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HARVEST GLORY DAYS, CAUGHT IN THE ACT—Christine Jones, left, and Linda Bowerman are regular Harvest Glory Day elves, working hard at beautifying Sheguiandah (and in Linda's case, Little Current too). Case in point this 'Thanksgiving table' display created by the pair at the Batman Sawmill, along with a photo-taking booth and more Harvest Glory displays. Thanks to their, and the community's efforts, Sheguiandah has again won a leaf for their sign denoting them as Harvest Glory Days champions for 2022. **SEE MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 23.**

DSB'S new policy: paramedics may not respond to some calls without police support

Paramedics' safety foremost

by **Lori Thompson**,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
MANITOULIN—Last month, paramedics from the Kenora District Services Board waited outside the community of Omigaming First Nation for police support before responding to a 9-1-1 call for medical assistance. A young man died while waiting for emergency responders. Calls for emergency medical assistance on Manitoulin Island sometimes face a similar delayed response, but there is a reason why ambulances 'stage.'

"Our paramedics don't carry weapons, have no means of restraining people and certainly don't have any Kevlar vests," explained Paul Myre, chief of

paramedic services with Manitoulin Sudbury District Services Board (DSB). "A paramedic's safety is paramount in our world because you and I both know that if we're going to a call and one paramedic goes down, then that means another ambulance."

DSB's official ambulance staging policy can be found online at msdsb.net (under Paramedic Services, Policies and Procedures) and was recently revised. "We're very transparent," Mr. Myre said. The deployment plan is online and talks about paramedic operations and contains a health and safety component. "It talks about how we work with our ambulance communications cen-
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AOK joins ranks of Harvest Glory Days honourees

by **Expositor Staff**
MANITOULIN—The map and a photo spread of Harvest Glory Days decorating throughout Manitoulin communities is on pages 22 and 23 of this newspaper.

Almost all communities participated and, for the judges, driving all around Manitoulin Island this past Saturday and Sunday, on two beautiful fall days, was no hardship.

Every large community spotted at least one "spectacular" display. In Mindemoya, it's the seasonally decorated old red truck at the

home of Karlene and Rob Scott on Highway 551, just south of Hill Road.

In Gore Bay, check out the nicely decorated front steps of the community hall and the colourful community sign at the Manitoulin Transport entry to town.

In Little Current, there are two: the Manitoulin Centennial Manor has a great walk-around display located at the east side of the front grounds, beside the gazebo. It's a four-sided affair. The other notable Little Current display is the front yard of Barney and Lynette Deforge, directly across from Island Funeral Home. And the Red Bow Floor and Wall Fashions display on Manitowaning Road looks good too.

In Manitowaning, the spectacular display has the St. Paul's Anglican Church as a backdrop for photos and has been an annual installation there.

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MHC ends COVID-19 screening at Little Current, Mindemoya sites

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) has announced that as of last Thursday, September 29, point of entry screening has ended.

"The transmission risk level for the Manitoulin and Sudbury Districts is currently moderate. We would ask everyone attending either the Little Current or Mindemoya site to be aware masks will still be required at all times while in the hospital," an MHC release states. "When arriving on site, please wash/sanitize your hands frequently when entering the building during your stay and also when leaving. Please review the posted signs and self-screen for symptoms of COVID-19."

Active screening will still take place when attending the emergency room, lab, diagnostic imaging, physiotherapy, and specialist clinics at the Mindemoya MHC site, and the emergency room, lab, diagnostic imaging, diabetes education centre, physiotherapy, and dialysis at the Little Current MHC site.

"Please note, eating or drinking by visitors is not permitted in

patient care areas," the release explains. "When entering the patient care unit, visitors will be required to sign a visitor's expectation sheet. All outpatient lab services will continue by appointment for the time being."

"The senior team and staff of MHC would like to thank the public for their continued support as we continue to navigate our new normal. We request your continued patience and understanding." Gb pavilion

Central Manitoulin PS, MSS funded for 'healing forests'

by **Tom Sasvari**
TORONTO—Canada's national network of healing forests is expanding to include an additional 16 newly proposed healing forests, including two on Manitoulin Island, the National Healing Forests Initiative (NHFI) and David Suzuki Foundation announced September 29. Healing Forests are green spaces dedicated to honouring residential school victims and survivors, their families and communities, and to promoting learning and reconciliation.

The two local healing forests being created include the Central Manitoulin Public School Wellness Orchard in Mindemoya and

the Kinoo Wiyaa Minoyaa healing forest at Manitoulin Secondary School in M'Chigeeng First Nation. Both schools have received \$2,000 in funding.

"Yes, this is wonderful news," stated Cori Davy, a teacher at CMPS. "We have an existing No Mow Zone on school property with a fruit orchard with over 50 trees (with such fruit as plums, pears, apples and cherries) and we will be turning this into a wellness orchard."

"Our dream is to make trails through the No Mow Zone and the
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Thanksgiving gifting

Businessman's life experiences prompts Thanksgiving meal donations

by **Tom Sasvari**
MANITOULIN—Northern Real Estate Group and Orr's Valu-Mart in Little Current have teamed up to help provide families on Manitoulin Island and Espanola with everything needed for Thanksgiving dinner.

"Essentially, we like to give back to the community," Jordan Stephens of Northern Real Estate Group told The Expositor. "And this donation was special because I can remember when I was young, my late

mother was involved in the Manitoulin Food Bank, and we received donations of food. I just thought it would be good to give back to the community in this way."

"So grateful to be able to give back this Thanksgiving," stated Jordan Stephens on a Facebook post last Friday. "This year, we partnered with Orr's Valu-Mart and donated over \$2,200 of goods to the Manitoulin and Espanola Food Banks."

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Early Deadline

As the Thanksgiving holiday falls next Monday (October 10), the Expositor Office is moving the deadline for classified ads to 4 pm this Thursday (October 6).

Display advertising customers are also asked to have copy to The Expositor by Thursday afternoon, as are rural correspondents.

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Manitoulin Votes 2022

Meet the candidates for Assiginack, Northeast Town and Tehkummah

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

This week we are profiling candidates in the municipalities of Assiginack, Tehkummah and the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI).

In Assiginack, there will be an election for both the position of mayor and the four council seats. Incumbent Dave Ham is seeking re-election for another term along with Brenda Reid, who has served as a councillor previously. There are a total of 10 candidates running for one of four seats on council, including incumbents Rob Maguire and Christianna Jones along with Dene Banger, Janice Bower-

man, Dwayne Elliott, Theo Flikweert, Jennifer Hooper, Frank Klodnicki, Maureen Marion and Cheryl O'Brien. (The Expositor did not get a response from Dene Banger as of press time Monday.)

There will be elections for the position of reeve of Tehkummah Township and for the four seats on council. Current councillor (and former reeve) Eric Russell has put his name in the hat for reeve of the township, along with John Deforge. There are seven candidates in the running for the four council seats. They include incumbent councillors Lorie Leeson, Mike McKenzie and Rick Gordon as well as Paul Bowerman, Steve Wood, Gerard Lyons and Perry Chatwell. (The Expositor did not get a response from Gerard Lyons as of press time Monday.)

In the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands

(NEMI) incumbent Mayor Al MacNevin has been acclaimed, as has incumbent councillor Laurie Cook in Ward 1. There will be an election for Ward 2 with three people to be elected from seven candidates. They include incumbent councillors Allan Boyd, Barbara Baker, Michael Erskine and Bill Koehler along with Zak Nicholls, Melissa Peters and Elaine Milne.

For Ward 3 George Williamson, who is running for the first time for council, has been acclaimed.

In NEMI's Ward 4 three councillors will be elected. The list of candidates includes incumbents Jim Ferguson, Bruce Wood and Dawn Orr along with Patti Aelick and Lee-Ann Ferguson.

Township of Assiginack

Dave Ham, incumbent

Long-time Assiginack politician Dave Ham is hoping to serve a consecutive term as mayor of the municipality come October 24.

He shares with The Expositor an extensive list of things he believes should have been accomplished in the municipality "a long time ago," and which he hopes to see done under his ongoing leadership.

He notes that there are many aspects of the Bidwell Road that need work, including secondary roads from the Bidwell, first and foremost Red Lodge Road, which is shared with the Northeast Town as a boundary road. For years, residents of Red Lodge Road have asked Assiginack to rebuild the road, something that has been budgeted for for years but has not been completed because the Northeast Town does not consider it a priority.

"Last spring, people couldn't even get to their cottages," Mr. Ham said regarding the state of the road. "It's got to get rebuilt, sooner than later."

He also pointed to Scotch Line and Irish Line, both needing rebuilds. "They've been let go for so long it would have to be phased in over two or three years."

Mr. Ham also notes the Monkhouse Road, Springer Brook Trail and Corbett's Beach Road as being roadways in serious need of work.

"Longer term, the long swamp (on Bidwell Road)," he adds. "The road was not built up high enough and the culverts are coming up." He suggests an engineering firm should be utilized to assess all the roads projects and wonders whether the municipality could make



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Brenda Reid, mayoral candidate

Brenda Reid has a long history in Assiginack politics, having served for 15 years as a councillor for the township and, before that, as a trustee for nine years with the former Manitoulin District School Board.

Last election, Ms. Reid decided to throw her hat in the ring and run for mayor, a bid she lost to former reeve Dave Ham. This election, unhappy with the direction the municipality is heading, the seasoned politician has once again decided to run for the top job in Assiginack.

"I'm not happy with the way things are being handled," she tells The Expositor, naming a lack of long-term planning and poor budget presentations as examples.

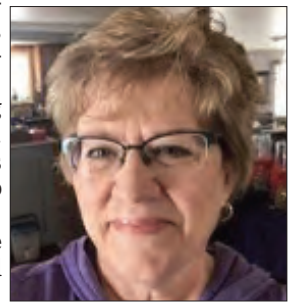
It was while attending the present council's budget meeting that she made up her mind—she would again run for mayor.

She says she realizes that COVID was hard on everyone, municipalities included, but it shouldn't mean that the work of an elected official stops.

As for an election platform, Ms. Reid is straightforward: "I'm not promising anything, but I am offering three things: financial oversight, leadership and guidance and a platform of openness and honesty."

"People need to know where their taxpayer dollars are being spent and why," Ms. Reid says, proposing a biannual newsletter for ratepayers.

She noted the Roller Mills and its cost to taxpayers and the current council's perceived inability to make a decision on it.



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Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands

Ward 2 Barb Baker

I am known for and as many things: A coffee drinker (lots of coffee!); the sharpener's wife (because Dale is my husband and many of you get skates, tools, lawnmowers, chainsaws, knives etc. sharpened by him); the lady who lives in Barb Squires' old house (now known as the sharpener's house with the solar panels); a teacher of technology to seniors, making sure they are comfortable with cell phones, tablets and iPads. I am sure many of you have been in one of my classes or have worked with me one on one.

I am an entrepreneur. I started and run the WOMEN (Women Of Manitoulin Entrepreneur Network) organization that helps provide support/information/networking and education to over 200 women entrepreneurs here on Manitoulin Island.

I am community focused, volunteering my time as a member of the Manitoulin Health Centre Hospital Board of Directors; a member of the 4elements Living Arts Board of Directors; and co-chair of the Mnídoo Mnísing/Manitoulin Island Culinary Advisory Group.

My goals if you choose to re-elect me: I will continue to ensure your tax dollars are spent wisely; I will continue to advocate for more affordable housing including more rental opportunities; I will continue to support the town subsidy of the NEMI rec centre to provide as reasonable as possible fees for end users; I will continue to ensure that

township equipment, buildings and roads are maintained; I will continue to be a voice for entrepreneurs and small business owners; I will continue to be a voice for seniors; I will continue to listen to the youth and hear what they want to see in our community; I will continue to advocate on behalf of the health providers when the opportunity arises; and I will continue to provide answers to your questions/concerns.

Allan Boyd

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all that elected me as your councillor in the last election. It has been a great learning experience for me from the transition as a former police officer.

As many of you may remember, I worked as a community services officer with the Ontario Provincial Police. Having served my whole career on Manitoulin I certainly understand the complexities that people face with all facets of life.

I understand that you want to live in a safe and affordable community. I have brought my principals of policing to council to make decisions on facts and reliable information rather than speculation and rumors. Making informed decisions is a key function of council and if re-elected, I will continue to bring these values to your council.

Understanding the concerns of the community is espe-

cially important on how we function. Council needs to work towards the many concerns that effect the community like addiction and mental health issues—a real problem we face.

We have gone through many challenges with living through a pandemic. Most of you are living with the increased costs of everything going up. I will try and maintain your tax levy while providing the services you have come to expect from your municipality.

I believe in transparency and honesty and will continue to make myself available to listen and discuss your concerns and be your sounding board in council. I understand the problems and issues and needs of the community and I know working together we can achieve these goals.

I am enormously proud what we at council have achieved over the last four years, things like: the connecting link through Little Current with new pavement from the bridge on Highways 6 and 540; Green Bush Road with 3.3 kilometers of improved roads; new sidewalks on Draper Street; the Little Current recreation centre saw lots of new upgrades like the new ice plant and LED lighting; and Spider Bay Marina saw big renovations and upgrades making our marina one of the best in Northern Ontario.

New businesses came to town like Tim Hortons, a new motel and new stores.

Seniors' housing, the new seniors complex being devel-

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Township of Tehkummah

Eric Russell, mayoral candidate

"All I want to do is the best for Tehkummah and I think I'm up to it," stated Eric Russell, candidate for reeve in the upcoming municipal elections.

Mr. Russell has served on Tehkummah township council for the past three terms (12 years), two terms on council (including this past term) and one term as reeve. "My son thought I was crazy to run again, but it gets in your blood and you want to help this community which has been around since the 1800s."

Prior to the last municipal election in Tehkummah, Mr. Russell said he had considered running again for reeve, but there were two other residents already in the running. "With two other guys already running, I felt that if I ran for reeve maybe I would split the vote, and I didn't want to do that."

Mr. Russell said he is running for the position of reeve once again, "There are things that I wanted to get done as reeve previously that we weren't able to. The Michael's Bay Historical Society now has the Michael's Bay townsite, and I think the municipality can work with them and help make something big happen there. And with the township having an EDO (economic development officer) it is a benefit, and there is always heritage funding available to apply for projects."

"As council, we want to get back into the council chambers," said Mr. Russell. "If I'm elected the reeve, we will be moving back into the council chambers. I think all councillors want to get back into the council chambers." He explained that, since the COVID-19



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John Carter Deforge, mayoral candidate

Tehkummah Township candidate for reeve John Carter Deforge said he is running "to try and straighten the township out." The candidate doesn't pull many punches when it comes to what he sees as the challenges facing council over the next term. "I'm sick and tired of the infighting," he said.

"Councillors need to work with staff, hand in hand, and they are not doing it right now," said Mr. Deforge. "You need to leave your personal feelings aside and do what is best for the township. It seems it is really hard for some people to do that."

Mr. Deforge said he just wants to see council and the township work properly. "They only passed the budget three weeks ago," he said. "They should have had that done in February. Our town staff have had to work through the summer without even knowing what budget they had to work with."

There is plenty that needs work in the township, according to Mr. Deforge. "The roads need work, they always need work," he said, "that's pretty much the same with any township. But we need our bridge fixed and I would like to see it down in a timely fashion—not seven years like the Roger's Creek bridge."

Mr. Deforge is the father of two adult girls and has lived in the community for "most of my life, at least 50 years."

He points to his experience running his business, South Shore Builders, as a major asset in his campaign for reeve and something he has to offer the community. "I have worked with multi-million budgets and on large projects," said Mr. Deforge. "I have



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opinion

editorial

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation remains largely Indigenous

Canada's troubled relationship with the original inhabitants of the lands upon which our nation was established is a legacy that many Canadians would just as soon forget. "The past is the past and why can't everyone just move on" is an oft-heard refrain. But ignorance is not bliss.

Canada has much to be proud of as a nation, especially since our nation has moved on from its white-bread scion of Empire roots to become a multi-cultural beacon to the world. But the high moral ground to which Canada has aspired since its coming of age as a nation with the patriation of our Constitution and accompanying Charter of Rights stands as hypocrisy unless we address our colonialist past and the systemic racism which continues to plague our institutions.

Canada's relationship with the Indigenous peoples of these lands remains a blot upon our national honour—so quaintly referred to in court documents as "the honour of the Crown." It is a relationship that will not be healed through the dedication of one single day in the year, our National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, but it would be a start. Unfortunately, the only adults who seem to be taking part in the events being held on the day are either Indigenous or one of the hand-

ful of "usual suspect" paler faces who show up to every event.

Reconciliation is not a one-way street. It takes two to tango, goes the old saying, and that is certainly true when it comes to repairing interpersonal relationships all the way up to those between nations.

We need to see more non-Indigenous folks taking part in "reconciliation" events. Wanting to reconcile, to make amends, to truly put the past behind us and move forward does not come about by burying and ignoring the past. That approach leads only to wounds that continue to fester and systems that continue to oppress. We, as a nation and as a people, are better than that. Let's all do our part to build bridges.

If each one of us makes the effort to attend at least one reconciliation event in the coming year, such a message it would send to our friends and neighbours. Not only would we stand in recognition of uncomfortable truths, but we might also well learn something about each other that will strengthen our relationships.

In a world that seems to be going mad around us, let our nation be a beacon of reason and reconciliation and build new and stronger foundations for our country. The past may be the past, but together we can build a future of which we can all be proud.

letters

Deer are the easiest to control of all garden pests

A simple electric fence will quickly train them

To the Editor:

I read with interest the loss of crops by deer. A crossing area that is not protected is a garden to you, but it's a feed plot to the deer.

I think deer are the easiest to control of all the garden pests. A simple high string of electric fence is all you need. I haven't had a deer in my garden in years. The fence has to be put up before the growth in spring. That will train the deer to go around the garden plot.

I have heard of people shooting deer in the summer. That's a bad idea. You shoot a deer and another will come. Neighbours do not like that, as the deer might have little fawns. It sure is a bad way to build communi-

ty. You don't shoot them; you train them, starting in early spring.

Raccoons, porcupines, groundhogs, chipmunks, squirrels, moles and three species of mice, powder mildew, carrot root, flies, potato beetles, cabbage loopers, corn boars, to name a few are more problematic than deer. Then there's the birds. But this year all we needed to do was plant the seeds, control the few weeds and watch the garden grow. Almost no pests. Everything was healthy and beautiful.

Thank you for the space.

Ed Burt
Kagawong

Freedom isn't everything

A dead squirrel's lesson teaches that freedom is the only thing

To the Expositor:

Life on Manitoulin Island in the winter can be an entertaining and sobering experience. Being so close to Mother Nature day after day in the harsh environment can reveal interesting truths.

Last winter my wife and I spent many mornings watching the birds at the feeder. The juncos, chickadees, blue jays and the regal cardinals all showed up for the sunflower seeds. Many hours were spent watching this ever-changing, beautiful scene.

Then one day, out of the blue, the monster appeared. Apparently squirrels like sunflower seeds too.

Tilly went berserk. "These damn squirrels are chasing away all the birds! Shoot them!" she screamed. These were serious marching orders.

But, as a young boy, since I shot and killed every small animal that crossed my path, I took a different course of action.

I drove to Williamson Hardware in Mindemoya and bought a Hava-heart trap.

Amazingly we caught and released 14 squirrels in 15 days. We would immediately drive a few miles and turn each one loose.

On the 15th day we caught one as nighttime approached so I decided to put the trapped animal in the back of the pickup and release him the following day. Early the next morning when I went to the truck, to my dismay, I found the animal dead.

I wasn't happy with my decision to delay the animal's release, but I learned a very valuable lesson: poets who compose national anthems, men who die in battle against tyrants, and even squirrels know that freedom isn't everything.

Freedom is the only thing.

Tommy Lough
Tehkummah

A reconciliation anthem

So why don't we all just get along

Let's Get Along

*The first settlers, they were an enduring bunch:
They had to fight for everything they had,
And many of them were hardworking farmers
And they didn't do things on a hunch.
And let me tell you, they deserved everything they got
Because if natives kept living off the land,
Eventually, in time, there would be nothing left
Why? Because that's where the farmers come in,
Because you have to farm the land,
To have anything left.*

Chorus:

*So come on people, let's tell it the way it is:
Because people, are not perfect,
So, let's tell it the way it is.
So why don't we all just get along,*

And let's all get together and bury the past.

Because bringing us together will make us strong.

Because if we all do this, maybe then we'll all last.

Why is it we all keep fighting all the time?

Because we all have to remember we are all God's children.

And let's not let the past keep haunting us all the time,

*And let's do this for our children and grandchildren
and great-grandchildren.*

Chorus:

So why don't we all just get along

And bringing together will make us strong

Because when is all this going to end?

Just look around us, people, the world's coming to an end.

Lyman Corbiere
M'Chigeeng

Open letter to MICA's Island municipalities, funder and partners

Gratitude for an exciting micro mobility system on Manitoulin

An open letter to the municipalities, funders and partners
Dear Municipalities of Manitoulin, funders and partners:
Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) wishes to express our sincere gratitude to our funders: FedNor, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and Destination Northern Ontario as well as our partner RYDE that helped to make the Island wide e-bike share system a reality.

The installation crew worked diligently erecting the stations over the

course of three days to bring this system to Manitoulin.

The system is currently being calibrated as well as intensively tested to be fully up and running in spring of 2023.

We are excited to see this new state of the art, environmentally friendly, micro mobility system on Manitoulin Island in seven location connecting our communities.

Maja Mielonen,
MICA president

Gore Bay-Western Manitoulin Lions celebrate 40th in grand style

by Tom Sasvari

EVANSVILLE—The Gore Bay-Western Manitoulin Lions Club celebrated its 40th anniversary charter night in grand style Saturday evening.

“Manitoulin Island Lions have been on the Lions International map for a long time,” stated Bob Beaven, Lions District Governor of District A-5 Ontario/Quebec, at the Gore Bay-Western Manitoulin Lions Club’s 40th anniversary this past Saturday.

“Thank you for having us here tonight,” stated Lion Governor Beaven. “This is the first time I’m attended a Lions’ 40th anniversary charter night.”

“With a history of 40 years of the club, it speaks to members having put in a lot of hours, effort and commitment in the community for other people’s benefit,” said Lion Governor Beaven. “Lions are out there in the community, having fun and working hard in the community.”

“Wear your Lions colours proudly,” stated Lion Governor Beaven. “Forty years is a long time. You started the club 40 years ago with 33 members and only one person has remained within the club all those years. It means so much and says a lot about the commitment of Lion Norm Morrell. I’m sure you have brought in a lot of new members over the years.”

“Great people do great things and this Lions club has done great things for Manitoulin Island,” stated Lion Governor Beaven. “You guys and gals have done really, really well.”

Lion Governor Beaven presented Lion Norm Morrell with a bottle of wine that read, “Teamwork makes the Dream Work.” In turn Lion Morrell turned it into a fundraiser for the Lions, taking bids on the bottle of wine,



The Gore Bay-Western Manitoulin Lions Club celebrated their 40th anniversary charter night last Saturday evening. Among the many who took part in the celebration included members of the Lions District A-5 executive and representatives of Lions clubs on Manitoulin. In photo left back row is Charmaine Jewell, Kim Mayer, David Kidd first vice-president district A-5 governor, Larry Hunter, Eric Ruediger, Rose Jackson, Kristy Carlton, Norm Morrell, Joe Baker, Miriam Wailes, Gaynor Orford, Bill Wilson, Carmen Portalance, past district governor and front row sitting is Bob Beaven, Lions district governor of district A-5 Ontario/Quebec of Englehart.

photos by Tom Sasvari



Carmen Portalance, Lions district A-5 past district governor was in attendance at the Gore Bay-Western Manitoulin Lions Club 40th anniversary charter night, on Saturday.

which was auctioned off for \$100.

Among the other dignitaries and members of other Lions Clubs in attendance included David Kidd, first vice-president District Governor of Lions District A-5, and his wife Debbie Kidd, Lion Zone Chair, both of Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club, Carmen Portalance, past district governor from the Sudbury Lions Club, and Zone Chair Lion Elly Charrette.

“I would like to thank all of you for being here this evening,” said Lion Morrell, master of ceremonies for the evening. “And I would like to thank all of you for being early, which is unlike any of the classes I taught over 36 years of being a school teacher,” he quipped. “Everyone here was on time, which also shows that Lionism is ahead of itself.”

Lion Morrell pointed out the Gore Bay-Western Manitoulin Lions Club official Charter Night was held on May 2, 1982. “I guess I was the only one of the 33 members who survived the test of time and remained in the club the whole time. The only downside is that I have to talk as the M.C. for the evening, and we all know how much I hate talking,” he quipped.

“I would like to welcome all the current members of our club, and from other clubs on Manitoulin (Little Current and Southeast Manitoulin Lions) and those from off-Island for being here tonight,” said Lion Morrell. “And a big welcome to all the Lions District executive for being here. District Governor Bob and his wife Josephine came all the way from Englehart.”

Other guests of the evening included Margaret Stringer, trustee with the Rainbow District School Board, “who brought along her husband Jim this evening.”

“We do have one member of our club that has been a Lion longer than 40 years,” said Lion Morrell. “Joe Baker has survived longer than any of our club members, 42 years, having been born and raised on Manitoulin but who started with the Warren Lions Club, and moved on to the Widdifield Lions Club of North Bay. Joe has the most experience in Lionism among members of our club.”

Lion Morrell asked fellow Lion and friend Miriam Wailes, who he mentioned was a schoolmate in Grade 10, to say grace before dinner. “Miriam moved from Galt with her father, and one sister and three brothers. Her dad ran a store on the Island for many years and was a well-known minister.”



Bob Beaven, Lions district governor of District A-5 Ontario/Quebec and his wife Josephine were among the many people in attendance at the Gore Bay-Western Manitoulin Lions Club 40th anniversary charter night.

After the fantastic dinner held at G.G.’s Diner Restaurant in Evansville, the Lions raised their glasses in a toast to King Charles, as well as for Lions Club International and for all the Lions Clubs represented at the event.

“I would also like to welcome our friends from the Rotary Club of Gore Bay, Rotary president Keith McKeen and his wife Louise,” said Mr. Morrell.

“With two service clubs in the town of Gore Bay I think we do very well in contributing to the community,” said Mr. McKeen.

Lion Morrell noted that 10 years ago at the Lions 30th Charter night celebrations, “Ron Lane who was mayor of



Lions District A-5 Zone Chair Elly Charrette, was one of the many of the Lions executive who attended the Gore Bay-Western Manitoulin Lions Club 40th anniversary charter night celebrations on Saturday.

the town at the time talked in his speech about the importance of partnering. Today we all need to partner with other clubs and groups, more than at any other time; Rotary, Legion and other services clubs to pull together for things. This years Gore Bay Harbour Days celebration was a boost for everyone involved. I would suggest that we organize a



Gore Bay-Western Manitoulin Lions club member Norm Morrell was master of ceremonies for the clubs 40th anniversary charter night anniversary last Saturday. Mr. Morrell is the only charter member of the club who remains a current member.

meeting of the Rotary, Lions, the Town of Gore Bay, and other interested groups to tackle the Harbour Days celebrations next year. This event is too good to just let go.”

Currently the local Lions Club is in need of a new president, and the club needs to entice new members to join. “Our club has a lot of experienced Lions people,” said Lion Morrell. “There is nothing Miriam Wailes and I don’t know about Lions but there is also not much we can do to help out anymore,” he quipped.

“The big thing with service clubs is the team effort, having fun and enjoying the work and camaraderie. My 40 years in the club have been most enjoyable,” said Lion Morrell.

Lions District Zone Chair Elly Charette said, “It is a privilege to be with all of you here tonight. Forty years is an amazing accomplishment. One of my goals as zone chair is to bring all Lions clubs together. Your club has had so many accomplishments over those 40 years. Congratulations.”

First vice district governor David Kidd said, “it is an honour to be here tonight. And I like the mention here tonight about working with other service clubs, and other groups. Let’s all work together. I hope this club serves the community for another 40 years. Congratulations.”

Past District Governor Carmen Portalance said, “It is an honour to be here this evening. You have a tremendous club, with all the events the Gore Bay-Western Manitoulin Lions Club put on and the work you do in the community. I also know you partner with other service clubs. Survival of smaller communities and clubs is through partnering with others.”

“Congratulations on your 40th anniversary charter night,” said Lion Portalance. “I was your governor last year, and no doubt the best part of being governor is to visit clubs. The clubs are the ones that make Lions work. Lions members are out in the community, providing service to the communities. I commend all of you for being Lions members.”

“If the world one day had no Lions Clubs the world would end,” stated Lion Portalance. “I commend all of you for being Lions, and all the serviced you have provided, and will provide in the future for your community.”

Township of Tehkummah

Paul Bowerman
My name is Paul Bowerman, a lifelong resident of Tehkummah Township. I have been married for 47 years to my wife Barb, father of Matthew, Jennifer (Matthew) and Cole (Alicia), grandfather to Lily and Finn, and I am concerned about the future of our township.

I was a member of the volunteer fire department, first responders, museum board, and recreation committee before serving two terms on council.

Transparency will end the troublemaking, misinformation and fibs that have hampered municipal business. Financial business must be resolved at the council table of discus-

sion so the direction of the council is recorded.

Committees of council help council address public concerns on roads, landfill, water and sewer, municipal drains, recreation, health, and safety, amongst others, with regular site visits to projects and discussion of subject correspondence.

Setting a five-year realistic plan could address infrastructure projects in stages like Michael's Bay Road, a tar and chip yearly program, municipal garage upgrade, and bridge maintenance or replacements.

Council must follow legal procedures, municipal by-laws, and policies to benefit each and every

ratepayer. Conflict of interest is a very thin line, but municipal council needs to address this before and not after the fact. Motions of council must be adhered to, not thought of as redundant, by anyone.

Ignoring council projects scope of work must not be tolerated.

Combining established municipal drains without assessed landowner public meeting input was a huge mistake which produced inconsistencies within a legal testimony document. Moving forward, those two motions must be rescinded so that truthful discussion of options for individual drains can be completed to the benefit of all concerned properties.

Our volunteers must not be forgotten. Fire, first response, senior citizen club, church groups, South Baymouth development

group, and other community-minded individuals are very charitable with donations of their time for social events and beautifi-

cation/upkeep of our outdoor spaces which would not be possible without them.

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...Eric Russell

ried through," said Mr. Russell.

Mr. Russell said about the township, "spending was maybe out of control during the pandemic. We will have to get that under control. A lot of people are on fixed incomes and can't pay more in taxes, something I think every township is facing these days."

"Tehkummah township is where I was raised," Mr. Russell told The Expositor. He worked for Domtar in Espanola as a machinist for many years and pointed out his family, "has some cattle on our hobby farm."

"Members of my family, my grandfather and great grandfather, served on council in Tehkummah," continued Mr. Russell. "I have experience on council. Yes, I have probably made some mistakes on council but everyone does. I think we can have a good council, especially if we all work together. We can do a great job."

"We all want to do the best we can for Tehkummah," said Mr. Russell. "I think Tehkummah, like everywhere else, is short of money, but I think we can do things that benefit the township if we spend money in the right areas, to keep everyone happy. Over the last couple of years council has raised taxes. We don't receive much in service, only fire and roads, and the marina costs us money, but we obviously can't give this up. We need to keep taxes down, while spending the money we have in the best way we can to benefit the township."

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pandemic, council meetings have been held in the firehall, but he doesn't feel there is enough room or that it is conducive to holding council meetings in that location.

Mr. Russell acknowledged, "it has been a rough four-year term, and as council didn't seem to be able to work well with the office staff or the reeve, who did not want to listen to council. They even set up a secret committee looking at property standards. We never actually heard who was on the committee, although the reeve and clerk were part of the committee. But the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has said that this was not right."

"As council, we are supposed to be transparent and accountable," said Mr. Russell.

Mr. Russell said when he served his one term as reeve, he would make himself available to township residents at the library on Friday afternoons, something he will do once again if elected. "I was always available on Friday afternoons in the library for local residents to come in and talk. There is always someone who may have an issue and hearing their concerns or ideas is important."

"We have a very good roads crew and an excellent fire department," said Mr. Russell. "All we need is a couple more people added to work in the township office and I think things will be better."

"The EDO helped get money for the John Budd Park and the Bowerman Trails to get them fixed up, and I want to see this car-

...John Carter Deforge

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worked with a lot of different people in order to get things done and moving forward. Getting things done requires that people work together as a team." He touts his experience in managing large teams on projects as a key skill needed in a reeve.

"I'm not the 'big boss,'" he said. "I believe in working with people to get things done."

He noted that the township has paid dearly for the chaotic way things have been over the past several years and that it is time that someone with experience in running large organizations to take a seat at the table.

Mr. Deforge said that after years of working with his construction company he is planning on scaling back, should he get elected. "It's about time that I give back to the community that has been so good to me," he said. "It's time I did my part."

"I think people are sick and tired of the way things have been going on and are ready for a change."

Mr. Deforge said that he believes he can bring about the kind of change that is needed in Tehkummah Township and hopes that people will support him in trying to bring about those changes.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

As you know, Team Fergmeijer are history buffs and this week we learned that in the old west, they mounted a lantern to their horse for travelling at night. It was the first form of saddle light navigation.

The township was hopping this weekend! Thanks to the efforts of 4elements Living Arts, the annual Elemental Festival was bigger and better than ever. Participants of all ages sang, danced, and laughed their way through Saturday, and Sunday they were treated to a truly unique and captivating outdoor soundscape performance. 4e and their volunteers continue to bring exemplary talent to our little patch of the world.

Team Fergmeijer would like to share their condolences with the friends and family of Peter Nelson. News of his passing was a shock to all. Special thoughts go out to members of the Manitoulin Secondary School family, where Peter spent many years sharing his love of music with generations of students and has left a lasting impression.

The Manitoulin Planning Board is holding a series of public meetings for the purposes of receiving public comments and considering the adoption of proposed new zoning by-laws. The meeting for the Township of Billings is tonight (Wednesday, October 5th)! The meeting will be virtual, at 7 pm. Contact Kathy at the town office ASAP for the link.

Come out to the All-Candidate Meeting at the Park Centre tomorrow (Thursday, October 6th). You can meet and greet the candidates informally from 6:30 to 7 pm; the candidates will have a chance to formally speak to the audience from 7 - 8 pm; questions will be taken 8 - 9 pm and closing remarks will be at 9:30 pm. In related news, the library will be closing early on Thursday, October 6th to allow all employees and board members to attend the all-candidates meeting. Adjusted hours will be 4 pm - 5:30 pm.

Big change happening in the up-town business district of Kagawong: Sugar Bush Canadian Coffee House has served its last cup of coffee. Owners Sandi and Dave have some tricks up their sleeve for the future of the location, so stay tuned!

Although Mary B was not able to participate in this year's Run for the Cure in Sudbury last weekend, Kagawong was still well-represented! With friends like Mary in mind, Heather T once again took part in the 5 km (or in this case 6.4 km) fundraising run for breast cancer research, prevention, and patient care. Participants all over Canada ran, biked, walked, and rolled to raise much needed funds, and it's not too late to donate! Visit <http://support.cancer.ca/goto/htheijsmeijer>

A very happy belated birthday to a trio of Kagawongians who kept their September birthdate a secret until now! Keith, Kim, and Dennis all turned 29 on the same day (how rare is that? You can bet we're doing the math!). Another belated birthday is going out to John B who is celebrating his 29th birthday in his new digs. And in just a couple of days, Jamie F will also be celebrating his 29th birthday. To all of you celebrating we say: once in a blue moon, people with

great passion and brilliance are born into this world, who aim at the greater things in life. Today, two of them would like to wish you a very happy birthday!

Congratulations to Main Street Café/Express on their 10th anniversary! That's ten years and thousands of hearty sammiches and exquisite desserts served, yo. Here's to the next ten!

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

I eat my peas with honey. I've done it all my life.
It makes the peas taste funny, but it keeps them on the knife.

Have a good week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

When we're driving around, we are always on the lookout for deer. This is necessary from a safety viewpoint, but it is also delightful to just stop and look at them. It is nice to see the fawns with no more spots and almost as big as their mothers. We have spotted at least four bucks. The bucks are sporting beautiful racks of antlers and looking quite proud of them.

There is some interesting construction going on in Meldrum Bay. Some people are renovating older homes, some people are building brand new homes, and some are simply doing upkeep with new roofs, etc. It is enjoyable to drive around and check on everyone's progress. Sometimes when we are lucky, we get a tour. The ingenuity and the design savvy that we see are quite amazing.

We went for a hike at Misery Bay with a good friend on Saturday and it was absolutely beautiful. We dressed for cool weather, but it was sunny and warm. There were quite a few friendly hikers there and the trip was definitely worth it.

John Bonwick stopped by for a visit this week with a new addition to his family. It was a beautiful and charming Poodle/Burmese mountain dog cross. I instantly fell in love. We're going to enjoy watching him grow up.

Peggy is home from visiting family in Ennismore and Burlington. We really missed her while she was away.

Norm Morrell looked after the church service in Meldrum Bay this week and he did well. Thank you, Norm, for helping us out. After church several of us drove to Stop 540 for brunch. We beat the Silver Water crowd as our service ends at 10 and theirs starts at 11. Food was excellent and we had a great visit.

Cards on Friday night had three tables. High lady was Rose VanEvery with 65. High man was Tom Rumley with 68 and he also took home the juice. Diane Jones won the most eures with eight. Ladies' lone hands were won by Brenda Carter with four. Men's lone hands were won by Bob Benedict with two. Once again, the money jar is safe.

See you next week.

Barrie Island

Sympathy to the family of Mrs. Eileen Walsh (Mervyn) (husband Leo predeceased) who passed away on September 27th in Guelph. The burial was Monday in Gordon Cemetery.

John and Pauline Featherstone are moving this week to Wellwood, Manitoba. They want to be near their sons Clayton and Mark and their families who live in the area, their son Austin had moved there early this year. They will be missed in the community.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Monday, September 26, Dad (Jim Noble) had an appointment in Sudbury. Lara Chevrette and I took him. We were early so we went out for breakfast. While we were in the restaurant, Dad had a massive stroke. The ambulance got him to emergency at HSN, after some tests, he was moved to ICU for 24 hours, and has been in the stroke unit since Tuesday afternoon. Thank you to everyone keeping our family in your thoughts and prayers. It has been a very long, difficult week, we just deal with one day at a time.

Sara-Lyn Arnot has been travelling back and forth to HSN to visit her husband, Terry. Terry's son, David, has arrived from Calgary to help Sara-Lyn. We are keeping their family in our prayers.

Wednesday, Albert had another set of x-rays on his back, in Gore Bay. We hear from the doctor this week about the progress.

Wednesday afternoon, at the Silver Water Community Hall, there was a meeting of the Manitoulin Planning Board concerning the by-law for Dawson and Robinson Townships. The meeting was very well attended, and a lot of questions were asked and answered. Thank you to all the board members and the other officials who helped provide clarification of a lot of issues.

Thursday, Albert had an appointment at the Espanola Hospital. We went on to Sudbury afterwards and stayed overnight. We visited Dad for a few hours on Thursday evening then again on Friday afternoon.

Saturday, we had our yard sale and book sale tables out for the last time this year. We had a very good turnout and raised another \$148 for the Gore Bay Medical Centre.

There will be no market here for the next two Saturdays. We took some garden scraps to John Jagt's yard on Sunday. The turkeys are looking very big. They enjoy the greens a lot.

Condolences to the family of Maureen Johnson.

We wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving. We hope everyone decorates for the community contest.

Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

Wiky Road Race turns 50!

One of the longest surviving road races anywhere is the annual Wiky Road Race who turns a “nifty fifty” this coming October 16th thanks to Henry Hoy and Larry Leblanc who started the race way back in the day! The annual 10 km festivities will begin in Kaboni with the walkers leaving at 8:30 a.m., the youth runners leave at 9:00 and then the adults will hit the road at 9:30.

Race participants must pre-register before October 13 by emailing, Amanda Trudeau (amandatruudeau@wikyhealth.ca). From the 4-Corners in Kaboni the finish will be at Thunderbird Park in downtown Wiikwemkoong. As always there will be lots of prizes and age categories for: 10 and under, 11 to 13, 14 to 18, 19 to 54 and ‘seniors’ 55-plus.



Assiginack Public School took the 3-pitch junior championships. The victors are, back row, from left, Iris, Alannah, Ava, Joshua, William, River, Chloe, front row, Tyler, Allie, Julia, Eli, Rex, Bryson, Chayton and Miah.

Manitoulin 3-Pitch Championships

It was way back in 2019 the last time the Island, Elementary 3-Pitch Championships were held and both the Junior and Intermediate teams enjoyed a beautiful day this past Monday after having been rained out last week.

C. C. McLean played host to the Junior event with the Assiginack All Stars capturing the Championship with an 8-4 win over the CC McLean Colts. Both teams finished the round-robin with 3 wins and 1 loss. In the deciding game it was a scoreless first inning, but in the second, CC McLean scored 3 runs. The Colts made it 4-0 in the third inning. The All Stars however, rallied with 4 runs in both the fourth and fifth innings to capture the Island Junior Championship Trophy! Congratulations to players (first names only at this point): Iris, Alannah, Ava, Joshua, William, River, Chloe, Tyler, Allie, Julia, Eli, Rex, Bryson, Chayton, Miah and Coaches Allison MacNeil and Cami Edralin!

Little Current had two teams in the tournament, filling in their rosters with some feisty Grade 4s! The Coyotes Team #1 finished the round-robin in 4th place, tied with Lakeview (2 wins and 2 losses). In the 3rd place final, Little Current scored runs in all 4 innings to capture third place overall with an 11-2 victory.

Meanwhile over in Mindemoya, Central Manitoulin Public School were the Senior hosts. Due to a scheduling problem, there was not time to get to the tie-break and the Little Current Coyotes and Mindemoya Eagles settled as co-winners! The Coyotes roster was not available at press time but their Coach, Tim Lockeyer will get it in for next week!

The Eagles were led by Coach Lisa Pennie, Josh Daniso, Thomas Redmond, Jack Bridgeman, Jonah Balfé, Anders Watson, Jonathan Cooper, Chase Taylor, Elizabeth Cooper, Kimberlee Williams-Sajnovic Scarlet Mohr, Casey Lariviere and Darcy Thorpe.

Next up for Manitoulin elementary sports is Cross Country, followed by Flag Football.

Rumbled on the Rock!

A keen group of Manitoulin Mustang Cross Country runners and Coach Gerry Holliday attended the Rumble on the Rock race in Sudbury, honing their skills for the upcoming cross-country season. Congratulations to: Brodie Pennie - 3rd Senior Boys, Alan Wilkin 11th, Mackenzie Green - 4th Senior Girls, Morgan Green - 11th, Xavier Mara - 3rd Junior Boys, Matthew Wilkins - 13th and Wyatt Williamson-Wright - 33rd Novice Boys. The team is ramping up for Pre-NSSAA on their home course at Rainbow Ridge in Manitowaning!

Wiky team wins North Shore fastball!

The Wiky Sons of Pitches started making up their fastball team in April as the guys haven't played since before Covid shut everything down. Without an Island league this year, they decided to get into the N.S.F.L. “NORTH SHORE FASTBALL LEAGUE.” They messaged the commissioner of the league and at their meeting which Coach, Gerry



Baibomcowai had to attend, the executive gladly accepted their squad although they played their home games in Espanola. There were five teams in the league: Sagamok Hounds, Sagamok Chiefs,

Spanish Spirit, Blind River Bandits, and then, the Wiky S.O.P. At the end of the regular season Wiky finished 1st in the league with 19 wins and 3 losses, and played the Chiefs in a best of three but beat them in two straight! Drawing the Hounds and beat them 3 games to 1 to win the league! One notable feature of the team was they had five sets of brothers, and a father/sons combo.

Congratulations to the team featuring: Jordan Trudeau, Warren Simon, Jesse Peltier, Brent “Shkim” Assinewai, Danial Madahbee, Brandon Pheasant, Lyle Baibomcowai, Peyton Ominika, Jonas Aiabens, Gregory Trudeau-Paquet, Evan Peltier, Kyle Baibomcowai, Jason “JP” Peltier, Joe Ominika, Mike Abotosaway, Michael Aiabens, Levi Morrison, Ralph Gonawabi, C.J. Newberry and Nicholas McGregor.

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Kagawong woman takes part in Sudbury's CIBC Run for the Cure

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—When Heather Theijsmeijer of Kagawong takes part in the annual CIBC Run for the Cure in Sudbury, she always keeps several of her friends in mind, including Mary Buie of Kagawong who normally takes part in the event herself but will not be able to this year.

“I always keep Mary in mind when I participate in the run,” Ms. Theijsmeijer told The Expositor. “Mary is an incredible lady who is unable to take part in the run this year but I understand members of her family are running in various locations throughout Canada.”

“Another friend who is my age and who I went to school with is also on my mind during the run/walk,” said Ms. Theijsmeijer. “Everybody knows someone who is battling cancer, and I keep them in mind when I participate in the run.”

On her page on the Canadian Cancer Society CIBC Run for the Cure Facebook page Ms. Theijsmeijer explained, “Amy, Courtney, Mary, Nathalie, Sharon, Bobbi. These are all friends of mine who have been impacted directly by breast cancer. They are truly strong individuals who motivate me to be the best possible person I can be. I hope that by running, I can provide a little bit of motivation for them as well.” “It’s hard to believe that this will be my 13th year running the Sudbury Run for the Cure,” wrote Ms. Theijsmeijer. “Thank you to friends, family, and colleagues



Chris and Heather Theijsmeijer of Kagawong, both participated in the annual Canadian Cancer Society CIBC Run for the Cure in Sudbury, on Sunday.

who have donated toward this cause in the past. Every little bit helps, and I am grateful for anything you can contribute, even best wishes. I thank you in advance.”

“I’ve set a goal of \$1,000 to fundraise for this year’s event, and have raised \$750 so far,” Ms. Theijsmeijer told The Expositor Friday. “I am very humbled at people’s generosity. It is very touching. Especially when there are so many other important things that people could spend their money on and support.”

“This is my 13th year taking part in the run, which is wild in itself,” said Ms. Theijsmeijer who is a regular runner. “I run regularly but not for time; it is more casual, relaxed.”

“Sunday’s run was in person, the first time this event has been

held in person over the past three years due to the pandemic,” said Ms. Theijsmeijer.

“It went very well, we had gorgeous weather,” Ms. Theijsmeijer told The Expositor Sunday evening after the run in Sudbury. “We had over 300 participants in the run and just over \$50,000 was raised, which was fantastic.”

Ms. Theijsmeijer, who was joined on the run by her husband Chris, surpassed her fundraising goal of \$1,000, raising \$1,200. “It was a great day.”

More than 45,000 participants and volunteers in 53 communities throughout Canada came together at the Canadian Cancer Society CIBC Run for the Cure, raising more than \$13 million to change the future of breast cancer forever.

Eight MSS golfers qualify for N. Ont. championships

by Tom Sasvari

M’CHIGEENG—The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs golf team will be sending eight golfers to the Northern Ontario championships taking place this week. They had an unusual way of advancing due to the closing down of Rainbow Ridge Golf Course in Manitowaning last Thursday due to the police report of a man from Wiikwemkoong being armed and dangerous in the community.

“Most golfers played 13 holes, with some golfers playing 14 holes,” Jordan Smith, sports coordinator for MSS, told The Expositor. “At that point in the day everyone was ordered to get into the clubhouse because of the police alert.” He noted it was not too long after that the other participating schools had to leave.

“We ended up having to go with what we had played,” said Mr. Smith. After discussing options to make it fair for all players, with all the coaches of the other teams, “we ended up having to go with what we have in terms of number of holes played and with an average score per holes.”

The MSS Mustangs team won the boys team division. Mr. Smith pointed out Noah Thorpe was leading through 14 holes with a score of 66 and Rylan Carrick through 13 holes had carded a score of 63. Both were very, very close. They both shot really well.”



Other members of the Mustangs boys’ team who played on the Mustangs North Shore Secondary School Athletic Association championship team included Hudson Hare, Corbin Best and John Mende.

“We had three of our girls’ team members who finished in the top four in scoring at the tournament,” said Mr. Smith. “They include Amy Smith, Saraya Eshkawkogan, and Eva Corbiere. Saraya, who had placed third in the pre-NSSAA tournament, was on track to shoot a similar score to NSSAA.”

“All our girls finished within the top eight from among the total of 12 players, said Mr. Smith. “In total, we are sending eight golfers from MSS to the Northern Ontario championships to be played this week.”

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MSS runners take part in annual Rumble on the Rock

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) cross-country runners continue to post good results at events as they prepare for the North Shore Secondary School Association championship.

Gerry Holliday, a coach of the Mustangs cross-country team, told The

Expositor that a total of seven MSS runners took part in the Laurentian University Rumble On the Rock event held in Sudbury last week. In the senior boys' division, Mustangs runner Brodie Pennie finished in third place over the 5,600 metre run with Alan Wilkin finishing 11th.

The senior girls division saw MSS

runner Mackenzie Green in fourth place in the same 5,600 metre run with Morgan Green finishing eleventh.

Xavi Mara finished in third place in the junior boys' division (5,100 metre run), with Matthew Wilkins in 13th place.

In the novice boys' division, Wyatt Williamson-Wright was 33rd.



A total of seven students from Manitoulin Secondary School took part in the Laurentian University Rumble on the Rock cross-country event last week.

Rotary Club of Gore Bay makes significant donations toward food security on Manitoulin

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The Rotary Club of Gore Bay has made a significant financial contribution toward making sure there is food security in place on the Island.

“Our annual Bay to Bay bicycle rally held in August was the generator of all of these funds,” said Keith McKeen, president of the Rotary Club, in making a donation of \$7,000 on behalf of the Rotary Club to Marnie Hall, executive director of Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) and Nikki Thompson,

MFR’s food security program supervisor, last week. A second donation, also in the amount of \$7,000 was made to representatives of the Lyons Memorial United Church

Food Cupboard, last week.

Rotarian “Dave Rogalsky was the lead on the bike rally this year,” said Mr. McKeen. “Making the donation of funds to MFR and the Lyon’s Memorial

United Church Food Cupboard means they will benefit the majority of people on the Island.”

“We had corporate sponsorship from several businesses on the Island toward the rally,” said Mr. McKeen. “And with the riders themselves paying their fee for participating... all of this added up so that we could help both groups.”



Keith McKeen, centre, president of the Rotary Club of Gore Bay presents a cheque for \$7,000 on behalf of the club to Manitoulin Family Resources representatives Marnie Hall, left, and Nikki Thompson.



Members of the Rotary Club of Gore Bay presented a cheque in the amount of \$7,000 on behalf of the club to representatives of the Lyons Memorial United Church Food Cupboard, last week. From left is Pat Weddel, Rose Jackson, Kathy Mutch, Rotarians Keith McKeen and Peter Carter, Laurie Robinson and Deb Emery.

Kurtis Noble beats out twin for Manitoulin Golf's top man

GORDON—For the past three years the Manitoulin Golf men's club championship has come down to twin brothers Kyle and Kurtis Noble, as to who would finish first or second.

Three years ago, Kyle posted the best score to take the championship. Last year the brothers tied after 36 holes of golf, for first place. Kyle was declared the winner after a coin flip.

However, this year the tables were turned. Kurtis posted 18-hole scores of 75-79 (154) to finish in first place. Kyle finished second.

In the men's senior division Brian Bainborough finished in first place with John Windsor second.



Kurtis Noble beat out twin brother Kyle in the Manitoulin Golf men's championship.

Bahá'í Writings

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...paramedics may not respond to some calls without police

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tre, what happens when a 9-1-1 call comes in, how many vehicles are on the Island, and what are our response strategies. Everything is in there.”

Deputy Chief Tim Beaman worked closely with the Ministry of Health and the communications centre, (the 9-1-1 communications centre in Sudbury), to develop the policy, said Mr. Myre. “Our policy, interestingly enough, would be aligned with the policy in Superior North and most likely the same one as in Rainy River and Kenora districts.”

A risk screening occurs at the dispatch centre when the call is taken, he continued. Some addresses may be flagged if the paramedic service has previously attended there and there was a threat of external violence on a paramedic. “There’s a red flag applied to the residence and each time there’s a 9-1-1 call that comes from the residence, the ambulances communications officer (also known as dispatch) will tell the crews about the potential risk in the house and the paramedics will choose based on their risk tolerance whether or not they’ll approach the scene.”

This is very clearly articulated in the policy, said Mr. Myre. “Personal safety is one hundred percent the priority in any emergency and I support that one hundred percent. The paramedics have to come first in any situation.”

It could be a chest pain call where there’s been a threat of violence, or there’s somebody on scene that’s intoxicated, or the residence is a known drug house where there is a history of weapons and/or violence, or the call taker hears some violence or mention of a weapon on the scene. “All of those things get factored into the decision-making,” he said.

It’s not every call that the paramedics stage. There has to be a potential or identified risk.

“We get vilified a lot, like the Kenora folks,” Mr. Myre

added. “It’s a devastating call but I’ll tell you, there’s something else to that story. Those paramedics were staging for a reason. For them to stage, there has to be a potential threat. That’s the thing. It’s not just the community.”

In the Kenora case, the EMS had been previously attacked at that residence and so had called for police backup.

If something happened in Little Current, for example, and there was a threat of external violence against paramedics in general, maybe a threat that was made, it wouldn’t preclude paramedics from going to any residence in that community.

“We really have to be careful,” said Mr. Myre. “We’ve got to do our due diligence as well. We can’t just say, ‘I don’t feel safe in the community of Little Current so I’m not going to any call there.’ That just doesn’t happen. In fact, my paramedics tend to push the envelope and go into situations that they shouldn’t go into sometimes. I usually have to be the finger wagger and say, you have to be careful because everybody has to go home tonight. Everybody has to go home.”

“I think it’s important to understand that those decisions for the paramedics to stage is done in concert with the on-duty superintendent,” Mr. Myre said. “Their supervisor is aware and is communicating with the crews on the situational awareness. They’re always talking back and forth about their risk tolerance and then, at what point do they enter the scene. So, it’s not a siloed decision is what I’m trying to tell you. It’s not the paramedics not going there.”

Any delayed response to a call, or any complaint, triggers an immediate internal review, and that’s not something the paramedics can override. If there’s an excessive response to any scene, the paramedics have to document

that and they must provide a reason. That report is reviewed by the deputy chief within 24 hours and then it’s escalated to either Mr. Myre’s office or the Ministry of Health if other follow-up is needed.

...AOK joins ranks of Harvest Glory Days honourees

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In Sheguiandah, the “family” having a Thanksgiving dinner with the Batman’s Mill as a backdrop is the high point there this year. (Please see photo on page 1.) The government dock sports good décor too, as does the Bass Creek Fish viewing pavillion.

Providence Bay has decorated the highway through town as usual but, for spectacular, please visit the Town Square in the community’s downtown centre.

At Aundeck Omni Kaning, you have to jog past the band office and find the lane, to the right, leading to the administrative offices of Noojmowin Teg and Mnaamodzawin but it’s worth it as the Noojmowin Teg offices, especially, have gone all out for fall glory. Also at Aundeck Omni Kaning, the home of Gabe, Bev and Max Abotossaway, beside the AOK Store, is also grand.



A new community pavilion is under construction in Gore Bay.

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—A new open-air pavilion is being constructed on Water Street in Gore Bay, where the former tennis courts were located.

“It’s pretty impressive and is definitely going to benefit the community,” stated Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne, of the new building currently under construction by Shepard and Son Construction. “It is really looking good.”

The new building is 36 by 60 feet and will include a stove and oven, two large fridges, a large serving area and sink for cleanup space and a roll up door. The structure will have a wood frame and steel roof.

Mayor Osborne said, “the building is the same size as the town tent, although it is higher in height than the tent is.”

“It is a permanent structure,” said Mayor Osborne, who pointed out, “the town still owns the tent which has served the town well. He said the structure should be well used for events like Harbour Days celebrations in town, or if groups of residents or boaters want to have a barbecue.

Construction on the building should be completed in the next few weeks.

In Gordon/Barrie Island, the Ches Beange farm display at the corner of the Tenth and Beange Road is worth the visit.

In Honora Bay area, another farm-themed display, like the Beange’s, also utilizing an antique tractor, is at Rick and Linda Bond’s home just east of the Ski Hill driveway on Highway 540.

Decorating was good this year, judges observed, but the last two pandemic years have easily been the highlight ones in the nine years The Expositor Office has organized this friendly, Island-wide competition and that is understandable give the imposed isolation that impacted everyone.

That having been said, it is a great showing, and visitors and residents alike are encouraged to take in peoples’ efforts and in their own neighbouring communities.

Large town honours this year go once again to Manitowaning, Mindemoya and Gore Bay so there will be a “2022” addition arriving soon for the Harvest Glory Days signs they have been previously awarded.

Similarly, again this year Providence Bay and Sheguiandah will share bragging rights for mid-sized communities and will also add 2022 to their signs.

But there is a new winner in the small community category: Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation will receive a big bright sign testifying to the community spirit there. The First Nation has been an “Honourable Mention” for several years but now they’re a winner!

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Manitoulin Votes 2022: Ten vie for council seat in Assiginack Township

Dene Banger (no response as of press time)

Janice Bowerman

Some people have asked me why I am running for council. The answer is simple, I love this community.

My Parents moved to Manitowaning in 1979 when they purchased the Wayside Motel and Restaurant and I have considered this my home since then. I moved away for many of my adult years as our careers were in Sudbury, but we have been coming home every weekend for over 30 years and we moved back in October 2020 as this has always been home for me.

When I first moved to Manitowaning, it was a busy happening little town with lots of businesses and a very strong community feeling. Over the years, there have been many changes and not all have been good changes. We need to grow the community, and that means attracting people, families and more businesses to our community and keep existing businesses here. How do we do that?

That is a great question and part of why I am running for council. My main purpose is to get involved, be open and honest and work hard for you the people and the whole community.

I have been in banking for many years and have a strong financial background and will use this as a strength to come up with decisions as to whether an idea makes financial sense or to see it is sustainable and what's best for the community.

I also have sat on a board and been the president of the board for a co-operative housing unit in Sudbury which has given me experience in dealing with budgets, bylaws, policies and procedures and decision-making.

I cannot promise any one specific thing, but I do promise to look at everything that is brought to council and look at all the details and facts and try to make the best decision for the whole community on each matter that arises.

When it's time to vote, please consider me, Janice Bowerman, for Assiginack Council.

Dwayne Elliott

I was born on Manitoulin Island and have spent my entire life in Manitowaning, except for a couple of years for post-secondary education. I was married in town and my wife and I have raised two beautiful children in this

community.

I have been an active volunteer with the Township of Assiginack for over 35 years. I first joined the Assiginack First Response Team (FRT) at the age of 16 and the Assiginack Fire Department at the age of 18. From my time with the FRT I continued my education, developing a lifelong career as a primary care paramedic servicing the people of Manitoulin and surrounding areas.

I have remained active within the fire department and have held the positions of mutual aid fire coordinator for the District of Manitoulin for the province.

With my years of service in these organizations, I have become familiar with government legislation and regulations, developing and implementing policies and procedures and budgeting for yearly and capital expenditures.

For the past two years, I have attended most council meetings, trying to learn as much as I can so if elected I go in with knowledge of the current municipal climate and am aware and ready to tackle the issues at hand.

My priorities as councillor are to have a safe and sustainable municipality. One that will support young families and our youth. One that will welcome summer residents, enhance retirement living and foster a community where our children and our friends can return home and be successful.

For these things to happen, we need to improve existing infrastructure like roads, water and sewer systems and the longevity of our landfill site. We must support our community members and provide specific services for their needs. Council needs to support our existing businesses while enticing new business growth. We need to have a solid foundation to build on for our future.

As a councillor, I will be accountable to our ratepayers with the transparency they deserve. I will work to improve our infrastructure and develop a strategic plan that will ensure that the Township of Assiginack continues to be this "great little community" we can all call home for many years to come.

Theo Flikweert

This is the time when voters can make their choices known.

Please, let me tell you what I stand for and what my values are. You will then know how I intend to represent

you—should you elect me.

I am a Christian who believes that my involvement in politics will be guided by my faith. Our country, strong and democratic, was founded by people who understood the wisdom of acknowledging God. I pledge to serve our citizens—should you elect me.

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...Dave Ham, incumbent

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use of its own public works crew for some or all the work or if they should be put out to tender.

Still on Bidwell Road, Mr. Ham says he would like to see the areas of road where trees have grown over top of the road, not allowing for the road to dry, thereby causing damage over time, addressed. "The road is growing in," he says.

"There are many areas of the road that need to be torn out and rebuilt," the incumbent candidate adds. "The Bidwell Road is a heavily used road that joins Highway 6 to Highway 540."

...Brenda Reid

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As for the controversial Norisle, Ms. Reid doesn't pull any punches. "The Norisle needs to go. It cannot continue to sit there like that."

In terms of the Manitowaning waterfront as a whole, Ms. Reid believes Assiginack's council needs to have a hard look at it and determine both what brings people to the waterfront and what would better the lives of the residents, noting that a splashpad might be something council could explore.

"I'm not ever opposed to looking at things," she says. "I really want to encourage discussion and debate."

Ms. Reid says she wants the municipality to begin to move forward. "We need to look at bringing business back to town. The downtown core is shrinking, but our population isn't." She says several Island communities have business incubator centres and suggests this could be something to be

Other roads of concern to the current mayor and which he would like to see addressed are Queen and Arthur Streets in Manitowaning and Clover Valley Road, which is "full of potholes."

Mr. Ham says council promised many Manitowaning sidewalks before COVID-19 hit, construction that was stalled for a number of pandemic-related reasons.

Mr. Ham says he recognizes that the medical building, post office and municipal office all require work, especially the medical building. "It's busy,

busy, busy and I think the push should go on to see an expansion," he says, noting that he submitted an application two years ago on this front which has gone stagnant. He believes an expansion could mean an increase in services.

He says he would also like to see the next council push for a fire hall under his guidance. "Manitowaning is probably the only community that doesn't have its own fire hall; it's shared with our public works. We have the property to do it, we just need to build it."

Mr. Ham says he views the lack of affordable housing as a "severe problem," in Assiginack and Manitoulin in general. He says he would rattle the appropriate chains to see if the municipality can't get more affordable places for people to live.

Mr. Ham names the Rogers Creek Bridge replacement as one feather in his cap over the last term of council. "There was a tremendous drive from the south end of the community that the Rogers Creek Bridge needed to be replaced after being closed to traffic for several years. We saw to it that a brand new bridge was installed," he says, noting that Tehkummah Township also contributed funds and manpower for the new

bridge, thanking the neighbouring municipality.

He points to the current under-construction work at High Falls that will see a pedestrian bridge over the underutilized attraction as a high point this term and shares his plans that would see Assiginack's version of Flower Pot Island (it's on dry land and higher than Flower Pot Island) one day turned into a tourist attraction. (The geological formation is called a 'stack' or 'sea stack'.)

Mr. Ham alluded that "good things are happening" with the Burns Wharf and Roller Mills, but was not ready to say what just yet.

As for the Norisle, of which Mr. Ham has been a major champion over the years, he says there is yet more good news on the horizon, but says the news will have to wait a little longer before he can share.

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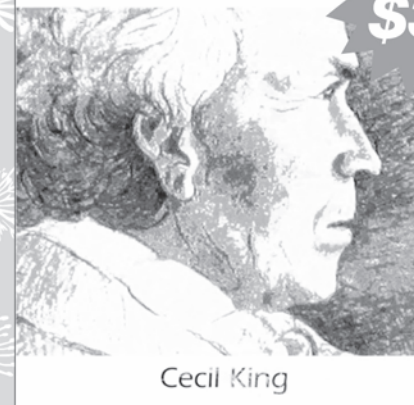
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zens in this same spirit.

Assiginack is a small township known for many good things. Mainly caring and committed citizens, productive farms, the beauty of our area and viable tourism. We're not a big city and we don't want to be.

Our council should look to empower citizens. Leadership needs the help and support of its constituents to run our community. Assiginack was not built with government grants—it was built with strong commerce and a vital love for family and community.

I commit to the building and restoration of family and commerce in Assiginack. We need a vision for the future, not only a fire extinguisher that just puts out fires.

Assiginack can indeed be the place where we are proud to say, "It's my hometown!"

I will empower citizens with more freedoms to operate business. Over-regulation of our businesses simply makes success too difficult.

And I will seek more volunteers and citizen participation in fundraising. Higher taxes are not the answer. Neither is an ever-increasing mill rate. We need to run our community based on lower levels of spending.

I will vote to keep taxes the same as the previous year.

I am a believer in small

government.

Small government equals bigger citizens. The government cannot take care of all of the varied needs of its citizens. Remember, it is the citizens that take care of the government—by supplying government with vitally important revenue. There is only one tax-paying citizen, that's you and that's me. But there are three levels of government, all in need of our taxes.

If you believe that Assiginack must be more prudent when it comes to the care shown for taxpayers' money, then vote for me. And thank you to everyone for your participation in our communities.

Jennifer Hooper

Real estate agent, postmaster and mother to three teens, I am running for a seat on council in Assiginack. I moved back to Manitowaning in 2007, having lived here when I was a young adult, and always felt like it was home.

When I was younger, I volunteered my time as a member of the now-defunct recreation committee. Currently, I am on the council for Assiginack Public School and belong to the Lions Club. I am passionate about my town, township and all of the things it could be.

I have no specific personal agenda, just a desire to serve and hopefully breathe spirit into the core town. I believe that although new projects are

exciting, fixing what we have and supporting the businesses that are here is vital. Our township-owned buildings are in need of repair and are underused in many cases. This needs to change.

Many of the spaces in our downtown core, that should be used as commercial, are not and I feel this needs to be addressed. I do not support 'moving' the beach at the waterfront, although I agree that changes need to be made for the safety of those using the beach.

Outside of the box thinking for seniors housing, as well as bringing back the programs that supported summer jobs for our local teens and motivating younger people to get involved in the community are all important to me.

Getting our township dump organized so it can be more effective, thereby extending its life, is also important. I am aware that the township doesn't end in Manitowaning and I would love to see more interactive ways for people to share

concerns and ideas, especially with the high numbers of seasonal residents in Assiginack.

I am honest, hardworking and sincere. I am able to make decisions and I accept the responsibility of those decisions. Please feel free to reach out to me at 705-862-1002 or on my 'Jennifer Hooper Candidate for Council' Facebook page. Thank you to the current council for their work during challenging times.

Although I do not agree with all of their choices, I respect their service to the community I call home.

Christianna Jones

I have served the Assiginack community as a councillor since 2018 and while on council I sat on the library and POA boards.

I was raised on Manitoulin Island and for the past 22 years have lived in Assiginack Township with my husband Peter where we raised our six children. Three of them continue to live in the community, along with our three

grandchildren, making it three generations that have called this township home.

Currently, I am employed in the health field but previously worked in employment, training and adult

education. Over the years I have sat on many boards: Ontario Native Literacy Coalition, Wiikwemkoong Board of Education, Destination Manitoulin Island,

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 oped near Low Island. With tourism we have the new Sheguiandah Archaeological Site, new e-bikes in town and the Water Street parkette.

These are just to name of few of the improvements to your community and this was done with the funding from government grant programs saving you as the taxpayer for these upgrades. I also realize that I am only one vote in council, however, one vote can be effective if you have someone speaking on your behalf. Someone that can communicate and work with all involved being considerate and respecting everyone's rights to make a change for the better.

I worked hard to gain your respect and trust as a police officer and will work just as hard as your councillor if re-elected to a second term. Now that I have gained experience in my first term, I can go further to work for you all.

I am looking for your continued support in re-electing me. I hope to chat with many of you over the weeks leading up to the election. Please feel free to contact me with your questions, comments, or concerns as I want to know what is important to you.

Bill Koehler, incumbent

I have been a NEMI councillor for the past 25 years, working with many good mayors and councillors. I

have achieved this by being a team player, a good listener, reliable, available and always having time to listen to the concerns of the residents of NEMI.

Communication is the main reason for success. People want their concerns addressed.

If elected my goal for the next four years as councillor would be: tax increases not to exceed three percent; more services and activities available for seniors; opposed to excessive water/sewer rate increases; the construction start of the new swing bridge; more activities for youth (bike trails, novice nights etc.); Service Ontario outlet – some residents are having to travel to other communities to renew government documents; lobby of major food suppliers for second grocery store; resurfacing tennis courts; more park benches placed at various locations, especially Low Island walking trail; and more affordable housing.

If elected I will do my best to represent the people of NEMI as their concerns are my concerns.

Michael Erskine, incumbent

I am seeking re-election as councillor for Ward 2 in Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands. I believe we as a council have done a good job in overseeing the operation of our communities over the past four years.

Despite the challenges in

the last two years and the current inflation that is impacting the cost of everything, we have still managed to keep our municipal tax rates, on average, at the lowest in our region while maintaining the core services that we all depend on.

Even as we have kept the town budget under control (in large part thanks to the hard work and dedication of our municipal staff), we have expanded assets and facilities for our youth and seniors. The new splash pad at Low Island, the soon to be finished pump track to focus our youth's attention outdoors in the fresh air and the Turner Park garden and gazebo upgrades are a few of the items I had a close hand in as a member of the community services committee—these are items identified by the community. These projects were made possible by leveraging a small amount of local tax dollars with funding from the upper tier governments.

We have managed to entice the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board to build a new 12-unit seniors building in our community by looking forward to make the best use of a generous donation to our community.

My time on council has not always been an easy ride, especially when it comes to making decisions I believe are in the best interests of our community when our community is divided on the best path

forward. I have always put forward my best thoughts on an issue at the council table and tried to keep an open mind and ears when it comes to the views of my colleagues on council and the community at large. Our council has largely been able to find a consensus on most issues.

I believe we, as a council, have done a good job overall and I humbly request that you place your confidence in me for the next four years by selecting me as one of the three councillors for Ward 2.

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On behalf of the Residents in the Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island, Council and Staff want to recognize and convey a huge thank you to Dr. Robert Hamilton and Dr. Sheilagh McCrae for their commitment to the area over the last 40 years. Your time at the Gore Bay Medical Centre has been a valuable and appreciated service. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

NOTICE BOARD

14 Water Street East (Post Office Building)
Town of NEMI P.O. Box 608 Little Current, ON POP 1K0

Public Notice

The Town has three residential lots for Sale by Tender

54 Water Street West
56 Water Street West
99 Meredith Street West

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

Municipal Elections – Public Notice

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

Fuel Tender

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

Propane Tender

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

SENIORS DROP-IN

Bring a friend or make some new friends over coffee. Board games, cards, puzzles and more available. Tuesdays at the NEMI Rec Centre from 10:30 am - 1 pm

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - NOW ON THURSDAYS
Join in the fun, games, crafts with your friends. After school until 5 pm at the NEMI Rec Centre

COOKING CLASSES ARE BACK
Held in the NEMI Rec Centre Kitchen
Oct 5th Cooking with Squash @ 6:30 pm
Oct 8th Authentic Mexican Food Part 1 @ 11:30 am
Oct 12th Donut Making @ 6:30 pm
Oct 15th Authentic Mexican Food Part 2 @ 11:30 am
Oct 19th Cauliflower Alternatives @ 6:30 pm
Oct 26th Tacos & Scone Dogs @ 6:30 pm
Cost is \$20 each
Preregistration is required for all workshops by email lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca

Fall Events at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah

Weekly Art Drop-in
Thursdays from 11 am - 3 pm
October 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th
Bring your supplies and come and create, learn and socialize with other artists and creative individuals. Everyone is welcome!

Free Admission Fridays
Visit the Museum for free on Fridays. Open 10 am - 4:30 pm.

October 7: Guided Tour of the Museum
Learn the history of the museum collections and local area. Join us at 1 pm for a guided tour.

Museum Fall Hours
Mondays & Tuesdays: 10 am - 4:30 pm
Wednesdays: 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Thursdays to Saturdays: 10 am - 4:30 pm
Sundays: CLOSED
Museum closes for the Season on October 15, 2022

Notice of Meetings

Due to the ever-changing environment that we are all dealing with, Council meetings will be held every **Tuesday Night at 7:00 pm via Zoom Video Meeting # 489 313 1974**
Or call 1-587-328-1099

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

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

Application for CONSENT Under Section 53 of the Planning Act to be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 7:00 pm via Electronic Meeting Zoom

File No: Con 2022-11 and Zon 2022-04
Applicant: JMAC Property Group
Agent: Jordan Stephens
Location: 16 Blake Street
Legal Description: Shaftsbury Townplot 2, Lot 25, N/S Blake Street
Official Plan: Residential
Zoning: Residential

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION
 This is a request to sever a double town lot into two equal residential lots with a congruent application for a zoning amendment to rezone from residential to multi-residential.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:
 The request is being made to transfer the severed portion to an interested party.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN THESE MATTERS MAY ATTEND the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands public meeting concerning this application. If you have specific comments regarding this application, you may submit a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer of the planning authority prior to or at the meeting.

IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND this Hearing, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the Decision of the Planning Authority in respect of the proposed Consent, you must make a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority at the address shown below.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY THAT FILES AN APPEAL against a decision of the Approval Authority in respect of the proposed consent has not made a written submission to the Approval Authority before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Land Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application is available to the public for viewing at the Municipal office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday; or you may contact Ms. Pam Cress, Clerk and Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority, at (705) 368-3500 ext. 228.

Dated: October 5, 2022
 Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands
 14 Water St. E., P.O. Box 608
 Little Current, ON POP 1K0

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Debajehmujig Creation Centre, Burns Wharf Theatre Players and the newly-formed Mnidoo Mnising/Manitoulin Island Culinary Advisory Group.

While on these boards I helped develop budgets, bylaws and policies and procedure manuals. These boards interested me because they were about building community connections and creating opportunities, one of the key reasons that I am once again running for Assiginack council.

All councillors are provided a small remuneration for their services. Over the past four years I have used this money to support projects and initiatives in the community. These include: donating to the MSS Robotics team; purchasing decorations for Harvest Glory Days and the Haunted Tour 2021 and 2022; and investing in the creation and running of the Assiginack community garden.

Some projects that I wish to continue to be involved in are: High Falls bridge and park improvements; waterfront/beach development; the Assiginack Arts and Entertainment Centre, and creation of a food forest at Queens Park. In addition to these new projects, I believe that it is imperative that the current infrastructure and assets be repaired and maintained, and I will work hard to help this happen.

The community is celebrating its 150th and the Roller Mills, Burns Wharf and museum buildings are part of the history of the individuals that settled this area. These structures should be preserved for the benefit of current and future generations. There are community development opportunities in these buildings.

As a council member I will be effective in helping to establish priorities, maintaining fiscal responsibility, and supporting community members so that together we can build a community where we can all live, work and play.

Frank Klodnicki

My wife and I have been visiting the Township of Assiginack for 32 years. Two years ago, we became permanent residents in Assiginack Township.

As a citizen, I decided that I should give my time and experience to help in the growth and operational decision making.

I am currently employed as a receiver at Manitowaning Mill Building Center. Before that I was employed at Weston Bakeries Ltd. During my time there I served in various positions from route salesman to distributor development manager.

When Pam and I lived in Barrie, we resided at a townhouse condominium corporation. While there I was elected to two terms on the board of directors. As one of the directors, I had the responsibility of treasurer. The board had similar responsibilities as the township council but on a smaller scale.

We had to budget and maintain: paved road repairs, sidewalks, building exteriors, parks, gardens and sewers, pets, help resolve residents' personal conflicts and parking and waste management. A councillor seems to have a similar role as I had with the board of directors.

Not everyone will agree with every decision we make as a council but I will balance the needs of the community overall. I would like to help make policies that work for the majority. They need to be good for everyone. I believe total transparency of council decision making must be available to all the constituents.

We have to be able to ensure that all the needs fall within budgetary restraints.

There are several issues that have not been discussed/neglected over the past four years: longevity of the dump, road repairs, maintenance and the future of the Norisle, Roller Mills and Burns Wharf.

Going forward, Assiginack needs a council that will take charge and guide the township staff, ensure proper training of staff as well as councillors, insure our community gets the infrastructure improvements it needs, have a plan for this community's future and ensure the community is well informed on decision-making.

I am looking for your vote. Help me look after our future.

Rob Maguire, incumbent

I'm self-employed in a local manufacturing business with eight employees (both full-time and part-time).

As a former township economic development officer, I was successful in leveraging grant funds from various government agencies for numerous projects. Some include Manitoulin Living promotions, airport hangar developments, museum improvements, curling club enhancements, municipal water treatment plant upgrades, marina upgrades, a public sector/private sector partnership that supported implementation of high-speed internet through DSL services, to name a few.

I'm grateful for the faith and trust to have been elected to serve my first term of council four years ago as it was my desire to serve the township for its overall betterment. It was a challenging time with several uncertainties that we all never expected resulting from COVID-19.

Municipal staff, in conjunction with our medical professionals, went above and beyond to ensure that residents remained safe throughout the uncertain days of the pandemic.

In many cases, our hands became tied relative to moving even simple projects forward due to restrictions that we all faced for public gatherings, meetings, social distancing, etc.

That being said, the following highlight some accomplishments that we were able to attain during this term.

We hired a by-law enforcement officer; installed a single lane bridge at Rogers Creek; purchased a new grader for the public works department; purchased a used compaction truck for the landfill site; established a communi-

ty garden agreement; established a renewed agreement with the SS Norisle Steamship Society (a project that has seen recent progress); purchased a used plow truck; secured funding to hire an economic development officer; and conducted improvements to our recreation and tourism infrastructure.

Additionally, we were able to fend off property tax increases, removed interest charges during the pandemic and were able to increase our reserves on a number of accounts.

I would like to help improve municipal efficiencies while pursuing community economic development opportunities. This, while helping address the day-to-day needs of staff and locals within the town of Manitowaning and the outlying areas including Sunsite Estates, Bidwell, Clover Valley, South Bay and The Slash.

I hope our township will establish an effective council that proactively and openly supports current and future citizens, while improving the area as one that is favourable to live, visit and invest.

Maureen Marion

The municipal election is coming up and I feel it is time for a change in Assiginack.

I have put my name forward for councillor because I believe I can be your voice for change and progress in this township.

Growing up on a farm in Warren, Ontario, my parents taught me the importance of hard work and determination. As reeve of the Township of Ratter and Dunnet for 18 years my father also instilled in me the importance of municipal government. Getting things done takes knowledge, teamwork and action.

I attended the University of Guelph, Laurentian University and attained my teaching degree from Nipissing Teachers College. I taught in the Sudbury area for 35 years and, following retirement, my husband Denis and I retired to beautiful Manitowaning.

There are many issues facing Assiginack that need attention.

The waterfront in Manitowaning is a definite concern. It is time for the Norisle to go, but where to? Burns Wharf is at the end of its life and a new facility in a different location is required to house our theatre. Assiginack has a diverse, talented community and we must provide for that. Manitoulin Roller Mills needs consultation. Is it feasible to make it into a viable addition to the waterfront or is it time

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WIKWEMKOONG BOARD OF EDUCATION

WIKWEMKOONG 50TH ANNUAL 10KM ROAD RACE

OCTOBER 16th, 2022

Walkers begin at 8:30 AM
 Youth (Runners) begin at 9:00 AM
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 Must Pre-Register for Race by e-mailing:
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 Registration deadline: October 13, 2022 at 4pm

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COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS WILL BE IN PLACE

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Elaine Milne

My name is Elaine Milne and I was born and raised in Little Current, having brought up my family of four here since 1981. I have recently retired after 47 years as a registered nurse and now feel that I have the time and energy to commit to municipal politics.

During my early nursing career, I worked at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor, followed by the Manitoulin Health Centre (Little Current site) before moving into Indigenous health. I have worked as a band nurse with Wiikwemkoong and Atikameksheng First Nation, and then as a federal nurse with Health Canada, working in North Ontario communities on James Bay and Hudson Bay. My career also included a few years working as a staff nurse with Corrections Ontario at the Sudbury District Jail and most recently as a community health nurse with Mnaamodzawin Health Services. For the past two years, I have been a board member of the Manitoulin Legal Clinic.

As a previous healthcare provider, I am aware of the importance of a healthy and safe environment, a place for all families to grow and feel protected. With regards to NEMI, I am concerned about our economy. We need to attract new businesses to fill up our empty shops and we need a second grocery store for variety and choices. We need affordable housing for seniors and working professionals. We need activities for our seniors, young families

and youth. We need more streetlights, a system for composting, and improved vehicle accessibility for dumping at the NEMI garbage cell.

On October 24, vote Elaine Milne for council Ward 2. A new voice.

Zak Nicholls

Hello. My name is Zak Nicholls. I am running for town council. I am going door to door asking people to share their community concerns. Will you please share your concerns with me?

I write this on Saturday, October 1 from the NEMI Public Library, enjoying the services offered. To date, I have knocked on 326 doors. One-hundred and fifty-nine Little Current citizens have taken the time to share their concerns. Thank you.

Here is their platform:

Housing: We desperately need affordable housing for those who care for and serve our community. Health, seasonal, food service, construction workers, amongst others, want to live here but cannot find housing. We risk losing these important people.

Traffic: Bridge backups. Speeding. Transport trucks traversing between Highway 6/Manitowaning and Highway 540/Worthington on connecting streets not designated for this purpose. These affect safety around our school and hospital. Opening Gammie Street and Boozeneck Road

could provide a designated truck route. Opening Shaftsbury Street from the Welcome Centre to Harbour View Road could further alleviate traffic concerns.

Dog park: It is time to add this low cost amenity to our community.

More garbage receptacles, traffic and bylaw enforcement, vandalism, and maintaining/lowering tax rates are some other concerns.

My family moved to Little Current eight years ago. We lived in a neighbourhood next to Chemical Valley. We advocated for ourselves. For health reasons we relocated. I immediately attended council meetings here. I read budgets, agendas and reports. I make submissions to council. I engage with council as much as any citizen. For five years, I was satisfied with town and council. I feel that council stopped fully discussing proposals over the last three years. Votes were carried by show of hands. Council seemed unwilling to put their names on recorded votes. Opportunities to strengthen, or dismiss proposals were lost. I would like to bring such discussion back.

I believe COVID mandates were too strong. Council didn't attempt to balance rights with mandates. Council strengthened the mandates. I will be a voice at council balancing rights with mandates.

If I have not had the opportunity to meet you, I hope to do so in the near future.

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for artifacts to be moved to our museum?

Now, our landfill situation. We need a sustainable, environmentally-friendly operation that is economically efficient and complies with provincial regulations. Let's look to other communities to see how they are handling this issue. Are there government subsidies? Do we need to inject more money now for the future? Planning must begin now!

Township roads need repair. We have the machinery, the manpower and hopefully a proper budget. Let's find the problem and bring our roads up to standard. I will also note that many roads in Assiginack are private and people living here are required to maintain them. However, these residents provide a substantial amount of tax to the township. Townships have a responsibility to provide safety and safe transport. Some municipalities recognize this and help by subsidizing maintenance. This is economically prudent, good stewardship and definitely something to be examined.

These are just a couple of issues that you have relayed to me. There are many more.

I also want to mention the idea of Performance Reviews. Most corporations have yearly reviews for their employees and this is something I feel we should enact in this township, from the CAO onward. Employees who work so hard for us should be commended and for those who need help, mentoring and training must be provided thus improving the efficiency of municipal works in Assiginack.

As I listen to your comments, I feel I have a shared vision with you for this community. We need to encourage small businesses and new residents to the area. We need to re-energize and re-engage our community. It is important to provide transparency, make people aware of projects and encourage community involvement through volunteer committees.

Councillors must hold themselves accountable when spending your tax dollar. Priorities must be set and plans made for the future. Let's make change!

I will listen to you. I will ask questions and make unbiased decisions for our community.

The future of Assiginack is in your hands.

Your Voice, your vote! Let me be your voice. I ask for your vote on October 24.

Cheryl McCulligh O'Brien

I have lived in Assiginack all my life. So I thought I would put my name in to run for councillor.

Some of the things I would like to see are: our streets need to be cleaned up, trees need to be cut out of ditches, sidewalks in all our township intersections are terrible, you cannot see around the corners for oncoming traffic, better control of spending money, affordable housing, our roads need to be fixed up, Bidwell Road is terrible and needs to be graded more often.


Let's not forget our rural friends, they pay high taxes.


We need to work together to make it a better community, keep people better informed on what is happening with a newsletter each month.

Landfill hours need to be addressed, especially in summer when tourists are back.


We need to attract businesses for downtown—let's make it more attractive for people. Let's support out businesses to help them stay in our town.

I hope you vote for me.






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6 Foot Festival

Debajehmujig Storytellers is extremely proud to be presenting our thirteenth celebration of Land, Art and Food, The Six Foot Festival. Our thirteenth festival is magical and we are mindful that we have completed a whole phase of growth with Six Foot. We have grown this festival from seed and now we have an excellent hardened off seedling to grow through our next stage of its life. We are all feeling like proud parents with a teenager heading off to Highschool.

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

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

What does Community Connections mean to you?

October 13, 14 & 15, 2022

at Debajehmujig Creation Centre
























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Spreading the Spirit of Understanding for Truth and Reconciliation

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by Isobel Harry

LITTLE CURRENT—An invitation entitled 'In the Spirit of Understanding' was extended by the National Indigenous Health and Wellness Association (NIHWA.ca) to attend the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre on Friday, September 30, "to honour ancestors and families affected by Residential Schools."

NIWHA, located in Ottawa, Kingston and Cornwall, was established in 2019 to "provide culturally developed programs and services to Indigenous men, women, and their families regardless of their status, tribal heritage, and/or lineage. Through feasts, art, music, language, teachings and traditions throughout their history, NIHWA is committed to providing programs and services that meet the communities' needs, through having their voices heard."

In the large conference room, participants in 'Every Child Matters' orange sat encircling a smoking smudge shell and the Red Man drum from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory. Elders Urban Mejaki led the opening prayer and Stephen Peltier spoke after breakfast and coffee; then several women with hand drums, recruited and led by the Day's organizer and former Sudbury drum group leader Lizanne Leclair, stood to sing an energetic eagle honour song. Ms. Leclair, Abenaki/Mi'kmaq, is a retired probation officer



At the National Indigenous Health and Welfare Association's commemoration of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation held at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre on September 30, a group of women with hand drums led by organizer Lizanne Leclair (far right) sang an eagle honour song.

photos by Isobel Harry

and now addictions counsellor at Rainbow Lodge recovery centre who sits on the NIWHA board. She secured funding from Canadian Heritage for this event because she "wanted to talk about Truth and Reconciliation from an Anishinaabe perspective," she invited elders in Wiikwemkoong and Sagamok to take part.

Elder and Sundance Chief Bobby Osawabine, a tall man draped in a bandolier-like blanket across his chest and holding an eagle feather stood next to speak. The intensity of his oratory was felt immediately—he did not mince words as he revealed his mother's schooling at the residential school in Spanish (the largest such school in Ontario, operated by the Catholic Church from 1913 to 1965 and currently being searched for possible unmarked burials on the grounds).

He describes the horrific sexual abuse and physical torture he also suffered at the hands of priests, of the shame he still feels and the horror of one story his mother told him of the school in Spanish, one that still gives him night terrors, at the age of 60, that last two or three days at a time.

for me, I was never able to speak of these things until I was in my 50s."

Bobby Osawabine grew up "as a kid with a bad reputation," he says, spiralling into alcoholism and ending up in the penitentiary. "I'd fight anyone who knew about my story."

"The older you get, the clearer it gets," he continues. "The abusive priests were kept moving to schools on other reserves. Elders would talk about all the kids who were missing but no-one would listen."

He still has never heard "a real apology," he says. What saved him

dance ceremonies and named a blanket man, someone who is a judge, a helper. "Sundancers are pipe carriers," he explains, "they dance for anyone who needs it, whoever's ill or for themselves if they're suffering. They enhance belief in the Creator. The protocols are the vision of the Sundance Chief."

Following this presentation after laying down blankets in a wide circle on the floor, Elder Juanita Mnichol, a cultural facilitator of Sagamok First Nation, took up the eagle feather and the microphone. She walked among those seated on the blankets to offer her teaching, a history lesson from the Anishinaabe perspective, from Christopher Columbus who thought he was in India to the distribution of blankets infested with disease that killed or put people in sanatoriums. "People were healthy before first contact, now we were dying. Our strength was our kids, now they were building residential schools. If we spoke our language in school, we got the strap. They banned ceremonies and replaced them with whisky. Anishinaabek today are by-products of this system."

"You can't place a monetary figure on what was lost," says Ms. Mnichol, "and what continues to be lost. Reconciliation means honour the treaties, and that hasn't happened. I hope one day we can share the land the way the Creator intended us to."

Participants headed down to the boardwalk, carrying the sounds of songs and drums into the sun on Little Current's waterfront, infusing "the spirit of understanding" into the final ceremony of the National Day.



Elder and cultural facilitator Juanita Mnichol of Sagamok First Nation offered a blanket teaching on history to participants seated on a circle of blankets.

"My mom was still a little child. She had many miscarriages at the school from being raped by priests." She told her son of hiding under steps in the basement when two nuns threw a small bundle wrapped in a blue blanket into the furnace. "Boy babies were wrapped in blue, girls in pink," Bobby's mother told him. "My mother never forgot the sound. She never was able to grow up from childhood, she remained a child who played with dolls her whole life. This was a great shame

are ceremonies. "Ceremonies save lives. They saved mine. Sweat lodges. Without them I wouldn't be here now."

"Other survivors can't speak, they're too ashamed," says Bobby Osawabine. "The depression is way too deep for any psychologist to fix. Vulnerable kids would be targeted, they'd commit suicide. It takes a lot of strength to be a survivor. If they start doing ceremonies, lives can be saved."

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Manitoulin Secondary School hosts a Truth and Reconciliation potluck dinner

by Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

M'CHIGEENG—1996 marks the year where the last residential school closed its doors. Nearly 27 years later the pain and trauma inflicted by the schools continues to affect Indigenous populations throughout Canada. As a result of this, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was founded to raise awareness about the horrors that happened in these schools across the country.

On Friday, September 30 Manitoulin Secondary School participated in National Day for Truth and Reconciliation by hosting a potluck feast for the student body. Students were encouraged to bring in food, whether it be baked goods, soup, or other meals. These foods would be served at lunchtime after a ceremony in honour of the day.

On top of this, MSS encouraged students to wear orange shirts in honour of Phyllis Webstand, a victim of the residential school system. Before their first school year at one of these schools, Phyllis' grandmother bought her an orange shirt. Phyllis was excited to wear her shirt to school but when she got there, they took it away and she never got it back. Instead, she was given



A potluck feast was hosted by Manitoulin Secondary School on Friday, September 30.

photo by Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

a number and a uniform.

Before the feast the entire student body gathered in the cafeteria to honour the Indigenous lives impacted by the residential school system. Led by Jean Debassige, an eye-opening speech was given. "Many of you know the words 'residential school,' but some of you do not fully

understand what it means," she said. She went on to describe her husband's experience with residential schools and the struggles he faced there.

A feast plate was made to commemorate the lives lost through this oppressive system. "A plate to honour the spirits, a plate for the children who didn't get enough food," continued Ms. Debassige. A feast plate was filled with servings of food from the table to be offered.

After the speech concluded students lined up to be served. There were things like venison sausage, ham, mashed potatoes, corn and much more up for grabs. Students were able to bring food home that night for dinner as well. Needless to say, everyone was well-fed at lunch.

A huge thank you goes out to Karen McGraw, Jean Debassige, Three Fires Confederacy, Student Council and all the awesome staff and student volunteers for making this feast possible. The students and community at MSS benefited greatly from the awareness raised and gained a deeper understanding of what truth and reconciliation really means.



Girl Guides spread messages of love for Truth and Reconciliation

'You are Loved,' was one of the many messages that members of the 1st Western Manitoulin Girl Guides wrote on the downtown streets of Gore Bay on September 21.

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Mnaamodzawin honouring the truth on the path to reconciliation

by Isobel Harry

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—One of the best ways to begin to understand what is meant by and involved in the process of Reconciliation is to participate in events of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, held annually on September 30.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) was charged between 2008 and 2015 to listen to survivors, their families, communities and others affected by the system of federally-run residential schools that operated in Canada between 1867 and 1996, and to educate Canadians about these experiences. A federal statutory day of commemoration was instituted in 2021, arising from Call to Action number 80 of the TRC's final report.

The day was marked last Thursday, September 29, by Mnaamodzawin Health Services and Noojmowin Teg Health Centre, two leading Indigenous organizations in cultural health practice, located in Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation.

The day was bright and warm, conducive to holding the event outside in the summer-like conditions. Many in attendance wore the orange 'Every Child Matters' t-shirts that are now synonymous with the National Day, commemorating the children who never returned from the schools, hundreds buried secretly and unceremoniously in unmarked ground around the notorious institutions.

Craig Abotossaway, executive director of Mnaamodzawin and Danielle Wilson, executive director of Noojmowin Teg welcomed everyone present, acknowledging the TRC's Call to Action that had brought about the National Day.

"We're here because of our ancestors who are not here today," said Mr. Abotossaway to the spectators standing respectfully and to the seated dignitaries. "Those are the spirits that are most important." He reminded everyone that all these types of gatherings by Indigenous people were once banned—the drums, the songs, the ceremonies, the languages.



Artist Kathryn Corbiere, right, stands with Craig Abotossaway as her metal sculpture commemorating the second annual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is unveiled.

photo by Isobel Harry

Sitting in a circle at the front of the building were the singers around the large drum; a smudge of sacred medicine herbs was passed around them and into the audience. A pipe ceremony was held as pipe carrier Eleanor Debassige, who has been the diabetes health promotion coordinator with Mnaamodzawin for 27 years, was invited to sit in with the group.

The distinctive heartbeat rhythm of the drum pulsed under the drumsticks as the voices soared in the ancient songs, never failing to invoke a feeling of reverence. Berries were passed to the drum group by Tracy Tooley, Mnaamodzawin's operations manager.

Mr. Abotossaway explained that the pipe ceremonies "open the door to the spirit world. The missing children are here today; their graves were disturbed but they were never able to go home. They want to go home and our ceremonies are sending them home. The drums open the doorway, the songs honour the children who showed up today and acknowledge their journey. The spirits are present when we do ceremony."

As more and more is revealed during the ceremonies, the meaning of this day becomes clear, unambiguous. "We want

people to be aware, to understand what we do. It's important in the decolonizing journey," says Mr. Abotossaway. "First we acknowledge the spirits who were here before and are walking among us. Children showed up here today—they sacrificed their lives. We keep this day in mind to support the children who never made it home and the Survivors of residential schools."

Elder and survivor Marion McGregor of Whitefish River First Nation is invited to share her experience; the woman in the beautiful ribbon skirt is offered a chair and the eagle feather to hold, signifying the truth of the speaker's words. She speaks softly of being born to her mother who was 16 years old; how she was raised by her grandparents who had gone to residential school in Wiikwemkoong and were not allowed to go home; how Marion went to school only in spring and fall "because

there were no snow plows" to clear the way; how she was flown to the school in Spanish.

"I can't remember much about it," says Ms. McGregor, "I tried to make the best of it." She remembered working in the barns with the cows and jumping on the hay. "We could never speak of our homes, we were not allowed to speak our language. I was there for 10 years." Ms. McGregor says she went to a couple of school reunions later and "learned from the Fire Keeper at one of them about the children who died and were not buried. He was helping them to pass over to the other side."

At this point Mr. Abotossaway, as leader of the drum says that the spirits "asked for an honour song for the survivors who are still out there suffering. They asked to sit in with a drum honour song." One of the singers, Ken Kakeaway of Whitefish Bay speaks: "There are a lot of sur-

vivors out there, they have sickness from the residential schools, they're in hospitals, on the streets, in jails. We're helping them today because no-one speaks for them." Drummers Bryan Corbiere, Brett Abotossaway and Don Belau join him and Craig.

It is time to unveil the sculpture commissioned for this day and artist metalworker Kathryn Corbiere is called up as an honour song acknowledges the Creator of the stunning stainless feather that stands about 10 feet tall pointing at the sky. A welder by trade for seven years, Ms. Corbiere has designed the feather's core and back to show weathering and patina over time while the feathery aspect of the sculpture remains pristine stainless steel.

Other invited dignitaries said a few words, Al McNevin, Northeast Town mayor, Michael Mantha, Algoma-Manitoulin's Member of Provincial Parliament and OPP Constable

John Hill, the newest community services officer for Manitoulin Island, are then summoned to stand by the drum as their presence is honoured with a song.

At the end of the day, by the trays of sweets, pipe carrier Eleanor Debassige reveals to this writer the first vision she had last year: "I saw children standing around the building that day. I see them at ceremonies now, they are always in black and white, in their residential school clothes, in white shirts ... It was the children who chose me to carry the pipe. I saw the children today..."

The warm weather is mirrored in the warm welcomes, heartfelt acknowledgements received, listening liberally extended, songs and food generously shared and gratefulness expressed on this Truth and Reconciliation Day. Teachings such as these are essential steps on the path of the truth that leads to reconciliation.

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Wiikwemkoong Tourism launches Reconciliation Tours of community

by Michael Erskine
 WIKWEMKOONG—Recognizing the need for a better understanding of what the words “truth” and “reconciliation” mean, Wiikwemkoong Tourism has come up with an innovative approach to defining what those words mean, viewed through an Indigenous lens: reconciliation tours.

Wiikwemkoong Tourism has developed educational tours of the community focussed on the Manitoulin treaties, the history behind how those treaties came to be and the residential school system that impacted generations of community members and whose legacy still reverberates through the community.

Guide Jack Rivers, son of Paul Williams baa, spent countless hours poring over the available historical documents, both those in the



Jack Rivers relates the story of the Manitoulin Incident to Reconciliation Tour participants.

photos by Michael Erskine

toulin. The skullduggery involved in the 1862 Treaty has remained infamous, if not resolved, since even

North Shore of the North Channel of Lake Huron.

Mr. Rivers spoke of the sometimes-challenging relationship between the Jesuits and the greater Catholic Church at large, and the critical role the Jesuits living in Wiikwemkoong in 1862 played in explaining the shortcomings of the 1862 Treaty, going on to explain how church and state came together to impose the residential school system on Indigenous communities.

Following the visit to the ruins, the tour bus descended to the shoreline where Mr. Rivers told the story of the “Manitoulin Incident,” an infamous incident involving fishing rights and death and the mistreatment of Indigenous rights, freedoms and sovereignty that reverberated in newspapers around the world. It was an incident that would have dire consequences for the enforcement of Indigenous rights as it was in the immediate aftermath of the legal battle that ensued from the Manitoulin Incident that the Indian Act came into being—an Act that disallowed Indigenous peoples the right to hire a lawyer, preventing the settlement of land claim issues even to the present day.

The Manitoulin Incident involved disputes between the Indigenous landowners and French and English Canadian fishermen who were illegally fishing

in the area that eventually devolved into the landing of special constables in Wiikwemkoong and an ensuing tussle that sent the constables and the Crown agent William Gibbard packing. Mr. Gibbard later died under suspicious circumstances while travelling on the same ship as two of the proponents of the original conflict, Chief Ozawanimiki, the Wiikwemkoong fishing chief, and a prominent Jesuit priest from Wiikwemkoong. Mr. Gibbard's body eventually washed up onshore near Little Current. Despite a complete lack of evidence, the priest and Chief Ozawanimiki were arrested, clapped in

irons for murder. The two were later exonerated and the death of Mr. Gibbard remains a mystery to the present day.

“There is so much history that I don't have time to go into on this tour,” apologized Mr. Rivers at the conclusion of the tour, despite its three-hour run.

The tour was both informative and enjoyable, given the outstanding visual backdrop of the stopping locations. To book a Reconciliation Tour of Wiikwemkoong, contact Wiikwemkoong Tourism online at Wiikwemkoong.ca/tours, or call 705-859-3477 or by email at info@wiikwemkoong.ca.



Tour guide Jack Rivers explains some of the history of Wiikwemkoong while on the bus.

community archives and documents and books collected by his late father. During the three-hour tour, the eloquent Mr. Rivers provided an engaging and concise synopsis of what he discovered during those research expeditions.

In addition to providing the groundwork for developing the reconciliation tours, the research conducted by Wiikwemkoong Tourism has provided foundation for that organization's regular summer tours provided to cruise ship visitors and other tourists seeking to learn more about the community.

First stop on the tour was at Two O'Clock, a community near the southern border of the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories. The location was as poignant as it was breathtaking, overlooking Manitowaning Bay and the sites of the original gatherings between the Indigenous inhabitants of the Island and the representatives of the Crown who came asking to share the land.

After warning that some of the terms he would be using might be upsetting for some listeners (but were necessary for the historical context) Mr. Rivers went on to provide a 40-minute lecture on the history of Odawa Mniiss (“home of the Odawa,” the community's original name used by its pre-contact inhabitants) and the various treaties impacting Manitoulin, from the Bond Head Treaty of 1836 in which Manitoulin and its surrounding islands were set aside as a “home for the Red Man” to the controversial 1862 treaty that sought to open the Island up for white settlers after the failure of the 1836 Treaty that had sought to encourage Indigenous people from across the North to settle on Mani-

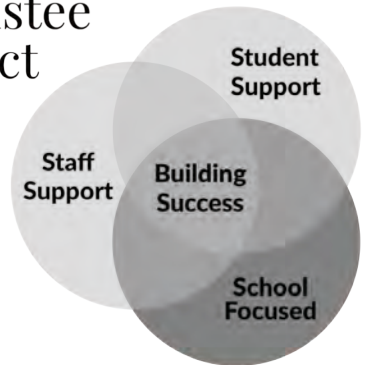
before the ink had dried on the parchment—a fact well-documented in the historical record.

The tour then moved on to the ruins of the old Jesuit residence whose stark walls still tower beside Holy Cross Mission Church, a vivid reminder of the early days of the residential school system.

Those on the tour learn another spot located behind these ruins, now heavily overgrown and hidden from sight by vegetation, the site of the original girls' school and the location, now long gone, of the corresponding boys' school located lower down the slopes of the hill leading to the bay.

These original residential schools at Wiikwemkoong were, before 1920, relocated to the mouth of the Spanish River on the

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orchard with seating so that students, staff and families can go after school where they can sit, reflect and heal," said Ms. Davy.

"We're blessed with a big schoolyard," said Ms. Davy. "And we have large space where people can come and heal, and this new Wellness Orchard can be used by members of the community and families, along with parents and teachers." She said the school plans to have the new wellness orchard in place this year and are in the planning stages and can

Debassige, Ojibway language teacher at MSS, and staff members."

MSS is hopeful of being able to build limestone block seating in the selected area, to provide for an outdoor class setting, with a plaque that will include important dates and features of MSS acknowledging the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action by providing a history of the traditional lands the school property is on, explained Mr. Wiwchar.

"It will be a place for wellness and healing," said Mr. Wiwchar.

wanted to grow the healing forests network, to help people begin their journey towards understanding and healing," said Ms. Stirby.

Since launching in 2015, the NHFI network includes 10 healing forests, which are quiet, natural spaces that

provide an immersive educational experience, combining reconciliation and healing into one. This spring, the David Suzuki Foundation announced it would provide small grants to groups proposing new healing forests. From 59

applications, 16 projects were selected.

"The beautiful thing about healing forests is that they can be any size and location," said Jode Roberts, manager, Rewilding Communities, at the David Suzuki Foundation. "On the grounds of a school or church. On private or public land. Wild, rural or urban. What's important is that they bring people together to learn about this

country's past, spend time in nature, and work towards reconciliation."

"Reconciliation is a long journey, but it starts with each of us," said NHFI co-founder Peter Croal. "Healing forests can be a pathway to beginning that journey, literally. We look forward to seeing the healing forests flourish and to expanding the network even more next year."



Grade 4 students at Central Manitoulin Public School (CMPS) pose in the school's wellness orchard. CMPS and Manitoulin Secondary School have both received funding for proposed new healing forests they will be creating. Funding has been provided by the National Healing Forests Initiative and the David Suzuki Foundation.

start work with community partners, school staff and students and carry out the work needed to be done.

Dave Wiwchar, principal of MSS told The Expositor, "We will be having an opening of the healing forest in the spring. We are selecting the site on the property, involving students, teachers, including Jean

"The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is a day to reflect, but it's also a day to act," said Patricia Stirbys, Sauteaux Cree from Saskatchewan's Cowessess First Nation, an Indigenous relations specialist and HHHFI co-founder, in a release.

"Every person needs to take up the challenge of reconciliation. That's why we



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Mr. Stephens, who was born and raised on Manitoulin, is a broker with Northern Real Estate Group, which services Manitoulin, Espanola and Sudbury.

"I know Andrew (Orr owner of Orr's Valu-Mart) and asked him if he would partner on this," said Mr. Stephens.

"Jordan had approached me on this idea, and we were all for it," Mr. Orr told The Expositor. "We teamed up with Northern Real Estate Group by matching funds, and we put together bags with turkeys, stuffing, cranberries and more, and we helped put everything together with 25 bags going to the Manitoulin Food Bank in Mindemoya and 25 bags going to the Espanola Food Bank," said Mr. Orr. "We like to help out where we can help out; it gives me us a good feeling helping out and giving back to the community."

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Old Mill Heritage bids farewell to the Empress of Ireland exhibit this weekend

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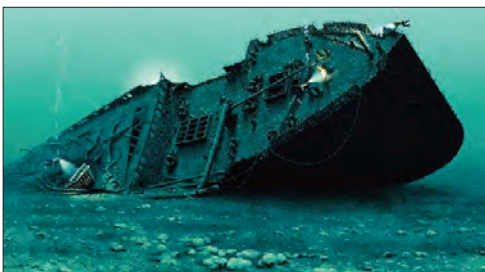
According to the proverb, "all good things must come to an end." Such is the case for the Empress of Ireland exhibit at the Old Mill Heritage Centre in Kagawong. Visitors have until the

Thanksgiving long weekend to view the artifacts from the wreck of the Empress of Ireland. Curator Rick Nelson says after that, the items will be crated and returned to the owners.

Known as Canada's Titanic, the Empress of Ireland was an ocean liner that sank in the early morning hours of May 29, 1914. The ship foundered in less than 15 minutes following a collision in thick fog with the Norwegian collier Storstad near the mouth of the Saint Lawrence River. Over 1,000 souls lost their lives in what is still considered the worst peacetime maritime disaster in Canadian history.

Over the years salvage operations to the wreck, which lies about 130 feet below the surface, recovered numerous items from the ship's interior that eventually ended up in the hands of private collectors and museums.

In 2021 Mr. Nelson was able to work out a deal with the Canadian Museum of History in Gatineau, Quebec, and a private collector from Montreal (Guy D'Astous)



This weekend marks your last chance to tour the Empress of Ireland exhibit at the Old Mill Heritage Centre.

sad to see the exhibition decommissioned following its two-year display at the Old Mill Heritage Centre. "The empress exhibit had a good run, and our museum committee is grateful to have had the chance to share this epic story with the public."

The Old Mill Heritage Centre in Kagawong remains open until Thanksgiving from Wednesday to Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm.

to display their artifacts in Kagawong. The museum there combined the two separate collections into one large exhibit featuring close to 100 artifacts from the wreck.

Mr. Nelson said he will be

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Melissa Peters

Having a break from council allowed me to put things in perspective and re-evaluate why I did this and want to do it again.

When I first got into this, I wanted to speak for the people, believed it would be this simple. It wasn't. My primary goal was to represent the thoughts and wants as a representative of my ward. It still is. I realized over time that wasn't everyone's goal on council. Some were there for other reasons.

Communication continues to be a key issue within the municipality. I'd like to see that change.

Affordable housing, or housing in general, still continues to be a problem. The province isn't helping enough with this.

I will never promise zero percent tax increases. No one honestly can. I can only promise a common sense approach.

This community has grown. A lot of things have changed. Although I am one voice among many, we will try to get your thoughts and views out there. Everyone deserves a say in how things shape this municipality.

At the end of the day, council needs to work together, with staff, and with the community as a whole.

Ward 4 Patti Aelick

Although Patti left to continue her schooling and for work, she has always thought of the Island as her home. She is happy to be back as a full time resident. Now that she has retired from her job as an elementary school principal, she is ready to give back.

Over the years, Patti has been an active volunteer and has served on the board of directors for many organizations. Patti credits her strong work ethic to being raised on a farm where everyone pitched in to get the jobs done. After 30 years working in education, she knows the importance of doing her homework and being prepared. She will continue to use these attributes as a councillor.

Patti has talked with many constituents who share her concerns about the secondary roads in Ward 4 which are starting to deteriorate due to the increased traffic during COVID. She has experienced first-hand being refused home insurance because of the distance from fire halls or fire equipment. She has heard about the lack of cell and internet service in the rural areas. These are concerns that she would like to address.

If elected, Patti looks forward to working closely with her fellow councillors, NEMI staff and community members.

Jim Ferguson (Jr.), incumbent

I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself, my name is Jim Ferguson, born and raised on Manitoulin. I am a son, a dad, a husband and a small business owner and operator in Sheguiandah and McGregor Bay.

I have had the great honour of being one of three Ward 4 councillors over the past four years. I think that we have done some wonderful things this past term, including but not limited to enhancements to, and maintaining of, our local infrastructure, assets and community as a whole all while managing the financial responsibilities constituents expect from their elected officials.

If elected for a second term, I hope to continue on in much of the same manner, serving my community to the best of my ability.

Lee-Ann Ferguson

A quick introduction, I am Lee-Ann Ferguson. I was born and Raised in Sudbury and moved to the Island nine years ago, after marrying my husband Jim Ferguson. Together we have a daughter and live in Sheguiandah.

In Sheguiandah, we have a retail store and a shed sales lot. I am also a local real estate sales person.

As the wife of a sitting councillor I have found myself very interested in municipal politics and the roll that a councillor plays in the development of bylaws, financial responsibilities for the community, enhancement of infrastructure, asset management and so on. I believe that my ability to think critically would offer a fresh perspective at the table.

If elected, I believe that my experience as a small business owner and real estate sales person would offer a positive, strong voice for the community I wish to serve.

Dawn Orr, incumbent

My name is Dawn Orr and I am running for Ward 4 councillor and hope you will choose to elect me once again as your representative in the coming municipal election.

Through your support, I have had the privilege and honour to represent our ward since 2006, and I am proud of the accomplishments the NEMI council have made in that time. During our last term, despite the numerous challenges that COVID presented, we were able to make several strides forward for the community, notably: Maintaining a low tax rate for Ward 4 constituents (\$1,204.57 per \$100,000 assessment, compared to \$1,875.31 in Gore Bay and \$1,422.27 in Central Manitoulin); Continuing the improvement and growth of local infrastructure, such as the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah, roads, upgrades to buildings for financial efficiency, and the opening of the Sheguiandah Archaeological site; and beginning a new, government-funded project to construct a salt/sand shed

in Sheguiandah, a benefit to our local environment


If re-elected, I would like to build upon this momentum and have several exciting ideas for the future: Development of a family recreational area in Sheguiandah, including both the playground and local waterfront, which I would like to see further developed and made into an area for locals to enjoy and an attraction to bring in additional

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61 Campbell Street West, Apt. B
4 Vankoughnet Street West
1 Vankoughnet Street East
15 Vankoughnet Street East
1 Manitowaning Road
64 Meredith Street East
70 Meredith Street
17 Wilson Street East
70 Robinson Street, Manitoulin
Centennial Manor
18 Draper Street, Little Current
Public School
67 Manitowaning Road
52 Robinson Street
14 Water Street
9001 Highway 6
264 Highway 540
2515 Hwy 540

3 SHEGUIANDAH

Throughout the village and beyond
63 McDougall Street
3 Dunlop Street
6 Dunlop Street

12 David Street
10862 Hwy 6, Centennial
Museum of Sheguiandah
10944 Hwy 6
11 Townline Road East
11 Townline Road West
33 Townline Road
108 Townline Road
115 Townline Road
156 Townline Road
165 Townline Road
1028 Townline Road
14 Mill Street
22 Mill Street
56 Mill Street
5 Robert Street
7 Tekumah
10 Limit Street
Mill Site
Fish Stand
Bridge

4 MANITOWANING

Throughout the Community
87 Waterview Lane
Flower display corner of Arthur/
Meredith Streets
67 Albert Street
89 Walcot Street
92 Walcot Street
48 Walcot Street
150 Queen Street
198 Michael's Bay Road

3 Plummer Street
16 Lisgar Street
29 Purple Martin Lane
167 Michael's Bay Road
42 Walcot Street
48 Walcot Street
48 Wellington St
15491 Highway 6
Corner of Queen and Hwy 6
15 Lecourt Street
62 Walcot Street
16276 Highway 6
10 Lecourt Street
790 Bidwell Road
46 Vankoughnet Street
59 Vankoughnet Street
16700 Highway 6
Community Garden –
Wellington Street
Queen's Park – Queen Street
50 Napier Street
35 Napier Street
85 Howe Street
47 Wellington Street
15531 Highway 6
15589 Highway 6
435 Cardwell Street
526 Cardwell Street
116 Clover Valley Rd West
127 Albert Street
45 Napier Street
525 Bidwell Road
744 Bidwell Road

5 TEHKUMMAH

Throughout the Community
834 Slash Road

6 WIKWEMKOONG

Throughout the Community

7 MINDEMOYA

Throughout the Community
6020 Highway 542
6063 HWY 542
1697C Highway 551
37 Pleasant View Terrace
Displays all through town East
to West on 542, North
on 551 all the way to the
North Mindemoya Sign
and South on Yonge to the
public school and Freshwater
Community Church!

8 PROVIDENCE BAY

Throughout the Community
72 Munro Street
12 Mutchmor Street
5148 Hwy 551
5394 Hwy 551
3360 Government Road
98 Cedar Crescent
Providence Bay is decorated

all the way down 551 through
town and down across the
bridge to along the beach.
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and arena, every hydro pole is
decorated all the way down to
the town centre!

9 SPRING BAY

Throughout the Community
9351 Highway 542
9406 Highway 542
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11311 Highway 542
950 Perivale Road East

10 GORE BAY

Throughout the Community
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Success stories celebrated at Manitoulin addictions recovery breakfast

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Manitoulin service providers hosted a recovery celebration breakfast on September 21 to raise awareness about addiction and recovery issues in the community. The breakfast is a chance to celebrate people's recovery and for others to hear some success stories, said Rob Wabegijig, event co-organizer and addictions support worker with Noojmowin-Teg Health Centre.

It was the 10th annual breakfast and followed a two-year break imposed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's for people who have addictions and are in recovery, to listen to other people talk about their recovery," said Joan Hoekstra, an addictions services case worker with M'Chigeeng First Nation. "It's to get together and share that they're not alone. It's a celebration that they've stayed on a pathway that's healthier for them."

"We want to try and decrease stigma around recovery and addictions and to show people that there is support from the whole community and from all these different agencies," said Allison Dodge, a mental health and addiction worker with Noojmowin Teg Health Services.

Aaron Case was the first speaker. This past May, Mr. Case celebrated six years of sobriety from opioids. (For more about his story, see The Expositor supplement, 'Out of the Shadows: An in-depth look at Manitoulin's opioid crisis').

Mr. Case started out as a recreational marijuana user before proceeding into cocaine, then crack cocaine, which eventually led to a full-fledged addiction to opioids. "I literally hit rock bottom so many times I could draw you a detailed map of every corner and crevice. It wasn't a nice place," he said.

His last rock bottom occurred when he overdosed in somebody's basement apartment. If it

wasn't for his partner Alicia using 'Find my iPhone,' he'd probably be dead right now, he said.

Six months after that, he entered into treatment at Bellwood Health Services in Toronto. "I walked through those doors. It was one of the scariest things I'd ever done in my life. It wasn't easy. I tried to stop using so many times and I was just missing so many different things. I thought, 'I can do this by myself. I don't need anybody's help.' That wasn't the case at all."

Time and time again, Mr. Case fell through the cracks on Manitoulin Island when trying to access different services. "Back in the day we didn't have services like we do now so for anybody that may be thinking about starting your journey into recovery, there are some great options right now here on Manitoulin Island that we didn't have before, and I'm very grateful for that," he said.

Attending Bellwood changed his life. "It really was an amazing experience but as anybody that's been in treatment knows, when you're in treatment you're in a very, very safe bubble. It's not until a couple days before you leave that it hits you, that you're going back to the same place. You're the only one that's changed. Nothing else has changed. That was tough," he said.

Back on the Island, Mr. Case had the support of Dr. Lionel Marks de Chabris, a pain management and addictions specialist in Espanola. He'd been a patient since before his overdose but was warned that he had to put in the time and effort to continue as a patient. "I knew I couldn't lose him," Mr. Case said. "He was the first doctor that actually seemed to care about me. He wanted to see me succeed. He's literally been with me every step of the way."

Mr. Case was one of the first people in Canada to receive a buprenorphine implant, a long-acting, low dose implant that is placed in your arm. "What this medication did for me was it took the stigma away of



Aaron Case shares his story at the Recovery Breakfast held in Aundeck Omni Kaning recently.

going to the pharmacy," said Mr. Case. "It gave me my life back, to be a normal, functioning citizen again, without being tied to the pharmacy counter and appointments."

"Addiction is a disease and like other diseases, sometimes medication is needed," Mr. Case pointed out. "There's no shame in using that for your advantage. Any tool you can use to help yourself is a good thing."

What has recovery brought him? Friends and family that he had lost touch with. Fatherhood: he became a father 11 months ago, to a little girl named Julia. "She's beautiful and she's mine and I'll do anything I can to keep that little baby safe and happy. My partner Alicia of 26 years. She's seen the good, the bad and the ugly, and then back to the good. She's my rock and I really don't know what I'd do without her."

He also credits the support of his "best buddy, Dave" who has "helped me in so many ways, he probably doesn't even realize all the things he's done. He's never judged. He offered friendship when I really didn't have any friends, and he reintroduced me to a passion that I really love, fishing."

"When I was deep in my addiction, all the shame all the guilt, it's literally drip-

ping off you as you're walking down the street," said Mr. Case. "You've got your head down and you're not feeling good about yourself. I am happy to say that I do love myself again. All the self-doubt, shame and guilt I carried all the time is almost gone, but not quite. I don't feel like you should ever forget about the things you've done in your life. Always keep that in the back of your mind so you don't go back there."

Keeping busy, retaining structure and a community of support (for Mr. Case, it's the fishing community) were additional keys to recovery, as is helping others. Not long after he left treatment, he began volunteering at Rainbow Lodge and four years ago, he took a chance and applied to a job posting at Gwekwaadziwin Miikan. They in turn took a chance on him and gave him a job. After five months, Mr. Case became a full-time staff member. He is currently a team leader/supervisor, helping guide the team that goes onto the land.

"Understanding what people are going through in their treatment, being able to relate, knowing that I'd gone down the same road, same thoughts, same feelings, fears of the unknown, I feel made me a good counsellor," he said.

"Recovery isn't easy," he said. "Every day when you wake up you have to be the best possible you that you can be," he said. "But you don't have to be perfect 100 percent of the time," he said. "Find a passion or a hobby. Stay present; don't think about the past and don't worry about the future. Just focus on today."

The second speaker was Jesse, a graduate of Gwekwaadziwin's treatment program. "I myself am on the

road of recovery at 419 days," he said. "I am only at the beginning of this life-long journey. What I've found is we're all on the same road, simply because we love ourselves. Deep down there is something out there for each and every one of us. I can only share what has been working for me and that is finding something that I love doing, something that makes me feel complete, something so strong it changes the way I look at life, something that has taken away all or most of the pain I tried to cover

up most of my life."

"It's always good listening to the speakers," said Denise Shawana, a case worker with Wiikwemkoong's Addiction Services Initiative. "They all come from different backgrounds and their stories are all different. Their roads to recovery are always different. It is really uplifting for everyone to hear the speakers. I find it gives them that boost that they need sometimes if they're struggling themselves to know that it's possible. There is hope."

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tourism opportunities; activity programming for youth and adults; something I deem a high priority; and continuing to keep taxes as low as possible considering the current economic climate while maintaining services and infrastructure will continue to be a priority

I hope that Ward 4 residents will bring forward their suggestions and concerns, and that together we can forge ahead with new and exciting projects to further enrich our community.

With the challenges coming to municipal government, the NEMI council will need thoughtful and steady focus, the benefits of experience, and a good dash of innovative thinking to plan for the future. It is my hope to bring these things to the council table in the next term, and so I ask for your vote to be re-elected as councillor for Ward 4.

Bruce Wood, incumbent

I am seeking another term on council so that I can continue to keep on pushing for road maintenance and new upgrades.

I will also work to maintain the Ward 4 fire hall and service.

I have always tried to keep raises in taxes to a minimum and will always look for funding for NEMI programs and upgrades.

I have been glad to represent Ward 4 for three terms and believe things have been kept running smoothly under my guidance and leadership.



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Eye Van finishing its Manitoulin Island rounds this week

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The Vision Loss Rehabilitation Medical Mobile Eye Care Unit, known as the Eye Van, began its three-community visit to Manitoulin Island last week, on its 50th annual tour.

“We have seen 35 patients a day over the four days we have been in Gore Bay,” said Ryan Williams, ophthalmology technician, last week. “Yes, the majority of us on the Eye Van have been part of the whole tour, which started in April.”

The Eye Van staff includes Dr. Nazemi Feriba, Resident Seema Emami, Mr. Williams, Jossy Jose, ophthalmology assistant, and A.J. Johnston.

Ms. Emami praised local doctors for their work in helping to make sure local patients are not developing diabetic retinopathy. “The local doctors are doing a great job of making sure patients aren’t developing diabetic retinopathy, by making sure those patients with diabetes maintain good blood sugar control.”

“We are thrilled to be celebrating the Eye Van’s 50th birthday this year,” said Lisa O’Bonsawin, general manager of the Eye Van. “We are so grateful to the

many people including dozens of dedicated ophthalmologists, who have helped keep the Eye Van going strong for all these years. In their own practice, having gone through the pandemic has been chal-

lenging, but they have always helped to provide the ongoing service in the North.”



The Eye Van was stationed in Gore Bay last week as part of its three-community visit to Manitoulin Island, last week. In photo left is Dr. Nazemi Feriba, Eye Van driver A.J. Johnston, Jossy Jose, ophthalmology assistant, Ryan Williams ophthalmology technician, resident Dr. Seema Emami, and sitting is patient Bobbi-Sue Kells, inside the Eye Van.

“And we are grateful for all the people in the communities that continue to support the program from the

ing times is overwhelming,” said Ms. O’Bonsawin.

Operated by Vision Loss Rehabilitation Canada, the Eye Van is a mobile medical clinic that delivers eye care in Northern Ontario com-

munities where ophthalmology services aren’t readily available. With the commitment of 25 participating ophthalmologists, and funding from the Ontario Ministry of Health, the Eye Van travels more

than 6,000 kilometres every year to serve nearly 4,500 patients across Northern Ontario.

Established in 1972 as part of the Prevention of Blindness program in partnership with the Eye Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, the Eye Van started out as a modest camper outfitted with equipment to perform eye exams and provide basic treatment. Today the Eye Van is a full-sized truck-trailer, equipped with the

latest medical technology for performing in-depth eye exams and providing a wide array of treatments, including minor eye surgery. It’s also fully wheelchair accessible and outfitted with wi-fi access.

The goal of the Eye Van’s annual tour is to help people in Northern Ontario communities prevent vision loss and improve their eye health through early detection and treat-

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Centennial Manor Auxiliary News

by Wilberta Leeson

We are very happy to announce that the Manitoulin Centennial Manor auxiliary members are back in action and working at developing many creative ideas of how we can continue to meet our objectives, goals and responsibilities to the residents this fall and winter.

Like so many other charities and organizations, the past two years provided various challenges for the auxiliary with provincial lockdown orders, limited fundraising opportunities and the inability to volunteer or decorate for special occasions.

Recently, we participated in the Fall Harvest Glory Days competition by creating a display outside of the Manor. We are so appreciative of all the donations we received for the display and would like to thank Ed Ferguson and Andrew Orr for the generous supply of pumpkins, Terry Moggy for delivering the straw and Kim Bailey for providing us with corn stalks. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

We would also like to recognize the staff and the residents who have endured the conditions and procedures of the pandemic. We are so thankful for the dedicated staff and the ongoing participation from the residents that continues to keep them all well. We are continuing to acknowledge the residents and the entire staff by treating them to Tim Horton’s coffee and donuts throughout the year.

As one of our fundraisers, we will again be supporting the Ladies’ Night in Little Current by having a bake sale down town. Please come out and support us as we will have a

large selection of baking this year.

As per previous years, we will be providing a post-secondary scholarship to a deserving student who will be continuing their education in long term health care.

Next month we will be looking ahead to the holiday season and coming up with gift ideas for the residents.

We truly appreciate those families who acknowledge

the auxiliary as a charity of choice in memory of their loved ones. These generous donations are our number one source of funds. We would not be able to accomplish half of what we do without your ongoing support.

If you are interested in volunteering a few hours of your time each month, we are always looking for new ideas and members who would like to join our team.



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yard sale

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Legion Events

Halloween Dance, Saturday, October 29 from 9 pm to 1 am. Light luncheon at 11 pm. \$10 non-members, \$5 members. (19-plus event) at the Royal Canadian Legion, 15 Vankoughnet St East, Little Current.

Kids' Halloween Dance, Friday, October 28, 6 pm to 8 pm. \$5 entry fee. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. Royal Canadian Legion, 15 Vankoughnet St. East, Little Current.

Royal Canadian Legion meetings will be held the third Thursday monthly at 6:30 pm at the Legion Hall. Executive meetings to be followed by membership meetings. All members are encouraged to attend. Thank you for your continued support of the Legion so we are able to support veterans and their families.

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873 Mead Blvd, Espanola
Saturday, October 22 at 10:30 am

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rentals

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If you are interested in euchre or cribbage at the Royal Canadian Legion, Little Current, on Wednesday evenings or Saturdays, please call the Legion for more information, 705-368-2661 or Sue, 249-997-0019.

The Little Shoppe Around the Corner at Knox Church in Manitowaning will be closed on Friday and Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8 for re-stocking and will re-open on Friday, October 14.

Knox United Church Rummage Sale in Manitowaning is now closed until Wednesday, October 12. Please hold further donations until re-opening.

livestock

Approximately 60 lb pig-gies, ready to sell around October 15. Call 705-988-3605.


Are you concerned about someone's drinking? Al-Anon has one purpose: Welcoming, giving hope and comfort to help family and friends of alcoholics. Changed attitudes can aid recovery. Stepping Stones Al-Anon Group: Thursdays at 7 pm in the library room at the Missionary Church, 51 Young Street, Mindemoya. Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Anglican Church, 213 Tudhope Street, Espanola, 705-869-6595. For more information call 1-888-4Al-Anon (1-888-425-2666, M-F, 8 am - 6 pm ET) <http://www.al-anon.org>. For meetings including electronic in Northern Ontario go to OntarioNorthAl-Anon.com. Please note the only Alateen meetings available in Northern Ontario are on a mobile app. Look for the app under Al-Anon Family Groups.

marine

For sale, 22' Craftsman aluminum boat. Cuddy cabin, i/o, 165 hp, Chev in-line 6 cyl. motor, Mercruiser outdrive, toilet, icebox, Vhf radio. Comes on Continental tandem trailer, galvanized. \$4,500 o.b.o. Phone 705-869-7595 (cell), or 705-859-2289.

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coming events



Mark S. Ansara, Barrister and Solicitor is hosting a free seminar on the importance of Wills, Estates and Powers of Attorney

Special Guest: Michael Shain LL.B, M.A, B.A

Location: NEMI Public Library
50 Meredith Street West, Little Current, ON

Date: Thursday October 13, 2022

Time: 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Coffee and Donuts Available

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

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

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

i coming events

God invites us to intimately connect with him through prayer, and what better way to do that than to use His own words in the Bible! Starting September 6, and every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. All are welcome at Our Lady of Canada Church, Mindemoya. Please contact Keith Legree for further information at keithlegree@gmail.com or 705-968-0822.

13-28p

The Immaculate Conception Church in M'Chigeeng will hold a Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 15. The event will start at 11 am and end at 12 noon. You are invited to eat soup and scone bread at the rectory after the event.

19-21p

Our lady of Canada is holding a Christian prayer group. All are welcome to attend. Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Bring your bible and your journal. Call Keith or email 705-968-0822 or keithlegree@gmail.com.

19-21p

Our lady of Canada is holding an adoration on October 6 at 3 pm. Call Keith or email 705-968-0822 or keithlegree@gmail.com.

19-20p

i coming events

The Little Shoppe Around the Corner at Knox United Church in Manitowaning is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Like-new clothing and various treasures.

19tfn

The Gore Bay Curling Club will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, October 19 at 7 pm. Open to all who are interested in curling this season.

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Check it out! Join FOMOS for a walk through at the Mindemoya Old School on Thursday, October 6, 3 to 5 pm and Saturday, October 8, 11 am to 1 pm at 6062 King St., Mindemoya. It's your chance to see we are excited to renovate and repurpose this remarkable building. Hope to see you there.

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You are invited to join us in praying for our nation on October 15, 2022 at 12 noon at Cenotaph Park, Little Current. This Public Square Rosary Rally marks the 105th anniversary of the publically-witnessed miracle of the sun on October 13, 1917 at Fatima, Portugal. For more information, contact Jackie, 705-282-4338.

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October 14, 2022, at 12 noon

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Located on Manitoulin:

- Case Aide: Closes October 14, 2022

CONTRACT POSITIONS

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- Case Aide (6 Month Contract): Closes October 14, 2022
- Child Well-Being Worker: Closes October 14, 2022
- Youth Outreach Worker: Closes October 14, 2022

Located on Manitoulin:

- Education Support Worker: Closes October 14, 2022

Apply to: Human Resources at hr@kgcfs.org and quote the position title in the subject line.

To view the postings and detailed job descriptions, visit our website at: <https://www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities>

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

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

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Gore Bay United Church Food Cupboard is open every Thursday from 12 noon to 3 pm. Come to the church side door (facing McQuarrie Motors). You will be invited into the Food Cupboard to choose your food items. If you don't have a bag, there are some available. Please wear a mask. If you have questions, please call 705-282-2011. Messages are checked daily. Everyone is welcome. Tfn

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Town of Gore Bay Street Paving Construction

Monday, October 3rd, 2022 with the expected finish date Friday, October 21, 2022

Affected Areas:

- Denis Street
- Eleanor Street off Denis Street
- Noble Blvd.
- Channel View Heights
- Harbour Centre Parking

If you experience any problems, please contact the undersigned.

Your patience during this project is appreciated.

Stasia Carr, Clerk
 Town of Gore Bay
 15 Water St
 Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0
 705-282-2420 scarr@gorebay.ca

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SNOW REMOVAL TENDER

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

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

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

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

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

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 705-282-2237 705-282-3142

A NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW NO. 2022-05 FOR THE UNINCORPORATED TOWNSHIPS OF DAWSON AND ROBINSON

TAKE NOTICE that the Manitoulin Planning Board passed Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 2022-05 on the 28th day of September 2022, under Section 34 of the Planning Act.

The Purpose and Effect of Zoning By-law No. 2022-05 is to repeal Zoning By-law No. 96-01 for the Unincorporated Townships of Dawson and Robinson, administered by the Manitoulin Planning Board, and replace it with a new document to regulate land uses, buildings, and structures in the Unincorporated Areas in the District of Manitoulin. The document was updated to ensure that zone boundaries, permitted uses, and regulations are now in conformity with the District of Manitoulin's Official Plan that was approved in 2018 and to address recent land use planning issues.

No Key Map is provided with this Notice, as Zoning By-law No. 2022-05 applies to all lands within the Unincorporated Townships of Dawson and Robinson.

TAKE NOTICE that an individual, corporation or public body may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal, by filing a notice of appeal with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Manitoulin Planning Board not later than the 25th day of October 2022. The notice of appeal must set out the reasons for the appeal, and must be accompanied by the fee required by the Ontario Land Tribunal.

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

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

A copy of the complete by-law is available on the Manitoulin Planning Board website www.manitoulinplanning.ca and for inspection at the Manitoulin Planning Board Office during regular office hours.

Dated at Gore Bay, Ontario this 5th day of October 2022.

Theresa Carlisle, ACST Secretary-Treasurer
 Manitoulin Planning Board
 40 Water Street, Unit 1
 Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0
mpbcarlisle@bellnet.ca
 Tel: (705) 282-2237

The Corporation of the Township of Tehkummah

NOTIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR QUOTES
 2022-001

The Township of Tehkummah has construction projects available for which quotes are required.

Projects require a mandatory site visit which will be held on **Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 1:00 pm.**

Please see specific quote on website for further details.

Documents can be obtained on the Township's website www.tehkummah.ca/Notices or by calling 705-859-3293 or sending email to: clerk.administrator@tehkummah.ca

CLOSING DATE: October 17th, 2022 at 2:00 pm local time

LOWEST OR ANY TENDER NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPTED.



We have made it through our first month of school! It has been a busy couple of days for the Mustangs this week. Many things have happened since this author last wrote.

As mentioned before, MSS hosted a club fair last Wednesday. Many community members and students came together to show students what the school has to offer. Public Health, the OPP and many other community services made an appearance and offered resources to students. The fair took place during second period and throughout lunch. Classes came down in groups to explore and ask questions about clubs offered. There were many sign-ups for clubs like the musical theatre group, band, the greenhouse, student council, athletics association, rainbow rights and many more.

Picture proofs from picture day were sent out this week. Families are now able to order their child's photos! Keep an eye out for picture retakes, though a date has yet to be announced.

On Monday, September 26 there was a university information session for interested senior students interested. Students were given advice and resources to make important decisions about their next steps after high school.

A huge congratulations to Manitoulin Metal who have been granted \$10,000 from McMaster University to cover the cost of travel for the McMaster University competition! The money will go towards getting the robotics team, and their robots, to and from the tournament.

A sports update for you: MSS currently has girls' basketball, boys' volleyball, golf, cross country and mountain biking teams practicing for games. Speaking of games, a schedule has yet to be announced so make sure to keep an eye out for it!

By far the biggest event for Mustangs this week was Orange Shirt Day. Orange Shirt Day is also known as National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. MSS encouraged students to wear orange shirts to show respect for the lives affected by the residential school system. Along with this there was a staff and student organized potluck feast to raise awareness about the residential school system. Jean Debassige, the Native language teacher, gave a touching speech and prepared a feast plate to honour the lives lost through residential schools before everyone sat down to eat. Overall, it was an educational day for everyone and the students of MSS acquired a deeper understanding of Truth and Reconciliation.

That's all for now folks! See you next week. Go, Mustangs, go!

thank you

The Pegelo family would like to personally thank all family and friends who showed up and donated food, time and money to the funeral of Sandra. Big thanks to Weston Leeson, Elwood Sagle, Marilyn Sparham, Letitia Martin and the Island Funeral Home for the lovely service. We appreciate you for being there in our time of need and celebrating Sandra for the wonderful person she was. May her memory live on forever in the hearts and minds of us all.

Love, Grant and family
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thank you

I would like to thank everyone involved in my receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award. To the Gore Bay Town General Government Committee, the Town Council of Gore Bay for nominating and to all my family, friends and others who have supported me through the years, thank you. This is an exceptional honour which I am very proud to have received. It was a pleasure to have served our community and I would do it all over again.

Thank you all,
Marie Clarke
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in memoriam

GIBBS—In loving memory of our father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Jack Gibbs, who passed away September 30, 2019.

Your presence we miss,
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Loving you always,
Forgetting you never.
Love always, Ken and family
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The family of Jan Turley would like to express our thanks to the paramedics, police officers, fire department, Simpson Funeral Home, the Gore Bay doctors and Jake's Home Centre for their kindness during our difficult loss. Thanks also to everyone else who reached out. It was greatly appreciated.

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PETER RICHARD NELSON
April 9, 1959 - September 29, 2022

In loving memory of Peter Nelson, who passed away suddenly and peacefully at his home in Brighton, Ontario on September 29, 2022 at the age of 63. Peter was born in Marathon, Ontario, and was raised in White River and Sudbury. He settled on Manitoulin Island with his family in 1996. Peter is survived by his two children, Sara Krieg and Taryn Nelson (Derek), and his former longtime spouse and friend, Kelly. Also survived by brothers Roger (Diane), Randy (Donna), and his dear sister, Shirley Hagerty (Larry). Peter will be fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews and extended family. Peter was predeceased by his parents, Gunnar and Annette Nelson (nee Desbiens). Peter was a talented musician. As an accomplished guitar player, he performed in many musical venues throughout the years and was very active in the Sudbury music scene. He was the guitar player in the house band for the Lions Club MCTV Children's Telethon for many years. He also played the music circuit in Toronto and area for several years. As a creative, he was a writer and builder of songs. He wrote and co-wrote, played, arranged, produced and recorded and was involved in many projects, completing many albums and songs for other artists as well as for himself. Peter was an educator. He was a compassionate teacher and always did his best to make every student feel heard and understood. He was a positive and caring role model to many. He began his teaching career in the 1990s. He taught briefly in Sudbury before relocating to Manitoulin Island, taking a position at the alternative school, Kenjgewin Teg, and finally, to Manitoulin Secondary School. He found his niche teaching computer technology, special education and also guitar. He retired in 2021. Peter had a big heart. He consistently went well out of his way to lend a hand or an ear to everyone around him. He was always warm, open and real...and funny! He will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by many. There will be no funeral service, as was Peter's wish.

Death Notices

MAUREEN JOHNSON



Maureen Johnson passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, in her 94th year. She will be sadly missed by her children Clive (Marilyn), Tove (Jerry) Shere and David (Kim). Cherished grandmother to Sean (Rindi), Melissa and Tobin (Nana) and great-grandmother to Kamber, Kaylee and Rhys. Predeceased by her husband Robert (Bob) in 2018. Maureen was born April 12, 1929, the only child of Peter and Beatrice (nee McCarthy) Rochs, in London, England. Maureen was educated in England where she worked as legal secretary in London. She married Robert Johnson on December 24, 1949. In her early years she was a gold medalist in ballroom dancing and twice won gold medals from the British Poetry Society for renditions from classical poets and Shakespeare. She emigrated to Canada in July 1957, living in Orono and Clinton, Ontario. Coming to Manitoulin Island in 1972, and moving to Eganville, Ontario in 1980, then returning permanently to Manitoulin in 1986. Employed as business manager for Bennett Paving, Oshawa for 13 years, Dr. Hivragnitz and Associates on Manitoulin for five years, Star Set Jewellers in Eganville for six years, and the Hummingbird in Gore Bay for eight summers. Maureen's interests included travel, camping, amateur dramatics (awarded 'Best Actress' in Southern Ontario Drama Festival at Peterborough), reading and music. She was an active member (Outreach) of 'Circle of Hope', breast cancer support group; and founder/captain of "Hope in the Boat" – the first local dragon boat team of breast cancer survivors in 2000; and All Saints Anglican Church. A funeral service was held on Friday September 30, 2022 at 11 am at the Simpson Funeral Home, Gore Bay. Interment Burpee Mills Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary or the Angel Bus as expressions of sympathy and may be made through www.simpsonfuneralhome.ca.

EILEEN ANNIE (MERVYN) WALSH



It is with deep sorrow that our family announces the passing of Eileen Annie Walsh (Mervyn) on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, in her 93rd year. Eileen passed away peacefully after a short stay at the Guelph General Hospital. She is predeceased by husband Leon; parents Elizabeth and Herbert; sister Joyce (Garnet) and stepson Benton. Eileen is survived by her stepdaughter Delsie Walsh; nephews Bob (Barb) and John (Andrea); great-nieces Melissa (Brian), Krista (Cole), Teresa, Laura (Nathan), Jackie (Devan), Matthew and Elaena, as well as nine great-great-nephews and nieces. She will be greatly missed by her cousins and their families from around Ontario and those on Manitoulin Island. A graveside service was held at Gordon/Barrie Island Cemetery, on Monday, October 3, 2022 at 1 pm. Arrangements entrusted to the Wall-Custance Funeral Home & Chapel 519-822-0051 / www.wallcustance.com. Donations in memory of Eileen can be made to the charity of your choice.

TREVOR SHAWANDA

June 1, 1982 – September 26, 2022



Trevor Shawanda of Birch Island began his journey back to the spirit world where he will be reunited with his grandparents Marguerite and Nicholas Shawanda and Raymond and Marina Pitawanakwat. Loving son of Debbie Shawanda and the late Mark of Birch Island. Will be greatly missed by his children Devon, Tennille and Laily. Dear uncle of Daniel Jr., Sapphire, Torrance and Zoey. Godfather and uncle of Mackenzie. Beloved brother of Daniel, Corey (baa), Cheryl and Chris (baa). Also, will be sadly missed by many aunts, uncles, family and friends. Trevor had a passion for the waters just like his late father Mark. Whether it was on the ice playing hockey or boating and fishing. He loved to cook on the BBQ and enjoyed playing poker, Texas hold'em, horseshoes and simply sitting around a fire. Years ago he once worked with Pioneer Construction as a flagger. He was also a cashier at the family business. Most recently he held the janitorial position in his home community of Birch Island. One of his favourite sayings whenever he entered a room was – "take it easy" (Skena menah). Visitation was at the Whitefish River Community Centre on October 1, 2022 starting at 2 pm. Funeral Service was on October 3, 2022 in the Community Centre at 11 am, cremation followed. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd, Espanola.

Celebration of Life

CYRIL JAN TURLEY

We hope that you can join us in celebrating the life of Cyril Jan Turley and sharing stories and memories with us. Jan was a dear husband, loving father and papa, unforgettable brother and uncle, a friend to all, who will be greatly missed. The Celebration of Life service will be held on October 22, 2022 from 1 to 4 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion (upstairs), Gore Bay.

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

Six Manitoulin Island tourism initiatives to receive funding from FedNor

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—A total of six initiatives are being funded through FedNor that will benefit Manitoulin Island. FedNor is investing nearly \$9.7 million in Northern Ontario's tourism sector toward more than 70 tourism projects.

As September 27 marked the United Nations World Tourism Day, the honourable Patty Hajdu, minister of Indigenous services and minister responsible for FedNor, announced the FedNor investments that will protect, strengthen, and grow Northern Ontario's tourism sector.

"Tourism in Northern Ontario is such an important economic driver, creating good jobs and bringing people from all corners of the world to our beautiful region," said Minister Hajdu. "As the industry rebounds following two years of immense challenges. This funding will allow businesses and operators to ensure they have the tools they need to succeed and help create and maintain over 280 jobs. I invite everyone across the country to put Northern Ontario on their list of places to visit, come and see what spectacular sights and attractions our region has to offer."

Sheshegwaning First Nation is receiving \$760,887 to construct a new multi-use leadership centre.

Sheshegwaning Chief Alana Endanawas said she was extremely pleased to see the funding being provided by FedNor for the community. "This funding will help us begin phase one for the new multi-use leadership centre. The Leadership Centre will support our needs in new roles to drive the content and direction of new programming, along with supporting existing programs that Sheshegwaning currently provides."

"This has been an interesting experience to watch from the very beginning stages of this project up until now," said Chief Endanawas. "For many years, chief and council have been extremely supportive towards this very

important project, and we are finally starting to see everything fall into place for the vision that started it all."

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is receiving funding of \$75,790 to promote the benefits of living, working and visiting Northern Ontario through the 'FONOM Video project 2022.'

"We really appreciate the funding support from FedNor," stated Danny Whalen, FONOM president. We had the 'Go North Video' project for two years which included profiling businesses in all our eight of our districts. The reaction was incredible. These videos were viewed hundreds of thousands of times."

"There is always a lot of talk about Northern Ontario being a nice place to visit, but there is always mention of obstacles that would keep people from other parts of the province and areas from visiting, living or working in the North," said Mr. Whalen.

"We are really excited and grateful for the funding being provided by FedNor," stated Mr. Whalen.

A total of \$211,713 in funding is being provided to Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA). MSIA is receiving \$211,713 to promote angling tourism through a series of infrastructure upgrades, events and marketing initiatives.

Seija Deschenes, coordinator of MSIA told The Expositor with this funding and prior funding provided this year from the NOHFC \$272,201, and \$50,000 through the Douglas A. Smith Foundation,

"we will continue to restore stream sites identified in our enhancement strategies and help communities adapt to climate change impacts to infrastructure, increase tourism to our local rural communities that have been hit hard by the pandemic by improving and adding angling/educational platforms to their waterfront development project, increasing economic stimulus and increasing outdoor tourism opportunities. We will work in partnership with our Indigenous communities by supporting land-based restoration in their territory."

MSIA will restore 10 stream sites to enhance fisheries resources in three communities (Billings and Tehkummah townships, and Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory). It will install two angling platforms, in Billings and Wiikwemkoong with educational signage to promote angling and the fisheries, improve hiking trails to be more accessible and enhance tourist experiences visiting these areas. "We will also implement an angling trade show to create awareness and drive economic stimulus to businesses supporting the fishing sector."

MSIA will highlight and promote all fishing derbies on Manitoulin Island through various social media forums and local angling sites and television shows to highlight our region as a fishing destination and will work with communities to help adapt to water level fluctuations due to climate change and work in part-

nership with businesses to create tours to improve experiences for tourists.

Ms. Deschenes said, "We have been developing an interactive angling and outdoor recreation map that will provide all the needs of anglers visiting the Island. The map will be identifying all boat launches and convenience stores, and fish species that have been identified by the Ministry of Natural Resources in all lakes on the Island." "We will be reaching out shortly to businesses that provide products and services in the fisheries sector and adding them on to the map," continued Ms. Deschenes. "We have also added hiking trails across the Island onto the map to encourage exploring Manitoulin. Therefore, locals or tourists visiting the Island can add the map to their cell phone and have everything at the tips of their fingers by just clicking the icons on the map," explained Ms. Deschenes. MSIA is also looking at having a small annual fee to be placed on the map and all funds raised will go back toward improving the fishery and restoration work on Manitoulin Island.

Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) is receiving funding of \$57,000 to develop and launch the Manitoulin Digital Outdoor Experience Museum (MODEM).

"MODEM will be a tour guide at your fingertips," stated Maja Mielonen, president of MICA.

Ms. Mielonen explained, "storytellers are collecting Island-wide points of interest, anecdotes, photos and film clips and will all be integrated on an app. Route itineraries starting in seven locations, where MICA ebike locations are set up, will guide you past the points of interest and at the precise GPS location you will be able to read or listen and view the story, photos and video clips in English and French perhaps even hear some stories provided by our Indigenous communities."

"We are reaching out and asking museum curators, municipalities, schools, and the people of Manitoulin to also provide us with stories you think need to be told," said Ms. Mielonen. "The funding for this exciting project of \$57,000 came out of FedNor's COVID Tourism Recovery Fund, Destination Northern Ontario marketing dollars and MICA fund contributions. MICA is grateful that our funders agreed that MODEM, a tool that increases the knowledge of our Island's diverse history, environment, fauna, flora and the stories of the people living here, will create a deep sense of place, healthy sense of pride and the will to protect it."

"MODEM is app driven and is planned to be ready in spring 2023 for a nominal fee and will be provided to the Rainbow District School Board for free to use on field trips around the Island. MODEM is a great tool to let our visitors from all over the world experience our Islands identity at a deeper level and return home with a story to tell of their own," continued Ms. Mielonen. She added, "if you would like to contribute please provide your stories to manitoulincycling@yahoo.ca We will try to include as many as possible."

"This is very good news," stated Sophie Corbiere of the FedNor funding being provided to Ojibwe Cultural Foundation. She explained, "we will be upgrading our HVAC system, to improve air quality in the OCF building, and we are retrofitting the lights in the building to those using less energy, some for programs, as well as hand sanitizers and some tables for our outdoor programs."

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin received \$75,264 to develop and implement a tourism adaptation strategy for the Manitoulin Island and Lacloche Foothills area.

The Great Lakes Cruise Association is receiving \$65,828 to revitalize and expand cruise tourism in the Great Lakes.

Expositor correction

The page September 21, 2022 page 16 story 'Island ivory tinklers enthrall Holy Cross audience at Candlelight Concert' contained a number of errors. Aidan Leedham's name was misspelt as Aiden. His inspiration came from the movies 'Bohemian Rhapsody' and 'Rocketman.' The volunteers were Janelle Dokum, Sirena Trudeau, Ellie-Anna Leedham, Pheonix Hoy, Terrence Jacko, Sierra Lewis and Marjorie Trudeau. The event was inspired by mother-daughter team Trinity and Dawn Marie Jacko, with guidance and support from Father Paul and Audrey Osawabine. The mother-daughter team attended a Candlelight Concert in Toronto and thought it would be a great idea that should be done in their community. The Expositor regrets the errors.

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Rick Gordon, incumbent

I come from a small town called Franklin Centre, Quebec. My parents were born on 100-acre farms that were on the New York State border in southwestern Quebec. I was an air force brat until I joined the Navy in 1968. I spent my growing years living all over Canada, and in France, for four years.

I started coming to Manitoulin Island in 1989. I made it my permanent residence in 2006. I have decided to run for council again because I respect the agricultural and small-town life that was once the norm in this country. In today's world, small communities have a hard time making ends meet. People are over-taxed for the services they receive. We really don't get enough dollars from the federal or provincial governments.

For small townships on our unique island, we lose when conservation groups buy huge properties in our communities. They get a tax break; we don't.

In our township, we have an administration and others that believe the reeve and clerk are in charge and the council is redundant. Funny when it is the council that hires the clerk!

I believe that honesty always trumps rumours and lies. Nothing is ever solved during a bull session over a cup of coffee.

I care deeply for the Township of Tehkummah. Council is the voice of the people and we are not redundant. In any democracy, it is the voice of the people that counts most.

I want the people of Tehkummah to vote for me to be a very loud voice for them.

Exercise your right to vote for it is a special part of democracy.

Thank you for all your support.

Lorie Leeson, incumbent

Hello, my name is Lorie Leeson and I am a candidate for councillor in the Township of Tehkummah. I am nearing the end of my fourth term of council and, because I care and I feel I could benefit the township by doing so, I decided to

run again and continue to be an active part of our growing community.

I am a long-time resident of Tehkummah township and throughout that time I have been a business owner/operator and part of many boards, groups, and committees, some of which include our local library, museum, fire department, first response and recreation. I'm a wife and a mother and grandmother to some great humans and to a number of furry and feathered ones too! I am a friend to many with a love of family time and my full-time employment, all while trying to squeeze in some hunting, fishing and crafting projects whenever possible.

I thrive on helping others and staying busy but, all in all, I still have that passion and commitment to be a part of a team that works together, helping make decisions that will benefit the people of the township whether full-time, seasonal or those that have future plans of a permanent or retirement place here.

Teamwork, transparency, honesty, commitment and open communication; the future of our children and grandchildren and all community members, both young and old, depend on this. Together, we can make this happen. I believe.

Gerard Lyons (no response as of press time)

...Township of Tehkummah

Michael McKenzie, incumbent

Hello, my name is Michael McKenzie. I have lived in Tehkummah my whole life. I have sat on council for just over two terms. I stepped up and filled a vacant seat on council last term.

One thing I think is a major issue is our roads. We must continue to

for one year to work in Chapleau but then came back and worked construction jobs.

In December 1988, I was hired by the Township of Assiginack on the public works department and recently retired this past summer. Tehkummah has been by home for 22 years.

If elected as a councillor, I want to see all staff, Reeve and council work together as a team. There are many issues to deal with. For example, but not limited, to bridge replacements,

drainage and road repairs just to start.

One of the first priorities is to get a clerk back in our office.

I feel that the experience I have had on the public works department in

Assiginack for 33 years will benefit me in being a councillor.

If elected I will look forward to serving the township to the best of my ability.

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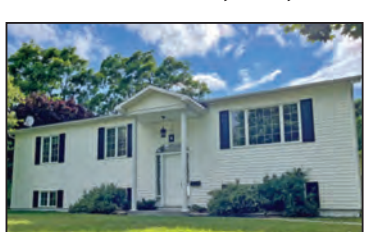
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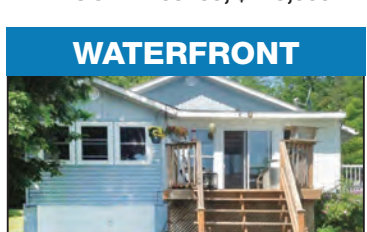
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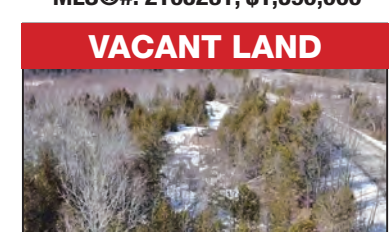
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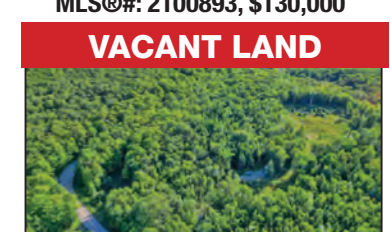
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