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Municipal leaders debate rival bids, broadband options for mid-North area

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) and representatives of Blue Sky Net are concerned Manitoulin may be left out of being in line for upgraded internet services.

"Knowing what's going on, my greatest fear is that we (Manitoulin Island) are going to get caught in the middle of all of this," said Mike Addison, a member of the Blue Sky Net board of directors. He was speaking at a presentation with Blue Sky Net executive director Susan Church at last week's MMA meeting.

Mr. Addison said he was concerned that many details about

the Huron and Manitoulin Community Owned Fibre Infrastructure (H&M COFI) proposal remained unknown, including costs. This, despite many communities on Manitoulin Island and the North Shore having agreed to write letters of support-in-principle for the initiative.

"If we are part of the H&M COFI proposal and off the auction block for the Accelerated High Speed Internet Program, I'm afraid we will end up not being part of either or not get service from anyone," he said.

The government is carrying out an Accelerated Highspeed Inter-

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North Channel Marine Tourism Council strongly supports hourly openings of Little Current bridge

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—While there is no overall consensus among Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) municipalities yet as to whether they are in favour or against an earlier proposal for the Swing Bridge to be opened every two hours instead of the current one hour (to accommodate boat-

ing traffic), the North Channel Marine Tourism Council Inc. (NCMTC) has made it clear they are opposed to any change being made.

The issue was raised and discussed by members at an NCMTC meeting last week with a motion

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Suspected drugs merchant again caught and released

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—Victor Branco has been arrested by the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service on two counts of breaching his undertaking and was released with a court date set for next month.

"Victor Branco was arrested by UCCM detectives in Sudbury on the evening of October 20 for two counts of breaching his undertaking and was released with a court date of November 10, 2021 to answer to these new charges," explained James Killeen, acting chief of police for the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service.

"This was a result of two separate compliance checks in which Mr. Branco was not present in his residence as required by his con-

ditions," reported acting police chief Killeen. "As well, he'll be answering to his original con-

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ALL LOCKED UP—The Owen Sound Transportation Company has reported that the MS Chi-Cheemaun, which links the Island to its southern connection at Tobermory on the Bruce Peninsula, had a remarkably good year, all COVID-19 considered. The ferry is pictured here entering the locks at Sault Ste. Marie on its way to drydock for its five-year inspection in Thunder Bay. Dorothy Anstice alerted The Expositor to the ferry's transit last week.

photo courtesy of Dorothy Anstice

Chi-Cheemaun service weathers second COVID-19 sailing season 2021 deemed a successful year for ferry service

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Despite the significant passenger capacity limits and a shortened season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Owen Sound Transportation Company (OSTC) reports that the past sailing season has been a good one.

"The good news is that even though we had significant passenger limit numbers on the ship again this season and had to start the season later than normal again this year, we did okay," stated Susan Schrempf, president and chief executive officer of the OSTC, in an interview with The Expositor on Tuesday of last week. Ms. Schrempf explained, "In a normal season we would have 171 sailing days. In 2020 we lost all of the month of May so we had a total of 140 sailing days. For

this (2021) season we were one week worse, having been asked to stand down again in May and not being able to start the season until June 8. So, for the 2021 season we had a total of 132 sailing days."

"The good news is that we improved traffic numbers this season," said Ms. Schrempf. "We saw a 17 percent increase in pas-

senger traffic over 2020, and an 11 percent increase in vehicle traffic over 2020." The Chi-Cheemaun carried a total of 121,596 passengers this year.

The total traffic carried by the Chi-Cheemaun this season equaled 60 percent of traffic carried in the 2019 season (pre-

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Island restaurateurs pleased with Ontario's re-opening plan

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Restaurateurs say they are extremely pleased that Ontario's recent plan to reduce COVID-19 public health restrictions over the coming months also includes a lifting of

capacity restrictions in bars and restaurants.

The Ontario government, in consultation with the chief medical officer of health, has released 'A Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario and Manage COVID-19 for the Long-Term,' which outlines the province's gradual approach to lifting remaining public health and workplace safety measures by March 2022. The plan includes continual assessment of key public health and health care indicators and will feature locally specific responses if certain communities face rising case counts.

The announcement means capacity limits for restaurants and bars for instance have been lifted, effective October 25, as long as patrons show proof of vaccina-

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Is your community spooking up for Hallowe'en?

Lots are, so read on for All Hallows Eve options on Manitoulin Island

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—There will be plenty of Hallowe'en activities and events taking place over the next week on Manitoulin Island.

Aliens have landed at the Pioneer Village in Mindemoya. Do they come in peace? You'll have to attend to find out. This event is being hosted by the Central Manitoulin Lions Club at the Pioneer Museum Trail in Mindemoya from 6pm to 10 pm (6 pm to 7 pm, for younger kids) on Saturday, October 30. A total of 25

tickets will be sold per half hour block of time.

Strict social distancing is in effect. Please stay two metres apart from anyone outside of your unit. COVID-19 masks required. Please follow all public health, provincial and federal regulations for gatherings. This is an outdoor event on a trail system; proof of COVID-19 vaccination is not required. For more information contact Marcus Mohr at cmlionsevents@gmail.com

Are you ready to see how scary Manitowaning can

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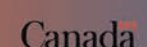
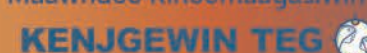
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Before and after—a crew from Mike Varey and Son Excavating knocked down the Robinson Supply building in Gore Bay last week. A brand-new building with commercial space and apartments will be constructed in its place.

photos by Tom Sasvari

New commercial space to be built in downtown Gore Bay Crews knock down historic Robinson Supply building for new development

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—One of Gore Bay's oldest commercial buildings was taken down last week but plans will see a new building being created to provide for new commercial space and apartment housing in the town.

Gord Smith, chief executive officer of Manitoulin Transport, which purchased the former Robinson Supply building from Bill Robinson about a year and a half ago told The Expositor last week, "We had planned to knock the current building down and put up a new building.

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Family and friends of John and Delena Deeg's family hosted a well-attended spaghetti dinner fundraiser this past Sunday at Manitoulin Golf. Mr. Deeg recently sustained injuries as a result of a tractor accident on his farm and is still recovering.

Fundraiser dinner supports a Burpee and Mills family

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON/BARRIE ISLAND—Friends and family gathered together this past Sunday in support of a fundraising dinner held to help the John and Delena Deeg family. Mr. Deeg, a Burpee-Mills township farmer, sustained injuries as a result of a tractor accident recently and has been in a Sudbury hospital since.

Organizers hosted the very successful dinner fundraiser at Manitoulin Golf. A total of 110 people were served in two sittings (including some takeout dinners). As well as the dinner, silent auction tables with many donated items were set up and games were held for people to take part in.

Cheryl Deeg, Mr. Deeg's daughter, explained that on Saturday, October 2 Mr. Deeg, 73, of Burpee-Mills township was seriously injured in a farming accident involving a tractor. He sustained very extensive injuries and is currently at Health Sciences North

(HSN) in Sudbury and is expected to remain hospitalized for many weeks while he heals and undergoes physiotherapy.

John's wife Delena and close family remain by his side to assist him with the care he requires during this time. Mr. Deeg has many challenges ahead but is expected to make a full recovery.

Ms. Deeg told the large gathering for the dinner, "My parents are overwhelmed with the calls and messages they have received in support from the community and are forever grateful. My dad is doing well, he is in HSN and will be there for a while, but he is expected to make a full recovery."

"I would like to thank everyone for coming out and supporting this event. Thank you," added Ms. Deeg.

A bank account has been set up at all Bank of Montreal branches in the name of John Deeg, for anyone who would like to make a donation.



Gore Bay Masonic Lodge #472 made a substantial donation to the Gore Bay Medical Centre at the group's last dinner gathering at Manitoulin Golf recently, before officially ceasing operations. The donation of \$27,500 will go toward future renovations of the medical centre. In photo, from left, are Masons Don Carter, Willis Campbell, Jim Wright, Hye Clark, Art Madore, Bill Clark, Scott McDougall, Brian Carter and Aaron Wright. Missing from photo are Loyalle McDougall and Greg Bond.

Gore Bay Masonic Lodge #472 makes major donation toward medical centre renovations

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Before the Gore Bay Masonic Lodge #472 officially ceased operations, they supported health care in the community by donating a total of \$27,500 to the Gore Bay Medical Centre towards future renovations to the facility.

"Wow! This is wonderful news," stated Dr. Robert Hamilton, when contacted by The Expositor on the donation. "This speaks to being another example of a service-oriented community group that pulled together to help out the community."

"It's wonderful news, and their contribution will make a very positive impact on the medical centre going forward," said Dr. Hamilton.

The Masons' final dinner and general meeting was held at Mani-

toulin Golf on September 18.

"All brethren present reviewed five motions to continue the process of legally closing the Lodge," explained Mason Willis Campbell. "One of the final motions was to make a donation of \$7,500 toward the Gore Bay Medical Centre for a total of \$27,500 toward the future renovations. Also, \$4,500 was donated towards NEO Kids in Sudbury."

"Brothers present including Don Carter, Willis Campbell, Jim Wright, Hye Clark, Art Madore, Bill Clark, Scott McDougall, Brian Carter, Aaron Wright, Loyalle McDougall and Greg Bond," said Mr. Campbell.

As has been reported previously, with declining membership and with meetings and gatherings cur-

tailed because of the current pandemic, the Gore Bay masonic Lodge No. 472 (1906-2020) shut down permanently.

Mr. Campbell had explained previously, "Membership has been declining for a while now and with COVID-19 we can't hold meetings, so that put this whole issue on the table and we said let's go ahead with what was going to be inevitable. So, we applied to the Grand Lodge to go dark as of December 31, 2020."

Mr. Campbell had pointed out at the time the Masons had surplus funds on hand with closing down, and these funds have gone to the Gore Bay Medical Centre, Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary, Shriners Kids Hospital in Montreal and NEO Kids in Sudbury.

Centennial Manor courtyard project proceeds

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Thanks to the generous donation of an anonymous family, a new courtyard for residents of Manitoulin Centennial Manor will be taking shape this spring. The Manor board gave the go-ahead for the design consultant to begin work on the detailed drawings that will be needed to begin construction of the project.

Jennifer Harvey, the landscape architect engaged by the Manor to design and oversee the creation of the new courtyard gathering place, gave a presentation to the Manor board's October 21 meeting.

Board member Dan Osborne asked about any liability or insurance concerns that might arise with outside community members attending the courtyard. Ms. Harvey said that should not present any issue. "As long as it is designed and constructed on a level access," she said.

Mr. Osbourne said that he was pleased that more than just Manor residents would be able to gather, as community engagement with residents is important.

"That's not happening right now," noted board chair Patricia Macdonald, adding that she wasn't sure if it had happened in the past. She asked about the increase in maintenance required.

Ms. Harvey noted that she was placing many hardy low-maintenance plants in the project. "I am designing it to be as low maintenance as I can," she said, adding she is looking at long-blooming plants.

Asked about the timeline, Ms. Harvey said that she was hoping to get the go-ahead for the detailed plans at the board meeting.



Plans for the proposed courtyard redevelopment project show a variety of amenities for Manor residents and their families to enjoy.

The plans will now include an additional set of bathroom facilities, as it became apparent following a site visit by the architect that the current facilities are some distance from where the courtyard would be constructed.

Ms. Harvey said that she had hoped her contractor would be

able to come with her to inspect the site, but circumstances prevented that from happening that day. She said she planned to return the next day to complete that portion of the project planning.

It was important to avoid struc-

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Dawson board plans 2022 projects

by Tom Sasvari

MELDRUM BAY—The new president of the Dawson Citizens Improvement Association (DCIA) says the board has two main proj-

ects that it is looking to complete over the next year.

Lee McDonald outlined the project being looked at after the group's annual general meeting

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Willie Hunter elected as Silver Water recreation centre's new board chair

by Tom Sasvari

SILVER WATER—The Silver Water recreation centre board has a new president.

"We have a new board," said outgoing president Janice Frame after the board's annual general meeting last week in Silver Water.

Ms. Frame explained that Willie Hunter is the new president of the recreation centre board. Jane Wismer is the vice-president, with Beatrice Schmitz du Moulin as the secretary and Lois Wismer as treasurer.

The directors of the board include Paul Sorbara, Kay Everett and, new to the board, Darlene Munro.

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editorial

Provincial reopening calls for renewed vigilance

We all have seen it recently; groups of people congregating closely without masking up, large family holiday gatherings with both vaccinated and unvaccinated family members showing up for hugs and kisses with their turkey; with COVID numbers dropping swiftly and the fourth wave seemingly on the ebb the entire province is starting to exhale in relief. Queen's Park is certainly in the forefront of those looking forward to the end of the pandemic, this week announcing the lifting of most restrictions—to the huge relief of a hospitality industry that has been among the hardest hit by restrictions.

But here is the fly in the ointment. COVID-19 and its close relatives have not left the building. You can still catch the virus, even if you are doubly and triply vaxxed. Chances are you won't die or wind up in the critical care unit, but there is no ironclad guarantee you won't, especially if you have conditions that make you vulnerable.

The late and great Colin Powell, former US Secretary of State and the military architect of the current US military engagement strategies, proved that particular case. Despite some of the best (and most expensive) care in the Western world, he succumbed to the pandemic despite having two doses of the vaccine.

With the flu season looming on the horizon, we have a secondary reason to remain cautious.

That is not to say you should scurry back under the bed to cower in terror; but while you step out to explore your new-found freedom of movement (well, that is, if you can prove your double-shot vaccina-

tion status), a wise course of action would be to continue to maintain simple and sensible precautions.

Those include keeping those much-maligned masks in place while in close quarters with other people and especially in the presence of the vulnerable—aged, ill or otherwise immunocompromised. Washing your hands at every turn and sanitizing surfaces that could promote the spread.

The low incidence of seasonal influenza last year proves the point: those simple efforts work. So, why toss them aside now? The number of new cases (in Ontario at least) is on the drop, providing proof of the efficacy of vaccinations and the restrictions implemented by the province over the loud and vociferous objections of the few. But although the numbers of new infections have dropped to the point our health system can be sustained, they have not been eliminated. Deaths have dropped dramatically, but people are still dying. Things have worked, but sorry Donald Trump, we have not yet woken up to the virus disappearing just yet.

So go out, enjoy a nice meal in a restaurant of your choice, goodness knows they need the support, but don't completely drop your guard and start licking random surfaces with abandon on your way in. It's still a dangerous world out there, just a world we can manage.

If we fail to do so, we may well see a return to restrictions—and none of us want to see that happen.

letters

Aging at Home van proved a wonderful experience

A guarantee of pleasant surprise

To the Expositor:

I would like to tell people how pleasant and good the transportation of the Aging at Home van truly was. The experience was delightful—my driver Norman was more than helpful and kind. He helped me get into the van, got my walker and made sure the handles were at hands' reach.

He opened all doors and took me to the hospital and the little errands I had in Sudbury. Should anyone have any hesitation to use this service,

I can guarantee you, you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Again, thank you for having this service available to all who need off-Island transportation to Sudbury. The number is 705-368-2182. A big hurrah to those who implemented this service. There is no charge for this service.

Susan Leblanc
Bay Estates

Great news on the vaccination front

It is time for some health workers to make a decision if they want to keep working in the field

To the Expositor:

For all staff, student placements and volunteers the percent with second dose completed for Manitoulin Centennial Manor in Little Current it is 93 percent, for Wikwemikong Nursing Home it is 93 percent and for Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay it is 81 percent.

It looks like locally, Wikwemikong Nursing Home and Manitoulin Centennial Manor are in pretty good shape heading into the staff vaccination mandate, with just seven percent short of full staffing with

their second dose. Manitoulin Lodge, though, is still just a tad under 20 percent without their second vaccination; meaning a number of employees will have to make the decision whether to get vaccinated or leave their employment there—that is other than for staff with valid medical exemptions.

Thank you.

Greg Young
Wiikwemkoong

A note on the War Amps program

Honouring those who gave of themselves to the service of their country

To the Editor:

As we approach Remembrance Day, I'd like to pay tribute to the veteran members of The War Amps.

The War Amps was started by amputee veterans returning from the First World War to help each other adapt to their new reality as amputees. They then welcomed amputee veterans following the Second World War, sharing all that they had learned.

These founding members then established the Key Tag Service, which is still going strong today, to fund the Association's many vital programs including The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program.

I was born a partial left hand amputee and grew up in CHAMP which

provided me with financial assistance for prosthetic devices and offered emotional support. These veterans have left a lasting impact on generations of amputees as they taught us that we should be proud of our amputation and to know that it will not stop us from achieving our goals.

Everyday, but particularly on Remembrance Day, Canadian amputees like me honour these veterans who not only served their country but returned home to make life better for all amputees.

Graham Spero
Graduate member
The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program

Snowmobile permits are now available online at OFSC website

BARRIE—The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) launched early bird permit sales online on October 1, giving riders an opportunity to save 30 percent on seasonal permits when purchased on or before November 1. Permits can only be purchased online at Permits.OFSC.on.ca.

If you do not yet have the required vehicle information to purchase your permit, but want to lock in the early fees, the OFSC points out you can purchase a gift card. All that is required for that route is an OFSC permit account, the registrant's last name, postal code and a valid credit card.

"On behalf of our clubs and volunteers, I am once again thrilled to officially open permit and gift card sales for the 2022 snowmo-



Snowmobile permits are now available for purchase and download from online.

bile season." said OFSC CEO Ryan Eickmeier. "With a favourable winter forecast ahead of us, I invite snowmobilers from near and far to purchase their permits, so they are ready as soon as trails become available."

New this year as part of the Save Our Trails initiative, the OFSC is asking all snowmobilers to join them in watching a brief but important anti-trespass message and to respect the thousands of generous landowners who allow trails on their property. The OFSC requests that sledders remember to #stay-onthetrail so everyone can continue to enjoy Ontario's premier winter activity.

Gary Chandler

Gary and Suzanne's home lies in the heart of Manitowaning, right next to the bay that forms the impressive view from their high, overlooking deck. The serene landscape, naturally enhanced with ducks, geese and other water fowl, presents a calming peace. Gary has spent much of his life serving this Island community, as teacher and principal of Manitoulin Secondary School, where he was well respected. "It was easy to be principal of a school that had excellent students and teachers," he shared. Back in the day, when he walked into the assembly of about one thousand kids and said, 'Good morning,' you could hear a pin drop. Gary was always impressed with both the teachers and the students he was privileged to work with.

"Paternal grandparents, John and Melinda Chandler, boast English and Irish ancestry." John drove transport trucks and Melinda helped nurse her neighbour, my maternal grandmother, Sarah Jane Grover after she had a stroke and was bed-ridden for seven years. Maternal grandfather Milton 'Roy' Grover, of Pennsylvania Dutch lineage, had been both a farmer in Chatham Township and an employee at the Gray Dort Buggy Works in that community. A horse and buggy allowed him to sleep most of the eleven miles to work because his horse knew the route. Roy lived to be 103.

Irvin Chandler, Gary's father, was born in Ottawa where his grandparents had settled initially, but he spent most of his life in Chatham where he met and married Roberta Margaret Grover. "Dad was a good athlete, pitching for the Industrial Baseball League and being a champion golfer for his club. As a child, he had developed polio in one leg, so he couldn't join the army. Dad used his bike to get to the International Harvester truck plant where he worked during the day. At night he built boxes to ship grenades."

Irvin 'Gary' was born on August 14, 1940, in Chatham. He would have two brothers, Brian, who recently passed away, and Robert, 'Bob' who still lives in Chatham. Brian had managed the successful grain elevators in Kent Bridge, Ontario for W.G. Thompson and Sons. In his youth, brother Bob played on the little league team with Ferguson Jenkins. Bob joined the OPP and retired as an acting deputy commissioner. He still enjoys a good game of golf. Brian's son Brad is CEO for Hensel Co-op, a farm co-operative with six hundred employees and elevators all over Canada. He spends as much time as possible on Manitoulin.

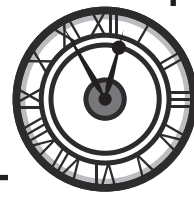
"I remember it was a long way down from a big horse, as a toddler. I was strapped on, wearing a straw hat, while my parents worked on the farm. In the early 1940s, I remember fighter planes flying overhead during training missions in Chatham. The army barracks were nearby. Two of my uncles went off to war and luckily, both came back, after hostilities ended. One of them had trained for a secret mission that was cancelled because the war ended. I remember the church bells ringing when the war ended."

Gary attended several schools in Chatham starting at McKeough Public School for Grade 1 and SS #26 for Grade 2. He skipped Grade 3 and went to King George Public School for Grades 4 to 6 and Sprucedale Public School for grades 7 and 8. At home, he worked in the fields of his grandparents' farm and helped with the market garden. "I used to go door to door to sell vegetables from my wagon. At eight, I added a paper route."

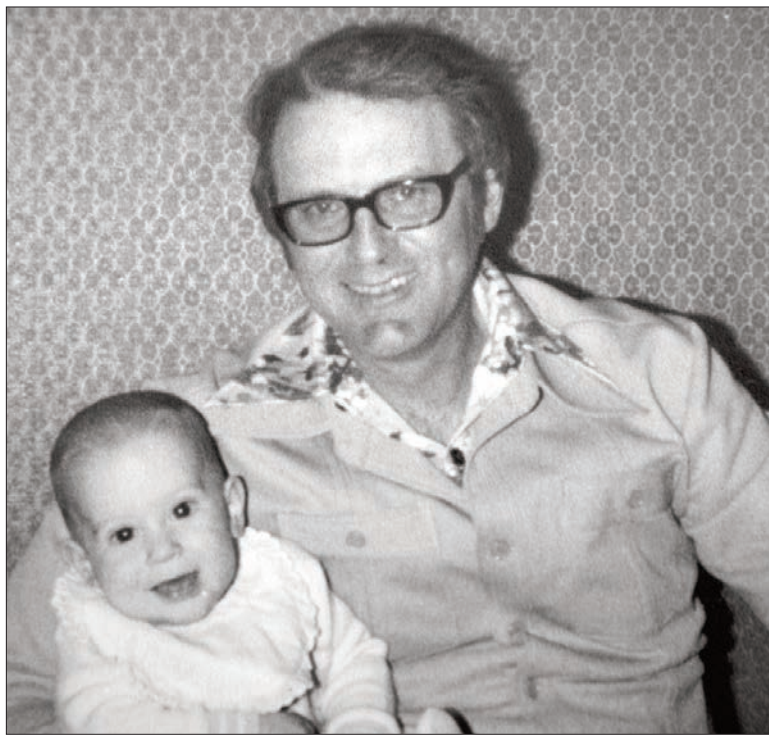
"In 1948, I first came through Manitoulin with mom and dad and our Grover grandparents in dad's first car, a 1948 Pontiac. We



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



A cadet leader in Banff.



Gary with his young son.

drove through North Bay and stayed overnight in Sudbury, which resembled a 'moonscape.' I was car sick most of the way. We visited Sault Ste. Marie, Sowerby and Espanola before heading through Manitoulin to the ferry at South Baymouth and home. The ferry had been the highlight and we had enjoyed our first taste of Manitoulin."

"At 16, starting at 6:30 am, I stocked shelves, unloaded delivery trucks and scrubbed floors at the local A & P Supermarket." When he had free time, he enjoyed a good game of hardball. High school was at the Chatham Collegiate Institute, "I didn't like French because I had missed many classes due to sports, but Latin and other academic courses were fine. I promised my French teacher, I wouldn't take it in Grade 13. The Latin teacher encouraged me to teach."

His superiors appreciated his leadership skills too. Gary had become Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Cadet Corps and later joined the Reserve Army, the Essex Kent Scottish Regiment. In

1956, Gary attended the Central Command cadet summer camp at Ipperwash, where he won the Lieutenant Governor's medal for the 'Best Cadet' in Ontario. The vice-chief of the general staff awarded him the medal. "Only my parents knew." A year later, Gary became commanding officer of the cadets in Banff at the National Cadet Camp.

Gary was eighteen when he started at Queen's University in Kingston in 1958. "I was a long way from home and a bit homesick. I had signed up for medicine, a six-year program, but after a year of listening to unhappy senior medicine students, I looked at other opportunities, like agriculture. I moved closer to home, to Western in London and took a BA in psychology. Agriculture and career counselling had not been available at the time."

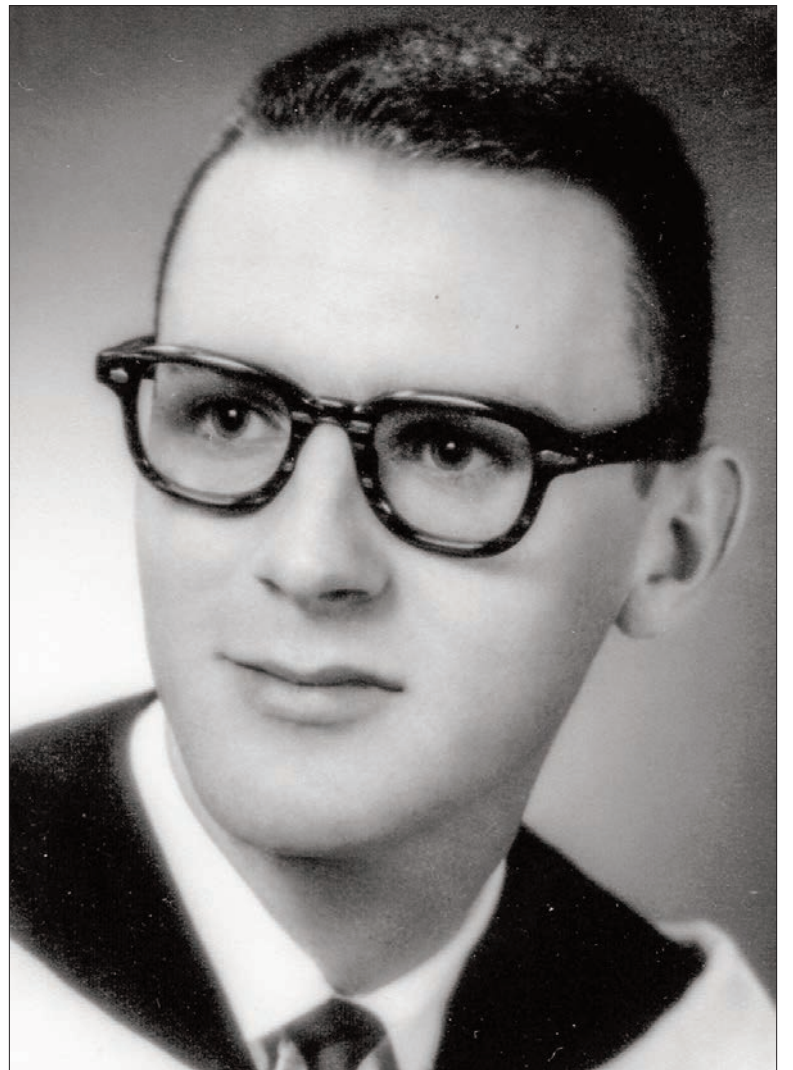
"I became president of the student council for Westminster College." As president, Gary liaised with other programs at Western and helped co-ordinate student sports activities. For three years

he also belonged to 'Circle K,' a service organization like Kiwanis, where they did some service work and distributed items like books to students.

After graduation, Gary worked for Master Feeds in Chatham. "I finished the last course for my BA in summer school the following year. By then, teaching was a more compelling career choice and teachers' college was not a prerequisite at the time. Joe Carpenter, my old principal at Chatham

"I left for six weeks of teachers' college that summer, and when I returned, the greenhouse was almost finished. I devised a class curriculum, including soil profiles, suitable plants, better growing techniques and other related topics and then taught the agriculture program. To save money, in the fall we all brought cuttings for the greenhouse. Batman's Hotel in Sheguiandah was my first home. I ate supper with the Batman family. There were four kids including Carol who later became a Sheppard and later yet, my secretary at MSS."

Gary met Marjorie Rogers in Little Current. They married Christmas 1964 and had three children, Karyn, Meredith and Rob. Meanwhile the agricultural program was extraordinarily successful and word got out. "I was with Walter Stewart at the post office when I opened a letter from



A university grad.

Collegiate Institute, had no openings until September. The Globe and Mail had ads for teachers including one from Walter Stewart, the principal of Little Current High School. I was interviewed in Toronto and was accepted to teach math, science, botany, zoology, business practice and French!"

"I wound up with a 49-period time-table which extended through lunch. There was only one period off in a week. An uncle who was a science teacher in Chatham provided me with some outlines and exams. In my first French class, I asked, 'Does anyone here speak French?' When no hand went up, I was immensely relieved. I stayed one step ahead of the students with some help from another French teacher. All lessons were prepared in advance."

"In 1964, the entire Little Current curriculum was academic. This concerned me, along with the French requisite, when some youth couldn't write English. For the first issue, I asked town leaders to add a hands-on agricultural course. I rationalized that we lived in a farming area and they agreed. Their connections to MPP Stan Farquhar and Prime Minister Lester Pearson facilitated a change in that direction. Barney Turner knew Premier Bill Davis. All politicians agreed to this initiative. John Farquhar and Barney Turner spearheaded the building of a greenhouse next to the school."

the Elmira District Secondary School looking for an agriculture teacher. This would be a promotion. Walter said something under his breath. I decided to go for the interview and got the job."

Then began a series of placements that focused on this new concept of agricultural teaching at the high school level. Gary spent one year at Elmira before going to Orangeville District Secondary School, ODSS, the top agricultural school at the time. I was seconded as a consultant to the Ministry of Education at Queen's Park. In 1967-68, they wanted me to devise environmental programming for ETV, Educational Television, TVO today.

Since this was an innovative program, Gary was asked to share his expertise at professional development days in the school system. "By then we had moved to Toronto. When I visited the ministry's regional office in Sudbury, I met with Roger Allen, the first educational inspector I ever had. He spotted me right away and shared his plans for MSS. The current three high schools would be shut down and a new principal of Manitoulin Secondary School would be needed."

Gary was getting tired of living in Toronto. "I was on the ground floor in the Ministry of Education and I could have moved up but I wanted to get back to rural Ontario. I left the Ministry in 1968 and went back to Orangeville to

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Three Toronto men sentenced in January 2021 drugs and weapons incident in Wiikwemkoong

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

GORE BAY—The community of Wiikwemkoong was the victim of crime when three men drove from Toronto to Wiikwemkoong earlier this year for the purpose of drug trafficking. One of those men, Lascel Tyndale, was sentenced on Friday to 35 months in custody, equivalent to three years less time served pre-trial.

Three Toronto men were arrested without incident by Wiikwemikong Tribal Police Service officers on the morning of January 5, 2021 following a 911 call regarding weapons. In May 2021, Mr. Tyndale pleaded guilty to possession of a loaded, restricted firearm; possession of a prohibited device; possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking; failure to comply with a recognizance; and possession of property obtained by crime.

During the incident on January 5, 70 grams of cocaine with an approximate street value of \$14,000 was found and \$1,330 cash. At his feet was a fully loaded handgun with one round in the chamber. The gun had a 15 bullet clip which is a prohibited device. Beside the gun was a bag of cocaine, which was later weighed at 109.5 grams with an approximate street value of \$21,900.

Federal and provincial prosecutors along with defence counsel Joelle Klein prepared a joint submission for the court, suggesting a global sentence of three years less pre-trial custody was appropriate considering the aggravating and mitigating factors at play.

That the incident occurred in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory was an aggravating factor for the consideration of sentencing. First Nations continue to live with the consequences of colonization including the loss of culture, law, language and economy, resulting in significant poverty, said Justice Jessica Wolfe in her decision. This, and the trauma arising from the residential school and child welfare systems makes community members vulnerable to addiction and exploitation, tearing families apart and

impacting community cohesion.

Possession of a loaded firearm and a prohibited device were aggravating factors as well. “Firearm offences are inherently dangerous, particularly in the context of selling drugs. Robberies happen. People seek retribution,” Justice Wolfe said. Another aggravating factor was the amount of drugs seized, which was clearly indicative of trafficking, “in this case driven by aspirations of financial gain as opposed to addiction.”

Mr. Tyndale co-operated with police and accepted responsibility by entering a guilty plea knowing the consequences. These were both mitigating factors, as was his lack of a criminal record, his youth and potential for rehabilitation.

He has a young son and is engaged to the boy’s mother. Both Mr. Tyndale’s mother and fiancé attended his sentencing hearing to provide support. Mr. Tyndale indicated he is anxious to become a law-abiding citizen so he can help raise his child post-custody.

In addition to 35 months in custody, Mr. Tyndale received a weapons prohibition and was ordered to provide a DNA sample. Justice Wolfe also ordered forfeiture of the drugs, cash, gun and ammunition seized. For the failure to comply charge, Mr. Tyndale was sentenced to six months custody, to be served concurrently.

Co-accused Dylano Williams pled guilty to failing to comply with a probation order. The nature of the breach was not keeping the peace by involvement in the January 5 incident. He was sentenced to 30 days pre-sentence custody and a five dollar fine.

Kenyon Ohamu, the third co-accused, pled guilty to possession of property obtained by crime, breach of a release order and breach of probation. At the time of the January 5 incident, Mr. Ohamu was on bail for a serious offence out of Scarborough. He was sentenced to six months custody and in light of the four months he spent in pre-trial custody, he was deemed to have served his six months.



The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service has welcomed Sergeant Chris Wesley, seconded from the Ontario Provincial Police to assist WTPS supervisors with daily administrative duties.

Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service welcome three new additions

WIKWEMKOONG—The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) has welcomed an additional sergeant and sworn in two new constables.

WTPS welcomes Sergeant Chris Wesley, seconded from the Ontario Provincial Police. Sergeant Wesley has been a police officer for 16 years and will be assisting WTPS supervisors with daily administrative duties.

Constables Michael Deacon and Simon DiRago were both sworn in as constables for WTPS on Octo-

ber 6.

Constable Michael Deacon brings nine years’ policing experience from Halton Regional Police Service and RMCP Strathcona County detachment. Constable Simon DiRago brings four years’ policing experience from Ottawa Police Service.

Constable Michael Deacon and Constable Simon DiRago will undergo orientation as constables, and both look forward to working with the WTPS team and collaboratively with the Wiikwemkoong community.

COVID-19 outbreak at Sudbury District Jail spreads, causes delays at Gore Bay courthouse

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

GORE BAY—A COVID-19 outbreak that occurred at the Sudbury District Jail on Monday, October 18 led to closure of the facility for 14 days and the transfer of inmates to other facilities. Outbreaks were later declared at Central North Correctional Facility and Toronto South Detention Centre, where many of the Sudbury inmates were transferred. The outbreak has caused minor delays when inmates were required to appear at Gore Bay for court appearances or bail hearings.

Andrew Morrison, media relations for the Ministry of the Solicitor General told The Expositor in an email, “The ministry is working closely with the Public Health Sudbury & Districts to respond to the outbreak of inmate COVID cases at the Sudbury Jail. Each provincial correctional facility has its own pandemic plan in place prepared in consultation with local public health partners.”

In consultation with the Public Health Sudbury & Districts, and to ensure the safety and well-being of both correctional services staff and those in provincial cus-

tody, the ministry has decided to temporarily close the Sudbury Jail for a minimum of 14 days, Mr. Morrison said. Approximately 145 inmates from the Sudbury Jail were transferred to other facilities that have capacity and ability to isolate these inmates under droplet precautions separately from the general population. Staff assigned to transfer inmates are following appropriate infection control protocols to prevent the risk of any further spread of infection. The ministry does not publicly disclose details on inmate transfers for security reasons.

“The ministry notified its justice sector partners in the Greater Sudbury area about the temporary closure of the correctional facility, which may have resulted in some brief delays for some court proceedings,” he wrote. “The ministry is making every effort to ensure inmates that were transferred from the Sudbury Jail are made available for their court appearances whether in-person or by video appearance. You may wish to check with your local court house on any adjusted proceedings resulting from the Sudbury Jail transfers.”

Friends and Neighbours

**Kagawong
Team Fergmeijer**

They helped introduce a neighbour to Minimalism. They were very grateful, but really, it was the least we could do. That same friend had their oldest son leave home thinking he would make his fortune uploading videos of himself poking seabirds with his finger. Now, realizing the error of his ways, their prod-a-gull son has returned home.

You know what they say, if the broom fits, fly it! On Halloween night, all little witches and warlocks can fly on by the Kagawong Pavilion any time after 5 pm and pick up a treat! Brought to you by the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee.

In a series of strategic power moves (ha!), Hydro One came through this weekend, completing all their upgrades in the allotted outage time. Island residents should now all be updated on “current” affairs.

Happy birthday to Rachel B, who celebrates another trip around the sun. Meranda N is also celebrating this week. We hope you both take lessons from the turtles and shell-brate!

The Anglican Church is holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 20 from 9 am to 2 pm. There will be baked goods, crafts, and gift baskets up for grabs. They will also have a ‘take home’ fundraising dinner with homemade meat pies, lasagna and pierogies. All funds raised go towards replacing the church roof. COVID-19 protocols will be in place.

Did you know? Billings Township produces monthly newsletters! Check them out for updates on township projects and grants, upcoming meetings, general announcements, and a calendar of events. You can find current and past newsletters, here: <https://billingsstp.ca/administration/new-monthly-newsletters/>.

The Old Mill Heritage Centre is pleased to announce that the popular Empress of Ireland exhibit will be continuing next year! Though really, this comes as no surprise. Who wouldn’t want to spend another summer in Kagawong? Welcome back, Captain!

We know it’s a bit early to be decorating for Christmas, but it’s not too early to be planning your song and dance number for the annual Community Christmas Concert! With COVID concerns still uppermost in mind, organizers have decided to stick to the online format they used last year. Mark Saturday, December 18 on your calendar and start thinking about what song, joke, skit or dance you might be willing to contribute! Email Kagawong@live.ca for more information or if you are interested in performing.

The concert isn’t the only event that is returning online again. The Friends of the Billings Library is bringing their annual silent auction back! November 25 you can click your way to an amazing deal on any number of fantastic items and support the library at the same time. Stay tuned for more details.

Our Manitoulin Mom answered the door and found a 6 ft beetle who slapped her across the face and called her lazy. Apparently, there’s a really nasty bug going around. Stay safe and have a great week!

**Silver Water
Karen Noble**

The outside temperature on Saturday morning was too cool for the vendors to endure and we packed up early. The mini market for October 30 has been cancelled. We will continue inside our house and garage starting on November 6. The charity fundraising will resume next spring. Thank you to everyone who gave to the Meldrum Bay Net Shed Museum, the Manitoulin Community Help Centre Food Bank and the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary.

There was a steady group at the recycle bins on Saturday. The weather was beautiful by then. We had a good visit with some neighbours and enjoyed the sunny afternoon. The Hydro One power outage started right on time. We heard the community hall generator start within seconds. The electricity began again right on time. Hopefully all the projects scheduled got completed.

Murray Duncanson arrived home from moose hunting with his brother-in-law, Oliver Coburn. I understand it was a successful trip.

There will be a Hallowe’en decorating contest for homes and yards in Silver Water. The judging will take place Sunday morning, October 31. Reg and Caitlin have set the bar pretty high already. There will be cash prizes awarded. Please let me know if you have decorated by October 30. Happy Hallowe’en to everyone!

Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

Manitoulin Sporting Life



NSSSA win!

Congratulations to the Manitoulin Mustangs cross-country team and their coach, **Gerry Holliday**, as they improved, even compared to their impressive performance at last week's pre-NSSSA meet. The North Shore Secondary School Association's championship took place on St. Joseph Island again, hosted by CASS. The Mustangs did not get a larger team but just ran harder. The same winners of last week, **Sebastian Mara, Maren Kasunich** and **Brodie Pennie** won again and the junior girls not only won again, but finished with a perfect first-, second-, third- and fourth-place finish.

Congratulations to Maren, **McKenzie Green, Annie Balfe** and **Morgan Green**. The senior boys' four finished once again in second place, thanks to **Julian Wemigwans, Alan Wilkin, Jack Pennie** and **Landon Hare**. Kudos as well to our other MSS runners who also ran hard and finished but still, didn't have a team: **Andrew Cooper, Ezra Diebolt, Patrick McCann** and **Orland Carter-O'Hearn**. The team is running today against all of northern Ontario's NOSSA competition on what must feel like their home course by now, back on St. Joseph Island.

'Off their rock' hockey

When you want to improve yourself in hockey it helps if you play against and with more talented players. Sometimes, it means you have to play off the Island and you have to be dedicated. You have to commit to practices and "home" games, which are likely two hours from your true home! It means doing your homework by the dome light in a vehicle and catching up on sleep in there too. It means putting up with the always-political nature of an import player trying to break the ranks of last year's roster.

The bonus is, if you can put up with all the hurdles, you will most likely be a better hockey player and more: you will inevitably have to become a better student. You will be more organized because you will not be able to procrastinate, for instance. You will need to become much better in social situations, not just to have the nerve to order fries at the snack bar but maybe talking to your coach about moving up onto that first line.

There are many obvious and intangible benefits. Best of luck to everyone and congratulations on your dedication. As in years' past, there are many local players skating "away." Here are just a few to start. If you know of others, please send me a note.

Mindemoya's **Delaney 'Boogie' Bridgeman** and her Tier 1 U18 AA Sudbury Lady Wolves teammates were off to Stoney Creek for the showcase tournament October 14 to 18. The girls started out against the Waterloo Ravens and Boogie got her team going, stealing the puck and deking two defenders before scoring with a short-handed breakaway wrister. Her team then responded with four more and the Lady Wolves had a 5-2 win. The girls then carried the play but came up against a hot goalie and had to settle for a 1-1 tie versus Oakville. Penalty difficulties saw them drop their match against the Brampton Canadettes 4 - 1, and they lost a squeaker to the eventual tourney champs, the Durham West Lightning 1 - 0. All in all, a great start to what looks to be an exciting season. Good luck, Lady Wolves!

Other Islanders **William McComb** and **Corbin Best** are now skating with the Copper Cliff U15 AA team. **Greyson Brewer-Case** and **Kohyn Eshkawkogan** are playing U14 AAA with the Nickel City Sons. Kohyn and his team have started the season this past week and are 3 and 0 so far. Kohyn started strong offensively and has five points in those three games. Greyson is playing very solid defence. Both guys will be playing in the Big Nickel AAA tournament in two weeks. (Big-NickelHockey.com)

Dane Gibeault, a great overall athlete, has always played 'out,' but in just the last couple of years he has been training to be a goaltender. He has improved so fast that he earned a spot with the Sudbury U15 A Timberwolves. His first league game was on Saturday.

The team had a tough start, going down 1-0 on an awkward tip-in and then 2-1 when a breakaway shot rang off a post and in. The team battled back, though, and they were tied 3-3 after 2. Dane held the opposition and the Timberwolves scored a pair to win 5 - 3.

Incidentally, Dane is also affiliated with Copper Cliff U15 AA and, with his trajectory in mind, surely he will get to goaltend for Island boys Corbin and William sooner than later! Good luck, everyone.

A good sport is good for sports.
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MSS Mustangs win North Shore Secondary School Association cross-country championship! The winning Mustangs team included Xavi Mara, Andrew Cooper, Brodie Pennie, Patrick McCann, Orland Carter-O'Hearn, Maren Kasunich, MacKenzie Green, Annie Balfe, Morgan Green, Julian Wemigwans, Alan Wilkin, Jack Pennie and Landon Hare.

MSS Mustangs cross-country team wins North Shore championship

by **Tom Sasvari**

M'CHIGEENG—The Manitoulin Mustangs cross-country team has won the overall North Shore Secondary School Association (NSSSA) championship.

"Our team won the overall championship even though we only had 12 runners," stated MSS coach Gerry Holliday, after the competition held last Friday on St. Joseph Island. The Mustangs won the team championship by a total of 10 points, having garnered 74 points, with their nearest competition being Central Algoma Secondary School.

The MSS runners won the overall boys' championship and the junior girls' division, while the senior boys' team placed second overall.

In the novice boys' division MSS runner Xavi Mara took first place in a time of 16:14, with Andrew Cooper fifth in a time of 23:37.

Mustang Brodie Pennie took first overall in the junior boys'

division with a time of 18:29, with Patrick McCann fourth in a time of 24:18 and Orland Carter-O'Hearn fifth in a time of 25:51.

Mustangs runners took the first four spots in the junior girls' division. Maren Kasunich was first in a time of 18:55, MacKenzie Green second in a time of 21:40, Annie Balfe third in a time of 23:08, and Morgan Green fourth in a time of 24:43.

In the senior boys' division, Mustang runner Julian Wemigwans finished in third in a time of 23:14 with fellow MSS runner Alan Wilkin placing fourth in a time of 23:20. Jack Pennie was 12th in a time of 25:44 and Landon Hare placed 16th in a time of 26:48.

All members of the MSS team will now take part in the Northern Ontario Secondary School Association championships also taking place on St. Joseph Island, this Wednesday.



MSS runner MacKenzie Green took second place in the junior girls' division at the North Shore Secondary Schools Association championship, held recently on St. Joseph Island.

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Claire's Picks

State of Terror by Louise Penny & Hilary Rodham Clinton
The Unknown by Heather Graham

The Burning by Jonathan and Jesse Kellerman 4.

Breathe by Joyce Carol Oates 5.

It's OK that You're Not OK by Megan Devine

State of Terror—This is a book many of our readers have been waiting for. It is well worth the wait. I could not put it down. Fast paced, extremely well written and truly a novel of our times, touching not just on the terror of a nuclear bomb threat, but also on the growing chasms in our world. Louise Penny brings her exceptional insights into human behaviour and motivations while Hilary Clinton brought the insider knowledge of high level politics and diplomacy. I hope they will write another book together.

Excellent read.

The Unknown—Sienna was only 14 when she pulled her neighbours from a house fire. A decade later, she still can't explain what happened that night, how she knew to save them at just the right moment or why she receives the same mysterious warning when it happens again. A good read.

The Burning—Things get personal for Deputy Coroner Clay Edison when a murder hits close to home. A raging wildfire, a massive blackout and a wealthy man shot to death in his hilltop home. For Clay it's all in a day's work as a deputy coroner. Caring for the dead, he speaks for those who cannot speak for themselves. He prides himself on an unflinching commitment to the truth. Even when it gets him into trouble. A good read.

Breathe—A novel of love and loss. Amid a starkly beautiful but uncanny landscape in New Mexico, a married couple from Massachusetts takes residency at a distinguished academic institute. When the husband is stricken with a

Neil Pasricha is a New York Times bestselling author. He is also an excellent and entertaining motivational speaker. Pasricha, a Canadian, is on a pursuit to discover the one thousand most influential books in the world – now there's a quest! Pasricha's newest book, 'You Are Awesome: How to Navigate Change, Wrestle with Failure and Live an Intentional Life,' gives much necessary guidance to a generation that needs to realize the importance of failures on the road to success – the key factor in life travels is resilience. I had the good fortune to hear Neil Pasricha when he was a guest speaker at a conference a few years ago. When I think of all the speakers I have listened to over 36 years of conferences, his was the most truly outstanding presentation/conversation with an audience that I have experienced. No one better describes or lives "AWESOME" like he does. This book is yet another gift from a man with charm, insight, curiosity and compassion. I highly recommend this read for everyone – all ages, walks of life and stations on the planet!

Richard Wagamese's book, "For Joshua: An Ojibway Father Teaches His Son," is the chronicle of a man's life experiences – a legacy of knowledge and wisdom gained. This writer has the heart of a poet – a broad spectrum of feelings and emotions are created by this book's beautifully written, forthright, honest and profound message.

"Camino Winds: A Novel" by John Grisham is his second book set on this beautiful island. When a hurricane hits this tropical paradise there is incredible destruction and loss of life. However, one victim's body trauma suggests foul play may have been the cause of death. The local authorities are overwhelmed by the problems caused by the natural catastrophe. It is up to a friend of the deceased victim to begin looking into 'why' someone might want them dead – could this be a dangerous decision? This story has lots of twists and turns – a Grisham specialty!

Inspired by an eerie, true story, author Emma Sonex's novel, "The Lamplighters,"

Mindemoya Library Book Mice

by Claire Cline

mysterious illness, at first misdiagnosed, their lives are uprooted and husband and wife each begin a nightmare journey. A good read.

It's OK That You're Not OK—This book touches me personally as many of you know I suffered a terrible loss when I lost my husband Wes several months ago. This book offers a profound new approach to both the experience of grief and the way we help others who have endured tragedy. The author writes with deep insight about the unspoken truths of loss, love and healing. She debunks the culturally prescribed goal of returning to a normal, "happy" life, replacing it with a far healthier middle path, one that invites us to build a life alongside grief rather than seeking to overcome it. Through stories, research, life tips and creative and mindfulness-based practices, she offers a unique guide through an experience we all must face—in our personal lives, in the lives of those we love and in the wider world. This is a book for grieving people, those who love them, and all those seeking to love themselves—and each other—better.

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We also have a resource room that is available for a small rental fee if you need a place to have a small meeting. Lots of new books and we look forward to seeing our patrons and invite new ones to come in and enjoy your library.

Assiginack Public Library Feature

by Debbie Robinson

is part mystery, part love story and part ghost tale all wrapped up in one. Three lighthouse keepers disappear from an isolated lighthouse far from shore. When the relief keepers arrive they find the doors locked from the inside, all clocks have stopped and the head light-keeper's logbook is a jumble of inaccuracies and oddities. This is a gripping story that attempts to explain this most bizarre incident.

Young Adult Read: "Cryptic Canada: Unsolved Mysteries From Coast to Coast" - by Natalia Hyde and Matt Hammill – seven of Canada's most fascinating and baffling mysteries brought to life.

DVD Pick: "Mysteries of the Great Lakes" - Like All Great Mysteries They Hide Just Beneath the Surface" - a vital documentary about the lakes that contain one fifth of our planet's freshwater.

The Library is continuing to provide Curbside Pickup Service. You can access the Library's Book & DVD collection on the Township of Assiginack Homepage under Library. The instructions on how to use the Curbside Service is there also. Or you can call the Library on Tuesdays and Saturdays (705-859-2110) between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm for help or assistance. The Library Wireless Internet is always on and can be accessed outside the building and from the parking lot. The password is on the front door of the Library. Stay safe and well.

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According to the Professional Golf Association website, each year there are approximately 450 million rounds of golf played which equates to about 25,000 rounds per course. Each course records between 10-15 aces, or holes-in-one, per year. This also means that only 1-2% of golfers ever notch a hole-in-one. As Noah Thorpe heads into the big world of high school, he is that one percent! Noah was able to accomplish this feat this summer at the Brookwood Brae course owned by his grandparents, John and Cheryl Seabrook.

Some might call it luck and some might call it skill, but whatever the case, it is exactly what you aim for each time you tee the ball up. Perhaps it was through some type of genetic science and math trait handed down from his other grandfather, Steven Thorpe, a longtime Manitoulin Secondary math teacher, we might never know. We do know that from elementary Noah has shown great potential in many sports and is ready to continue on in high school!

Noah attended CMPS (Central Manitoulin Public School) in Mindemoya. He participated in a variety of sports including volleyball, basketball, track and field events, cross country, and baseball. Noah explains that his most memorable moment in elementary school was when he tied the island high jump record. This was exhilarating for him as it is 'way up there' when it comes to accomplishments. Noah has also enjoyed playing hockey, and of course, constantly tries to improve his swing and score in his favourite sport, golf.


Noah loves to play golf and has a talent for being good at it. This semester he joined the boys' golf team and launched into life as a Mustang. He ended up coming in second overall in the boys' division, shooting 86. This is a great accomplishment for a Grade 9 student who was up against players from Grades 9 to 12. His coach this year also believes in Noah's potential. "A young golfing prodigy who has a very bright future on the course," is how Mr. Jordan Smith would describe him.

Noah knows that improvement in golf will come through practice and healthy competition. Like many athletes the Coronavirus put an abrupt stop to any competitive sport for a considerable amount of time. Last year, through covid, he was able to practice but not compete. This summer that changed as things started to get back to some sort of normal. Noah played in four youth tournaments taking the number one spot in three of them. A great start for his young career for sure.

Outside of school you can find Noah enjoying the outdoors fishing, hunting, and practicing his blacksmith skills. He also works for his grandpa at one of the golf courses on the island, which definitely makes it easier to practice. It just might be all that practice for his golf swing that improves his slapshot in hockey as well, another one of his favourite sports. He also enjoys taking walks with his family dog, Jimmy.

After high school Noah is hoping to go off to university on a golfing scholarship. He wants to follow in the footsteps of some of the greatest golfers in the world. One of those athletes that he especially looks up to is Tiger Woods. Noah wants to be as great as him someday and appreciates all of Tiger's amazing shots. Noah has also developed an interest in geography which he now considers his favourite class this semester, partly because of Mr. Doane's teaching and partly because he likes learning about the land and places around the world. A golf scholarship or earning a spot on the PGA tour could help Noah see these places and play these courses first hand. We might just see him wearing that 'sunday red' shirt or that famous green jacket. Fore!

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...Municipal leaders debate rival broadband options

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net (AHSIP) program and Manitoulin is proposed to be part of it, but basically all of Manitoulin was included in the H&M COFI funding-approved project as well, the meeting was told.

"I was not aware of this new AHSIP program," stated Ken Noland, chair of the MMA.

Al MacNevin, Mayor of the town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI), said "in terms of the proposal from H&M COFI, "In the early stages our council provided a letter of support in principle. Then we heard news of \$91 million being approved for their project for a fibre network for Manitoulin and the North Shore. And then they send us a letter outlining that if we contributed to their program, we would receive an unknown share of revenues. My council felt that we were not going to take the risk of spending a lot of money on this project without a proper business case."

Ms. Church said of the H&M COFI proposal, "Georges Bilodeau indicated municipalities and First Nations can contribute and that they will share in the revenues, but not much revenues are made from broadband. My question is, who is going to provide the service and who is going to provide the rest of the funds required if not every municipality and First Nation contributes? I applaud the efforts of H&M COFI for moving on this whole issue but there needs to be some questions answered."

Ms. Church explained in her presentation that to assist in the development of a broadband strategy, Blue Sky Net, in conjunction with municipalities and First Nation communities on Manitoulin Island, issued a request for information (RFI) to obtain further information from regional ISP's (internet service providers) to identify networks' coverage, infrastructure and current or future project plans. The RFI was also intended to seek feedback from ISPs as to how the municipalities on Manitoulin Island could assist in supporting the expansion of private internet broadband service delivery for the region."

The RFI was directly delivered to 13 ISPs/telecommunication service providers known to operate services on or near Manitoulin Island, said Ms. Church. The deadline for submissions was June 30, 2021. A total of six submissions were received at that time. Between the mail out and the submission deadline, Blue Sky Net staff also conducted telephone and teleconference meetings with nine potential respondents. The intent of these conversations was to clarify expectations and format of the RFI submissions. It was also an opportunity to have a less formal conversation with the organizations.

Ms. Church explained submissions included service options, pricing, cost and fee information, service area and infrastructure mapping and other relevant information, including current and proposed projects and proposed funding applications of various ISPs.

"I would like to highlight a couple of things that came out of the RFI," Ms. Church told the meeting. She pointed out all 13 ISPs contacted are available on the Island or nearby currently.

"Six of them responded and we met with them, and a couple didn't reply because timelines were tight," said Ms. Church. "One thing that came out is that everyone was interested in some level of participation in a Manitoulin Island-wide broadband infrastructure project, expanding the current network, or some new service or work with existing service providers. And all were interested in starting a dialogue between themselves and community representatives of Manitoulin Island."

"Several respondents identified the importance of community representatives/leaders to advocate for the communities' need for a better broadband service," said Ms. Church. "And they really want to open the lines of communications with municipalities and First Nations."

The ISPs that Blue Sky Network met with, "suggested adopting a long-term broadband strategy. Some points need to be considered with such a strategy. Several respondents identified that consistency amongst communities in permitting for tower sit-

ing and access to utility right of ways as examples, would be helpful," said Ms. Church. "Also they felt implementing a 'dig once' policy across the Island, especially with respect to roads, and ensuring key end goals and objectives are clearly communicated and understood."

It was pointed out that responses came from a mix of direct-to-customer satellite, carrier level satellite, fixed wireless, cellular as well as wireline providers. Those that own and operate networks currently in the area and on the Island have a strategy to grow networks on the Island. "Several mentioned that they would be interested when and if funding were made available."

While the MMA did not pass any motion on the entire issue, they will be making inquiries to the province on their questions and concerns raised at the meeting last week.

The Expositor received a reply from the Ministry of Infrastructure (MOI) on the concerns raised by the MMA. Sofia Sousa-Dias said in an email, "as a direct response to the concerns of our partners and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ontario has committed an historic investment totaling nearly \$4 billion towards high-speed internet infrastructure that will ensure that every region in the province has access to reliable high-speed internet by the end of 2025."

"As part of that investment, in July 2021, we announced a new innovative procurement process to help connect underserved and unserved communities," wrote Ms. Sousa-Dias. "This delivery model is being led by Infrastructure Ontario, with procurement now underway."

"Households not addressed by exiting application-based funding programs from the Ministry of Infrastructure, like the Improving Connectivity for Ontario or ICON, will be captured through the procurement process underway. These efforts are part of the overall government approach to help ensure 100 percent of households across Ontario have access to high-speed internet by the end of 2025."

...Marine Tourism Council supports hourly bridge openings

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passed that the NCMTC supports maintaining the status quo at the Little Current Swing Bridge."

Stan Ferguson, chair of the NCMTC told The Expositor "From our perspective, opening the bridge to the North Channel every two hours instead of every hour will deter boaters. It would definitely affect boat traffic. Plus, if it was every two hours we don't see where there would be an advantage and cut down on traffic wait times at the bridge. It would just mean vehicle traffic would have to wait that much longer for more boats to go through. It wouldn't allow (vehicle) traffic to get through quicker."

"We have seen times when vehicle traffic has been backed up to Highway 540 even when the bridge is open every hour," said Mr. Ferguson. "Imagine the backup if this was every two hours. The best solution would be to have the new proposed bridge constructed. Pressure needs to be put on the province to get the new two-lane bridge in place. We don't need to put up any more barriers for boaters. The municipal leaders should be putting pressure on the province to get the new bridge construction going."

"The answer to all of this is getting the new two-lane



A Henley boat speeds past the Little Current swing bridge.

bridge built and the MMA should be putting pressure on the government to get this going and not let it fall off the radar," said Mr. Ferguson.

At a Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) meeting last week chair Ken Noland said "At our last meeting the issue was to be brought back to individual municipalities to discuss if they feel we should consider approaching the authorities to consider a two-hour (instead of the current one hour) opening of the bridge for boat traffic."

Chair Noland explained that Central Manitoulin has passed a motion in favour of the two-hour opening, while council for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) is opposed to making the proposed change.

"At a council meeting, Billings made the decision we are in support of NEMI and their concerns on this and to have the current one-hour opening in place," said Ian Anderson, Billings Mayor. Hugh Moggy an Assig-

nack township councillor said, "Our council hasn't made a formal decision but we are against changing this."

Gordon/Barrie Island Reeve Lee Hayden told the meeting, "Our council decided in favour of having work done to explore what would be involved in changing the bridge opening time from one to two hours. No motion was passed by council but we favour exploring the idea at least."

Gore Bay council will be discussing the issue at its meeting in November, said councillor Kevin Woestenenk.

Dave Jaggard, Reeve of Tehkummah Township told the meeting, "This issue has not come up at a council meeting, but seeing what NEMI has said we will probably go along with what they decided."

"Our township (Burpee-Mills council) felt that the idea was worth exploring," said Mr. Noland.

Tim Mackinlay, a member of the Robinson Local Services Board (LSB) said that the board has a meet-

ing on October 25th and this issue will be put on the agenda for the meeting.

So, at this point, four Island municipalities have indicated they are not in favour of changing the current opening of the Swing Bridge from one hour, three have indicated they are in favour of this and a couple have indicated they haven't made a decision yet. We'll wait until the other municipalities discuss and make a decision on this," said Mr. Noland.

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...Robinson Supply redevelopment

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We are looking at a new two-storey building being constructed with commercial business space on the bottom floor and two or three apartments being created upstairs in the building. Gore Bay seems to be in need of available apartment housing and commercial space."

The former Robinson Supply building was knocked down by a Mike Varey and Son Excavating work crew, based out of Little Current, on Monday of last week. Chris Robinson, who had operated the business, told The Expositor, "I'm not sure exactly when my dad (Bill Robinson) had

bought the building. I know when he first bought the building, Lloyd Noble rented space in the building from us. This must have been in the early 1970s."

Other tenants of the building over the years included Pat Long of Manitoulin Music, Jan Turley had owned a glass shop and George Boyd owned a hardware store.

Mr. Smith pointed out, "I can't tell you at this point when the new building will be constructed and no, we aren't looking for a specific type of business to move into the new building. Any type of new business brought into town will be a good thing."

...Manor courtyard project proceeding

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tural changes to the Manor building itself, it was noted by Extencicare Senior Manager Keith Clement, as any of those kinds of changes would require a Ministry of Health signoff. "The sooner we have final designs to submit to our engineers, we will be able to look over them from a long-term care perspective," he said.

Ms. Harvey noted that because her engineer is still an intern, a Professional Engineer is required to stamp his plans.

She noted that "everything seems to be behind because of COVID" but she was confident of moving the project forward without too much delay.

Ballpark cost for the project, with funding by the anonymous donors, is

set at \$262,574 with a 10 per cent contingency. The donors have indicated that they would be open to providing more, should it be necessary.

Ms. Harvey noted that she has already canvassed Manor residents as to what their needs and desires from the project would be. "It was nice to get everyone involved," she said. "It was very interesting."

...Dawson board plans its projects for 2022

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"We're hoping to put in more docks on the north side of the wharf," Mr. McDonald told The Expositor. "This is pending approval of funding being provided," he said, noting that DCIA had received funding from FedNor earlier this year but have not received confirmation of funding for the project from the provincial government.


"That's going to be the main project we will be focusing on."

"We're hoping to make further improvements to the community campground as well," said Mr. McDonald, noting that a new beach was developed, and hydro and water availability provided to campers.

"The last board did well during their term," said Mr. McDonald, noting that five of the former board members, including Rene and

Kathy Bissonnette, Peggy Morrison, Paul McAllister and Joe Weston, did not put their names forward to serve on the DCIA for another term.

The DCIA board is made up of seven members in total, with the five new board members including John Bonwick, who is vice president, Anne Steele Giffon, secretary, treasurer Wendy Van Every, Marcus White, Bob Grover, Rick Bradley and Mr. McDonald.



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Under Section 53 of the Planning Act
To be held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021
at 7:00 pm via Electronic Meeting Zoom

File No. :	Con 2021-08
Applicant:	Jeannine Lewis
Location:	
Legal Description:	10799 Hwy 6 Town Plot 28, Mill Site 1
Official Plan:	Rural
Zoning:	Rural

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...Island restaurateurs pleased with Ontario's re-opening

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 tion. It's been a popular decision among Island business-owners who have had to operate below capacity since the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic. "Happy, happy, happy, I'm so happy this is now in place. It has been a long-time coming," stated Denise Callaghan, co-owner of the Anchor Inn in Little Current, on Monday.

Judith Martin, owner of The Codmother's Restaurant in Gore Bay told The Expositor, "That's a darn good thing. That's perfect. How can I not be pleased? It's sad when we have had to turn community members away until now."

"It's great, especially when we are going into the slow time of the year for business," said Ms. Martin. "Now we will be able to bring people in and possibly be able to provide some entertainment."

"Thanks to our cautious and careful approach to reopening, we are now in position to gradually lift all remaining public health measures over the coming months," said Premier Doug Ford last Friday. "This plan is built for the long term. It will guide us safely through the winter and out of this pandemic, while avoiding lockdowns and ensuring we don't lose the hard-fought gains we have made."

Ontario will slowly and incrementally lift all remaining public health and workplace safety measures, including the provincial requirement for proof of vaccination and wearing of face coverings in indoor public settings, over the next six months. This phased approach will be guided by the ongoing assessment and monitoring of key public health and health care indicators, such as the identification of any new COVID-19 variants, increases in hospitalizations and intensive care

unit (ICU) occupancy and rapid increases in transmission to ensure that public health and workplace safety measures are lifted safely.

"Since the beginning of the pandemic, Ontario has taken a cautious approach to reopening to protect the health and safety of Ontarians," said Christine Elliott, deputy premier and minister of health. "Our plan will ensure we replicate this success and take a gradual approach that will protect our health system capacity, prevent widespread closures, keep our schools open and support the province's economic recovery."

In the absence of concerning trends, public health and workplace safety measures will be lifted based on proposed milestones.

In response to continued improvements to key indicators, including ongoing stability in the province's hospitals, effective October 25, 2021 at 12:01 am, Ontario lifted capacity limits in the vast majority of settings where proof of vaccinations are required, such as restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments; indoor areas of sport and recreational facilities such as gyms and where personal physical fitness trainers provide instruction; casinos, bingo halls and other gaming establishments and indoor meeting and event spaces. Limits were also lifted in certain outdoor settings.

At this time, the government will also allow other settings to lift capacity limits and physical distancing requirements if they choose to require proof of vaccination, including personal care services (e.g., barber shops, salons, body art), indoor areas of museums, galleries, aquariums, zoos, science centres, landmarks, historic sites, botanical gardens and similar attractions, indoor areas of amusement parks, indoor

areas of fairs, rural exhibitions, festivals, indoor tour and guide services, boat tours, indoor areas of marinas and boating clubs, indoor clubhouses at outdoor recreational amenities, open house events provided by real estate agencies and indoor areas of photography studios and services; locations where a wedding, funeral or religious service, rite or ceremony takes place may also implement proof of vaccination requirements for services, rites, or ceremonies at the location.

This will not apply to settings where people receive medical care, food from grocery stores and medical supplies. In addition, the government intends to allow for greater capacity at organized public events such as Remembrance Day ceremonies and Santa Claus parades with more details coming in the near future.

On November 15 the government intends to lift capacity limits in the remaining higher-risk settings where proof of vaccination is required, including food or drink establishments with dance facilities (e.g., night clubs, wedding receptions in meeting/event spaces where there is dancing); strip clubs, bathhouses and sex clubs.

On January 17 in the absence of concerning trends in public health and health care following the winter holiday months and after students returned to in-class learning, the province intends to begin gradually lifting capacity limits in settings where proof of vaccination is not required. The chief medical officer of health will also lift CMOH directives as appropriate.

Proof of vaccination requirements may also begin to be gradually lifted at this time, including for restaurants, bars and other food and drink establishments, facilities used for

sports and recreational facilities and casinos, bingo halls and other gaming establishments.

On February 7 the government intends to lift proof of vaccination requirements in high-risk settings such as night clubs, strip clubs, bathhouses and sex clubs.

And on March 28, it is intended that remaining public health and workplace safety measures will be lifted including wearing face coverings in indoor public settings. Recommendations may be released for specific settings, if appropriate.

In addition, the provincial requirement for proof of vaccination will be lifted for all remaining settings, including meeting and event spaces, sporting events, concerts, theatres and cinemas, racing venues and commercial and film productions with studio audiences.

To manage COVID-19 over the long-term, local and regional responses by public health units will be deployed based on local context and conditions. Public health measures that may be applied locally could include reintroducing capacity limits and/or physical distancing, reducing gathering limits and adding settings where proof of vaccination is required, among others. Public health measures would be implemented provincially in exceptional circumstances, such as when the province's health system capacity is at risk of becoming overwhelmed or if a vaccine resistant COVID-19 variant is identified in the province.

"We are now in a position where we can see the proposed plan for lifting the remaining public health and workplace safety measures in Ontario," said Dr. Kieran Moore, chief medical officer of health. "The months ahead will require continued vigilance, as we

...Chi-Cheemaun service weathers second pandemic season

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 COVID). "We are pretty pleased even though we lost five weeks on the sailing season," said Ms. Schrempf.

Ms. Schrempf continued, "We have received nothing but compliments from passengers on our COVID protocols and screening program. And I'm very happy to report that we have had no report of any passengers or crew members who have been ill with COVID-19 since the pandemic began.

And I'm hopeful that next season that with vaccination rates being good we will be able to open more widely to the public in terms of passenger numbers and provide more of our normal services like food and entertainment in place."

The Chi-Cheemaun is now just outside of Thunder Bay for its mandatory five year out of water inspection and maintenance.

"Another notable point about this

year's season is that we only lost one trip on the ship (between Tobermory and South Baymouth) due to a minor mechanical issue on the ship. Losing one day's trip (sailing) due to a mechanical minor issue on the ship is nothing like losing five weeks due to the pandemic. But safety comes first, and it is better to be safe than sorry, which is always at the forefront in our thought process," added Ms. Schrempf.



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Northeastern Manitoulin Flying Club plots flight plan

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN EAST—The lobby of Manitoulin East Municipal Airport was filled to capacity as interested parties settled in on Wednesday, October 20 to learn more about plans to start a flying club in eastern Manitoulin. Buoyed by the success of the flying club based out of the Gore Bay Airport, organizer Andy Atchison has set the props in motion to establish a club on the eastern end of the Island.

Those in attendance for the meeting heard presentations from Mr. Atchison, the interim manager at the airport, Wade Cook, a Manitoulin Transport pilot who was instrumental in setting up the Gore Bay club, and Dr. Roy Jeffery, who is the Island's aviation medical examiner and a pilot in his own right.

Airport committee chair Dave Ham, mayor of Assiginack and a founding member of the airport, welcomed those in attendance in his capacity as mayor. "I take great pride in this facility," he said, noting the airport was established as a joint venture between the eastern municipalities in 1988. Mayor Ham has been a pilot for 54 years. "It's great to see the interest here tonight," he said. "I think it's wonderful and I am happy to get the Manitoulin into flying."

"This meeting was to judge the interest out on this side of the Island," shared Mr. Atchison. "The Gore Bay club is very successful, I am a part of that club, but it is in Gore Bay and that is a long way."

The challenge comes in travelling all the way to Gore Bay, only to discover that the weather has socked in and become less desirable for students flying. The issue becomes even more of a challenge when it comes to travelling all the way to Sudbury to take a class or in-air flight training.

Although the Gore Bay airport does have more facilities that make learning a bit easier, specifically a crosswind runway, Mr. Atchison noted that the Northeast airport is in the process of building a crosswind runway of its own. "It will be done someday," he assured the attendees.

Mr. Atchison said that the Northeast airport is fine for daytime flying.

"We have access to a number of instructors here on the Island," he said. "There was supposed to be one here tonight, but something came up at the last minute and they couldn't make it. "There is another in Sudbury who has expressed an interest," added Mr. Atchison, "provided we



A Cessna 150 is pictured here. This type of aircraft may be purchased for use of the club.

have enough people interested in taking the classes."

Mr. Atchison noted that he has always been passionate about flying, being one of those kids in the playground who stopped playing to stare at a plane flying overhead. "But things happen in life," he said. "My family didn't have a lot when I was growing up; then, when I was older I started a career and a family, with mortgage and car payments and all the things that go along with that, so I didn't get my pilot's licence until the kids had moved out and the mortgage was paid off." His passion never died. "That flame inside me never went out," he said.

"My wife didn't support it at first," said Mr. Atchison, "so I went out and bought an airplane. I was fortunate to have two exceptional partners."

Mr. Cook noted that the Gore Bay club began in earnest in 2017, and since that time nine student pilots have gone through the program with the club and another three have also gained their licence, although they didn't train with that club's airplane. "So we have 12 new flyers here on Manitoulin," he said.

Mr. Cook advised those interested in forming a club to look into forming a company. "I would suggest a not-for-profit company," he said, adding that format tends to create less opportunity for bickering among the members.

Having a company with a plane means that up to 15 members can be listed on the company roster, greatly simplifying insurance issues.

"If you have 10 members putting in \$2,000 each, you could find a plane for about \$15,000, with a few thousand left over to get the plane up to snuff," he suggested. While that scenario might work if the club got as lucky as Gore Bay did when they started out, Mr. Cook qualified his remarks by saying a more realistic number would be to have each of the 10 put in \$5,000. A

true four-seater would be a much better proposition as a trainer.

The club would likely need about a 50/50 ratio of students to licenced pilots for the insurance company but those things do tend to be negotiable, he said. Insurance rates for the West End club were not all that onerous, coming in at around \$2,350 for the year for the entire club.

After the initial buy-in, the Gore Bay club requires a \$750 a year fee and the use of the airplane by members comes in at around \$50 per hour. Those club members taking the plane up also pay for the fuel, which runs to about \$65 per hour at today's prices, for an hourly cost of approximately \$115 per hour—significantly less than renting a plane normally.

Gore Bay club members sign on to the plane deposit for two years, after which the club will buy out their share. Mr. Cook noted that their club has a waiting list of people willing to sign on. "When you think about it, it is a very accessible way to buy an airplane," he noted.

There was discussion on whether the club could start with a ground school first and then move onto the purchasing of a plane and the more formal setup of the company.

Interest was high in the ground school, with Mr. Cook also noting that he has individuals at the West End also interested in attending a ground school.

There was also discussion of setting up a two-tier membership, with one group simply being members of the club and not owners of the plane. Mr. Cook noted that the West End club also started with a two-tier structure.

It was noted that, while students could study for their exams at any age, they had to be at least 14 years old to gain a pilot's licence.

"Theoretically, you could get your pilot's licence before you can even get your automobile licence," said Mr. Atchison. "Technically you could, but realistically it tends to take a bit longer."

One of the attendees, identified as Steve, actually attained his at 15.

As the meeting drew to a close, Mr. Atchison suggested folks take the information from the meeting home with them and discuss how they would like to see a flying club set up. The next meeting is set for 7 pm, Wednesday, November 24 at the Manitoulin East Municipal Airport.



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United Church coffee house returning to Little Current on October 29

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The return of the weekly concerts held by George Williamson and friends at Soldier's Park by the cenotaph in Little Current proved immensely popular this summer with both Islanders and summer visitors. Thanks to Little Current United Church, the complementary concert series held during the colder months is also returning to the United Church Hall.

Newly announced relaxed COVID-19 gathering sizes will allow for the hall to accommodate its normal capacity. Mr. Williamson added though, that, "I am thinking about limiting the number of musicians that play to five."

The concert series was almost as popular



Cole Hughson, left, George Williamson and friends entertain at the weekly Friday night concerts in Little Current this past summer.

photo by Michael Erskine

with musicians hankering for an opportunity to play in front of an audience as it has been for the listeners in the audience.

The summer concert series raised \$2,076, despite the shorter season and COVID restriction challenges, noted Mr. Williamson. "The money is going toward the (Manitoulin Family Resources Help Centre) food bank," he said. "I feel pretty good about that."

Cruiser's Net host Roy Eaton noted that the concert series proved very popular with the visiting boater crowd as well.

Mr. Williamson noted how well the youngest of the regular musicians, Cole Hughson of Little Current, has been received. "He has really grown as a musician by playing in front of people," he said.

The concert series is slated to begin at 6:30 pm on Friday, October 29, according to Betty Edwards. The coffeehouse will resume at the Little Current United Church Hall following COVID-19 rules, she said. Admission is free, but there is a free will offering once again, with all proceeds going to the Manitoulin Family Resources food bank.

"You must show a paper copy of your second vaccine receipt and government issued ID," said Ms. Edwards, who added that all COVID-19 rules apply. If the person attending has their receipt copy on their phone, that can work, but the church does not have the scanner to check the passport QR code. "We are also asking people to socially distance as well," she said.

...Suspected drugs merchant again caught and released to live in Sudbury

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trolled drug and substances act drug charges on another court date. He has now fulfilled his obligation in providing his new address in the City of Greater Sudbury and must still abide by the conditions of his original undertaking from the charges from June 24, 2021."

Mr. Branco was one of three people accused with trafficking controlled substances in a location in M'Chigeeng earlier this summer (which as part of the police investigation caused an emergency alert, as he was suspected of being armed and dangerous after evading police). He was eventually captured by police and charged.

The UCCM Anishnaabe Police reported that on June 24, 2021, information was received that three individuals were trafficking controlled substances out of 644 Cross Hill

Road, in M'Chigeeng First Nation.

As a result, a controlled drug and substances act (CDSA) search warrant was applied for and granted. The warrant was executed through a joint force effort by officers with the Ontario Provincial Police, UCCM Anishnaabe Police and Wikwemikong Tribal Police.

Arrested in the residence and charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking fentanyl, cocaine, methamphetamine and possession of property obtained by crime (Canadian currency) were Victor Branco, 21 years of age, Robert Migwans, 45 years of age, and Stephanie Cooper, 31 years of age.

Seized by police during the search warrant was 18.5 grams of crystal methamphetamine, 26.8 grams of crack cocaine, 4.9 grams of fentanyl and over \$19,000 in Canadian

currency. Also seized were packaging materials indicating the controlled substances were being packaged for sale.

All three accused were released on undertakings with conditions. Mr. Branco was escorted off the Island by police with a condition to not be present in M'Chigeeng and to reside at a residence in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

A compliance check was completed this past summer on Mr. Branco's address by Toronto Police Service on behalf of a request by UCCM investigators and Mr. Branco was found to not be present as per his curfew condition.

As a result, UCCM Police held an arrest warrant for breach of conditions of undertaking for Victor Branco. Mr. Branco's last known reported address as per his undertaking is in Sudbury.

...Is your community spooking up for Hallowe'en in this most scary of years?

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really be? Thanks to amazing volunteers, the haunted house tour will take place on Friday, October 29 from 7:30 to 9 pm in Manitowaning. It will be petrifying but also fun driving the streets of Manitowaning seeing each haunted house!

Due to COVID, the usual

haunted ride is unable to take place. The haunted house tour is the replacement for this year.

The tour will be done in your vehicle. You go to the Assiginack arena and pay \$5 and get a map of all the houses on the tour. You then drive around to see the haunted houses. All the pro-

ceeds will go to the Manitoulin Secondary School Living Well Locker. The \$5 admission is per vehicle.

The M'Chigeeng First Nation family resources and youth program are presenting a Halloween family dance from 5:30-7:30 pm, on Friday, October 29. All are welcome to the outdoor

dance at the outdoor rink. COVID protocols are in effect. For more information, contact Renee Corbiere, Sally Still, Tony Debassige or Lisa Ense at 705-377-4371 or 705-377-5187.

A pumpkin parade is being held in Gore Bay on Monday, November 1 from 6-8 pm. The event is being

hosted by Annette Clarke. Join everyone at the Gore Bay waterfront-boardwalk between the Red Roof Pavilion and marina boat launch for a family friendly evening.

In downtown Little Current on October 30, trick or treat at local businesses and the United Church between

1:00-3:00 pm.

The NEMI library is also getting in on the fun. From Tuesday to Saturday, October 26-30, 10am to 5 pm, Thursday 10 am to 7 pm. Costumes are always welcome and children are invited to come inside for a treat and maybe fill out a library card or borrow something.

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New lawyer hangs his shingle in Little Current info centre

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—Lawyer Mark Ansara has wanted to move to Manitoulin for decades, but it wasn't until recently that the stars aligned to make the move from Timmins to Manitoulin a reality.

Called to the bar in 1986, Mr. Ansara took his first mediation course in 1992. He describes himself as having "a passion for mediation and truly am a people person."

He describes his approach to the practice of law as 'up close and personal.' "It is important to get to know the participants and understand the multitude of underlying issues which are involved in each and every mediation. As a civil



Lawyer Mark Ansara is all smiles, having moved his practice from Timmins to Manitoulin Island this past spring. Mr. Ansara is no stranger to Manitoulin and had a growing number of Island clients before deciding to hang his shingle up in Little Current. Mr. Ansara's office can be found on the lower level of the Little Current Welcome Centre, beside the fitness centre.

photos by Michael Erskine

Mr. Ansara can be reached at 705-274-5918, by fax to 705-368-1996 or by email to Mark.Ansara.Law@outlook.com. His office is located at 70 Meridith Street East (in the rear of the Little Current Welcome Centre building, the same entrance as the gym).



Lawyer Mark Ansara has settled into his Little Current office and observes COVID-19 protocols for the safety of his clients. A longtime fan of all things Manitoulin Island, Mr. Ansara and his partner have found living on the Island is just the ticket for alleviating any stress from having to deal with COVID-19-restricted courts.

litigation lawyer I have been involved in innumerable successful mediations. As long as there is a will to mediate on the part of all parties and a steadfast, flexible mediator success, whether that success is total or partial, can be obtained. It is said that a good mediation leaves all parties a little unhappy. I do not ascribe to this theory and feel that a truly successful mediation leaves all parties with a feeling of relief and satisfaction that they have been heard."

Mr. Ansara's practice covers a huge swath of Northeastern Ontario "from Moosonee to Manitoulin Island" and he has often found himself travelling on short notice to various towns and cities throughout northern Ontario.

In the past few years, Mr. Ansara has found himself with an ever-growing portfolio of Island and North Shore clients and that provided a little extra impetus for the move to Manitoulin.

His practice is now focused on personal injury and insurance disputes—specializing in those areas rather than as a general practitioner.

The Expositor caught up with the new lawyer in his office in the lower level of the Welcome Centre near the swing bridge.

"I kind of got into personal injury by accident," he said, having joined a friend's firm where he found "I really loved the stuff. There is a cleanliness to it. Civil law is generally pretty civil between people. I find, particularly the new generation (of lawyers), they are more collegial."

Mr. Ansara used to come visit his uncle Tommy McKay, the assessment officer for the Island back in the day. "I always loved the Island, and now that I have moved here I love it even more," he said. "Then all these clients started to come," he laughed. That made the decision to move south a lot easier.

As a personal injury lawyer, Mr. Ansara represents people involved in motor vehicle accidents, slips and falls, dog bites, occupier's liability, accident benefits and sporting injuries. Mr. Ansara does not require a retainer, being willing to take on a case on a contingency basis.

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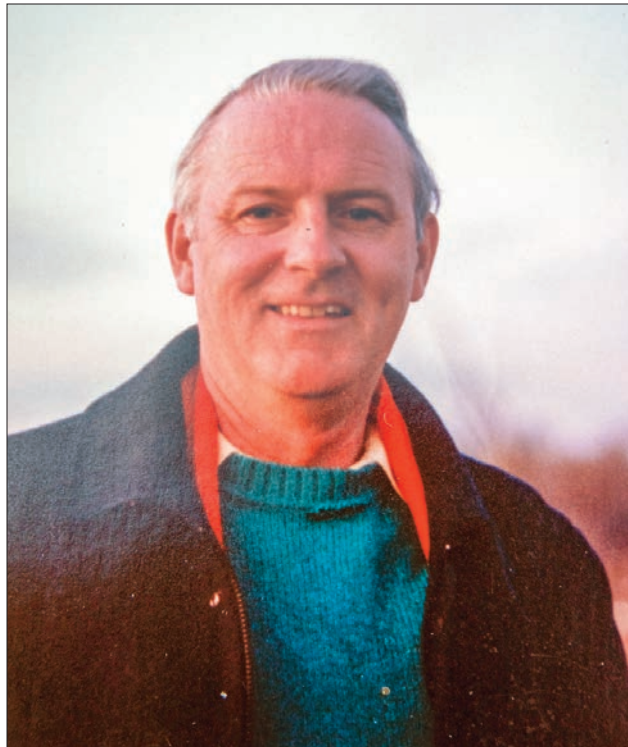
...Now and Then: Gary Chandler of Manitowaning

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teach for a year until Manitowaning Secondary School opened. While on Manitowaning for a visit, I ran into Jim Bousquet in Little Current. He asked me to come for a ride. We looked at the old Nelson Rowe house near the dump in Little Current. It was well-built but lacked plumbing, water and central heat. I bought the house because it was a two-story house with lots of potential and a splendid view of Strawberry Island. That winter of 1968, while still teaching in Orangeville, an electrical teacher showed me how to wire a house."

"Meanwhile Roger Allen of the Ministry of Education was negotiating with Island leaders to include the sciences, trades and technology along with the academic courses in the new curriculum, in one school building in West Bay. Indian Affairs would pay for 33 percent of the costs. This agreement was finally made but had not included Anishnabek input."

In 1969, when MSS opened in West Bay (M'Chigeeng), Gary moved the family back to Little Current and started teaching agriculture and environmental science. That year, his class went to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. "We stayed in the gym at the Orangeville High School. Bill Wood's dad had a school bus and the local minister drove the class to Toronto and back. I was told



The high school years.

if I couldn't find a student in a Toronto store, just approach the nearest elevator or escalator."

About this time, Bert Dunlop asked him to run for local council. "Nobody knows me," Gary said. It seems many people knew him because he topped the voting list. He sat on council for Howland Township and later became the reeve. "I decided to drop out of the next election after becoming vice principal of MSS in 1972."

In 1979, Gary became the principal, a role he enjoyed for 16 years. Gary also gave

summer workshops to other agriculture teachers at Western's Althouse College of Education in Guelph. "I wired the house, added a bathroom and a yard light that could be seen boating out of Killarney." Soon, he purchased the Morley Gordon farm in Green Bay and added cattle to run on the Little Current farm.

In 1975, Gary and Marjory agreed to divorce. Gary kept the three children. In time, he met Penny Dollar, a music teacher at MSS. She was looking for a letter of recommendation to teach in Germany. Gary was reluc-



The house on the hill completed by Gary for his family.

tant to lose a good teacher. He said to her, "We are happy with you and want you to stay." Miss Dollar was aware of Gary's situation and asked if she could help with the kids. "I said no at first, then reconsidered. 'We have a piano. You could teach the kids music to get their minds off the changes.'"

After her first day of lessons, the kids asked if Miss Dollar could stay for supper. Gary was not sure about this invitation but the children were adamant and Penny agreed to stay. During supper, little Rob walked over to Penny and asked, "Are you going to marry my dad?" That was a bit awk-

ward, but it led to an eventual marriage that lasted 36 years. They moved to the Green Bay farm.

In November 1979, the Chandlers moved to the Ednie farm, near West Bay. The house was only partially finished with insulation in the ceiling and the outside walls. There was one tap, a toilet and a furnace. It took some time for Gary to fill in the missing items. They now owned three farms. Jason, Jordan and Kyle were added to the family.

In the early 1980s, Marion Seabrook took forty kids from her native studies class to Haida Guaii in the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Gary went as a chaperone. "I remember the huge fir trees that took thirteen kids holding hands to span the circumference. Students boarded with local families, whose children would later visit Manitowaning." In January 1996, Gary retired from MSS and began to enjoy retirement. After the kids moved out, Penny and Gary were empty nesters but soon tragedy struck. After 30 years of marriage, in 2011 Penny was diagnosed with cancer. She died within six months. Her faith kept her strong and she planned her own funeral service from her hospital bed.

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Royal Canadian Legion Little Current Branch 177 Operation Christmas Card organizer Linda Bowerman holds the letterbox she has placed in The Expositor Office in Little Current. The box is ready to receive cards and letters to be sent to Canadian Forces personnel serving their country during the holiday season. Branch 177 is hoping to recapture the top title in the contest this year.

photo by Michael Erskine

Island Christmas letter campaign for Canadian Forces personnel underway

by Michael Erskine
 MANITOULIN—Canada Post offices across Manitoulin Island (and The Expositor Office in Little Current) are sporting slotted boxes bearing the Royal Canadian Legion logo and 'Operation Christmas Card.'

"Let us see how many smiles we can get by sending our troops a Christmas card," said organizer Comrade Linda Bowerman, who put that very phrase on the boxes she has been delivering across the Island.

Deadline for the letters is December 15, to ensure the cards and letters reach troops stationed overseas by Christmas. Ms. Bowerman noted that the envelopes do not need

postage attached. "We, that's Branch 177, are taking part in Operation Christmas Card again this year," she said. She noted that a number of those who have taken part in the past have received letters back from the Canadian Forces personnel who received the letter. "It is really heartwarming to see the difference it makes for both the sender and the person who receives it," said Ms. Bowerman.

The project also offers up an opportunity to get some serious Legion "cred," as it is a contest between Royal Canadian Legion zones.

"The contest runs from the first of November," said Ms. Bowerman. "For two years we won first

place. Last year we came in third." It seems Marymount was involved and the students took up the challenge with gusto. "It really doesn't matter who wins," laughed Ms. Bowerman. "The important thing is to get out lots of letters going out to the troops."

Sure... but let's recapture Manitoulin's top-of-the-pole position by reaching out to those folks who are serving their country far from hearth and home this holiday season by setting pen to paper and doing it old school.

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Manitowaning Haunted House Tour seeks more households to join their ghastly route

ASSIGINACK—The popular Manitowaning Haunted House Tour returns this year and is looking for a few more creepy locations to join the route. The tour takes place on October 29 and runs from 7:30 pm to 9 pm.

Thanks to an outstanding group of volunteers, the Haunted House Tour has always been a big hit with folks of all ages as they make their way through the streets of Manitowaning onboard decorated haywagons, but this year, due to COVID, the haunted ride was unable to



One of the houses from the Manitowaning Haunted House Tour in a previous year.

take place. So the Haunted House tour is standing in this year.

The tour is done in your own vehicle. First, participants go to the Assiginack arena and pay \$5 and get a map of all the houses on the tour. Then you follow the map as you drive around to see the haunted houses. All proceeds go to the Manitoulin Secondary School Living Well Locker. The organizers are looking for a few more haunted houses, so those who would like to participate are asked to email info@assiginack.ca.

A Hallowe'en tale:

The Island's Halcrow House has a story to tell

by Jason Burnett

Let me tell you about the Halcrow (pronounced hell-crow by the older generation) House. For those of you that don't know, the Halcrow House is the lonely, dilapidated concrete constructed house that sits atop Ten Mile Point, across from the Trading Post. You know, the one with cinder blocks in the doors and windows and vines trying to take over the house?

Many photographers have tried to capture whatever that feeling is that you get when you drive by the house but none successfully in my opinion. You cannot capture what you don't understand.

Here is what I know... You may be surprised at some of the connections you have on the island. Talk to someone in your family like I do with Grandma Moyra Size. You might just learn something.

For example, my great Grandpa Harold Size and great Grandma Nelly Size (nee Moggy) got married at the Halcrow House.

I'm sure it was a stunning house back in the day with picturesque views of Loon Island and the amazing fields behind it but not anymore. Now it is the subject of warnings to my own children.

You may recall last Hal-

loween we discussed the 'Man in the Bridge' but as my family and I travel further onto the Island to Sheguiandah and on to Manitowaning, the Halcrow House is always the subject of my next cautionary tale! As I tell my kids Jonah, Nolan, and Keith, "Never look into Halcrow House because you don't know what's looking back!" But it's so tempting, right? You can see in through the upper windows and say to yourself, "What does it look like in that old house and what is its story?"

While I am not privy to the actual story of Halcrow House and certainly mean no disrespect to the Halcrow family, I can tell you that whatever is in there now gets stronger as Hallowe'en approaches.

I think it's female although I cannot tell you exactly why I think that. It's just the feeling I get. How do I know she gets stronger as Hallowe'en approaches?

Simply put, it's her eyes which have an effervescent glow to them which can be clearly seen in the upper windows when it's late at night. The closer we get to Hallowe'en, the brighter those eyes get. That misty shade of glowing green eyes still haunts me. As I tell the children,

never look in the windows because if you catch her eye she may just come for you.

My name is Jason Burnett and my family comes from Manitoulin Island so I know a little bit about this Island and I can tell you one thing... most tourists that see Halcrow House get it

wrong. They always think that Halcrow House has the windows and doors blocked with cinder blocks to keep trespassers out. The truth of the matter is much more insidious as the blocks were actually put there to keep whatever resides there now... IN!



The Halcrow House by Ten Mile Point.

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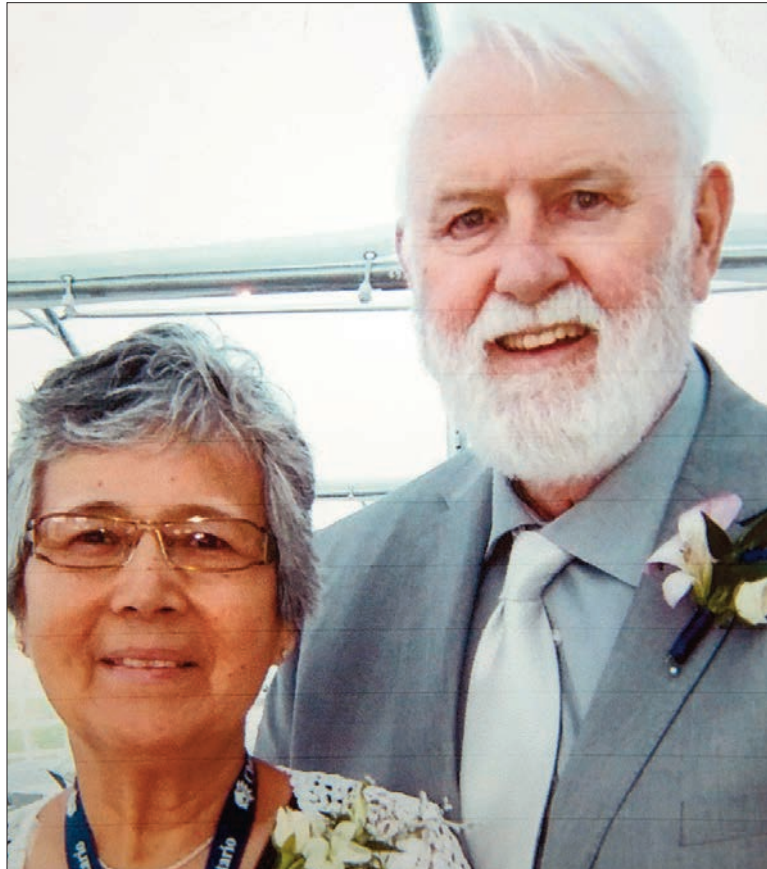
...Now and Then: Gary Chandler of Manitowaning

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Gary started to eat his meals at Basil and Janis Panamick's restaurant. One day while Gary was eating supper in this restaurant, he spotted Suzanne Knapp all alone at another table. He remembered meeting her at school and said 'hello.' She came over to sit with him. A week later, Gary invited her to eat at Green Acres. On October 15, 2014, Suzanne and Gary 'tied the knot' at the Missionary Church in Mindemoya. "We stayed at the new hotel in Little Current for a night and then came home to the big white five-bedroom house. This house was just too big, so in 2018, we moved into Suzanne's cozier home in Manitowaning."

In November 2020, the couple moved into their current home, the one that Jordan had found, and Jordan moved into the big house. Gary farmed until he was in his late 60's. After that, he helped Glen Corbiere who had bought part of Gary's farm. "I retired again when the John Deere tractors just got too high."

Today, Karen lives in Gore Bay and she works in sales at UCCM's Castle Building. She has two sons, Chandler and Kegan, and a daughter Kaelin (Kiwi), who gave Gary great-granddaughter McKenna. Meredith is in Kagawong. She has Miranda and Harrison and teaches organizational safety. Rob is a contractor in Tennessee. He has Cole, and twins Brooke and Aiden. Jordan is a broker with ReMax Real Estate, and lives with his wife Tracy and his infant son, Noland Irvin Kenneth, in the big white house on the hill. Jason, who lives near Ten Mile Point, is engaged and works as a contractor too.



Gary and Suzanne at Jordan's wedding.

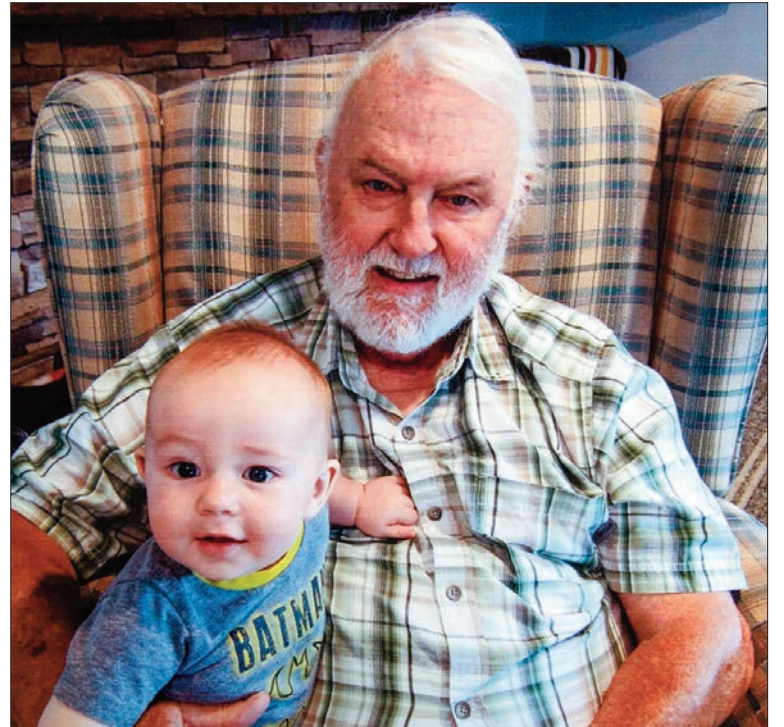
Kyle is on the tactical team for the Greater Sudbury Police Service. He is also engaged to be married.

Most important event in my life? "Having my kids." Favourite pet? "Goldie. She's fourteen and a great dog." Favourite season? "Spring, when life begins again, and things grow." Favourite movies? "Old movies" Any collections? "Stamps while I was with the Boy Scouts." My first hourly wage? "Sixty-five cents an hour at the A & P store." My strengths? "From the feedback, I believe, leadership, organizational skills

and empathy." Associations I was involved with? "The Gore Bay Rotary Club years ago. The Secondary School Teacher's Federation. I was elected president of the local Federation."

Someone I admired? "My kind, hard-working dad."

If you could go back and do something differently, would you? "No." If you could only have three things in your life, what would they be? "My wife, my kids and my home, plus a few tools." Legacy for the future? "The love for my children and grandchildren and their



The youngest and eldest member of the family.

children." Recipe for happiness? "Be guided by Christian principles and have a positive outlook." Advice to the young? "Avoid drugs that have destroyed so many productive young lives. Kyle runs into this every day on the police force."

Gary has some health issues, but he is happy sharing his life with Suzanne in their new home. The couple also enjoys their cottage on South Bay, six kilometers from their home. "Not sure if I will live to 103 like my grandfather, but I still like to build things at the cottage. We can use another water tower and all our energy comes from solar now. Suzanne has had a big impact on my life, making my life more fulfilling. She is a diligent worker and an

inspiration to many."

"Manitoulin has always been important to me. The fact that I came here, lived here, left and came back says it all. I like the people, the students and the camaraderie I share with so many Islanders. Norm Morrell was always a good friend. We worked together at MSS. At one time we could identify anyone on the Island; back then, I knew what Island community they all hailed from but that is harder now. When I drive around in Toronto, see all the big buildings, all the people and so many lights, I think, 'I don't have to do this anymore.' Instead, I now enjoy the scenery, and the quiet peace of this beautiful place."

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 23-24p

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A recent announcement outlined that nearly a dozen Indigenous-owned businesses in Northern Ontario are receiving funding to help recover from the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jason Fitzsimmons, Hydro One's chief corporate affairs and customer care officer, in an October 13 news release said, "Hydro One is proud to partner with the CCAB to invest in the success of Indigenous-owned businesses, who play a critical role in our economy and have worked hard to persevere through the pandemic. These grants are part of our commitment to empower and support Indigenous businesses and the economy by increasing our annual Indigenous procurement spend."

"We will continue to leverage our unique position in the province and the reach of our network to further reconciliation and nurture respectful, positive and mutually beneficial relationships with Indigenous communities. We thank all applicants and congratulate and celebrate all grant recipients."

Receiving grants which include \$2,500 and a CCAB membership include Desire and Glow Closet, located in Wikwemkoong Unceded First Nation, and Shadow Healing, located in M'Chigeeng First Nation.

The Hydro One Business Grant initiative is part of the company's stated commitment to direct 20 percent of its corporate donations and sponsorships to Indigenous communities and organizations that benefit Indigenous communities.

The company said it is also committed to increasing its Indigenous procurement spend to five percent of the company's purchases of materials and services by 2026.

coming events

Poppy Campaign 2021

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Sue Morin, Poppy Chair
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Employment Opportunity CRISIS TEAM – EMERGENCY SHELTER WORKER

Summary

Mnidoow Mnisig Mental Wellness Crisis Response Team exists to provide rapid and effective crisis support and intervention to all seven (7) First Nations on and around Manitoulin Island. It is the intent of the Mnidoow Mnisig Mental Wellness Crisis Response Team's Emergency Low Barrier Shelter Project to provide safe and warm lodging overnight for individuals who, for a variety of reasons, find themselves to be homeless. This project takes aim at a real need for safe beds for individuals who do not meet the intake standards laid out by other shelter programs. The Mnidoow Mnisig Mental Wellness Crisis Response Team believes that all people deserve the safety and dignity of a place to sleep and looks to provide this service to individuals from all seven (7) First Nations communities of Mnidoow Mnisig.

Responsibilities

1. As part of a team, be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the low-barriers program;
2. Supervise individuals accessing the program;
3. Provide a safe and trustworthy environment;
4. Complete intakes/discharges;
5. Establish empathetic rapport with individuals accessing the program;
6. Implement the program's policies and procedures and residency agreements in a spirit of fairness and respect;
7. Support individuals' efforts to attain their goals through advocacy, research, and appropriate referrals;
8. Work as a resource for individuals, particularly around housing issues, support and advocacy;
9. Participate in on-going team building, ensuring peer accountability, strong communications and support;
10. Use intervention and mediation skills to defuse potential conflicts;
11. Perform light housekeeping and maintenance tasks to ensure a clean work environment;
12. Administrative duties;
13. Participation in team activities and decision-making;
14. Providing programming support as identified;
15. Shift work that includes nights, evenings, and weekends.

Qualifications

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
- Previous experience working with people who are homeless and/or under-housed.
- Knowledge of service delivery systems, specialized services, First Nation community dynamics as well as all applicable legislation.
- An intimate understanding of the lived experience of Anishinaabe people and Traditional wellness approaches.
- Strong communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Knowledge of our tenant population, diversity issues, anti-discrimination practices, and systemic reasons for homelessness.
- Excellent interpersonal, conflict resolution, and organization skills.
- Mental Health First Aid, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training.
- Certificates in First Aid, CPR, Crisis Prevention, and Intervention an asset.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and professionalism in all aspects of work.
- Ability to work in a team approach and with minimal supervision.
- Knowledge of First Nations communities and health and social service issues.
- Some travel is a required - applicants must possess a valid driver's licence and have access to a reliable vehicle.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts. Marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Crisis Team – Emergency Shelter Worker
Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive, Wikwemikong, ON, POP 2J0
Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: November 1, 2021 @ 4:00pm

Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Abstract, Accreditations, and Driver's Licence. DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE.

We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Incomplete submission will not be accepted. No return of submissions.

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UNITED CHIEFS and COUNCILS OF MNIDOO MNISING

COMMUNITY JUSTICE WORKER

Location: United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoow Mnisig Tribal Council – M'Chigeeng First Nation
Duration: Full-time pending funding (3 month probation period)

The United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoow Mnisig Justice Program is an Anishinaabe Community Justice Program. Under the direct supervision of the Justice Manager, the Community Justice Worker is responsible for working directly with clients, panel members, victims, and police; organizing and facilitating Justice Circles; and assisting individuals with completing their Plan of Action from the Justice Circle.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Establish and maintain working relationships with Indigenous and mainstream community partners.
- Review docket to identify candidates for diversion, meet with Crown Attorney to discuss candidates.
- Meet with candidates to explain program, complete consent and client intake form.
- Contact panel members to participate in justice circle, copy and provide Crown Brief to panel members, prepare circle outline, arrange time, date, and location for justice circle.
- Discuss justice circle with victim(s), victim support person, offender(s), and offender support persons.
- Facilitate justice circles.
- Supervision and conduct follow-up based on disposition (plan of action) from circle.
- Facilitate presentations and guest speaking for large audiences, conduct workshops and seminars for justice personnel, UCCM Anishinaabe Police Services, and outside agencies on the operation of the program.
- Maintain accurate, complete, and confidential records on each case heard by the diversion program.
- Provide quarterly activity and statistical reports to Justice Manager for funding bodies.
- Participate in Justice Program staff meetings and Strategic Planning sessions to further develop the UCCMM Justice Program.
- Attend court, training, and information sessions at various locations.
- Conform to ethical standards of practice and to exercise client confidentiality.
- Regular to continuous computer usage for reports, correspondence to clients, and search for court related information.
- Work with people who could potentially become violent, hostile and work in stressful situations.
- Able to work evenings, weekends or extended hours and ability to travel.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Post-secondary degree or diploma in law or social services discipline or at least two years' experience working in Anishinaabe justice in Ontario.
- Knowledge of UCCMM Justice principles; knowledge of local Anishinaabe history, clan systems, teachings, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions, and ceremonies.
- Knowledge of local Indigenous and non-Indigenous services and resources.
- Ability to speak the Ojibwe language is an asset.
- Knowledge of relevant criminal court procedures, Criminal Code and Youth Criminal Justice Act.
- Ability to manage a database; complete financial forms; produce clear and concise workplan activity, statistical reports, and correspondence.
- Must possess a valid Ontario Drivers' Licence, a reliable means of transportation, and able to travel.
- Must provide a clear current Criminal Records Check.
- Must provide a clear current Vulnerable Sector Screening if selected.
- Must possess excellent work habits and ethics and able to work independently.
- Must support Anishinaabe red road teachings, promotion of positive role models and healthy lifestyles.

Remuneration: Annual salary \$46,200 and benefits

Closing Date: Until Filled

To Apply:

Mail or deliver a complete package which must include the following:

- 1) cover letter 2) resume 3) copy of valid Ontario driver's licence 4) three work-related letters of reference including at least one from a supervisor/manager 5) current criminal reference check

Incomplete, emailed or late packages will not be considered.

Thank you for applying but only those candidates who are selected for an interview will be contacted.

Mark "Confidential-CJW" to:

Hazel Recollet, Chief Executive Officer
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoow Mnisig
Box 275
M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0



Employment Opportunity ADMINISTRATION - RESEARCH

Summary

Under the direction of the Health Services Director and Dr. Nancy Young, the Administration - Research will be responsible for assisting the community researcher with research and research coordination relating to Aboriginal Child Health Well-Being Measure and Tobacco projects.

Responsibilities

1. Provide research support to the Associate Director.
2. Review research proposals and develop detailed implementation plans for each project. Review these plans with the partner organizations in the community and revise, as necessary, through collaborative consultations.
3. Building and sustaining relationships with Anishinaabe community members, partners, and organizations.
4. Supporting the recruitment of participants for health-related studies including the creation of posters and materials and participating in community outreach and presentations.
5. Preparing for and assisting with key informant interviews and focus groups (e.g. scheduling, printing interview guides, organizing completed interview notes, etc.).
6. Supporting the collection of community level data (e.g. community demographics, health status, available health services and programs for older adults).
7. Assisting with data analysis and the sharing of results through reports, presentations and other activities.
8. Ensure secure storage of research data and supporting documentation.
9. Planning meetings including preparing agendas, booking rooms, arranging catering services, inviting and confirming participants, preparing travel expense forms, printing agendas and documenting meeting proceedings (e.g. taking photographs and meeting minutes, distributing documents to participants).

Qualifications

- Successful completion of post-secondary diploma in a health-related discipline.
- Minimum two years' experience working with Indigenous people or in research.
- Experience with outreach activities with communities, organizations and partners.
- Experience with knowledge translation and exchange with Indigenous communities.
- Knowledge of Anishinaabe culture, value and beliefs.
- Ability to work both independently and as part of a collaborative team.
- Ability to travel.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and contract information of two work-related references. Marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Administration - Research
Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
P.O. Box 101, 16A Complex Drive
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
Telephone: 705.859.3164
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Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: Until Filled

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Employment Opportunity COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM WORKER - ENVIRONMENT

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is seeking a qualified and motivated individual for the position of Community Health Program Worker - Environment.

Summary

Community Health Program Worker - Environment will be responsible for the support, education and advocacy of health and health care within the community with a focus on environmental issues.

Responsibilities

1. Organize and lead community outreach activities.
2. Coordinate agency health promotion activities with other organizations/groups, (i.e. health fairs, screening clinics).
3. Provide health care and prevention education within the community including schools, community centres and patient homes.
4. Adhere to reporting procedures for accidents and incidents.
5. Maintain a high level of confidentiality in all interactions, at all times.
6. Monitors the environment and investigates sources of pollution by performing laboratory and field tests (water testing).
7. May involve fieldwork which involves taking soil samples or water samples from rivers, lakes and streams.
8. Collection of water samples from households with holding tanks.
9. Prepare and maintain necessary reports and records as required.
10. Work closely with the Indigenous Services Canada Environmental Officer.
11. Conduct bacteriological or other tests related to research in environmental or pollution control activity.
12. Participate and contribute to Emergency Preparedness.

Qualifications

- Diploma and/or certificate in community health, health education, environment health or related field.
- Three - five years' experience related to community health education.
- Knowledge of the priorities affecting Indigenous health.
- Ability to present information in group settings.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Community Health Program Worker - Environment
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NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CASE MANAGEMENT WORKER

Summary

The Case Management Worker will take an innovative approach towards providing a Culturally Appropriate Community-Based Case Management System in addressing addictions and mental health in collaboration with a team of professionals. The Case Management Worker will provide support and ensure consistent services are provided via a team approach. The team will include but is not limited to Traditional Resources, Mental Health Workers, Addiction Workers, Child and Family Service Workers and Justice Program (i.e. Probation and Parole) in addressing complex needs of those affected by addictions.

Responsibilities

1. Culturally appropriate case management;
2. Ensure that culturally appropriate and effective harm reduction support services are provided to the community of Wikwemkoong;
3. Ensure the provision of culturally appropriate clinical assessment and counselling services of a supportive, educational and skills building nature is delivered to individuals, groups and families;
4. Facilitate culturally appropriate and efficient addictions and mental health services to the community of Wikwemkoong;
5. Ensure culturally appropriate quality of service by working under close supervision of the Mental Health Manager;
6. Keep abreast of current trends, developments and issues in appropriate fields of interest and communicates information to the Addictions and Mental Health staff;
7. Assist with the facilitation of professional development of other staff;
8. Maintain culturally appropriate professional competency on an ongoing basis;
9. Promote culturally appropriate addictions and mental health services in the community of Wikwemkoong.

Qualifications

- Degree / Diploma in one of the helping disciplines from a recognized institution.
- Experience in case management.
- Experience in First Nation's health services/mental health and addictions services.
- Experience in delivering culturally safe practices with a strong knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal Culture, Traditions and Language.
- Knowledge and experience in working with First Nation, provincial and federal government systems of health.
- Fluent in Anishinaabemowin is considered an asset.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal and leadership skills.
- An intimate understanding of the lived experience of Anishinaabe people.
- Good time management and the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines.
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence.
- Current and clear criminal reference check.

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Case Management Worker
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Deadline: Until Filled



Employment Opportunity COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE FULL-TIME PERMANENT

Summary

With the functional support, guidance and supervision provided by the Community Health Service Manager, the Community Health Nurse carries out a community health service as outlined by the Community Health Program Policies and Procedures.

Responsibilities

- Planning and delivering a Community Health Program, considering the physical, social, spiritual, mental and environmental factors which influence each individual, family and community;
- Delivering an immunization program in accordance to Community Health Service (CHS) Immunization Policy and Procedures, FNIHB Immunization Policy and Procedures and Ministry Standards. Also, ensuring to maintain a communicable disease reporting program in collaboration with CD Nurse of FNIHB and CHS Manager;
- Community Health Program
 1. Preconception Health Services (for schools in community only);
 2. Maternal and Newborn Health Services;
 3. Infant and Pre-School Health Services;
 4. School Health Services (for schools in community only);
 5. Community Health Services.

Qualifications

- A four-year BScN degree is required; or minimum three-year nursing diploma will be accepted;
- Must take Immunization Certification Online Course upon hiring and attend mandatory training sessions. Upon completion CHN will be required to write the immunization exam and will be subject to a series of practical exams for immunization;
- Two years' experience in advanced nursing assessment skills with special emphasis on immunization, communicable disease, prenatal and community health care;
- Two years' experience working in a First Nation community or equivalent organization;
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation health concerns and issues, and the ability to apply knowledge and skill in the development and implementation of programs to address identified needs;
- Adaptability and ability to establish and sustain a multidisciplinary team approach to integrated service delivery;
- Ability to apply ethics of nursing practice in decision making;
- Willingness to adapt to the changing demands of the position;
- Ability to demonstrate initiative, optimism, discretion, tact, self-assurance, dependability and leadership.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related references with contact information marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Community Health Nurse
Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant
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Employment Opportunity NADMADWIN MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN

Summary

Under the direct supervision of the Nadmadwin Mental Health Manager/Clinician, the Clinician provides professional clinical assessment, counselling, education and referral services to individuals, groups and families; and health promotion services in the form of educational and primary prevention activities to the community of Wikwemikong.

Responsibilities

- To ensure that culturally appropriate and effective clinical services are provided to the community of Wikwemikong.
- To facilitate culturally appropriate and efficient mental health services to the community of Wikwemikong.
- To ensure culturally appropriate quality of service by working under close supervision of the Mental Health Manager.
- To keep abreast of current trends, developments and issues in appropriate fields of interest and communicates information to the Mental Health staff.
- To assist with the facilitation of professional development of other staff.
- To maintain culturally appropriate professional competency on an ongoing basis.
- To promote culturally appropriate mental health services in the community of Wikwemikong.
- To participate in the "Critical Incident Response Plan" for Wikwemikong.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in psychology or social work or one of the helping disciplines; or successful completion of a college diploma program in the social services field.
- Membership or membership qualification in a recognized provincial regulatory body is an asset.
- Minimum 3 years of social work experience in a health care setting or social service agency.
- Excellent assessment, interviewing, and counselling skills.
- Expertise in mental health and substance abuse areas preferred.
- Knowledge of therapeutic interventions.
- Must possess the ability to make independent decisions when circumstances require and must know when to refer a patient for further medical assessment.
- Able to effectively communicate both verbally and in writing.
- Able to work efficiently as part of a team as well as independently.
- Good organizational, time management and prioritizing skills.
- Strong morals and ethics, along with a commitment to staff privacy.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and contract information of two work-related references. Marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Clinician

Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

1 YEAR CONTRACT - MATERNITY LEAVE

NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre requires a motivated, energetic and career-minded Occupational Therapy Assistant in our Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojinihik Program serving the communities of Wikwemikong, M'Chigeeng, Whitefish River First Nation and Sagamok Anishnawbek.

Summary

The Occupational Therapy Assistant will act as a team player operating in a collaborative and interdisciplinary environment, with a focus on enabling occupational performance in the areas of self-care and productivity within the school environment. As an effective communicator, the Occupational Therapy Assistant will have demonstrated skills in group settings and one-on-one situations, and work well both independently and in collaboration with others. He/she will provide occupational therapy treatment to students and complete associated documentation.

Responsibilities

- Utilize specialized occupational therapy knowledge and skills to encourage/facilitate activity of daily living skills and productivity;
- Provide individualized intervention, consultation and education as part of an interdisciplinary team either in-person or through virtual means (telephone, email, videoconferencing);
- Consult to define, monitor and adapt the appropriate plan of action of the specific individual's case;
- Provide on-going monitoring of individual's progress towards identified goals;
- Document pertinent information as it relates to the delivery of occupational therapy services;
- Understand and comply with the legal requirements of licensure, legislation, scope of practice, and policies and procedures of the program;
- Respect the individual's beliefs and values and protect their right to confidentiality, privacy and dignity.

Qualifications

- Diploma from a college-level Occupational Therapy Assistant and Physiotherapy Assistant program preferred. Other college-level diplomas and university degrees in combination with relevant experience will be considered;
- Employment or fieldwork placement experience in pediatric occupational therapy settings preferred, with school health experience considered an asset;
- Ability to function within an interdisciplinary team (including education and healthcare professionals);
- Demonstrated ability to work independently;
- Ability to adapt to and work effectively within a variety of situations, and with various individuals or groups;
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with pediatric clients and their families and with colleagues using a variety of formats;
- Ability to recognize individual learning styles and adapt communication and therapeutic approach accordingly;
- Demonstrated ability in problem-solving and critical thinking.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Occupational Therapy Assistant

Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
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Deadline: Until Filled



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES (2) REGISTERED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

Department:

Education, BINOJINIH GAMGOONHS (Childcare Centre)

Classification Level: ECE Salary Grid

Employment Status: Regular Full-Time (With extended health and benefits and pension)

Reporting Relationship

The Educators report directly to the Day Care Supervisor or designate.

Position Summary

The Educator is responsible for children in all aspects related to the development of their academic learning skills, hygiene, health, well-being, and safety. The Educator oversees the planning and the implementing of age-appropriate programming for children from 12 months of age to school age.

Essential Functions:

- Maintains and follows internal routines and procedures for child's health and safety
- Plans, organizes, and leads daily activities designed to stimulate physical, social, cognitive, and emotional growth of children and encourages cooperation and participation
- Works with children in group setting while retaining sensitivity to each child's individual needs
- Encourages open communication with parents with regards to the needs, progress, and concerns of their child(ren)
- Keep abreast of current trends as an REECE educator

Qualifications & Requirements

Preferred:

- Early Childhood Education Diploma: Registered and good standing with the College of ECE, specialized training to support young children of diverse needs, varying abilities and their families or equivalent credentials in resource teacher programming and five (5) years' work-related experience
- Strong oral and written communication skills, is a team player and has good rapport with young people
- Knowledge and experience with the culture, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe
- Fluency in Ojibwe is an asset
- Mandatory Medical and TB testing
- Up-to-Date immunizations and fully vaccinated for COVID-19
- First Aid Certificate and CPR would be an asset

Minimum

- Early Childhood Education Diploma and/or previous related work-experience

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

It is mandatory for the successful candidate to submit a current (30 day) VSS; offer of employment will be subject to the receipt of successful VSS record.

Interested applicants must submit their cover letter, resume, three (3) current written references (2 work related, 1 character/co-worker) & education certifications to:

Confidential – Human Resources
REGISTERED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS
M'Chigeeng First Nation
P.O. Box 333, M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
andream@mchigeeng.ca

Miigwetch for your interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. For complete job description, please contact Andrea McGregor at andream@mchigeeng.ca



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Summary

The School Health Support Services (SHSS) Program works as an integral part of the school based multidisciplinary team. Services are delivered in four First Nation communities where the team will be providing services to schools and early learning centres. The Administrative Support shall act as the focal point of communication for the SHSS team, with confidentiality being the key issue at all times. The Administrative Support will be responsible for providing a consistently high standard of secretarial and administrative support to the staff, interact with other departments, clients, and health care professionals. Other responsibilities will include aiding in the organization of the overall workload and ensure the effective use of manpower and resources to assist in the smooth running of the department. In undertaking the role of Administrative Support, the post holder will be required to initiate their own tasks and prioritize work.

Responsibilities

- Assist with clerical/administrative support to clients, families, staff and health care professionals.
- Schedule and maintain appointment calendars and book meeting rooms in collaboration with staff, service providers, schools and early learning centres.
- Support staff in analyzing data and relevant information to: compose reports, compile statistics, and prepare letters, memos and agendas.
- Independently respond to both verbal and written inquiries.
- Initiate and maintain confidential medical files and records.
- Ordering supplies, etc.
- Prepare information requests, follow ups, reminders, and file reviews, and other general correspondence as appropriate or as directed by Health Centre staff and health care professionals.
- Complete data entry and ensure filing is up to date.
- Present a positive and professional image of the program to all visitors, suppliers, inquiries, and other interactions.

Qualifications

- College diploma (Administrative - Medical Support program or business college equivalent); OSSD diploma.
- 2 years' experience in an administrative role.
- Experience with Electronic Medical Records Software.
- Ability to communicate and work effectively on a multidisciplinary team.
- Excellent computer skills: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Calendar.
- Strong knowledge of general office procedures.
- Strong working knowledge of software packages.

Salary in accordance to WUT Salary Grid. All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Administrative Support

Attention: Melissa Roy
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
P.O. Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
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Deadline: October 29, 2021 @ 4:00pm

Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Abstract, Accreditations, and Driver's Licence. DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE. We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Billings to be represented on Lake Mindemoya stewardship body

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Billings Township council is in favour of participating as a partner in the Lake Mindemoya Stewardship Body (LMSB).

At a Billings council meeting earlier this month, council considered a request to have a representative on the LMSB.

“Council agreed to participate as a partner in the (LMSB),” said Billings Mayor Ian Anderson, after a council meeting September 7. He pointed out Councillor Bryan Barker, who is chair of the Lake Kagawong Resource Committee (LKRC), was appointed as the township representative on the committee.

“The LKRC is a little different than the LMSB,” said Mayor Anderson. “But the principles are the same for both groups, in looking after the lake and its health. We agreed without hesitation to take advantage of this invi-



tation to join.

This decision by council comes after it had received a letter from Stan Drystek, chair of LMSB, dated August 6. “Greetings Mayor Anderson and Billings Council members. In December 2020, I was contacted by Central Manitoulin council to see if I would be interested in taking the lead in the formation of a Lake Mindemoya Stewardship Body. After many months of delays due to COVID issues, we now have formed this stewardship body. At our July 26 meeting it

was suggested that since part of the Lake Mindemoya shoreline is in Billings Township, you too should be invited to join this stewardship body. Currently two stewardship members (Bill Blackwood and Jeff Mackenzie) are property owners in Billings Township, but to date there is no

council representation on this body. Such representation would provide useful input on various Lake Mindemoya issues from a Billings Township perspective at our meeting, and a direct communication link between this body and Billings council.”

“It is my sincere hope that you bring this request to your council for discussion and consideration,” continued Mr. Drystek. A similar request to join the LMSB has been forwarded to M’Chigeeng First Nation.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CHILDCARE RESOURCE TEACHER

Classification Level: ECE Salary Grid 7 (A)
Department: Education, BINOJIIH GAMGOONHS (Childcare Centre)
Employment Status: Full-Time Term

Position Summary
The Resource Teacher will report to the Childcare Supervisor and Director of Education.

Position Summary
The main objectives of this position are to provide a wide range of individual support for the Childcare children requiring special needs/more intensive assistance and to enhance professional development of Childcare Staff and Caregivers for the overall improvement of programs and services at the Centre.

Essential Functions:

- Review students' files and all relevant material and information about students to assist in the development of Individual Program Plan (IPP) for students and periodically review and update IPPs
- Provide direct support to children requiring more intensive assistance that promote their physical and mental wellness, social development, and school readiness
- Provide support on learning strategies, literacy, and numeracy for all students within the classroom setting
- Liaise regularly and effectively with classroom teachers, consulting psychologist or psycho-ed, principal and/or delegate, students, and their parents
- Identify children's learning styles and needs including a cultural component of teachings and storytelling
- Implement behaviour modification, personal development, and other therapeutic programs under supervision of professionals such as special education instructors, psychologists, or speech-language pathologists
- Identify special learning styles and needs; and material, supplies and equipment needed to develop lessons and activities, such as audio and visual technique, field trips and other learning resources
- Complete progress reports on students
- Prepare required monthly reports with findings and recommendations
- Assist in budgeting proposal submissions pertaining to enhancing program development
- Provide evaluations on the progress of students and discuss results with students, parents, and school officials

Qualifications & Requirements

Minimum

- Diploma in Early Childhood Education from an Ontario College of Applied Arts and Technology or an equivalent academic qualification approved by an Education Director and three (3) years' work-related experience
- Graduate of Post Secondary program of studies approved by an Education Director that is both theoretical and practical and that relates to the needs of children with special needs
- Experience working/volunteering in a First Nation Day Care

Preferred

- University Degree from a recognized educational institution in Child Sociology or relevant field of study and five (5) years' work-related experience
- Experience working with children with special needs
- Willing to enrol to complete Resource Teacher Certification Course

Other

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- Fluency and/or understanding of Anishinaabemowin is an asset and/or must be willing to learn
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- Must submit a copy of COVID-19 vaccinations and immunizations


DEADLINE: UNTIL FILLED

The successful candidate will be required to submit a current thirty (30) day CRC/VSS; and an offer of employment is contingent upon the receipt of a satisfactory CRC/VSS record.

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 applicable education certifications addressed to:

Confidential: Human Resource
Childcare Resource Teacher
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
Email: andream@mchigeeng.ca
Tel: 705-377-5362 Fax: 705-377-4980

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES OFFICE ASSISTANT

Department: Health Services – Family Resources
Employment Status: Regular Full-time
Classification Level: CA-4 (\$42,633 – 47,647)

The MFN Family Resource Team is looking for a competent Office Assistant to assist with the organization and running of the daily administrative operations. The ideal candidate will be a hard-working professional able to undertake a variety of office support tasks and work diligently under pressure. This person should have experience working with a high degree of attention to detail and discretion as well as incorporating new and effective ways to achieve better results for their team.

Position Summary
This position is supervised by the Family Resource Supervisor and is assigned to serve a broad range of administrative and financial support services. According to M'Chigeeng First Nation policies and procedures, the incumbent is expected to be effective and efficient in the organization of workflow.

Essential Functions:

- Must be friendly, to receive visitors to ascertain nature of business and directs to appropriate personnel
- Performs a variety of general office support duties such as drafting, typing, and proofreading a broad range of confidential documents, including but not limited to, court documents, general correspondence, etc.
- Create a standardize file management procedures and maintain central filing systems
- Develop file management procedures manual for efficiency and effectiveness for the retrieval of stored documents
- Handle sensitive information in a completely confidential manner with poise, tact, and diplomacy
- Research, create and edit presentations, make travel reservations, and complete registrations for seminars, and maintain a network data base

Qualifications & Requirements

Preferred:

- Post Secondary Diploma (three (3) years' Business Administration) or equivalent/combination of OSSD and relevant training/certificate in business/office administration and minimum of five (5) years' progressive administrative experience
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the language, culture, history, and customs of the Anishinabek

Minimum

- OSSD with a minimum of five years' related work experience and training
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the language, culture, history, and customs of the Anishinabek
- Customer Service training or experience
- Must have working knowledge office procedures, file management and policy development
- Must have good working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point and Outlook
- Ability to maintain a high degree of confidentiality
- Excellent communication skills, written, verbal and public relations

Other:

- Minute Taking Procedures Training; Experience taking formal meeting minutes.
- Excellent time management and organizational skills.
- Must be flexible to work long hours in peak periods, and evenings as required.
- Must have or be willing to obtain Standard First Aid and CPR Certification.
- Must have strong working knowledge of meeting preparation and procedures.
- Ability to plan, coordinate and implement public and community events.
- Ability to work independently, organize workload and set priorities, and flexible to changing priorities and deadlines.
- Proven ability to work in a fast and multi-tasking environment.
- Strives and is committed to working collaboratively in team environments.
- Ability to exercise good judgment, initiative, and be proactive.

Deadline: Until filled

The successful candidate will be contacted and required to submit a current thirty (30) day CRC/VSS, and an offer of employment is contingent upon the receipt of a satisfactory CRC/VSS record.

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(Fax 705-377-4980) andream@mchigeeng.ca

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Most of the leaves have fallen off the trees, it's getting colder, and it's Halloween week! That definitely calls for a spooky joke:

What do you get if you cross a wizard and an iceberg?

A cold spell.

On Friday, October 15, Pre-NSSSA Cross Country was held on St. Joseph Island. A total of 60 runners from seven schools participated in this event, and the MSS runners placed first overall! In the novice boys' division, Xavi Mara placed first and Andrew Cooper placed fourth.

In the junior boys' division, Brodie Pennie placed first, Patrick McCann came in fourth with Orland Carter-O'Hearn coming in right behind him in fifth place. In the junior girls' division, Maren Kasunich placed first overall, MacKenzie Green came in second, Annie Balfe placed third, and Morgan Green placed sixth. As a team, the junior girls placed first. In the senior boys' division, Julian Wemigwans placed eighth, Alan Wilkin placed 11th, Jack Pennie came in 13th, and Landon Hare

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Rachael Orford

placed 15th. The senior boys' division had the most runners of all divisions, and as a team, the MSS senior boys placed second.

The team was back up and running on Friday, October 22 for NSSSA cross country championships again at St. Joseph Island. In the novice boys' division, Xavi Mara placed first and Andrew Cooper came in fifth. In the junior boys' division, Brodie Pennie placed first, and Patrick McCann came in fourth. The MSS girls swept the junior girls division! Maren Kasunich placed first overall, MacKenzie Green came in second, Annie Balfe placed third, and Morgan Green placed fourth. In the senior boys division, Julian Wemigwans placed third and Alan Wilkin placed fourth. MSS brought home the 'overall boys' banner and 'overall team' banner. The team will be back in action on Wednesday, October 27, for NOSSA at St. Joseph Island for the third time.

The Halloween fun is about to begin at MSS. On Friday, October 29, there

will be pumpkin carving in the cafeteria over both lunch periods, and a costume contest. Also, members of the student council will be giving out candy. I hope to see all Mustangs dressed up on Friday! A Halloween joke for you:

Who did the ghost invite to the Halloween party?

Whoever he dug up.

On Halloween night, October 31, over 30 MSS students will be going around Island communities collecting non-perishable food donations for Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) as a part of "Halloween for Hunger." In addition to this, there are 'homeroom challenges' set up at the school where students can bring in non-perishable items and put them in a designated box in their homeroom class. The class with the most items will win a prize!

If you are interested in donating, there are bins at grocery stores across the Island that are a part of this initiative.

Wednesday, November 3 is the Grade 9 "Take Your Kids to Work" Day. Grade 9

students had the opportunity to fill out a permission form to be excused from classes next Wednesday to go to work with their parents, guardians, or another chosen adult.

The 'Zinc Saves Lives' Battery Drive is over at MSS. With the help of students, staff, and the community, the drive collected over 4,202 batteries, saving the lives of at least 25,212 children. Some even better news is that MSS has been deemed a Call to Recycle Center.

This means that batteries can be collected all year long for this cause! If you have household batteries you would like to donate to the cause, please contact MSS.

Joke of the week: What do you call a ghost in a torn sheet?

A little holy terror!

Upcoming events include Halloween, Treaty Week, and Take Our Kids to Work.

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



MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN

Part-Time - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY By-Law Enforcement Officer

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is seeking applicants for the position of a part-time (20 hours per week) by-law enforcement officer.

Resumes will be received until
Friday, October 29, 2021 at NOON
at the office below.

Please contact the undersigned for a description of duties and further information.

Ruth Frawley, CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Central Manitoulin
6020 Highway 542
P.O. Box 187
Mindemoya, Ontario POP 1S0

centralm@amtelecom.net
Phone: (705) 377-5726 Fax: (705) 377-5585

Central Manitoulin modernizes the town's purchasing policy and codes of conduct

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—It has been nearly two decades since the Municipality of Central Manitoulin last updated its purchasing policy. Council passed a motion, moved by Councillor Derek Stephens and seconded by Councillor Rose Diebolt, that "Bylaw 2021-18 (purchasing policy), being a bylaw to repeal Bylaws 2002-29 (purchasing policy) and 2002-17 (tendering bylaw) and to set out a new purchasing/procurement policy be given its three readings and be duly passed."

The new purchasing policy was passed to reflect the changing nature of costs that have taken place over the intervening 18 years since the last policy was enacted.

COVID leadership committee discusses vaccination policies

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin COVID-19 Leadership Coordination Committee discussed extensively the COVID-19 vaccination policies that are in effect at the various businesses, municipalities and First Nations on Manitoulin Island.

At a meeting last week, the committee also discussed the opioid crisis that has been worsening in recent months, and potentially due to the pandemic's isolating effects. The group will be seeking further information on this issue and will hope to coordinate efforts to address the crisis.

If you or a loved one are struggling with opioid use, you can contact Addiction, Mental Health, and Problem Gambling Services (ConnexOntario) at 1-866-531-2600.

The new policy requires that if a project will fall between \$20,000 and \$50,000 it will require three quotes, while a project between \$5,000 and \$20,000 will require a documented telephone inquiry with three suppliers. Under \$5,000 will not require a tendering process.

As the formal tendering process can be long and

involved, staff requested that the amounts be raised to reflect the reality of the marketplace.

The new purchasing policy will impact items that fall outside of specific budget lines. It also outlines the process whereby preferred vendors are established for ongoing issues such as legal matters.



TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGNACK

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

The Corporation of the Township of Assinack invites interested parties to submit proposals for the following position:

Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer: to perform duties and responsibilities as indicated on the RFP guideline document.

- Sealed RFP's will be received until 4:00 pm November 12, 2021,
- Lowest or any submission not necessarily accepted, and
- RFP Guidelines are available at the Municipal Office & online at www.assinack.ca/rfp-tenders/

For further details please contact:

Alton Hobbs
Chief Administrative Officer
Township of Assinack
P.O. Box 238
Manitowaning, ON POP 1N0
705-859-3780

GWEKWAADZIWIN MIIKAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Training and Curriculum Specialist Internal/External Posting

Position Description:

The Training and Curriculum Specialist (TCS) is responsible for the coordination and development of training initiatives, and strategic planning for accreditation for IHWS funded Healing Lodges and Treatment Centres across Ontario. The successful candidate will have proven experience in province-wide partnership coordination; curriculum development and rollout; research, analysis, and strategic planning; and the ability to multi-task and prioritize time-sensitive matters in a confidential setting.

This is a full-time contract position until March 31, 2024.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Responsible for attending ad hoc workgroup meetings for the IHWS Healing Lodge Table
- Responsible for file organization and reporting to supervisors and the ad hoc group as required
- Responsible for meeting with IHWS funded Healing Lodges to determine training needs and strategic direction
- Responsible for creating and executing development and implementation schedules in partnership with IHWS Healing Lodges and Treatment Centres
- Responsible for coordinating training initiatives and evaluations for partnered agencies
- Responsible for curriculum development and rollout
- Responsible for identifying the appropriate accreditation body
- Liaise with the selected accreditation body and IHWS Healing Lodges and Treatment Centres
- Responsible for drafting strategic plan for accreditation, including requirements, processes, timelines, fees, etc.
- Maintain flow and dissemination of invoices, receipts and other documents to relevant parties and agencies
- Work within a fixed-budget framework
- Understanding and advocacy of the IHWS strategic direction and plan
- Ensures that all required work-related functions meet or exceed the required professional standards
- Assist and coordinate accreditation related processes, policies, procedures, and guidelines
- Assist and coordinate the development of briefings, discussion documents, and communication materials

Qualifications:

- Minimum requirement is a combination of bachelor's degree in relevant helping field and experience in mental health and addictions programming, and experience in program or curriculum development and evaluation
- Understanding of the provincial scope of First Nations mental health and addictions programming and challenges
- Preference given to an Individual of Indigenous ancestry with knowledge and understanding of history, clan systems, protocols, etiquette, cultures, and traditions
- Demonstrated professional level of interpersonal and communication skills (written and verbal)
- Ability to prioritize multiple responsibilities and projects
- Mature individual who can work independently with preference given to individuals living a traditional lifestyle and being on a life-long journey in traditional knowledge

Requirements:

- Possesses a valid Ontario class 'G' driver's licence in good standing with access to a reliable vehicle
- Ability to work outside normal business hours as required
- Ability to operate within a hybrid work schedule that includes provincial travel for site visits and meetings

Salary: \$ Commensurate with qualifications
Closing Date: November 12, 2021 @ 4:00pm

To Apply: Please submit a letter of application and resume with three written employment references, one from current/most recent employer and current Criminal Reference Check, Drivers Abstract, Copy of relevant Diplomas/Degrees/Certificates. Incomplete or late packages will not be accepted. Please forward in an email to mattm@gwek.ca

Subject line - Gwekwaadziwin Miikan - Training and Curriculum Specialist
To: mattm@gwek.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those applicants under consideration

Little Current's Gary Trimmer presented with ANAVET's award

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—Members of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada (ANAVET) gathered at the Soldier's Park cenotaph in Little Current recently to honour one of their own. Gary Glen Trimmer was the founding president of the Manitoulin Northshore #176 branch of the veterans' organization.

The certificate of recognition from ANAVET Provincial Command was presented to Mr. Trimmer by Lt. (N) Ret. Denis Blake of Honora Bay and a special medal was pinned to his lapel during the presentation ceremony by Jim Machum of Little Current.



ANAVET member Jim Machum pins a special citation medal to the lapel of founding branch president Gary Trimmer during a ceremony in Little Current.

Mr. Blake read the citation, which bears the great seal of the association,



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while members of the branch saluted Mr. Trimmer.



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ANAVET members Wayne Golder, Colin Pick, James Kiviaho, Debra Mastine, Roy Eaton, Paul Abbott, David Healey and Kenneth Laroche salute as founding president of the Manitoulin Northshore #176 ANAVET branch, Gary Trimmer, is presented with his certificate by Denis Blake.

photos by Michael Erskine



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† in memoriam



MISHIBINIJIMA—In loving memory of Eugene "Moose" C. Mishibinijima, December 24, 1981 to October 27, 2010. He never looked for praises, He was never one to boast. He just went on quietly working, For the ones he loved the most. His dreams were seldom spoken, His wants were very few. And most of the time his worries, Were unspoken too. He was a firm foundation Through all our storms in life. A sturdy hand to hold onto, In time of stress and strife. A true friend we could turn to, When times were good or bad. One of our greatest blessings, Is the man we called son, brother and uncle. Forever to be admired, Forever to be respected, Forever to be missed. Lovingly remembered, Dad, brothers and other family members.

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Death Notices

THERESA FRANCIS

(nee Fox)

January 15, 1942 - October 18, 2021



Just before a beautiful sunset on October 18, 2021 we are saddened to announce our mother's final journey home, Theresa Francis (nee Fox). Theresa left us peacefully at her own home. We ask you to keep her in your prayers and thoughts as we celebrate her life. (Mary) Theresa was born in Wabozoominissing (Rabbit Island) to Theresa Mary (Animikwaan) Fox and Moses D. Fox (baa) on January 15, 1942. Loving sister to William Roy, Augustine Roy, Morris Fox, Laura Fox, Dominic Roy, Christine Roy, Marguerite Syrette, Eugene Fox, Donald Fox, Alex Fox, James Fox (Kay) (all predeceased), and survived by Joe Fox (Rita), David Fox and Verna Polson. She spent her entire life in the heart of Wiikwemkoong with her partner Martin Francis (baa). She was a loving mother to Lucy Francis (baa), Clara Francis (baa), Bernadine Francis, Mark Francis (Roselynda), Verna Francis, Alan Francis and Angela Dokum (Duane). Theresa loved her family with all her heart. She cherished all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. She was a special Godmother to Crystal Fox, Albert Cooper, and Rose Pangowish. She will be missed by friends Mary and Florence and her furbaby Rocky. Theresa had a wonderful sense of humour and a unique kindness for all. She loved to spend time at the Amikook Centre where she quilted and attended workshops. She loved to play bingo, go to the casino and travel. She always was fond of visiting her family and friends. She was active with the Anishinaabemowin dictionary project with the WHO. It was through her love of storytelling and conversing that we will miss the most. Her love for life cannot be put into words. Family and friends gathered at the Rabbit Island Centre on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 from 4:30 pm. Funeral Mass was Friday, October 22, 2021 at 11 am. Cremation followed.

RAYMOND ROY WHITE

December 2, 1927 - October 13, 2021



We are sad to announce the passing of my beloved husband Raymond Roy White in his 94th year at Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital on October 13, 2021 after a brief illness. He was born on December 2, 1927 in Little Current, Manitoulin Island to George and Pearl White. He leaves behind my family in London and many family members on Manitoulin Island. He touched many lives with his literary skills and poetry, some of which is stored in the Sheguiandah Museum, particularly a write-up on the accomplishments of John Deagle (with respect to an electrical plant). He loved woodworking; building all kinds of furniture, etc. He was employed at the B.P. Oil refinery, farmed and his last working days were 18 years at Westinghouse in London where he sustained a back injury in his late 50s. He was not able to get back to work again, resulting in an early retirement. We enjoyed several visits to Manitoulin and he loved going on fishing trips with his nephew. Ray loved the old hymns, his favourite: "Be Thou My Vision," which we will certainly sing at the memorial service in the near future. He was appreciated at the nursing home "Strathmere Lodge" for his kindness. He will be missed. He is now in God's care, suffering pain no more. We shall meet again on that Celestial Shore. Rest in peace, well deserved. Betty White and family. Interment of ashes will take place at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in London.

Celebration of Life

NEIL TURNBULL

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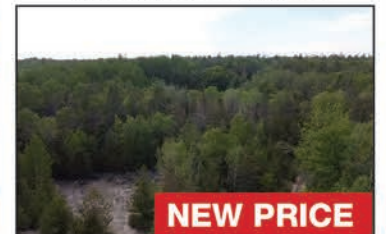


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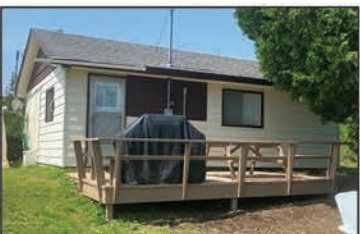
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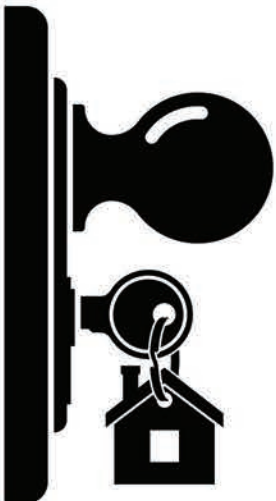


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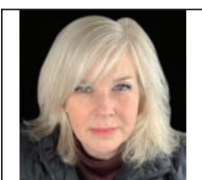
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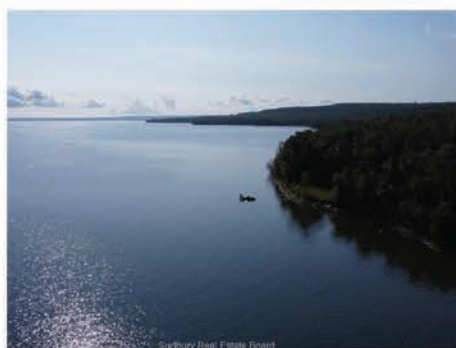
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