance on public works services as assigned.
- Monitor fleet usage, schedule for repairs & maintenance.
- All other related duties as may be directed by the Public Works Manager.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1. Must have a valid class "G" Driver's Licence.
- 2. Heavy equipment operator certificates an asset.
- 3. Minimum Grade 12 diploma or equivalent.
- 4. General mechanical and carpentry experience.
- 5. Physically able to stand and walk for long periods.
- 6. Ability to lift/carry heavy loads (50+lbs).
- 7. Available to work evenings and weekend hours.
- 8. Strong organizational skills.
- 9. Available to work overtime in emergencies.

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

Tricia Podlatis, Human Resources Manager

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

Applications must be submitted by November 4, 2022 by 4:30 p.m. and must include the following: Cover letter, current resume, and 2 work-related reference names (with contact information).

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY BOOKKEEPER

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

Position Summary:

To accurately and efficiently administer the financial transactions of the grocery store based on best industry accounting practices and provide summary reports to guide the store in profitability.

Reporting Relationship: The Bookkeeper reports to the Grocery Store Manager

Essential Functions:

- Oversee the day-to-day financial operations within the company
- Maintain and administer all data entry and financial functions i.e. accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll, remittances, T4 statements, etc.
- Review and correct inconsistencies in financial entries, documents and reports
- Prepare and analyze accounting records, financial statements, monthly and annual forecasting, and other financial reports

Qualifications and Requirements

Preferred

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

- Must have OSSD or equivalent
- Minimum 5 years' work-experience in a financial/accounting capacity
- Must have demonstrated experience with the use of computer software (i.e. Sage 50, Excel,
- Working knowledge of finances and office procedures

Other

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

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

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

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

404 HWY 551, M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0

OR email resumes to gsmanager@mchigeengfreshmart.ca You may also drop off your resume c/o Sean Gray, MFN Grocery Store Manager LATE OR INCOMPLETE applications will not be considered and only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

For a complete job description, please contact Sean Gray at gsmanager@mchigeengfreshmart.ca APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, October 28th, 2022 AT 3 P.M.

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For more information, or to drop a resume by, please email expositor@manitoulin.com or give us a call, 705-368-2744.

We can't wait to hear from you!



Manitoulin Health Centre EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Technology Solutions Specialist

The Manitoulin Health Centre requires a Technology Solutions Specialist on a permanent fulltime basis. The Technology Solutions Specialist (TSS) ensures optimum functionality in day-today technology operations by monitoring the technical infrastructure, defining requirements for ongoing improvements, and implementing solutions that align with industry best practice. The TSS will be responsible for supporting Network and Data Centre assets and for executing Cyber Security processes within the organization. The TSS will work closely with the IT Manager. Vendors, Consultants and Regional Partners to establish and/or maintain technical and security baselines set by Ontario Health or other regional governance structures. The TSS will provide Tier Il support to end users on an as-needed basis in alignment with the Technical Solutions Support Analyst.

Qualifications:

Required:

- University Degree or Community College Diploma in Information Systems
- Valid driver's licence and own reliable transportation
- Mandatory proof of fully immunized COVID-19 vaccination status

Preferred:

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

Other Qualifications:

Ability to provide regular attendance

Knowledge/Skills:

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

Please apply to: Human Resources at recruitment@mhc.on.ca Please quote Job Posting Number 2022-NU-12 in the subject line.

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

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

M.S.S. M. Kids in the Halls



Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

The vibrant fall leaves now cover every stretch of road on the way to school and the sounds of geese flying south echo when you're outside. We are well into autumn, Mustangs!

Some exciting Halloween events are coming up at MSS! On Friday, October 28 we will be hosting a Halloween dance from 7 to 10 pm. A night full of dancing, music, and most importantly, cupcakes. Students can

wear their Halloween costume or formal attire (or both). Tickets will be sold from the 17th right up until the day of the dance. One ticket is \$10 and tickets for groups of two are \$15. People interested in helping decorate for the dance can join us in the student council room on Wednesday the 19th for a quick meeting. This author is looking forward to seeing everyone at the dance!

On Friday, October 14 a group of students took off to Stratford for the theatre festival there! That day they attended the production 'Death and the King's Horseman." Students were able to have a workshop via Zoom meeting a few days prior with one of the performers in the show. The next day students went to two workshops in the morning, one of which was a stage-fighting workshop.

They then attended '1939' and 'Hamlet' in the afternoon and evening. They were also given the opportunity to explore Stratford and see the cool shops around the city. That night, students went to see 'Chicago' before returning back to the Island.

Back at MSS, Friday, October 14 was also Plaid day! Students got dressed up in their flannel and warm sweaters to show their school spirit.

That's it for this week! Go, Mustangs, go!



2 Full-time positions available in Gore Bay

- 1 Dental Assistant
- 1 Dental Hygienist

Please send a resume to manitoulindental@outlook.com or call 705-282-2223

MSS robotics team receives significant donation from McMaster University

M'CHIGEENG—The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Manitoulin Metal First Robotics Team has received a substantial funding donation from McMaster University in Hamilton to take part in the First Robotics district competition next year.

"Manitoulin Metal was overwhelmed with gratitude; maybe they could hear the cheering all the way in Hamilton," said Yana Bauer a mentor on the MSS Manitoulin Metal team. She explained that McMaster Engineering is hosting the First Robotics district competition next spring. "They are pleased to offer teams with three or more Indigenous students and travelling over 400 kilometres a travel subsidy of up to \$10,000."

Ms. Bauer pointed out McMaster, "reached out to make sure that our First Robotics team at MSS was aware that the university is hosting the district competition next spring." MSS applied for and received the travel subsidy.

"Also, any of our grade 12 team members who



might be planning to apply to McMaster Engineering were invited to apply for scholarships," said Ms. Bauer. "McMaster awards up to 10 scholarships at \$15,000 each year for First Robotics alumni, plus the winners get a paid summer research opportunity after first year."



Employment Opportunity Clinic Assistant/Lab Technician Part-time, Monday - Friday

with potential to become a full-time position

Qualifications:

- experience in the dental field an asset but not required
- excellent organizational and time management skills
- strong communication skillsartistic ability would be an asset
- high school diploma, WHMIS and CPR preferred

Key Responsibilities:

assist with patient flow, sterilization of rooms and instruments
 various lab duties, including plaster and stone work, acrylic
 work and fabrication of various items needed to make dentures

Wage dependent on qualifications. This is a dynamic position with the potential to become a full-time position. Please forward resume to:

manitoulindentureclinic@hotmail.com.

Applications are to be received by October 24, 2022.

25,000 litres

INVITATION FOR TENDERS SNOW REMOVAL 2022-2023 Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

Tenders for the year 2022-2023 are now being accepted for snow removal at the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service. Required services are to include plowing (sanding, salting and pushback of snowbanks when requested) for the following property areas:

- Roadway
- Front of building (visitor's parking)
- Bay garage doorways
- Staff parking area

The roadway, front of building (driveway), garage doorways, staff and visitor parking areas must be plowed by 6:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. all calendar days.

Please submit your proposal for:

Seasonal rate for the period of November 06, 2022 – March 31, 2023. This rate must include all plowing, (salt/sand, and snowbank pushback as required.) Include the type of equipment to be used.

All tenders must submit legible copies: proof of WSIB coverage and proof of Commercial General Liability Insurance.

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

Closing date is Friday, October 28th, 2020 at 2 pm:

Please submit sealed tender to: Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service 2074 Wikwemikong Way, PO Box 27 Wikwemikong, Ontario

Attention: Snow Removal Tender

Wiikwemkoong Board of Education Tenders for Heating Fuel Oil

The Wiikwemkoong Board of Education invites tenders for the supply of heating fuel oil to the following locations from October 31, 2022 to March 31, 2023. The following places are located on the:

WIIKWEMKOONG UNCEDED TERRITORY

Wiikwemkoong Junior School 25,000 litres 2235 Wikwemikong Way

2343 Wikwemikong Way
Wiikwemkoong High School 70,000 litres

34 Henry Street

Tenders must include the following:

Wiikwemkoong Pontiac School

Current Price per Litre cents per litre
Less Discount cents per litre
Federal Carbon Tax per Litre cents per litre
Current Price Delivered cents per litre

Successful tender may be called upon for delivery on weekends/holidays as needed.

Lowest or any tender will not be necessarily accepted.

Tenders must be received at the Wiikwemkoong Board of Education Office prior to:

October 27, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time.

Forward Tenders to: Wiikwemkoong Board of Education Administration Office Attn: Human Resources Dept. 34 Henry Street Wiikwemkoong, Ontario POP 2J0

Clearly Marked "Oil Tender"

Wiikwemkoong Board of Education Tenders for Wood Pellets

The Wikwemikong Board of Education invites tenders for the supply of Wood Pellets in bulk to the following locations from October 31, 2022 to March 31, 2023. The following places are located on the:

WIIKWEMKOONG UNCEDED TERRITORY

Wiikwemkoong Junior School 40 metric ton (1,000 kg) 2235 Wikwemikong Way

Wiikwemkoong High School 80 metric ton (1,000 kg) 34 Henry Street

Tenders must include the following:

Current Price per metric Ton
Less Discount
Current Price Delivered

cents per metric Ton
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cents per metric Ton

Supplier must deliver wood pellets in bulk that meet or exceed ENplus A1 quality standards and delivered pneumatically directly into final storage container. Connections must be compatible 4 4" supply hose on delivery truck.

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POP 2J0

Clearly Marked "Wood Pellets"

The Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Auxiliary continues to carry out its mandate as stated in the Constitution: "to assist the Manitoulin Health Centre in

every way possible in the interests of the best patient care." It is evident in our decision making that patient care is our focus.

At the regular meeting held on October 13 reporting, planning and decisions made were the main items.

To continue to invest in patient care, funds must be raised. The yard sale in July was a super success. The coin boxes at various locations continue to do really well. The book sales at the Farmers' Market on Saturdays came close to last year's total and In Memoriam continues to receive donations. The showcase continues to be open and the sales help to boost our bottom line. A sincere thank you for your generosity in supporting these projects.



Donations to the Auxiliary can be made at any time at the hospital (specify Auxiliary) or by sending a cheque or e-transfer to Marilee Hore at manddhore@hotmail.ca by email.

To continue our dedication to patient services a motion was passed at the meeting to make a donation of \$10,000 towards the purchase of equipment used to diagnose heart conditions so patients can be treated appropriately.

Reports indicate that volunteerism has slipped dramatically. The MHC Auxiliary has its foundation of active members but new members are needed to keep the auxiliary functioning now and in the future. Consider sharing your time to benefit others. Join the Auxiliary! Call or

email Auxiliary Membership representative Lynn Diebel as indicated below. She is aware that all members do not receive email notification of meetings or other informa-

tion. Please contact Lynn at 705-936-7136 or email her at jldiebel58@gmail.com so all benefit from being an important part of the group. The next meeting is Thursday. November 10 at 7 pm in the United Church Hall,

Mark December 10 on your calendar so you don't miss the Dessert Social, entertainment and silent auction to be held in the Little Current United Church Hall. Details will follow. Businesses or groups who would help by donating an item should call Dawn Orr at 368-2608.

The ability of the Auxiliary to provide patient services depends on you. All donations and other support is important

Death Notices

ANDY MAXWELL BOWERMAN July 12, 1940 - October 12, 2022



It is with great sadness the family of Andy Maxwell Bowerman announce his passing at Manitoulin Health Centre in Little Current, Ontario on October 12, 2022 at the age of 82. Andy was a devoted husband of 56 years to Linda J. Bowerman (nee McCauley). Loving father and father- in-law to Kerry and

Angela Bowerman and Peggy and Steve Wood. He was a devoted poppa to four grandchildren and their spouses, Andrew (Amber) Wood, Kurtis (Christine) Bowerman, Zachary (Ashley) Bowerman and Jenna Wood. His three great-grandchildren, Lyla Bowerman, Landon Wood and Maxwell Bowerman, were the twinkle in his eye. Andy's grandchildren and his great-grandchildren were his pride and joy. He will be reunited with his beloved fur baby Rambo. Andy was born in the Slash at his grandparents' home. He was raised by his grandparents Albert and Mary Coe. Son of Alvin and Vivian Bowerman (both predeceased). Brother to John Bowerman (predeceased), Paul (Barb) Bowerman and Mary (Jim) Robinson. Andy was son-in-law to Gerald and Elaine McCauley (both predeceased). Brother-in-law to Larry (Dianne) McCauley, Karen (Wayne) Roxburgh, Dale (Carol) McCauley, Sharlene (Jim) Elliott, Cathy (Jim predeceased) Hall and Jack McCauley. He will also be missed by all of his nieces and nephews. Andy worked in construction in his younger years. He moved on to carpentry as his profession which was his passion. He continued in the carpentry business until his retirement. He took great pride in his work. He always had to point out to us while driving around all the houses, cottages and buildings that he built or worked on. Andy spent 21 years as a councillor for Assiginack Township. He was the president of Tehkummah Triangle Seniors' Club for 11 years. Andy enjoyed deer hunting with the gang. There were many shenanigans through the season especially the annual fowl supper in the Slash. Andy will now be reunited with one of his hunting partners, cousin Ronald Bowerman. Andy always considered Ron to be more a brother than a cousin. In the later years Andy took up moose hunting with his family and extended family. He was excited to shoot his first moose, a 42 inch bull. When asked where did he shoot it, he replied "I hit it exactly where I was aiming." He always loved to tell his family all the stories about his younger years. There are many stories that we will cherish and keep close to our hearts. Cremation has taken place. There will be a Celebration of Life in July 2023. Anyone wishing to donate in Andy's memory can be made to Tehkummah Triangle Seniors' Club, 468 Highway 542A, Tehkummah, ON. P₀P 2C0 https://my.charitableimpact.com/charities/tehkummah-triangle-senior-citizens-club or a charity of your choice.

LARRY WILLIAM CASE March 29, 1960 - October 14, 2022



In loving memory of Larry Case, who passed away unexpectedly at his family home on Friday, October 14th, 2022 at the age of 62. Beloved husband to Susan (nee Eadie) Case. Loving father of Lindsay (Robert) Lessard and Benjamin (friend Courtney) Case. Proud grandfather to Jocelyn and Adaline Lessard. Son

of William and Margaret Case (both predeceased) and sonin-law of Andrew (predeceased) and Heather Eadie. Will be missed by siblings Bart (Raechelle) Case, Kelly (Kevin) Haner and Terry (Lori) Case. He will be missed by many nieces and nephews. He will be sincerely missed by his long time trusted friend and confidant, Tim Phillips. As per Larry's wishes, cremation has taken place and he will be laid to rest at a later date.

MARGARET ANN ELLIOTT July 20, 1941 - October 6, 2022



In loving memory of Margaret Ann Elliott. With sadness in our voice and hearts we announce the sudden passing of our mom, grandma, sister, aunt and great friend. "Magi Mae" passed in her sleep at the Mindemoya Hospital on Thursday, October 6, 2022. Predeceased by "Dr. Doug." She will be

fondly remembered by all who knew her. The names of so many of her friends who were almost unknown to her children is a testament to her likeability and the ease with which she made friends. Her oldest Lee, married to Jody and father of Becky, Nick and Hannah. Second, Lance and friend Anick and daughter Jasmine. Her only girl, Lynn, married to Kelly (passed in 2020) and daughter Tori. Her youngest, Larry (bachelor of the century), father of Britney, Samantha, Talia, Danielle and Mathieu. Great-grandmother to Landon, Chandler (predeceased), Maxim, Alexis, Jacob and Penelope. Predeceased by parents Percy and Celena Kay, and sisters Orma, Alice and Marjorie. Survived by brothers Don Kay (Donna) and Russ (recently passed Joan), and many nieces and nephews. Lover of golf, curling, and the "Red Hats." She volunteered for many community-based causes after working for K-Mart for 20 years. She will remain with us in fond memory, for all who knew her. Margaret would have appreciated any donations to Parkinson's Canada, 4211 Yonge Street, Suite 316, Toronto ON M2P 2A9 or the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC - Mindemoya), MHC Auxiliary Box 640, 11 Meredith Street East, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0 on her behalf. Please share your memories, thoughts and photos at IslandFuneral-Home.ca.

JAMES ROSS

December 9, 1943 - September 26, 2022



It is with great sorrow that the family announces his sudden passing in the early hours on Monday, September 26th, 2022 in Spring Bay at the age of 78 years with his loving wife by his side. Son of the late Alex Ross and the late Geneviève Ross. Loving husband and best friend to Gail (Rebellato) Ross. Gail

and Jim were married for 55 years and shared many loving memories together. Jim was extremely proud of his two sons, Jason and Darrell (Michelle). Jim's two granddaughters, Emma and Olivia, were the apple of his eye and he never missed an opportunity to play, laugh and joke with them. Jim was an avid outdoorsman and spent many years hunting with his buddies at a camp they named "Buzzard's Luck Hunt Camp." He often shared many fond memories of fishing and hunting with his buddies and their children on Manitoulin Island. Jim worked at Bell Canada for 14 years and made many great friendships during that time. After leaving Bell, Jim was self-employed as JAR Construction; and his customers could count on his knowledge and expertise. Jim took on a project to restore an abandoned farmhouse in Spring Bay and turned it into the beautiful camp that it is today. When he wasn't on the island you would find Jim working around the home, gardening and meeting up with friends at the local coffee shop. Jim lived his life on his own terms and to the beat of his own drum and still touched the hearts of many people. We will all feel the loss of this great man. A Celebration of Jim's Life will be held at St. Kevin's Parish in Val Therese on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 11 am. Cremation services provided by Simple Wishes of the North, Sudbury.

ROBERT (BOB) MACDONALD April 29, 1954 - October 10, 2022



In loving memory of Robert (Bob)
MacDonald, who passed away at the
Manitoulin Health Centre, Little Current
on Monday, October 10, 2022 at the age
of 68. Loving husband of 45 years to
Sharlene (Peltier) MacDonald. Beloved
father of Justin (Jessica) MacDonald and
Corey MacDonald. Proud Papa of

Justina and Sylus MacDonald. Predeceased by his parents Glen and Phyllis MacDonald. Brother of Betty (George) Hudson and Duncan (Deb) MacDonald. Brother-in-law to Cindy (Kevin) Printup. Nephew of Mamie Ann Bowerman and uncle to many nieces and nephews. Bob was a member of Doric Lodge #455 and a volunteer firefighter for 35 years. He loved taking photos, volunteering, helping others and spending time with family and friends. Friends and family gathered at Island Funeral Home on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 11 am until 1 pm. A funeral service was held at 1:30 pm. Donations can be made to the Cancer Society or the Canadian Cancer Society, 55 St. Clair Avenue West, Suite 500, Toronto, Ontario M4V 2Y7 in Bob's name. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at islandfuneralhome@bellnet.ca.

JAMES DONALD GILBERT COOPER "DON"

July 17, 1935 - October 10, 2022



In loving memory of James Donald "Don" Gilbert Cooper who passed away peacefully at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor on Monday, October 10, 2022 at the age of 87. Survived by his loving wife Gertrude (nee Batman Aelick). Predeceased by his first wife Karlene (nee Green). Loving father of

Kevin (predeceased) (Pam) Cooper and Brent (Lisa) Cooper. Stepfather of Steve (Julie) Aelick and Darren (Lisa) Aelick. Adoring Papa to Kyle (Stacey) Cooper, Emily Cooper, Alannah (T.J.) McDonald, Brandon Cooper (Hailey Brownell), Morgan Cooper and Holly Cooper. Dear stepgrandfather to Krista (Joshua) Collins, Molly, Trevor (Lyndsay), Jamieson and Jillian Aelick. Great-grandfather of Adam, Winter, Lucas and Jillian. Step great-grandfather of Ella, Finn and Alyssa. Predeceased by siblings Jack, Lena, Nellie (Gordon) Thomas, Jean (Bernard) Harfield, Leonard (Betty) Cooper, Alvern (Stuart) Nighswander, Max Cooper and Burt (Shirley) Cooper. Survived by his sister-in-law Ellen Cooper and brother-in-law Grenville (Brenda) Green. Don will be missed by many nieces, nephews and friends. Family and friends gathered at Island Funeral Home on Thursday, October 13, 2022 from 2 to 4 pm and 6 to 8 pm. Don's funeral service was held Friday, October 14, 2022 at 11 am with Bill Zylstra officiating. Cremation followed. A luncheon was held after his service at the Little Current Legion. Donations may be made in Don's honour to the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxillary, 70 Robinson St. W., Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0 or to Parkinson Canada, 4211 Young St., Suite 316, Toronto, Ontario M2P 2A9. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

...Eagle staffs from across Turtle Island gather in Sheguiandah

...continued from page 13 Throughout the gatherprovided ing, speakers overviews of the teachings encompassed within

Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe pointed out the 39 feathers adorning the shaft of the Anishinabek Nation Eagle Staff, one for each community in the council. "One feather is facing away from the others," he said, pointing out that as communities with different interests and outlooks there are occasions when they

ing side-by-side in the circle gatherings show has failed.

an George Martin was unable to attend the gathering in Sheguiandah, but his son Jeff Martin came as a



Former Wiikwemkoong chief Duke Peltier bore the Wiikwemkoong eagle staff to the gathering. Here he accepts a ceremonial gift of

did not all agree. "One feather is in a different direction than the others,' said, noting that although they didn't always agree, "It's okay. We are all still together."

Former Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories ogimaa Duke Peltier began his address in Anishnaabemowin, switching to English to relate the story of how he met during the last eagle staff gathering in Gun Lake First Nation with one getzit (Gordon Waindubence baa, traditionally refraining from speaking his name aloud too soon after the elder began his spirit journey). expressed a desire to have such a gathering in his home community, in the round house," recalled Mr. Peltier, adding it was unfortunate that he was not able to live to see the procession enter the round house that morning.

"You have all paid for the eagle staff," he said. "I'm not talking zhoonyah (money)." Instead, he noted, the payment was in the dreams, the visions and in "sitting on the land to learn about how to put the staffs togeth-

Mr. Peltier recalled the late elder's "twinkle in his eye, silent little chuckle and little grin" before looking him "straight in the eye and sharing what his thoughts were.

Following their chat, Mr. Peltier reached out to then-Grand Council Chief Glen Hare to set the wheels in motion.

"We tried in 2020, we tried in 2021," he said, "but we are here today."

Mr. Peltier offered great thanks to the Waindubence family and Chop Waindubence, Gordon's son, for taking up the challenge of making the gathering a reality.

"He wanted to come," said Mr. Waindubence during his remarks. "He really did. He gave me a lot of instruction, a lot of time. He said the most important thing is that the people are together. I know he is looking down on us and having a good laugh at all the little details that we are forgetting.'

Mr. Waindubence noted that the eagle staffs, stand-

in the centre of the round house, were symbolic of the nations. "No borders, no boundaries between us," he said. Boundaries and border are constructs of the settler nations, said Mr. Waindubence, attempts to isolate and separate the nations from each other, an effort that the eagle staff

Gun Lake elder and veter-

representative of the family. He spoke of his father and his dreams for the gatherings, interrupting his speech for a moment to

invite a youth to speak. "This is why we do this," said Mr. Martin following the vouth's short address in Anishnaabemowin.

Each of the staff bearers were gifted with bundles of cloth as each of the staffs and their bearers were recognized before breaking for

Throughout the next two days the teachings behind each eagle staff were related during the day, with intertribal dances every hour for health breaks. Noosdin drum group provided the songs.

Entertainment was provided in the evening by Johnny Cash Tribute Band on Friday and Dwayne

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The family of Larry Case would like to thank our ambulance attendants Monic and Tim, OPP officers Sargent Patterson and Constable Verreault as well as Jackson and Bernard Funeral Home for their care, compassion and services provided. A special thanks to . Courtney Sherk, Sandra Phillips and Heather Eadie for their dedicated care of the family. We would also like to express thanks for all the phone calls, text messages, food and cards of sympathy and condolences from our family, friends, colleagues and neighbours during this difficult time. Sue, Lindsay, Ben and fami-

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Trudeau on Saturday.

Each morning began with a sunrise ceremony

in memoriam



LEWIS-In loving memory of a husband, father and grandfather, Robert (Bob) Lewis, January 1948 to October 2021.

A year ago mother (Anna) lost her best friend and her husband of more than 50 vears.

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Winters were spent out on Lake Manitou in their ice hut, fishing and laughing.

Many friends and family would stop by to chat and father would always be willing to give a hand to someone in need or just wanting fishing tips.

At the age of 18 till he retired, he worked for INCO. After retirement he and mother moved to South Baymouth on Manitoulin Island, Father continued with his fishing charters and also started Manitoulin Lawn Care. After retiring from chartering and lawn care, father was always at home entertaining friends and family. As I write this, I ask some of his mates what they remembered most about Bob. The one thing that came to mind for most is that "he always came to help, and they always had a good time!"

Over the years mom and father would go moose and deer hunting, always together. Father went on numerous hunting trips with his buddies into the U.S. and Quebec. For those "enlightening" stories you need to contact them, for most are just too dear to share.

Father had a knack for remembering baseball and hockey stats of most of the players. Always rooting for the "Jays" with mother at his side.

Now there is no more baseball, hockey or Judge Judy at 4 o'clock. Father is gone. He fought his illness for the better part of a year. We speak of our memories with him frequently with friends, neighbours and family.

I'd like to take this moment to say thank you, father. For the support, encouragement and trust over the years.

I'd also like to gratefully say, thank you to all his hunting and fishing buddies, who had come to spend time with him, making us all laugh with your stories of adventures and misadventures over the vears with father

Father, you are missed, Your daughter

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and an assembly of the eagle staffs at the sacred fire before a grand entry into the round house.

Concurrent with the Eagle Staff gathering a four-day Fire Keepers Gath-

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ering was held at the South Bay Centre with guest speakers Alex Bisson, Brian Peltier, Alison Recollet and Howard Trudeau. The Fire Keeper gathering was held for those interested in

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