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HARVEST GLORY DAYS—This installation in the village of Sheguiandah near the replica Batman's Mill on Bass Creek is representative of how this community, and others, embrace the Harvest Glory Days theme. For a list of registered participants, please see Page 16. For a photo gallery sampling, see Page 17. **PLEASE SEE STORY ON PAGE 21.**

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Federal court dashes Canada's appeals to two rulings on financial compensation for residential and day school students

by Tom Sasvari
M'CHIGEENG—Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare is hopeful the federal government doesn't once again appeal a federal court decision.

MHC sets staff vaccination protocols

by Tom Sasvari
LITTLE CURRENT—Unlike many other hospitals in the province which have policies in place mandating staff members to get vaccinations for COVID-19 (who risk being suspended without pay for not getting vaccinated by a certain date, and failing that face losing their job), the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) approach to the issue seems to be positive thus far with those staff who had initially refused to get vaccinated changing their minds.

"Our policy on new hires is that they have to be fully vaccinated," said Paula Fields, co-chief executive officer (CEO) of the MHC. "Currently our staff are to be double vaccinated, and those who have only had one vaccination need to be tested weekly until 14 days after their second dose. Those who have chosen not to get

settled that dismisses the government's Indigenous child-welfare appeals, or a separate federal court decision that approved the residential school day scholars

vaccinated have to go through a learning program, sign a declaration form and they have to be tested

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settlement.

"Well, again there is a lot of things that are coming up that are facts. We can't leave anyone behind who attended residential schools," said Regional Chief Hare. "I just hope the government does not appeal the federal court decisions anymore."

As for winners of any federal court decisions made that are

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A tale of Thanksgiving emerges from the midst of tragedy

by Michael Erskine

TEHKUMMAH—It was just a momentary bout of dizziness in the laundryroom that led to a loss of balance followed by a sudden catastrophic fall down a flight of stairs—and in that instant Derek Moxam's life was changed forever. But despite his catastrophic injury, Mr. Moxam has a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving.

"Had I fallen the other way I would have gone down three flights of stairs," he recalled. "Fortunately I fell the other way."

Fortunate, perhaps, but after Mr. Moxam's partner Cliff Sage found him lying injured at the bottom of the stairs, and the Tehkumma first responders had

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Derek Moxam in his 'happy place,' his Tehkumma home.

Island school trustee moves motion for Ontario to recognize COVID-19 as 'designated disease'

Margaret Stringer's motion calls for vaccine to be added to Immunization Act

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—The Rainbow District School Board (RDSB), like several other boards in the province, are calling on the province to consider adding COVID-19 vaccines to the list of mandatory vaccines found under the Immunization of School Pupils Act.

This comes after the RDSB, at a meeting last week, debated the issue and the motion, which was forwarded by Manitoulin Island trustee Margaret Stringer.

"Let me briefly revisit my comments from the September 14 strategic planning committee meeting," said Ms. Stringer. "As we know, the Immunization of Schools Pupils Act of 1982 is an important tool that helps keep

both our students and staff safe. It outlines that all children attending school are required to be immunized for a number of designated diseases which includes diphtheria, measles, mumps, rubella, polio and tetanus."

"COVID threatens the safety of all our children and adding it to the list of designated diseases, in my mind, is a necessary step," said Ms. Stringer. "We know that a number of boards, including Toronto and Halton,

have written letters to the ministers asking that COVID-19 be added to the list of designated diseases. I hope that we can join these boards with this motion."

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Salmon killed within fish sanctuary, eggs taken for fish bait by poachers

by Alicia McCutcheon

TEHKUMMAH—Central Manitoulin fishing enthusiast and Expositor columnist Andre Leblanc made a gruesome discovery on the banks of the Manitou River near Michael's Bay recently: salmon carcasses that had been gutted for their eggs and left to rot during their crucial spawning

season.

On September 21, Mr. Leblanc attended the well-known Tehkumma spot to try his hand at fishing Michael's Bay. The nearby river from the mouth up is currently closed to anglers and is considered a fish sanctuary due to its duty as crucial spawning grounds

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Early Deadline

As the Thanksgiving holiday falls next Monday (October 11), the Expositor office is moving the deadline for classified ads to 4 pm this Thursday (October 7).

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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder

Mindemoya Euchre Club donates \$20,000 to Hospital Auxiliary in Mindemoya

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—The Mindemoya Euchre Club has made a substantial donation to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary (MHA) toward the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) 'Lets Emerg Together' fundraising campaign.

"With the dedication of people supporting the card parties, the Mindemoya Euchre Club is able to present this cheque of \$20,000 to the (Mindemoya) hospital auxiliary designated for the Let's Emerg Together campaign," said Carol Gilmore, of the Mindemoya Euchre Club.

In accepting the donation from euchre club members Judy Mackenzie, president of the hospital auxiliary stated, "I have been president of Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary for a while now and I am still amazed at the generosity of the Manitoulin community. These funds will be used this year for a very important campaign, Let's

Emerg Together. The emergency department is getting a much-needed addition."

The MHC Mindemoya Hospital location is currently the site of an expansion renovation program of its emergency department.

Tim Vine, co-chief executive officer of the Manitoulin Health Centre said, "it's very heartening that yet another service organization is contributing to this fundraising campaign. It again speaks to the importance the community feels for the hospital."

The Mindemoya Euchre Club was formed in April 2006. Eva Bond, Marie Nagler, the late Marion Seabrook and the late Margaret Carrick started the euchre parties in the Mindemoya community centre and after a few years, Marilyn Holmes and Carol Gilmore came on board as helpers. Profits were used to enhance the hall blinds upstairs and down, tables and chairs, dishes, cooler, etc.



The Mindemoya euchre club has donated \$20,000 to the Mindemoya Hospital auxiliary, designated for the 'Let's Emerg Together Campaign' emergency department expansion project. In photo, left to right, are Mindemoya euchre club members Annette Murphy, Leila Thureson, Joan Beard, Carol Gilmore, Marilyn Holmes, Judy Mackenzie president of the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary who accepted the cheque, Marie Nagler and Eva Bond.

Other avenues to be explored for \$10,000 shortfall for arena roof

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—With the local arena being a big part of the community, and an asset, Gore Bay town council decided to look at other avenues it has at its disposal to pay off additional tender costs of over \$95,000 for work on the arena roof now, rather than wait another year and let the condition of the roof become worse. Even with that the town has a shortfall of about \$10,000 that would have to come out of general revenues.

"What is the condition of the (arena) roof," asked Councillor

Jack Clark at a special Gore Bay Council meeting held September 23.

"There has been leaking from the roof into the changerooms for a few years and the public works staff has been doing what they can to keep the area dry so that there won't be any mould," said town clerk Stasia Carr. She said public works foreman Roger Chenard has recommended that the work should be carried out this year, and not leave it for next year.

Mayor Dan Osborne said, "The

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The members of a coffee club formed in Mindemoya presented a cheque in the amount of \$500 to a representative of the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary. In photo, left to right, coffee club member Murray Haner hands over the cheque to Judy Mackenzie, with other coffee club members Lew Lanktree, Hank Meyer, Oscar Jones, Bill McAllister and Gloria Haner on hand.

Mindemoya Coffee Club not only provides for socialization, it benefits Mindemoya Hospital

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—An informal coffee club formed in the backyard of a Mindemoya couple's residence over the past few months has provided a place where a group of men have been able to discuss the goings on in the world, and get a good cup of coffee and some treats. But it will also benefit the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary as well.

"During the past winter with

COVID and local restaurants being closed, and no one being able to go out for a coffee like we normally do, the coffee club was started," stated Murray Haner, who pointed out it was his wife Gloria's idea to start the daily coffee club.

"There is only so many jigsaw puzzles one person can do, and so much television you can watch," stated Mr. Haner. "Gloria came up

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Manitoulin Planning Board gives approval to development on Little Lake Huron Road

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Despite concerns with getting emergency vehicles like fire trucks down the Little Lake Huron Road in the Township of Robinson, the Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) has followed prescribed regulations by the province to allow development of a new seasonal residence on the road, as it does not have responsibility for maintaining the road or mandating anyone to improve the road.

"I agree we have to follow our own rules. Whether it is a private owner of the road, we don't have responsibility for the road or the condition of it," stated MPB member Rob Brown at a meeting last week. At the beginning of the meeting he had voiced his concern with "the terrible road access and conditions. We're not sure about fire protection and other vehicles being able to access the road."

"On the opinion that it is a terrible road access, I've travelled down that road since the 1960s and the road is in better shape

right now than I've ever seen it," stated Hugh McLaughlin, representing his clients Michel Simard and David Falat, who have applied for development work on their property.

Doug Wismer, Robinson Township fire chief, attended the meeting. He told the board, "I've had occasion to travel on the road, it is way too rough to bring fire trucks at a good speed down that road. There is no way we could provide timely fire protection. And it's going to take more than a few loads of gravel to correct it. The road is "in bad shape, and in some places worse than bad."

The landowners of the Little Lake Huron Road area have deeded right of way from the highway to the road, MPB secretary-treasurer Theresa Carlisle told the board. She pointed out the Robinson Township Local Roads Board was contacted when the proposal for development was applied for, and the board indicated it has no problems with the road.

The road is in bad condition, said Mr. Wismer. Part of it is sand

and some alvar, and there are cracks in the alvar and cobblestone areas. And there is overgrown brush down the road, both in width and height, that make it that much more difficult to travel on.

When asked what the obligations of the MPB are in this case, and who owns the road, Ms. Carlisle explained Official Plan and provincial policy standards speak to that.

It was pointed out that Jake Diebolt, GIS technician/coordinator for MPB had taken a tour of the road on June 17 and was able to travel down the road. "It's travelable by emergency vehicles," said Ms. Carlisle. Board member Dan Osborne said, "I think we would be overstepping our boundaries (if we reject the application to amend the current zoning bylaw). It is the roads board and township that have to decide if the road is travelable, not our board."

It was noted that it is a right of

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20th Annual Tour de Meldrum Bay raises over \$26,000 for Mindemoya Hospital project

MINDEMOYA—The annual Tour de Meldrum ride celebrated its 20th anniversary recently, and the individual who initiated the annual ride, Dale Scott, had set a fundraising goal of \$20,000 to give towards the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) campaign for expansion and renovations of the Mindemoya Hospital emergency department. Not only was this goal reached, but it was also exceeded.

Mr. Scott and several other riders (among the 32 who took part in this year's ride), businesses

and others who donated presented a cheque in the amount of \$26,500 to MHC officials last week.

"Thank you, riders, and everyone who contributed to support the hospital," stated Paula Fields, co-chief executive officer of the MHC who also participated in the ride along with fellow co-CEO Tim Vine.

Mr. Scott explained, "we received donations from almost all the Island municipalities, several companies and corporations, businesses, private and

individual donations. The donations were amazing this year. And I would like to thank every one of you riders for taking part," stated Mr. Scott.

Dr. Robert Hamilton, who was one of the riders said at the cheque presentation, "and thank you very much to you, Dale. You have put on this ride for 20 years. "Cycling is one of your passions, but a second passion you have demonstrated is for fundraising and service to your community with your former business (vet-

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Planned power outage for all of Manitoulin Island scheduled for Saturday, October 23

MANITOULIN—A planned power outage is being planned for all of Manitoulin Island on Saturday, October 23.

Hydro One announced last week that the hydro out-

age will take place from 8 am until 5 pm, affecting a total of 10,842 customers around Manitoulin Island.

The outage is being planned for maintenance work.

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National Newspaper Week celebrates news you can trust

As fall colours blossom across the land, the start of October each year is celebrated as National Newspaper Week. It is a moment to reflect on how, during this era of turbulent social upheaval and, facing a global crisis where the truth is buried beneath a social media tsunami of fake news and misinformation, newspapers remain a lifeline to those who seek truth and clarity.

The theme of this year's National Newspaper Week is 'Champion the Truth: Spark Conversation.'

Much has been made of the decline of newspapers, but in truth newspapers remain a pillar of democracy. A News Media Canada study concluded that nearly nine out of every 10 Canadians (87 percent) turn the pages of a newspaper every week. True, many of those pages are now digital, as the internet disrupts the news media much as it has other industries across the globe, but it is to newspaper sources that Canadians turn to deliver credible information on what is most important to them.

During times of conflict overseas, The Expositor has provided a lifeline between the folks back home and our brave men and women serving the nation far from the comforts of home and hearth through every major conflict in which our nation has participated. Every year, several times a year, we remember them, the veterans who served and those who paid the ultimate price in the service of our nation.

Locally, The Expositor shines a light into the dim recesses of local government, bringing to our readers what is taking place at town hall that could impact on their lives. Together, we celebrate the remarkable people in every community on this our most blessed of Isles.

People like Mary Buie, who has chronicled her battle with an aggressive cancer through the series 'Hope's Path,' not once, but twice. This week, Ms. Buie walked five kilometres in the annual Run for a Cure, embraced within the bosom of a group of family and friends and undaunted.

In the past The Expositor has followed the remarkable achievements of Josephine Mandamin baa, the Anishinaabe elder who circumnavigated the Great Lakes bearing a sacred copper kettle full of water in a traditional ceremony, and the ongoing efforts of her niece, Autumn Peltier, who has taken up the mantle as Anishinabek Nation

water commissioner.

Our community newspaper makes concerted efforts to provide a direct line of communication between political leaders at all levels and the electorate, through our news coverage, through our editorial pages and letters to the editor and, just recently, by hosting (online this year) an all-candidate's meeting where the community could pose their questions to the candidates seeking their vote. Once elected, those very same leaders readily admit to turning the pages of The Expositor in order to keep abreast of what is taking place here on the Island and regularly announce when and where their constituents can attend their clinics.

Sports glory of both the young and the old, the scholastic achievements of students of every age, the births and passages of Islanders and friends, and their memorials, all are chronicled within our pages.

The Expositor's pages offer up the most wide-ranging of property opportunities through our partnerships with local realtors, provide one of the best showcases for employment opportunities and retail ads both through our help wanted pages and our best-in-class online job market website.

Each week, our journalistic staff attend key local meetings and events across the length and breadth of Manitoulin to glean the information most important to you, our devoted readers without whose loyal patronage we would not be able to fulfill our role as a community newspaper.

The Expositor takes pride in getting things right, but even with our best efforts, we are not above making the occasional error. None of us enjoy making mistakes, but at The Expositor we honour the truth. That is why Expositor corrections and clarifications occasionally appear within our pages, it is a duty we take very seriously.

Thank you, dear reader, for continuing to support local community news. Thanks to your ongoing support The Expositor has brought the real news to Islanders home and abroad for nearly a century and a half. We could not do this without you, so National Newspaper Week is, in truth, a celebration of you, the reader, who makes all this possible.

Thank you very much, chi-miigwetch et merci beaucoup.

letters

Canadians urged to continue to be open minded

Expand your understanding of the treaty partnership

To the Expositor:

On the heels of September 30 and Truth and Reconciliation Day, we encourage Canadians, settlers and Haweaters to continue to be open minded and willing to expand the understanding and history of their treaty partners. We need and ask you to acknowledge the existence of the Anishinaabek since time immemorial and consider our understanding of the treaty.

The Manitoulin Treaty's anniversary is now upon us. On October 6, this treaty between Canada, and Chiefs and Principal Men of the Ottawa, Chippewa and other "Indians" occupying the Manitoulin Island, was signed in Manitowaning. So, what does this mean to you and I? Is this something to be celebrated? Mourned? At the very least it needs to be acknowledged and feasted. For Anishinaabek, these agreements were entered into through ceremony and thus have a spirit as a living Being. These living beings, as with all living things, need nutrition, attention and care. Maybe as a first step, we need to gather at the site of the signing, revisit and understand the spirit and intent of the treaty, find common interests and move forward till the next year.

I want to ask all treaty people, to recognize, as the courts have, Anishinaabek had and continue to have laws and governance systems. Justice Hennessy's rulings within the Restoule judgement provides a small step in the long-needed correction within the Canadian judicial system. The Court's recent inclusion of Indigenous oratorical methods

of history has altered the dominance of Canadian traditional narratives that have generally ignored the Anishinaabe perspective. It moves towards the recognition of Anishinaabek legal systems and traditions. Canada's multi-faceted legal composition has always included the Anishinaabe legal systems as they have always been there, and have never been relinquished. However, these legal orders have long been ignored in favour of the existing legal pluralism in Canada based on common and civil law. Anishinaabe law relies upon principles of respect, responsibility, reciprocity and renewal to understand the intention of the signatories at the time of signing. The ruling considers the Anishinaabe legal perspective or renewal, and holds that the maintenance of the treaty relationship is an ongoing obligation for all parties, as the written treaty was "not meant as a last word on the relationship" between the Anishinaabek and the Crown.

Before I end this letter I just want to re-iterate that when interpreting treaties, courts must consider: oral promises made during treaty negotiations, the perspective of the treaty parties, as well as the historical and cultural context in which the negotiations took place. On October 6, let us all reconsider, re-visit the Manitoulin Treaty of 1862 as a step forward in our relationship building.

In unity and success,

Sam Manitowabi
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Tell a lie often enough and a lot of people will believe it

The Mindemoya arena is in no danger of falling down

To the Expositor:

Donald Trump has proved the statement that if a person repeats a "lie" enough times there will be lots of people that will believe the "lie" to be true.

In the September 22, 2021 issue of the Expositor, page 5 "With Council's blessing, Mindemoya arena will open for winter sports," false statements such as the one coming from one of our councillors of Central Manitoulin that council spends hundreds of thousands of dollars on the Mindemoya arena every year makes a person wonder what other lies the public are fed.

For one thing it sounds like the Mindemoya arena is swaying in the wind and will fall at any moment.

Over the years council has done a terrific job at keeping the arena in good repair with the \$214,000 structural steel application to the roof and sides it is now built like a battleship. Why would any council want to destroy the new upgrades of the new boards, new plexiglass surrounding the boards, new lighting, new above the ice surface apron, a reasonably new Zamboni room etc. etc. etc.

So don't tell the public the Mindemoya arena is about to collapse.

A number of years ago it was stated that the Mindemoya arena needed showers which is a perfectly fine idea as the Providence Bay residents got together and put showers in the Providence Bay arena.

The needing the showers statement went from somehow having to tear down the Mindemoya community centre, the Old School, the beautiful park, tearing up the ballfield that was so beautifully built with the backing of the Blue Jays organization and finally taking the wrecking ball to the skating arena and building a multi-million-dollar sports complex.

Wow! How governing bodies can get carried away, with a "lie" that the Mindemoya arena is falling down and needs to be replaced. Put in the showers! Save the taxpayers money because the garbage disposal issue is going to be a costly one.

Sincerely,

Lyle Dewar
Providence Bay

Mnaamodzawin Health Services unveils TRC memorial tree and plaque

by Michael Erskine

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—With the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation having taken place on September 30, coinciding with Orange Shirt Day, events across Mniidoo Mnising and the rest of the nation were held this past week to honour and memorialize the children who never returned home from residential school.

A particularly poignant ceremony took place in Aundeck Omni Kaning in front of the building that jointly houses Mnaamodzawin Health Services and Noojmowin Teg. Staff from both health service agencies gathered with elders and dignitaries for the unveiling of a monument memorializing those children.

The event opened with a prayer from elder Ken Kakeeway, followed by an honour song performed by Mushkway-Gaabo Drum group.

Mnaamodzawin executive director Craig Abotossaway spoke of how the day's events and the monument came to be. He noted that during a spring sweat lodge ceremony a man asked what could be done for the 30 children that had been discovered buried on the grounds of a British Columbia residential school. Mr. Abotossaway said those 30 children appeared in the ceremony and that one child spoke for the 30. "The child said that 'all we want is to be sent back to the Creator, we have been lost for so long,'" he recalled. Mr. Abotossaway went on to say that at the sweat lodge the next night the other "100 or so" children appeared having heard about the request made by the man and good work being done at Mnaamodzawin. "Since then the work has continued," he said, noting that the number of lost children has now numbered into the thousands. But he noted the furor that had at first accompanied the discoveries has since abated.

"It's becoming quiet," he said. "Our monument speaks to that. Let us never forget the many binoojiins (children), let us never forget the elders who have shared their stories."

Mr. Abotossaway said that his organization had put together the day's event in what he hoped was a respectful way. He pointed out that the main monument, created by M'Chigeeng's One KWE, would be arriving in the spring.

Part of the monument is in place, including a mountain ash tree and a granite plaque bearing the words "Honouring National Truth and Reconciliation Day: Let us never forget the many binoojiins that did not make it home to their communities and loved ones! Let us never forget the resilience of the Elders who have had the strength to share their story!"

Set in front of the plaque lay a solitary set of baby moccasins surmounted by a yellow cloth tobacco tie, tied with red ribbon. Behind the plaque the mountain ash rises.



The staff of Mnaamodzawin Health Services and Noojmowin Teg gather with board members Aundeck Omni Kaning Chief Patsy Corbiere and Loretta Roy, residential school survivor Marion McGregor, Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes, the Mushkway-Gaabo Drum group and elder Ken Kakeeway in front of the new memorial installation.



The granite plaque and a pair of moccasins sit in front of the mountain ash tree that will form part of the memorial installation.

Both the plaque and the moccasins have important symbolic meanings encompassed in Anishinaabe stories.

Mr. Abotossaway explained that the moccasins are for the children who do not have shoes on the other side. He noted that there are many installations featuring shoes across the nation since the discovery of the unmarked graves of children, but that tradition says those shoes should be left at the foot of a tree in the bush where the lost children can find them. That is the plan for the moccasins at the monument.

The ash tree is also an important symbol. Mr. McGregor shared a story of the ancient protectors of the people, men who lived for 500 years but who eventually made their journey to the spirit world. Once on the other side, they watched as far below them a man fell down and died. The men went to

the Creator to ask that they be sent back to guide their people.

This confounded the Creator who, although powerful, had never had anyone ask to be sent back. He asked the men to let him think on it a while.

Eventually, the Creator called the men back to him and said that he had decided to send them back, but not in their original form. Instead, he sent the men back as trees.

Mr. Abotossaway explained the practice of offering cloth and spirit plates during ceremonies. Cloth and food are sent to the spirit world. "When you offer shoes or clothing, you put them out in the bush so they go forward to the binoojiis," he said. Food should be set out on a birch bark plate. "Putting shoes on the church steps is good, recognizing the need, but leaving them here is leaving them in the bush beneath a tree. Take them out in the bush and put them by a tree." He suggested taking cloth to nearby Dreamers' Rock.

Residential School survivor elder Marion McGregor delivered a talk on her experiences at residential school. She recalled her experiences at the school; how children were disciplined and humiliated for speaking their language or seeking to return home to their families. Ms. McGregor recalled one incident where the children were forced to kneel on the floor in front of their classmates to eat their paltry meal consisting of half a slice of bread. "If anyone tried to feed them, they would be forced to join them on the floor," she said. Ms. McGregor said she was glad that the silence over what had taken place at the residential schools had been finally broken.

Mnaamodzawin board member, AOK

Chief Patsy Corbiere and Noojmowin Teg board member Lorretta Roy were invited up to speak. Chief Corbiere noted that the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation should not be viewed as a holiday, but rather as a day for reflection and education that every child matters. "It isn't an opportunity to go shopping," she said. "It's an opportunity to learn more about what has happened and to reflect on how we can move forward."

Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes said that she brought greetings on behalf of herself and her leader, Jagmeet Singh. She said that as she was travelling to the day's ceremony, crossing the bridge, she saw an eagle overhead and realized the importance of the day. She spoke in analogy, using the metaphor of the roots of the tree seeking nourishment, the trunk of the tree and the need to find justice for the children, and finally the branches, which rise skyward and how we must remain vigilant to never allow this to happen again.

Ms. Hughes ended her address by committing to continue to work on behalf of those concerns as she once again takes up her duties in Parliament.

Piper Paul McDonald, a Mnaamodzawin Health Services staff member, provided a traditional Scottish song in honour of the ash tree. Mr. Abotossaway described the song as a spiritual peon to honour the tree.

Mr. Abotossaway noted that both the nursery where the tree came from, Villum Farms, and Sudbury Monuments, where the plaque was created, both donated the items when they discovered what they were to be used for.

photos by Michael Erskine

Water plays central role in M'Chigeeng National Day of Reconciliation observances

by Alicia McCutcheon

M'CHIGEENG—A group of women, led by elder Pat Migwans, walked from the highway in from M'Chigeeng First Nation's eastern border, ending at the community beach at West Bay in honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

"I'd been thinking about it," said Ms. Migwans when reflecting on the first annual holiday for Truth and Reconciliation and what could be done to mark it. "I

beach.

Ms. Migwans, two of her sisters, her granddaughter and some family friends walked from the M'Chigeeng border, down the hill and ended at the beach, all sporting orange shirts and flags bearing the 'Every Child Matters' rallying theme.

Ms. Migwans said it was important to end the walk at the water because "water is life," but also because, specifically for those children taken from Island First



Barb MacIntyre, Martina Migwans, Pat Migwans, Sheila Eshquib, Pearl Debassige, May Migwans, Andralene and Raven White marked the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in their own way.

photos by Alicia McCutcheon



Walkers travelled along the highway through M'Chigeeng First Nation and ended up at the community beach.

decided to walk into the reserve, significant of bringing the children home." Before the women set off, they lit a sacred fire on the

Nations to residential schools, water often played a key part in coming home, either by boat or by ice for those who dared to try an

escape. She recalled the stories of those children who dared flee in wintertime and who did not make it home, slipping through the ice before seeing their families again.

Ms. Migwans dipped a flag carrying the colours of the four directions into West Bay during a solemn ceremony, signifying "we are still living here, as one," Ms. Migwans said.

Pearl Debassige said she felt as though she was going to cry during her walk in, feeling the pres-

ence of children with her, as though she was bringing them home.

Barb MacIntyre was also on the walk. Her mother, age 93, is a residential school survivor of the school for girls at Spanish. While her mother left Spanish relatively unscathed, she witnessed a lot that has stayed with her, her daughter shared.

"Every step I took felt like a step for every child who didn't make it home—today was a good day,"

Martine Mandamin added. "I hope to see it continue."

Ms. Migwans planned to hold a walk from each of M'Chigeeng's borders in the coming days in an attempt "to make people aware that it's not only September 30 that we should be reminded about Truth and Reconciliation."

See pages 13, 15 and 19 for more National Day for Truth and Reconciliation stories and photos.

Member wellness a priority for OPP, multiple and ongoing supports offered

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

ORILLIA—Ontario Police Commissioner (OPP) Thomas Carrique read the September 1 front page story 'Police services are starting to challenge stigma of mental health' and contacted The Expositor to clarify the extensive supports provided to officers following the shooting death of Constable Marc Hovingh last November and to talk about the transformation in mental health programming

within the OPP organization.

Two and a half years ago the OPP did not have a full-time psychologist or partnerships with any external mental health providers. The organization now has a complete healthy workplace team with full-time mental health clinician professionals, said Commissioner Carrique. Not only is member wellness a priority, but Commissioner Carrique has travelled the province talking to members about it. He's also spo-

ken internationally and at events to help raise awareness.

"It's important that both the public and the policing community understand that mental health supports have been greatly expanded and exist at the OPP, that the mental health of OPP members is the number one priority for me and the organization, and that if there is a member in need, they have many options for support available to them," the commissioner wrote.

"The OPP has made

member wellness a priority, and in 2019, following several internal and external reviews, created a Healthy Workplace Strategy. Our Healthy Workplace Team reached out to involved police members, including officers and communications operators, and their respective services immediately following Constable Hovingh's tragic death," he

continued.

A team was, in fact, deployed the same day Constable Hovingh was killed to work with affected members and their families. Dr. Michelle Blain is the psychologist for the OPP Northeast region and was there immediately, the commissioner noted. OPP psychologists and peer supports continue to be

available to this day.

In a telephone interview, Commissioner Carrique said many supports were provided. "Immediately that day, we included UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service (UCCM APS) in everything and we included Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) in every-

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Law & Order

Manitoulin OPP investigates serious collision on Highway 17

The Manitoulin Island detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) investigated a serious motor vehicle collision on Highway 17 last week.

On September 27, at approximately 3:32 pm, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP, the Nairn-Hyman fire department and Sudbury ambulance responded to a collision on Highway 17 in Nairn-Hyman Township involving a passenger vehicle and a tractor trailer.

As a result of the collision, the driver of the passenger vehicle was airlifted by Air Ornge to hospital. The driver sustained serious but non-life-threatening injuries. A passenger in the vehicle and the driver of the tractor trailer were transported by Sudbury ambulance to hospital for assessment.

Highway 17 was closed from Old Nairn Road to Smith Road for approximately eight hours. A detour was available for passenger vehicles only.

The investigation is on-going currently with the assistance of the Traffic Incident Management Enforcement Team, a traffic collision investigator and a reconstructionist.

Updates will be provided when available.

Charges laid in major traffic accident

Charges have now been laid in a major motor vehicle collision that took place at the downtown intersection of Highway 551 and Highway 542 in the town of Mindemoya, this past July.

Police told The Expositor on Monday a 17-year-old has been charged with careless driving causing bodily harm, under the Highway Traffic Act section 130 subsection 3.

The Manitoulin detachment of the OPP reported that on July 19, shortly after 6:30 pm, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP and the OPP's Technical Collision Investigation and Reconstruction Unit responded to a two-vehicle motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Highway 551 and Highway 542 in the town of Mindemoya.

OPP investigation determined that a car was northbound on Highway 551 (Yonge Street) and failed to stop for a stop sign and collided with a pickup truck that was eastbound on Highway 542.

A passenger in the car, 51-year-old Larissa Moffat (from Whitefish Falls), was transported to Health Sciences North in Sudbury having sustained life-altering injuries, the OPP reported. Ms. Moffatt was the only passenger in the vehicle that was seriously hurt. No one in the truck was injured, the OPP told The Expositor.



From left is P/C Braeden Kublick, P/C Clifton Wassengeso and P/C Benjamin Cleary.

Manitoulin OPP welcomes three new officers

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is welcoming three new recruits to the force, Provincial Constable Braeden Kublick, Provincial Constable Clifton Wassengeso and Provincial Constable Benjamin Cleary.

"It has certainly been an adjustment getting used to Island life, but I am loving it," P/C Kublick tells The Expositor. "Everyone has been incredible helping me transition and showing me the ropes along the way. Coming from Peterborough it has taken some time getting used to 'island time,' but I'm starting to get there. The work environment is second to none and its great being surrounded by so many people who are willing to help whenever I have a question."

"Aanii, hello, my name is Clifton Wassengeso and I was born and raised on Manitoulin Island, originally from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory," said P/C Wassengeso. "Although only four months

on the job, it's been a pleasure working for the communities and people on the Island as well as my colleagues here with the Manitoulin OPP. Everyone here has been welcoming and very supportive. The Island has always been home and the people are one of a kind. I continue looking forward to providing a service to Manitoulin Island and its residents. It is great to be back!"

P/C Cleary explained that he lived in Oshawa for most of his life and had not known about Manitoulin Island before applying to the OPP. "I always wanted to be a police officer in order to serve my community and to help out in any situation in any capacity. The Little Current OPP members have been very welcoming and involved with my move to the Island and they have been very helpful in getting my wife and I settled in the community. The communities of Manitoulin Island have also been very welcoming to our family and to me as a new member of the OPP."

Welcome to Manitoulin, officers!

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Remember when cosmetic surgery was a completely taboo subject? Now, you mention Botox and nobody raises an eyebrow. Well, like many people of a certain age, the lighthouse in the village has been showing some wear and tear from time (and gravity), and like many people fighting age (and gravity) the lighthouse will be getting some TLC. A nip and tuck, some cosmetic adjustments, a bit of a facelift as it were. We are assuming that afterwards it will look a little lighter and will be turning heads!

Congratulations to quintessential Kagawongian, Mary Buie! Having raised over \$2,700 for this year's CIBC Run for the Cure, she was among the top three fundraisers for the Sudbury event! About a dozen supporters of Mary came out on Sunday as she led a pink-clad parade on a 3-km walk through the village to raise awareness. Well done, Mary! You are an amazing inspiration!

There is a planned power outage on Saturday, October 23rd from 8 am to 5 pm. It will affect most of Manitoulin. It's never too early to plan ahead. Case in point: Manitoulin used to have an ice making company and they didn't take any precautions for the last major planned outage and they went into liquidation.

Got extra pumpkins and decorative squash? It's time to make Kagawong look autumn gourd-geous! The Harvest Glory Days winners will be decided the week after Thanksgiving, so there's still lots of time to zhuzh up your home and business. Check out <https://www.manitoulin.com/harvest-glory-days/> for more information.

Happy belated birthday to Kagawongian-by-marriage Kathryn B who turned 29 on Saturday. Tomorrow, Jamie F will be celebrating his 29th as well. Remember, it's never too late to become what you want. Unless what you want to become is younger.

The Township of Billings is once again hiring! If you or

someone you know might be interested in applying for the role of Township Treasurer, visit <https://billingstwp.ca/employment-opportunities/> to see the full job description. Applications are being accepted until 12 noon on Friday, October 8, 2021.

Looking to get involved in the community in a less formal way? There are currently vacancies on the Parks, Rec and Wellness Committee, as well as the Economic Development Committee. If you are interested in joining one of these committees, visit the township website (<http://billingstwp.ca>) for information and application forms.

If you need proof of vaccination, visit <http://covid19.ontariohealth.ca> to print out your vaccination receipts. If you need help, stop in at the township office or library during their regular hours and someone will be happy to help you. The Manitoulin Tennis Club will have one last session for the season on Sunday, October 10th at 10 am at the Manitoulin Secondary School courts. Whether you are a tennis ace, or just absolutely love the sport (see what we did there?), all are welcome to come out and play. Have you ever considered that Amazon was actually invented by cats trying to find a way to get more cardboard boxes into their homes? As unlikely as that sounds, it's always a paws-ibility. Have a great week!

Silver Water Karen Noble

The calendar has moved to October already. The leaves are turning beautiful colours. The autumn decorations are fantastic on the drive to Mindemoya. I was in Silver Lake up to my ankles on Saturday and it was refreshing.

Gwen Binsfeld and friends went in for a swim off Cook's Dock.

Lloyd and Jean Steeves attended their grandson's wedding on September 25.

Brian Lamothe and Catharine Witty were married at Laurie

and Marc Lamothe's home on Lake Wahnapiatae. A number of relatives attended the wedding of Kim Everett and Darren Lewis in Espanola on October 2. Congratulations to both couples.

Jordan Duncanson and her friend Sam visited with her grandparents Murray and Gladys Duncanson on the weekend. They toured the Island on their way to Silver Water. Get well wishes to Gloria McDonald.

Congratulations to great-grandparents Lenna and Albert Noland and grandparents Barb and Gary Gilpin on the birth of Hank Marvin on August 16 to Charlene Gilpin and her partner.

Condolences to the family of Archie Cadden who died on September 29 and to the whole community of Meldrum Bay who will miss him dearly. Archie always had a twinkle in his eyes when he was beating me at euchre.

The annual meeting of the Silver Water Recreation Center is set for Wednesday, October 13 at 7 pm at the Silver Water Community Hall. The agenda includes the election of two officers and one director for the board, as well as other items. All are welcome. Please wear a mask and follow all protocols required, including providing proof of vaccination per the government of Ontario current laws. www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r21645, section 2.1. A number of people have enquired about the euchre games resuming. After the meeting there may be an answer to that question. I have officially retired from running the euchre games in Silver Water.

The mini market at 20563 Hwy 540 will be held on Monday, October 11, weather permitting.

The recycle bins will be open Monday, October 11 from 1 to 2 pm.

The proceeds for October fundraising will be donated to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary as this is Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

Ride share pilot project address climate change, lack of public transit on Western Manitoulin

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

KAGAWONG—United Manitoulin Islands Transit (UMIT) is currently circulating a petition to gather support for the development of a ride share system on Manitoulin to support the reduction of carbon emissions on the Island and to mitigate the effects of climate change for future generations.

Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes dropped by UMIT's booth at the 2021 Elemental Festival in Kagawong and signed the petition, which will become part of a community support letter attached to an upcoming funding application for the Rural Urban Transit Fund with Infrastructure Canada.

"The fund is specifically for ride shares and implementing innovative technology," said Kim Neale, currently a volunteer with UMIT in an advisory capacity. This application is for the first phase of the project, a planning grant that includes a feasibility study. "Phase one is to determine what electric vehicle (EV) charging stations we want to buy and what the best locations for them are going to be."

Two of the four initial EV charging stations will be in Indigenous communities and two will be in non-Indigenous communities. UMIT is moving forward with a ride share pilot project using gas powered vehicles. "We're going to figure out where we have the most demand," Ms. Neale said.

The ultimate goal is to install the first four publicly available EV charging stations on the Island so there will always be a charging station that members of the public can pay for. At each of the charging stations there'll be a designated spot for the ride share vehicles to plug in eventually because each station has two plug-ins. "If it goes well and there's a lot of demand, we may find we need more EV charging stations, more ride share cars and more drivers."

"We're trying to promote ride share on the west side of the Island," said UMIT Executive Director Johanna Berti. "We're still looking for drivers to help us run this pilot and show us the feasibility of this as a long-term service. Ride share is not like a taxi. It truly is sharing a ride with other people who are starting at a similar point and going to a similar destination. It's much cheaper than a taxi."

They're hoping the pilot project will demonstrate a sustainable long term future for public transit on the Island. Currently the ride share system is designed to meet up with the existing bus service on the southeastern side of the Island. "A fixed route bus service lacks the flexibility to serve the ridership needs of the travelling public," Ms. Berti said. Ridership on the bus has been low during COVID but there has been a slow increase since July.

This is something we need to happen now, she said. "This isn't something we can download to the next council, to the next person who gets voted in. There's no more time left. We've been told since 1968 with Rachel Carson's 'Silent Spring' that this is what we're heading for."

"We've somehow managed all this time to avoid that it's had anything to do with us personally," she continued. What is clear to her now ("just talk to anybody who knows anybody from Lytton, BC") is that time is over. "When we see 40°C temperatures in Northern Canada anywhere in a dome that doesn't move for weeks, it's here. It's in Canada. It's now. With a 75 percent increase in forest fires in Northern Ontario just this summer along with wildly varying temperatures throughout, we must undeniably recognize climate change is upon us here on Manitoulin."

Every car that drives on Island roads emits about four tonnes of greenhouse gases per year. Reducing two car families to one car families could substantially decrease the carbon tonnage the Island emits into the atmosphere on an annual basis, Ms. Berti said. "The differences that we saw in the first three weeks of this pandemic in the first three weeks when everything was locked down and jet planes were grounded, there was a great reduction in traffic emissions other forms of pollutants. It took the environment three weeks to come back to life and show us things we hadn't seen for decades," she pointed out. "That is compelling and we could see it in our own skies right over Manitoulin during that period."

Ms. Berti wants people to realize that while climate change is upon us, so too are the solutions. They don't necessarily have to be huge changes. "A series of small changes will make a difference because they'll all add up but we're coming from a very corporate, 'bigger is better' sort of thinking and at this time it's difficult to see that what we do in our own backyard will add up."

She acknowledges it is challenging for municipalities, particularly rural ones. The order of decision making for municipalities has been relatively innocuous and many considerations have been social or driven by municipal boundaries. "We need to recognize the Island is one place, regardless of municipal boundaries, and everything that is happening in Ontario is affecting us in ways that we can both see and not see."

"The human challenge is changing the way we think in order to recognize the problem and then work together to come up with viable solutions," she continued. "At an international level we don't do this well. At a national level we don't do it well. At a local level we're clearly challenged or we are struggling. The interesting thing to me is we're living in a time when we have more in common as a species and we have more in common in terms of desired outcome as ever has been true in human history."

She quotes the recent words of youth climate activist, Greta Thunberg: "Youth are not going to save us and we will not forgive you." The young scientists of the future are not going to save us, said Ms. Berti. "Let's stop this fantasy that young people are going to forgive us for being greedy, for seeing the freight train coming and doing nothing to stop the oncoming traffic. If we miss this opportunity now to do something to mitigate the situation, with all of the information we have available to us, there really is nobody to blame but the currently existing population."

She circles back to climate change in terms of transit. "Half of our emissions come from our vehicles so our reticence to utilize shared or public transit is now coming into sharp focus when we consider a zero emissions future."

Little NHL tourney slated to return in 2022

NIPISSING FIRST NATION—The Nipissing First Nation (NFN) host committee and Little Native Hockey League (LNHL) executive have announced that planning for the 2022 LNHL tournament is well underway. The tournament usually includes many teams from First Nations around Manitoulin Island. Keeping current public health measures and rising vaccination rates in mind, the organizers are optimistic about hosting the 49th annual tournament from March 13-17, 2022 in the City of Mississauga.

"Everyone involved in the planning effort is eager to pick up where we left off following the cancellation of the 2020 and 2021 tournaments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The difficult decision to cancel consecutive tournaments was made entirely out of concern for the health and wellbeing of participants and their families," a Nipissing First Nation release explains.

"We are grateful to the City of Mississauga and Tourism Mississauga for their continued support and for sponsoring the tournament," said LNHL president Marian Jacko. "We would also like to recognize and thank our other main presenting sponsors, Hydro One, Peace Hills Trust and Indigenous Services Canada, and sponsors at all levels for standing by us through these challenging times and committing to supporting the 2022 tournament. Chi-miigwech!"



Plans will be fluid as some details will depend on public health measures six months from now, but the host committee is set on re-energizing the theme of the 2020 tournament 'All Nations, One Family.' Nipissing First Nation Chief Scott McLeod said, "our theme seems more fitting than ever seeing how much we have all missed this hockey tradition that our children and communities look forward to every year. Nipissing is more than ready to finally host an unforgettable experience for our brothers and sisters across Ontario."

Ms. Jacko said, "we look forward to bringing First Nation youth and families together again to create lasting memories and friendships while showcasing the four pillars of the LNHL: education, respect, citizenship and sportsmanship."



MSS Robotics Team and SHARE/Go-Green trail clean up

On September 23, Manitoulin Metal and SHARE/Go-Green teamed up to make a difference for the Earth. The trail neighbouring the school was filled with litter. The two groups decided to work together to take action, and working together, they collected 12 bags of garbage and recycling.

photo by Yana Bauer



One hundred and twenty-seven bikers took part in the third annual 'Ryleigh's Ride.'

Third Ryleigh's Ride for Johnny draws 127 bikers from Sudbury to Manitoulin

SUDBURY—A Sudbury woman kept up a tradition started by her husband, one that saw hundreds of motorcyclists ride from Sudbury to Manitoulin Island to raise funds for Toronto's Sick Kids Hospital.

Kerri Chevrier lost her husband, Johnny Valcourt, earlier this year in a motorcycle collision. The couple had two daughters, three-year-old Ryleigh and two-year-old Olivia. Ryleigh had been a premature baby having received care at Toronto's Hospital

for Sick Children.

Two years ago, Mr. Valcourt had spearheaded the fundraising ride from Sudbury to Manitoulin Island to raise funds for Sick Kids hospital in thank you to the hospital for the care they had provided Ryleigh.

The annual ride held last month brought together a total of 127 bikes and 184 riders taking part. Over \$13,000 was raised for Sick Kids.

Ms. Chevrier said the ride will continue, and she is already looking forward to next year's event.

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The recommended motion read that the board write a letter to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Health to ask that the Immunization of School Pupils Act be amended to include COVID-19 as a "designated disease" as recommended by the strategic planning committee.

"I just would provide the information that the Chief Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Kieran Moore), and the Health Minister (Christine Elliott) have indicated that they are considering it," said Trustee Anita Gibson. She noted her concerns about the wording of the original motion, specifically asking the province to carry this out. She felt 'consider' would be a better word to use in the motion.

Trustee Kerrie St. Jean



Trustee Margaret Stringer

said, "I echo similar concerns. To consider adding this to the Immunization of School Pupils Act is a little premature, given there are only approved vaccines for kids who are turning 12 and older this year."

"I understand my colleagues' concerns, but a process to vaccinate those children aged 5-11 will eventually be in place I'm sure,"

said Trustee Stringer. "When I hear the province is considering adding COVID-19 to the act is great, but it is not the same as acting on it."

Trustee Judy Kosmerly told the board, "I too have problems with the wording as presented. I agree our board needs to be heard but it's the wording I have concerns with."

Manitoulin First Nation trustee Linda Debassige said, "sometimes issues like this can get caught up in semantics. We are asking the province to add COVID as a designated disease to the Act. What we are asking for is designed to help keep students and staff safe. Medical experts have been asking for the same thing."

"I didn't see anything threatening in the motion," said Trustee Bob Clement. "Basically, we are standing

by the government to make the decision on this. I'll be supporting the motion."

Trustee Stringer then put forward a friendly amendment to the motion, changing the word ask to consider amending the Immunization of School Pupils Act to include COVID-19 as a 'designated disease.'

"I can move the proposed amendment," said Trustee Dena Morrison.

The trustees approved the amended motion to forward a letter to government officials, with Trustees Gibson and St. Jean opposed.

The act referenced in the motion requires that children and adolescents attending primary or secondary school be appropriately immunized against designated diseases, unless they have a valid exemption.

...Manitoulin Health Centre sets staff vaccination protocols

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ed on a minimum weekly basis currently because there are no active COVID-19 cases on the Island."

Ms. Fields explained, "if and when confirmed COVID-19 cases increase these same staff members will have to be tested two to three times per week." She pointed out those that are medically exempt must be tested weekly.

"Those staff members who are refusing to get vaccinated have to go through a progressive discipline program and are placed on leave of absence (immediately) and can't come to work," continued Ms. Fields. However, she explained, "we're finding that this has encouraged staff in a great number of cases to get vaccinated."

"We only have four staff that have chosen not to be vaccinated," said Ms. Fields. "We are doing really well, better than a lot of hospitals."

Ms. Fields said that one major concern of the MHC is that the hospitals have seen a shortage of registered nurses and registered practical nurses throughout the entire pandemic, as has been the case throughout Ontario.

"We need more nurses desperately."

"I wish the province would implement the New Graduate Initiative program that supports new nurses for nine months in their new role," said Ms. Fields. She explained, "the MHC offers nurses incentives up to \$5,000. This includes a sign on incentive of \$2,500 after completion of probation and another \$2,500 after the completion of the first year." As well, a referral incentive for staff who refers a nurse to the MHC

receives \$500. The MHC also provides free in-house training of basic cardiac life support advanced cardiac life support, pediatric advanced life support, learned essential approaches to palliative care and the neonatal resuscitation program. (Each of these courses cost a minimum of \$350 and are offered free to MHC nurses).

As well, through the Ministry of Health tuition reimbursement, nurses can apply to have their tuition reimbursed but they must

provide the years of service in return. And with the Ministry of Health loan forgiveness program, nurses can have their OSAP loans forgiven.

"MHC is a wonderful place to start your nursing career and build nursing skills, you receive a solid foundation and well-rounded experience in providing care to emergency, medical, palliative, cardiac, obstetrical and non-clinical staff as well as have the opportunity to live on a beautiful Island."

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appealed by the government, "the only ones that are winners in all of this are the legal people," said Regional Chief Hare. "When the federal courts decide on these cases no one should have to rely on the legal people to have to fight appeals being made by the federal government."

"I feel that yes and no, these (federal court) decisions are good," stated Chief Hare when contacted by The Expositor on Thursday of last week. "You know, Cindy Blackstock (executive director of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada) said it very well when she said to the

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Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Aspen Debassige

CONGRATULATIONS, ANNIE!

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ANNIE BALFE

Annie Balfe is an excellent addition as a Manitoulin Secondary School Mustang. In her Grade 9 year Annie was not able to compete in any MSS sports due to Covid restrictions. She has always done well in every sport she tries and is excited to be able to join competitive teams this year. Annie plans on trying out for as many sports as possible, including basketball, volleyball and track and field.

So far Annie has made the senior basketball team. Unfortunately, due to a low turnout for junior girls tryouts we will not see a junior squad hit the court. However, because of Annie's elite skills they decided she would play up on the senior team. Annie loves the team work aspect of all sports and is always encouraging her linemates and "pumping up" her team.

The senior girls' basketball team has been practicing three times a week in preparation for their first games of the season in the upcoming week. Due to Covid protocols there will be no spectators allowed in to cheer for the Mustang team but that is okay with Annie because she just loves to play. Not having fans just might ease some of those nerves in the home opener and allow her to make some awesome shots. She is always eager to learn new plays that can be incorporated into their games. The senior coaches are Mr. John Balfe, who also happens to be Annie's dad, and Mrs. Dianne Glasby-Debassige.

During her free time Annie enjoys participating in several other activities aside from sports. Annie has always taken a liking to the baking world. Over the Covid break she found healthy recipes to try that paired perfectly with her home basketball practice regimen. Eating healthy is a big deal in her house, she fondly remembers planting an orange tree in her back yard when she was five years old. Now she can just pick them off the tree to maintain some of that important Vitamin C!

Annie is seldom bored as she can always find something to do with her multiple pets. She often takes her puppy, Mabel, on walks to stay active and spends time training and riding her horse. Annie loves to play with her cat named Missy and her adopted raccoon, Marley, who sometimes thinks he's a cat. You can also find Annie working her part-time job at the Mindemoya pharmacy.

Annie has been a natural at most of the sports she attempts to play. In minor hockey she played for the Mindemoya Thunder and has won medals and awards for most valuable player and fastest skater for her age group. She prides herself on being a hard worker which is great because hard work is something that is demanded by her coach. Annie believes that a great offense starts with a great defense and that is why she won the defensive player award at a basketball camp she attended. This just might be what the senior girls' Mustangs need to win some games this season.

Annie lives on the outskirts of Mindemoya and she attended CMPS (Central Manitoulin Public School) for her elementary years. There Annie played multiple sports including basketball and volleyball. She has always enjoyed competing in the Manitoulin Island championships for those sports. In eighth grade she was chosen to be valedictorian, which she describes as a highlight from elementary school.

Annie admits that her dad is the one who inspires her the most when it comes to everyday life and sports. An intense crossfit and hockey coach and MSS Mustang himself, John Balfe, is no stranger to working hard at everything he does and he inspires Annie to do the same. A quote that he recently shared with her really struck home - "discipline is freedom." It means doing the hard stuff when you're supposed to, regardless of your feelings at that moment and you slowly lay the foundation of achieving your goals, brick by brick. She says she knows if she follows this she will improve physically and mentally.

If you happen to see this Manitoulin Mustang, please wish her the best in all her future endeavours! Let's go Mustangs!

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...Other avenues to be explored for Gore Bay arena roof

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 roof has been leaking for a number of years, and bandaids solutions have been used in the past to keep things going. Public works can probably patch the arena for another winter, but it would not be good for the arena. By putting off this work for this year it would just put this off into next year and we would still have to find the funds to have the work done."

Originally the town had awarded the tender for the work on the arena roof at a total of \$86,310.53 to Lignum Builders Ltd. for the repair. However, this did not include the labour and equipment which is another \$95,713.26.

It was pointed out the

town had received government grant funding of \$100,000 for the Buoy's building roof, marina roof and arena roof (with all of the work done on the other roof projects).

"We have grant money to carry out this work?" asked Mr. Clark.

Council was told they could take funds of \$36,500 from its capital costing which will leave a shortfall of \$60,000. The town had also received funding of \$150,000 from a Municipal Modernization accessibility grant that had been designed to be used for the Gore Bay Medical Centre.

"So, we could use \$50,000 of that funding, and that would leave \$10,000 remaining that we would have to find in general revenues that we would have

to look at," said Councillor Clark.

Councillor Kevin Woestenenk suggested that possibly the Western Manitoulin Hockey Association (WMHA) and other local service groups like the Lions, Rotary and Royal Canadian Legion could be asked if they would like to support the project, or to put on a fundraiser on, instead of \$10,000 having to be taken out of the town's general revenue.

"It won't make things easier to put this work off for another year," stated Councillor Clark.

Council passed a motion, moved by Councillor Jack Clark and seconded by Councillor Ken Blodgett, that reads in part, "council proceed with the approval of the arena ten-

der and allocate the remainder of \$36,500 from capital costing from the following items: culvert inspections, basement shelving, ice plant hydro control system, boardwalk shore plan erosion, harbour centre landscaping. Further, \$50,000 from the Municipal Modernization Fund be used towards the arena roof repair. And further, the remainder outstanding balance for the roof repair is paid for from general revenue."

"We have to find another \$10,000 somewhere, or it will have to come out of our general revenues," Mayor Osborne told The Expositor after the meeting. "So, something will suffer if we are not able to find the \$10,000 in general revenues."

...MPB approves development on Little Lake Huron Road

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 way, not a road.

"You've touched on something here Dan," said Mr. Brown. "It's private property. Unless it's reversed and they service and bring the road up to provincial standards so it is deemed a road, it's out of our bounds." Ms. Carlisle said this application was brought to the MPB, "when a planning application is made and we approve an application planning application in way, MPB is the authority. When we approve we agree to the provincial policy statement. The road is travelable but can be improved."

"The fire chief said the road isn't travelable for the fire trucks," said board

chair Richard Stephens.

Board member Tim Mackinlay said, "If someone on the road is having a heart attack at 3 am the road can be negotiated, but not in a timely manner. It is debatable if the fire trucks can get down there, it would definitely take time, and depending on where we have to respond to on the road it could take 40 minutes to get there."

"Personally, I think there needs to be a compromise here," said board member Doug Head. "The roads board needs to make sure brushing is done, and someone has to make sure that some tax money is going into improving the road conditions."

"I totally agree with Tim and Doug," said Mr. Brown. Rob Campbell, who owns

property on Little Lake Huron Road said, "we own property down there. The road is in poor condition." He noted his property is about seven kilometres down the road, and noted that he couldn't get insurance on his property. "So, you're not depending on the fire department to get down the road," said Mr. Stephens. "I just wonder if people on the road would pitch in (funds) to have work done on the road?"

"It is beyond our scope," said Mr. Osborne. "We can relay concerns but if the roads board and township have no concerns, we don't have authority on this."

"Can we attach concerns to this file, just to let them know of the fire department concerns?" asked Mr.

Mackinlay.

Board member Ken Noland put forward the motion approving the application to amend the zoning bylaw to allow for development of a seasonal cottage on the property, with Lee Hayden seconding the motion.

Mr. Hayden said, "we can all agree the road needs work but as long as the roads board says the road is accessible that is as far as we can go."

"I agree with Lee, we can get down there, but it's going to take time," said Mr. Mackinlay, who is a member of the Robinson Township fire department.

No one objected to the amendment to the zoning bylaw being passed to allow for the seasonal dwelling to be constructed.

...Tour de Meldrum Bay raises over \$26,000

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 erinarian medicine) to your community with your work with service clubs, and your support of your church, and as a municipal councillor."

"I know one of your other passions is your family," stated Dr. Hamilton. "And you have roped in members of your family to take part and help in the ride. Thank you to your wife Holly, your daughters and sons-in-law, and now your grandchildren who partici-

pate."

Judy Mackenzie, president of the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary said, "congratulations to Dale Scott and company for such a great accomplishment. The hospital has benefitted for many years from the Ride to Meldrum, but this year is certainly special. You have hit a milestone!"

Ms. Fields noted several of the MHC employees have indicated they would like to join in on the Tour de Meldrum in 2022. As a

participant in the ride this year she said, "it was such a nice ride. And what made it extra special is that (the experienced riders) kept circling back (on the route) around and checking on the rest of us riders, and there was music playing along the way. It was really fun."

"I would like to thank Dale for how smoothly the event went," stated Mr. Vine. "The event ran like a fine Swiss watch. This donation is a big boost to our fundraising campaign

as it gets closer to our goal. There are still funds to raise but we are very grateful to the support we are receiving from the community. It demonstrates how important the hospital is in the community, how big of an impact it has on the community and how the excellent care provided at the hospital is appreciated. A very big thank you to Dale and the organizers and a thank you to the entire Island community for being so generous."



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Autumn Peltier of Wiikwemkoong receives community vision youth award

WIKWEMKOONG—Autumn Peltier of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, who is the Anishinabek Nations Chief Water Commissioner, garnered another award recently.

Last week, Ms. Peltier was chosen from among five young women, each of whom are making a difference in the world and using their voice for positive social change, to receive the 2021 RevolutionHer Community Vision Youth Award.

The award recognizes youth between the ages of 13-18 operating as a volunteer, philanthropist or entrepreneur. "The ideal candidates are active in their community and are passionate about speaking and spearheading to create a better future for the next generation," a release says.

"Autumn Peltier is a 16-year-old Anishinabe environmental activist for the Indigenous People in Canada," the RevolutionHer profile reads. "She began to use her voice at the age of eight to bring awareness about boil water advisories on Indigenous communities across Canada. She wanted to bring awareness that young Indigenous kids younger than her didn't know what clean drinking water from a tap was. She also was confused that there were Indigenous communities in Ontario that didn't have clean water for over 25 years. What confused her is that Canada is a resource



Autumn Peltier of Wiikwemkoong has received the 2021 RevolutionHer Community Vision Youth Award.

wealthy country and her people lived in third world conditions. So, she began to use her voice for the people and the water." The competition, held across North America, garnered over 1,600 nominations being delivered, and 151 women and youth selected from the voting round. A selection committee announced the top finalists on June 18.

Since 2013, the RevolutionHer annual awards has recognized over 3,000 women and created over \$200,000 in combined bursaries, mentorships and promotion to its winners.

Ms. Peltier will receive a prize package valued over \$5,000 to help amplify her cause and support her success.

Capital renovation projects completed at several Manitoulin Island RDSB schools

SUDBURY—Several Manitoulin Island schools have been part of the capital renovation projects carried out on schools within the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) this year.

Natalie Mousseau, manager of facilities for RDSB, outlined the many renovation projects that have taken place in both elementary and secondary schools this year. For Manitoulin Island schools she explained, "a water bottle filling station was installed at Central Mani-

toulin Public School (Mindemoya), Charles C. McLean Public School (Gore Bay) and Manitoulin Secondary School (M'Chigeeng First Nation)."

"At Assiginack Public School, brick was replaced at the school," said Ms. Mousseau. "The gravel parking area was extended to allow more parking and improve traffic flow. As well, water lines were also replaced, as were windowsills."

For CMPS "new boilers were installed, creating a

more efficient heating system. An outdoor fenced in area was added to house the new propane tanks for the boilers. Building controls were also added, and water lines were replaced in the school."

Ms. Mousseau continued, "ventilation units were installed at Assiginack Public School, Central Manitoulin Public School and Charles C. McLean Public School."

Mechanical ventilation is being installed at Manitoulin Secondary School, added Ms. Mousseau.

...Mindemoya Coffee Club benefits

...continued from page 3 with the idea of why not some of the guys that I normally have coffee with at the restaurant come over here every morning."

"We had been meeting at Mum's Restaurant every day," said one member of the group on hand last Wednesday.

Ms. Haner explained, "basically I thought it would be a good thing to help everyone cope with the pandemic. The guys just needed to be able to sit and talk, find out about things that are going on, and joke around. Since the pandemic has been going on so long, they haven't been able to do this at the restaurant." She makes the coffee every morning. The group members had offered to pay for their coffee, "but I didn't want to take anything for the coffee, so instead we put a donation jar out for the hospital auxiliary." The first gathering took place the first Friday in July, and every member of the group has received double vaccinations.

Ms. Haner pointed out that local resident Karlene Scott donated two cans of coffee for the club, and "we've had muffins, banana bread and even Tim Horton's Timbits one morning, donated by people."

The club's donation jar, "reached \$500," said Ms.

Haner. "It seemed natural to have the donation jar for the hospital auxiliary; unfortunately, we are all going to end up in the Mindemoya Hospital at some point. And the hospital auxiliary has had to cancel several fundraising events that they usually hold during the year."

Judy Mackenzie, president of the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary told The Expositor, "In November it will be four events that we have had to cancel this year."

"It has been a really good place to come to every morning," one of the coffee club members told The Expositor.

"We really appreciate it," stated two other mem-

bers of the club.

"We are very grateful for people like this coffee group that thought of the Mindemoya Hospital this year. The Let's Emerg Together Campaign benefits from these donations," said Ms. Mackenzie.



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...Salmon killed within fish sanctuary, eggs taken for bait

...continued from page 1 for the salmon population of the area. There, on the side of the riverbank, lay three large salmon that had their bellies slit and their eggs removed, likely for bait purposes. The rest of the meat was left to spoil. There was evidence of other salmon carcasses that had been stripped of their meat and strewn on the grass.



These salmon carcasses have had their bellies slit, were gutted for their eggs and left to rot on the riverbank.

Mr. Leblanc admitted to being overwhelmed with a feeling of disgust at the sight of the dead fish. "It brought me right back to when I was dating my wife and we saw the same thing on the Mindemoya River (at Providence Bay). That actually stopped me from fishing for many years."

When Mr. Leblanc shared this finding with his class at Central Manitoulin Public School, one student produced research that shows that one female Chinook salmon will produce between 4,000 and 13,000 eggs. These eggs translate into future fish and a stronger fishery for Manitoulin waters, one that

many depend upon for their livelihoods.

"It's absolutely disgusting, and it happens every year," said Dave Patterson, organizer of The Manitoulin Expositor Salmon Classic. "People are harvesting fish eggs from spawning salmon for bait, and those fish aren't coming back."

On a personal level, Mr. Patterson said he refuses to target salmon after late August as the meat becomes no good for eating, "so what are they doing with those fish anyway?" he asked.

"Four or five big salmon is potentially a couple of

hundred salmon that would have returned to that river," Mr. Patterson added. "Those fish bring millions of dollars to Manitoulin's economy."

"Those aren't fishermen, they're poachers," he added, encouraging anyone who sees anything untoward to report it to the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry.

The incident is currently under investigation by the ministry.

"(Ministry) Conservation Officers are currently investigating this matter which took place on Sep-

tember 21, 2021, before 5 am near the mouth of the Manitou River, on Manitoulin Island," a statement from CO Iain McGale reads. "If any member of the public who may have information regarding this occurrence are encouraged to contact the MNR Tips Line toll free at 1-877-847-7667. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS."

CO McGale said possible offences could include 'angling by other means' and spoilage.

"As this matter remains under investigation, I am unable to provide any further comment at this time," the CO said.

Mr. Leblanc said he wished there was better signage, marking the area as a fish sanctuary. He said he returned to Michael's Bay this past weekend to fish and had to inform three separate groups of people that they were fishing in a sanctuary, unbeknownst to them. They all thanked Mr. Leblanc for letting them know and moved on to a suitable fishing spot.

photo by André Leblanc

...Federal court dashes Canada's appeals to two rulings

...continued from page 8 government yesterday, "put down your sword."

"I really hope the federal government doesn't appeal the ruling(s), or you can throw the truth and reconciliation process being carried out today out the window," stated Chief Hare, last Thursday.

The Canadian Press (CP) reported September 29 that the federal court dismissed Ottawa's attempts to appeal a pair of rulings about providing service and compensation to First Nations children.

In September 2019, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal ruled Ottawa didn't properly fund children and family service, which resulted in it willfully and recklessly discriminating against Indigenous children living on reserve," reported CP. It ordered the federal government to pay \$40,000 each to about 50,000 First Nations children as well as their relatives, but the Liberal government appealed the ruling.

"No one can seriously doubt that First Nations people are amongst the most disadvantaged and marginalized members of Canadian society," Justice Paul Favel wrote in his decision released on Wednesday of last week. "The Tribunal was aware of this and reasonably attempted to remedy the discrimination while being attentive to the very different positions of the parties."

Justice Favel wrote, "in my view, the procedural history of this case has demonstrated that there is and has been good will resulting in significant movements toward remedying this unprecedented discrimination. However, the good work of the parties is unfinished. The parties must decide

whether they will continue to sit beside the trail or move forward in this spirit of reconciliation."

Ms. Blackstock says the judicial reviews Ottawa launched took direct aim at central calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada regarding child welfare and Jordan's Principle, reported CP. "This is the moment for Canadians, with the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and knowing that these are some of the top calls to action to get ahold of their elected officials and say, 'put down your sword'."

A second decision was announced by the federal court of Canada last week which approved a settlement reached in a class-action lawsuit against the federal government by survivors of residential schools who were left out of a 2006 settlement agreement.

The day scholars settlement, which had been announced in June, was approved by the federal court on September 24, a release from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada states. The settlement is separate from the 2019 settlement for former federal day school students, operated separately from residential schools but by many of the same groups that ran residential schools.

Crown-Indigenous Relations Minister Carolyn Bennett said in a release, "the mistreatment of Indigenous children is a tragic and shameful part of Canada's history,

the impacts of which are still being felt today. The Government of Canada is deeply committed to advancing reconciliation and healing for former Indian Residential School Day Scholars and their descendants."

"Certainly, I appreciate the comments the minister (Bennett) made," stated Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing. "But I would assume the government is looking at reviewing the decision. These decisions are being made repeatedly, with governments set on appealing decisions and not following court decisions."

"If the federal government is truly serious about reconciliation they will accept the courts decisions, respect them and do the right thing," said MP Hughes.

"I think it is time to move forward, the longer these cases drag on the more affects it has on residential school survivors," continued MP Hughes. "What's been happening is the government has been fighting the decisions made by the federal courts as part of the reconciliation. The 94 calls to action need to be acted on and the feds need to be at the table with First Nations and working with them. And Prime Minister Trudeau not being part of the First Truth and Reconciliation Day event shows a lack of understanding on the part of the prime minister a lack of understanding of Indigenous persons and issues that continue to affect them."

The settlement includes individual compensation of \$10,000, as well as support for healing, wellness, education, language, culture, heritage and commemoration for survivors and descendants, the release said. There is a 60-day appeal period.

"The courts have heard the cases and have made their decisions, let's move forward on all of these cases and court decisions," stated Regional Chief Hare.

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Grade 7 and 8 students stand outside of Charles C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay, prior to leading a walk through the town of Gore Bay on September 30, as part of the first Truth and Reconciliation Day.

Island schools and students participate in first Truth and Reconciliation Day

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—It was easy to recognize that students at Charles C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay were touched by the first Truth and Reconciliation Day September 30, and the reasons and meaning behind the day.

Among the many activities the school took part in included the Grade 7 and 8 classes leading a walk through the town wearing orange shirts to raise awareness about the history of residential schools. “The feeling of going out to represent something so important and getting an amazing response to what we were doing was very special. I hope others remember for days and years to come,” stated Grade 7 student Amara Wilson-Zegil.

Fia Flanagan, a Grade 8 student said, “I appreciated how some people were honking their horns to show that they supported what we were doing.”

“We walked for each child that was taken and for each child that sadly died,”

said Rylan Lock, a Grade 8 student.

And Jefferey Harper, a Grade 7 student said, “It was a very heartbreaking day to remember.”

Teacher Courtney Chatwell Lockyer explained, “we wanted to do something special to commemorate this day of Truth and Reconciliation. We thought it was important and fitting to have children walk to honour children, the survivors and their families, and all of the children that never came home.”

Students at C.C. McLean enjoyed a wide range of activities to learn about the significance of Orange Shirt Day. Grade 1 students watched CBC’s ‘Molly of Denali’ video as an introduction to residential schools, followed by a reflective discussion about how they would feel if something special were taken from them. Students in the primary music program learned about traditional Indigenous hand drumming.

To explore Canada’s Res-

idential School system from a child’s perspective, the C.C. McLean Grade 2/3 class read a series of stories including ‘When I Was Eight,’ ‘Not My Girl,’ and ‘Shin-chi’s Canoe.’ Students created orange hearts with words and images to reflect their learning and read The Orange Shirt Story by Phyllis Webstad, decorated paper orange shirts with “Every Child Matters.”

Grade 5/6 C.C. McLean students took part in daily seminars with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation that touched on treaties, land claims, language, culture, truth, reconciliation, Orange Shirt Day and knowledge trans-
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Tessa Kasch of Sault Ste. Marie welcomed as the new Manitoulin OPP Community Services Officer

by Tom Sasvari
 MANITOULIN—Constable Tessa Kasch is the new community services officer (CSO) for the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

“This is my first posting for the OPP,” Constable Kasch, who is originally from Sault Ste. Marie, told The Expositor on Wednesday, September 1.

She had taken training at the OPP Police College and the OPP Police Academy. Constable Kasch said a

career in the OPP, “is always something that I’ve been interested in doing. I think it is a rewarding job, there will definitely be hard days like it has been for everybody during the pandemic, but working for the OPP in the community will be a rewarding career.”

Constable Kasch told The Expositor she hopes to be able to get in contact and meet people and groups around the Island and the detachment in September and October, noting that as

part of her training she has been working on the road with fellow officers. “And I’m eager to work in schools as well. I feel it is important to get to know members of each community and build a relationship with them, gaining their trust and be able to help them develop programs that will benefit the community.”

“I will be covering the (CSO) duties in the Manitoulin and Espanola OPP area,” said Constable Kasch.



Constable Tessa Kasch says this is her first posting with the OPP.

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Island artist and fabricator Kathryn Corbiere unveils grandmother sturgeon sculpture at the Reconciliation Garden in Owen Sound

by Tom Sasvari

OWEN SOUND—The chair of the Gitche Namewikwedong Reconciliation Garden Project (GNRGP) cannot quite find all the words to describe a 15-foot-long grandmother sturgeon sculpture, created by Manitoulin Island artist and fabricator Kathryn Corbiere of One KWE, that was unveiled at the Reconciliation Garden located in Kelso Beach Park in Owen Sound.

“The sturgeon will look like it is swimming into the river. I can’t describe it any better way than to say it is beautiful,” stated Susan Stades Shank, chair of GNRGP, on Friday of last week, a day before the sculpture was unveiled at the park this past Saturday, October 2.

“Kathryn, an Anishinaabe-kwe artist from M’Chigeeng First Nation on Manitoulin Island, was selected to create the grandmother sturgeon sculpture at the Reconciliation Garden, and created the sculpture of Nookomis Gitche Name Kwe, whose sacred and iconic presence at the garden will serve as the physical, spiritual and cultural link to the traditional lands and waters of the Anishinaabeg,” says a news release from the garden committee.

Ms. Corbiere is a certified welder and fabricator, who owns One KWE, her fully equipped fabrication shop in her home community.

She said at the unveiling ceremony Saturday, “this is special, it feels like forever since I talked to the committee about this sculpture. Thank you to the (GNRGP) committee and the United Way for letting me construct this structure.”

“It has not been an easy project from the start,” said Ms. Corbiere, who noted, “I have been in the steel fabrication business for the past seven years,” noting this project was very much an emotional and difficult project at times during the process.

She got emotional in telling the gathering, “my grandmothers were both survivors of the residential schools in Spanish. That is

why this was such an important project to complete in their honour. But I didn’t do this alone. My parents had been part of picking the stones and florals from Manitoulin Island for the structure, and my partner who let me spend many hours working on this project.”

Ms. Corbiere explained she had used two types of metals in the sculpture, stainless and steel, and that the floral patterns on the grandmother sturgeon sculpture represented Ojibway culture. “The stones in the belly of the fish are representative of the eggs in the sturgeon, which is an endangered species of fish.” “I’m so happy the way this

sculpture turned out,” said Ms. Corbiere, explaining, “one detail that you don’t necessarily see on the sculpture, my grandmothers were both given numbers when they attended the residential schools in Spanish, and on the fish on either side of the fins are each of my grandmothers’ numbers, in their honour.”

Ms. Stades Shank told The Expositor, “this committee was formed in 2009. I had this vision in my mind to bring awareness to residential schools. A lot of people are not aware of or don’t recognize residential schools or other atrocities like the day schools. We felt that there needed to be some healing and a bunch

of my friends wanted to bring awareness.”

“We thought of a garden,” said Ms. Stades Shank. “Owen Sound was doing a plan for the Kelso beach near the original Nawash Nation.”

The Pottawatomi River, which runs along the Kelso Beach Park, was to be a healing trail. The Town of Owen Sound agreed with establishing this garden, said Ms. Stades Shank.

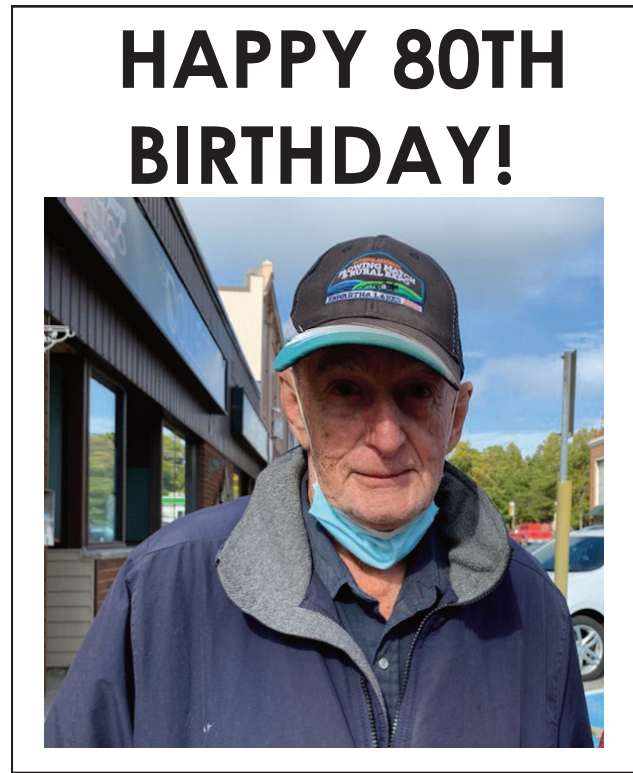
“The sturgeon grandmother was selected for the sculpture,” she continued,

noting that the fish is endangered “because it has been basically fished out. The sturgeon grandmother represents wisdom, knowledge and being a guardian of the Great Lakes,” continued Ms. Stades Shank. After a request for proposals, Ms. Corbiere was selected to complete the sculpture. The sculpture left Manitoulin Island by the Chi-Cheemaun ferry over to Tobermory and to Owen Sound last Thursday, in time for the celebration Saturday in Owen Sound.



Kathryn Corbiere, of M’Chigeeng First Nation, poses with this 15-foot-long grandmother sturgeon sculpture she created. The sculpture was unveiled by the Gitche Namewikwedong Reconciliation Garden Project committee, at the Reconciliation Garden located in Kelso Beach Park in Owen Sound, this past Saturday.

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Following Hope's Path XXIV

Mary Buie takes part in Run for the Cure cancer fundraiser for 10th time

EDITOR'S NOTE: In 2013 retired nurse and midwife Mary Buie approached *The Expositor* with a mission. She had recently been diagnosed with breast cancer and was wondering whether this newspaper would be interested in following her journey as she battled the disease. It was with some trepidation that this paper agreed as the eventual outcome was far from certain to be positive. What followed was an engaging series that leavened a very serious health issue with Ms. Buie's irrepressible personality. Ms. Buie recently informed *The Expositor* that she would once again be facing down cancer. *The Expositor* is restarting the series 'Following Hope's Path' to continue relaying the story of her journey.

by Michael Erskine

KAGAWONG—The cars start arriving outside the former St. Paul's Anglican Church (now the Old Church on the Hill) in Kagawong in an early morning mist. The car's occupants, bedecked in various items of pink accoutrements, are here to join Mary Buie for her 10th CBIC Run for the Cure. Ms. Buie is once again sitting third on the podium of fundraisers for the entire Sudbury region. She raised a whopping \$2,800 in pledges for cancer research.

Ms. Buie shared a history of the event, which has grown from a small group of volunteers in 1992 in Toronto's High Park (okay, it was 1,500 people, but that's small in Big Smoke terms—they raised \$85,000 for breast cancer research), to become Canada's largest single day, volunteer-led event in support of breast cancer research.

The event has since raised over \$471 million, \$432 million of which has been invested in groundbreaking breast cancer research that has enabled better understanding of breast cancer and better treatments and patient outcomes.

"I would not be here today without the progress that has been made with the cancer research that is being done," said Ms. Buie. "Everyone's cancer is different and the research has led to strategies that are targeted to the individual." Among advances are the use of genetic testing, the psychological impacts of a cancer diagnosis are better understood and now are prioritized as a critical part of cancer treatment. There are also now tests to help predict the risk of reoccurrence and to help guide treatment strategies.

"It's because of the monies raised that we know more than ever before how to prevent, diagnose, treat and live with and beyond cancer," said Ms. Buie. "People are living longer and fuller lives."

Joining Ms. Buie on her five kilometre walk were her son Neil Lawrence and a host of friends, including Heather Theisjmeijer (participating in her 12th Run for the Cure), Chris Theisjmeijer, Arik Theisjmeijer, Melanie Hunt, Marilyn Park, Jill Ferguson and Mary's grandchildren Simon and Sebastien Lawrence.

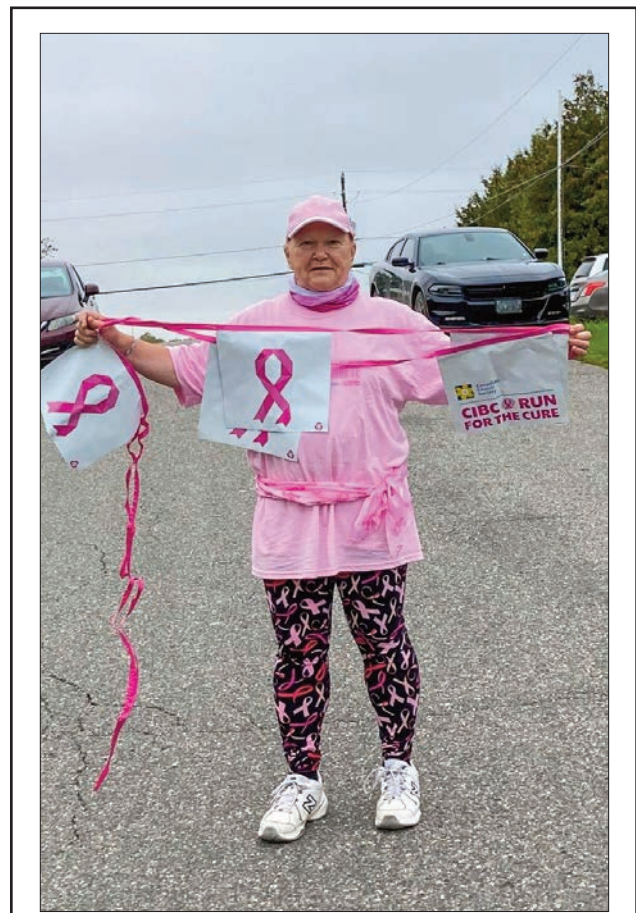
Ms. Buie notes that she will be needing all of the power of prayer and researchers' skills as her cancer remains in one of her lungs, despite the best efforts of chemotherapy and immunotherapy. Undaunted, she notes her good fortune in having relatives who work in cancer research and who keep her apprised of the latest and most advanced treatment possibilities.

But it is to her faith and spirituality that Ms. Buie turns to most in these times and that puts plenty of bounce in her irrepressible step.



From left, Arik Theisjmeijer, Melanie Hunt, Kerrene and Justin Tilson, Simon and Sebastien Lawrence (in box), Heather Theisjmeijer (participating in her 12th Run for the Cure), Chris Theisjmeijer, Mary Buie, Jill Ferguson and Marilyn Park joined Ms. Buie on her 10th Run for the Cure. Ms. Buie was the third top fundraiser in the Sudbury area.

photo by Michael Erskine



Running for the cure in Manitowaning

Brenda Newman of Manitowaning has been on numerous CIBC Runs for the Cure over the years and this year was no exception. Almost eight years ago this event took on a whole new meaning for Ms. Newman when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Now a survivor, she tries to raise a little money in donations each year and get out and do her walk in order to help others become survivors too.





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Seeds of Reconciliation spread at Manitowaning event

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—A parcel of land located beside the Manitowaning lighthouse remains part of the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories and so was chosen for the Sow the Seeds of Reconciliation event hosted at 3 pm by the Manitoulin circle of the Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) on the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, September 30.

Overlooking the waters of Manitowaning Bay, the site was also chosen for its historical significance in the interactions of the settler community and the Indigenous communities.

Order of Canada recipient Jeannette Corbiere-Lavell was supposed to be featured at the event, but was called away on an urgent personal matter.

Suzanne Knapp stood in Ms. Corbiere-Lavell's stead, welcoming everyone to the event and introducing the speakers, as well as giving her own thoughts on all things reconciliation.

Organizer biologist Judith Jones was on hand, complete with a paper bag filled with milkweed seeds that were handed out for the attendees to spread across the property following the speakers and songs.

Elder Rosemary Lavallee delivered a prayer and spoke at length in Anishinaabemowin. She exhorted those attending to speak out when they see injustices being done, that such things must never be allowed to happen again.



Jacob, Suzanne and Olivia Knapp pose for a three generation photo during the Ontario Native Women's Association Manitowaning Seeds of Reconciliation event outside the lighthouse.

During her sharing, Ms. Jones asked the question "what can we do?" in moving the process of reconciliation forward. "We are remembering them today," she said. "We now have a day where we can remember the experiences of the residential schools, we can remember what happened," she said. "I think, as people of the Manitoulin Island, we have a unique opportunity." She cited the close relationships between Indigenous and non-Native communities, noting that when the power was out in Manitowaning, Wiikwemkoong called to invite communities members to come to their backup-powered arena for warmth and refreshments.

As a personal effort, Ms. Jones makes sure to use words of greeting such as "aani" (hello) and "anishna" (how are you?) when working with young children. Taking off her hat, Ms. Jones said "if an old

photo by Michael Erskine grey-haired lady like me can learn the language, you can too!" She suggested that non-Native people could take a little effort to learn some simple words in Anishinaabemowin, it would be a small concrete step on the path toward reconciliation.

Residential school survivor Margaret Jackson spoke on her trips back to the residential school in Spanish, noting how pleased she was to be able to share those journeys with her three children. "What should we do? What should we pray for them?" she recalled of questions from a group from the Anishnaabe Spiritual Centre she brought to Spanish. "I don't think they need anything from us," she said. "They were innocents."

Ms. Jackson was only at the school for a short time, but the time she was going it was voluntary. Her family asked her if she wanted to

go back and she said "no. Thank goodness from all of the things I am hearing." She invited the attendees to go with her to Spanish to hear the stories. She related the fire drills that took place where children were forced to slide down a fireman's pole to the ground. "It was scary," she said.

Olivia Knapp, a new member of the ONWA circle, delivered an emotional address to conclude the event. "I think it is really important that we are all here," she said. "I recall growing up, our history books might have one page. We have lots of stories we could tell. I believe our youth, our generations coming forward, hopefully never happening again. The love and the kindness I have felt, just going through town, there is a lot of awareness."

As the gathering ended, seeds were distributed and spread out upon the wind as a symbol of hope and reconciliation.



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...A tale of Thanksgiving emerges from the midst of tragedy

...continued from page 1 arrived and carefully placed Mr. Moxam on a back board and transported him to the hospital, what followed was more than two months in the Sudbury intensive care unit, then a year-and-a-half in rehab and treatment regime in centres far from his beloved Tehkummah home.

The diagnosis was grim. Mr. Moxam had suffered a C6 injury to his spinal cord, one of the worst possible injuries that could have happened. A C6 spinal cord injury is one that affects the lower end of the spinal cord, right near to the base of his neck. Injuries to this region of the spinal cord can result in loss of sensation or function of everything in the body from the top of the ribcage on down, including all four extremities, resulting in what is known as quadriplegia.

Now labeled as a quadriplegic, Mr. Moxam faced a tough struggle ahead, one that would eventually allow the Tehkummah resident to finally get back home against all odds.

"The first responders are a great bunch of guys," Mr. Moxam told The Expositor. He noted that they still drop in on occasion to see how he is doing and what they can do to assist him.

"People were worried about the care that I would be able to access living in a rural area," he recalled. "It turned out to be the perfect option. The health centre team have been fantastic, all of the health professionals on the Island really."

Mr. Moxam grew up in Lively, a small community just outside Sudbury, before moving to Toronto for school and meeting his future partner, Mr. Sage. He enjoyed life in the big smoke, settling down in the Village area of downtown Toronto and where he followed his passion for music, getting the opportunity to DJ for many top events and raves while living and learning in the city.

But the couple eventually moved to Nova Scotia, where Mr. Moxam's career as a corporate travel agent with American Express took him. He eventually was promoted to a supervisory position. (He has since moved into a part-time position with the company.) "Since my injury, it was too

much to go back in full-time," he said. But his injury opened doors for him—particularly in his perspective.

When the opportunity came to move to Manitoulin, the Tehkummah area specifically, it was a dream come true for both Mr. Moxam and his partner. The view from the deck of their home on Government Road is nothing short of spectacular.

"AMEX GBC (Global Business Travel) has dived into diversity and inclusiveness," Mr. Moxam said of the mentorship and training role he now enjoys. His injury has provided him with a wealth of insight into the special needs of the disabled, both visible and invisible. "Before my injury when someone would say they needed more leg room when they were booking a flight, I might have been a bit sceptical. But I now realize, in the differences when I vacation, everything is more complicated. The hardest part is getting there."

There are so many simple things that people can take for granted that are not so simple when you have significant mobility issues. "Are the toilets in the resort accessible?" he said by way of example. He no longer makes those assumptions for himself, or for those he is assisting in making travel arrangements. This is true of both apparent and "invisible" injuries.

Since taking a closer interest in the market, AMEX GBC is "busier than ever," he said.

Like many during the pandemic, Mr. Moxam now works from home, but there are many adjustments to his workspace that have had to be made to accommodate his new reality.

He uses a trackball in place of a standard mouse, as his motor control in his hands largely precludes the latter. Dragonspeak voice recognition has been a god-send linking Mr. Moxam's voice to text.

Together with his partner, Mr. Moxam has redesigned their home with an eye to the possible and accessibility. Mr. Sage, of course, has done most of the physical work in making their home a productive space, and it remains somewhat of a work in progress,

advises Mr. Moxam. "It really is a good thing that we took this on ourselves," he said. Letting someone else design the renovations would not have worked out given Mr. Moxam's challenges. Heights of work-spaces and maneuver space is critical to function and highly custom to his circumstance.

But before he could even dream of going to work, there was a huge mountain to climb in his way. A year of laying in a bed with next to no control over his muscles led to significant atrophy of the muscles he would need to cope, particularly in his core and triceps muscles. Then there was the mental wall that descends on someone with his life-changing injuries.

Armed with a set of exercises tailored to his individual needs, Mr. Moxam set about rebuilding his body—as much as possible. "I have been told I have less than a one percent chance of ever walking again," he admitted. But if there was someone who might buck those odds, it could well be Mr. Moxam and his team of health support workers.

He places a lot of the credit for his advances with the support he has received from his team—particularly Ginger Cranston of the Manitoulin Physio Centre whose expertise in weight training has proven invaluable. Mr. Moxam also cited the expertise of Little Current registered massage therapist Given Cortez (Willow's Haven Massage Therapy Clinic) and the creativity of both when it comes to thinking outside the box in customizing exercises and treatments to his individual needs.

Turns out living in a rural community such as Tehkummah, and in fact all of Manitoulin Island, is not the barrier that urban health professionals thought it would be.

Mr. Moxam notes that even before his accident, the Tehkummah community was open and welcoming to the couple. "We have made a lot of friends here," he said. "We know all of our neighbours and they are all wonderful people." Following his injury, many of those friends and neighbours stepped up to offer their support—a true benefit of living the rural life.

"My story is about how, with the support of family and friends—especially Cliff, I am able to live a full life," he said. He still has days when he finds himself tired and weak, but he has been able to overcome all kinds of diversity to come to a happy place.

Mr. Moxam hosts a Facebook group, Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation & Recovery, that has risen to over 10,400 members and provides an opportunity for "family, friends, caretakers, trainers, physical and occupational therapists and all other medical professionals including doctors" to focus on rehabilitation and recovery with the motto that "anything is possible."

While Mr. Moxam may have been on the receiving end of a life-changing injury, it is neigh onto impossible to label this remarkable individual as a victim. As he and his partner live a full and enriched life overlooking the Tehkummah countryside, surrounded by friends and neighbours who drop in to see how they are doing, Mr. Moxam is anything but an engaging and positive, forward looking individual who embodies that Facebook page motto—"anything is possible."



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Harvest Glory Days winners announced!

How did your community's efforts fair?

MANITOULIN—Thanks-giving weekend is coming up, the leaves on the deciduous trees are daily falling more and more into line with the season and showing their fall palette and communities around Manitoulin have once again responded to the Harvest Glory Days autumn-theme decorating challenge, sponsored and organized by The Expositor Office as a community service.



This scarecrow couple make up a fine affair in Mindemoya. The competition for top honours in the 2021 Harvest Glory Days was intense, however.

Many of them with spectacular results.

For folks who are out and about this week, on the weekend and over the next weeks as well, here are some individual (and collective) displays to look for.

In Rockville, the community hall grounds were diligently decorated a week ago by the community. It's nicely done and the figure of a woman near the left front corner of the hall bears a remarkable resemblance to a former and long-time community member. The hall is located just past the famous "Rockville Road and Rockville Road" intersection.

In Sheguiandah, the home at the corner of the Townline Road and Highway 6, across from the Howland Seniors' Hall, has gone all out and it's a great display. There are several other excellent front yard displays along Townline Road.

Also in Sheguiandah, as usual, there is a wonderful display on Bass Creek in the vicinity of the fish spawning viewing station.

This year's theme is "The Harvest Ball" and it clearly took a lot of both planning

and execution.

By Batman's Mill, there is a little shop: a scarecrow behind her counter specializing in fall produce, especially pumpkins.

Providence Bay is back! The whole community became involved this year and the results are spectacular.

Mindemoya's scarecrows may not frighten away many crows, but these effigies are all over the community and many are themed to match the nearby environment: a bank robber flees the BMO, there's a nurse and his patient near the hospital, there's a couple getting hitched at the United Church, a fisherman at the government dock on Mindemoya Lake, and these are only a few. The businesses in Mindemoya did a good job of decorating and many homes as well.

In Manitowaning, a whopping 72 homes and businesses have registered as decorated.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

The municipality got in on the act as well and created a giant sunflower at the downtown Queen's Park using old tractor tires. There is also a very innovative display on Highway 6 at the home right across the road from the Christadelphians' Hall and another one not to be missed is on Walcot Street.

Gore Bay's downtown is nicely decorated again this year with fanciful sculptures and, throughout the community, many homes have risen to the challenge. One well-done example is on the West Bluff on Smith Street.

In Little Current, the Manitoulin Centennial Manor's staff and volunteers have once again put together an excellent seasonal display for the benefit of Manor residents, their friends and family and the community. The downtown lamp posts have all benefited from a harvesting of corn stalks and there are ...continued on page 23

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M'Chigeeng's Seasons Family Restaurant settles in new digs behind Finn's Gas Bar

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—Janice Sweeney, owner of Seasons Family Restaurant in M'Chigeeng has seen a lot over the past 15 years she has worked in the hospitality business, but the past year-and-a-half has really taken the cake. Still, despite all of the setbacks, lockdowns and other challenges that have taken place, Seasons is alive and well and very much ready to serve its loyal fanbase.

Ms. Sweeney learned the restaurant trade under the inimitable Ron Ense baa, the popular chef whose Crosshill Road establishment was the go-to place for Sunday brunch on Manitoulin.

Formerly located in the M'Chigeeng Complex, Seasons was long a feature of "downtown" M'Chigeeng, but the impact of COVID and other challenges dictated a change of venue.

The restaurant originally shut down in March last year at the start of the pandemic, then moved to providing take-out only—but it really wasn't working out. "I was open as long as I could, but it wasn't feasible," she said. "I was able to open in April and I was able to stay open until November. By then we were already building here."

"But I was still paying my rent and hydro the whole time," she said. Eventually, Ms. Sweeney decided that it made sense to move Seasons to its new location at 187 Highway 551, just a ways up the road from the old location in behind the family's Finn's Gas Bar and Convenience. The restaurant opened in its new location in August.

The only thing that has really changed is the location, Ms. Sweeney assures The Expositor. The menu at Seasons Family Restaurant remains the same, which comes as little surprise as the menu selections were developed to meet her customers' needs. "Good solid food and it is all made here on the premises," she said.

The new location hasn't really impacted business in any



Seasons Family Restaurant has moved from its location in the M'Chigeeng Recreation Complex to a new home behind Finn's Gas Bar and Convenience. Owner Janice Sweeney said business has been brisk at the new location, but that the homestyle menu and great service remain the same.

photo by Michael Erskine

negative way, said Ms. Sweeney. "We have been very busy."

The restaurant employs eight staff and Ms. Sweeney said that she doesn't expect to change that much even after the pandemic passes. "I have a small dependable staff," she said. "They are very good."

Seasons Family Restaurant is open and ready to serve.

"Everyone is welcome," said Ms. Sweeney.

The restaurant is open seven days a week, Monday to Friday from 7 am to 7 pm and Saturday to Sunday from 8 am to 7 pm.

...Harvest Glory Days winners announced!

...continued from page 21 many homes that have taken the time to decorate.

Aundeck Omni Kaning always has a representative number of residences that decorate and so it is again this year.

Silver Water has once again come together with most homes in the hamlet showing their fall pride.

Spring Bay homes have done some decorating, but nothing like the first year of the Harvest Glory Days event when the entire community was involved, and every home, business and institution was aglow with fall colours.

The Harvest Glory Days event is a competitive one, in a friendly way, so here are the judge's decisions.

Winning communities, if they qualify for the first time they receive a large highway sign attesting to the community spirit on display in their particular community.

Towns that have previously qualified for a sign receive another "leaf" for their sign indicating they have qualified again for 2021.

In the Large Community category, Manitowaning will be getting its ninth consecutive leaf, making it once again the place that can boast a winning way since the inception of Harvest Glory Days.

In the same category, Mindemoya has also been deemed a winner and will receive a 2021 leaf for the sign with which the community was first rewarded two years ago.

Gore Bay was a bit of a quandary for the judges. The downtown front street looked great but there was not much decorating on the part of the homeowners. The town will receive a 2021 leaf for the sign for which they qualified last year, with the hope that homeowners will become more involved for the 2022 event next year, the 10th anniversary of Harvest Glory Days.

In the Mid-Sized Community category, both Sheguiandah and Providence Bay will receive 2021 leaves for their signs. (In Providence Bay, the last leaf awarded was in 2017 so the community has clearly decided, as a whole, to get

back in the game.)

And Providence Bay was impressive: the judges noted that homeowners were still adding touches on their displays. One lady said she had purposely grown lots of pumpkins of the large variety and then had doled them out to help neighbours' displays and even the Providence Bay sign near the arena. Another couple was seen sprinkling blue jay feed, quite liberally, around their own display which is situated near Lake Huron Fish and Chips because the man said, "it's quite something when all the blue jays come together to feed." Adds action to the display.

Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation is being awarded an Honourable Mention in the Mid-Size Community category.

In the Small Community category, the honours once again go to Silver Water, another proverbial winner. Honourable mention in this category will go to Spring Bay.

For a list of addresses, by community, where individuals have registered the

addresses of their decorated properties, please see page 16 and online at Manitoulin.com.

There is a representative array of photos of Manitoulin's Harvest Glory Days participants on page 17. For more photos, view the gallery on Manitoulin.com.

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Boat, 22' StarCraft Islander with trailer. In excellent condition. New top, side windows and cover. Very well maintained, very low hours. Fully equipped with Scotty down-rigger, new Ritchie compass, Lowrance chartplotter with Navionics chip, Lowrance fish finder, new Cobra VHF radio, rods and tackle. Boat must sell. Asking \$10,500 or best offer. 705-859-2787. 15tfn

rentals

Waterfront Studio Loft. Short-term lease available immediately to June 2022. Quiet Little Current cul-de-sac. Well appointed, fully furnished, internet and full satellite. All inclusive, non-smoking. Photos seen on AirBnB site under Waterfront Private Loft. 705-368-6240. 21tfn

rental wanted

Elderly couple looking for apartment to rent, no stairs. Willing to pay \$900 with or without hydro. Mindemoya or Little Current area preferred. Contact us at 519-894-0410. 19-21p

Is alcohol a problem? AA may be able to help. Meetings 7 days a week - visit www.area84aa.org/manitoulin or call 705-674-6217 for more info. Tfn

Questions or concerns about diabetes? We can help. Please contact the MHC Diabetes Training and Care Centre. Individual and group appointments available with a registered nurse or dietitian certified in diabetes education. Clinics in Little Current, Mindemoya, Silver Water, Gore Bay and Manitowaning. Please call 705-368-2300 ext. 2415 for more information. Self-referrals accepted. Tfn

BIKE SALE
 UP TO 25% OFF
 reconditioned bikes
 this Friday and
 Saturday from
 8 am to 5 pm.

Foot Hills Cycle
 960 HWY 17 West
 Massey
 705-865-1983

Free
 Free, bee supplies. Call 705-282-2886. 21p

Legion Events

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 Wing Night, Thursday, October 14, 4 to 8 pm. Wings, \$1 each (sauces for wings: salt and pepper, sweet chili, sweet and sour, honey garlic, first, second and third degree, parmesan cheese and pepper and Cajun); cheese balls, two for \$1; Jalapeno poppers, \$1 each; cheese sticks, \$1 each; mushroom caps, nine for \$3. Take-out only, pick up at the Legion. To pre-order call or text 705-348-0123. Delivery within town limits, Little Current. Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary will receive a donation from the next two Wing Nights, October 14 and 28. 21-22p

coming events

NEMI FARMERS' MARKET is now Open
 9 am to noon
 (Water Street: beside Bank of Montreal and at Market Garden Pavilion)
 Produce, crafts & more
See you Saturday!
 Always room for more vendors: call/text 1-705-690-4175

Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. To receive adult or youth/parent information on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, more commonly known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, or to volunteer with our Association, please contact: The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association of Ontario. Tel: 416-222-8820 or 1-877-632-6682 (outside GTA) or write to: Ste. 402, 170 Donway West, Toronto, ON M3C 2G3. Please visit our web site at: www.meao.ca. tfn

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-Alon Group: Thursdays at 7 pm in the library room at the Missionary Church, 51 Young Street, Mindemoya, 705-377-4892/705-377-5138. Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Anglican Church, 213 Tudhope Street, Espanola, 705-869-6595. Tfn

for sale
Amethyst geodes and clusters for sale. Raw rose quartz, tumbled stones. Located in Tehkummah. Call 705-501-7272. 11-21c

wanted

Donate your old car or truck or farm tractor, etc., or even an old metal boat to our church. We can send a truck right to you to pick these up, and in return you will receive an income tax receipt for the scrap value of your donation to St. Bernard's Church, Little Current. Please, no smaller items such as fridges, stoves, hot water tanks, etc. Contact Tony Ferro at 705-368-3066 or Jim Griffin at 705-859-2289. 17tfn

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.

Manitoulin Family Resources offers programs to support and promote positive family relationships on Manitoulin and the North Shore. Violence against Women Prevention Services: Haven House Shelter, Outreach Counseling Crisis Line 705-377-5160; Toll Free Crisis Line 800-465-6788; Children's Services: Early ON Child and Family Centre, Little Current Child Care, Mindemoya Child Care 705-368-3400; Help Centre: Thrift Shop & Food Bank 705-368-3400; Administration 705-368-3400. Tfn

for sale

The Burt Farm

TURKEYS FOR THANKSGIVING

PICK UP TIMES:
 Friday, October 8 from 9 am - 6 pm
 Saturday, October 9 from 9 am - 3 pm
Still a few left. Call to order!
 Call Max or Joanne at
705-282-0328

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Wanted: Five standard length railroad ties, 8" x 8" with creosol treatment. Please call 705-368-3101. Tfn

Dried poplar for stove wood. Three double cords (4' high by 16' long per double cords.) Call 705-368-0027. 20-21p

Lost/Reward

Reward, \$50-lost gold money clip with initials on it 'GWK' and presentation date of October 1993. If found, please call 705-859-1399. 20-21p

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.

coming events

THE GORE BAY CURLING CLUB
 Will be hosting its
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 Thursday, October 14 at 7:00 pm

Agenda includes:
 Curling and COVID-19 - *The Club's protocol regarding the safe return to play.*

Open to all (members and those who would like to curl). The Executive is urging all members to attend. Social distancing practices will be followed. As per Government regulations, proof of vaccination is required.

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*Kevin and Mr. Mel
Presents*
Donate your empties event
When: All October long
Why: Raising money for a deposit for a new therapy dog.
Where: Empties can be dropped off at 10 Cherry Lane or a pick up can be arranged
Call Kevin at 705-822-9937
*Looking for a hand up not a hand out.
Anything you can donate will be much appreciated, thank you in advance from Kevin and Mr. Mel.*

Gore Bay Rotary Club Fall Produce Auction

**Thanksgiving
Saturday,
October 9th**
Registration: 9 AM
Start 10 AM - Noon

**Gore Bay
Community Hall**
Covid Rules will apply for entry




• Fruits and vegetables of the area • Pies & Baked goods
*A Burt Farm fresh turkey

Do you have extra vegetables in your garden ?
Donations NEEDED! A Rotarian will pick it up for you.
Contact: rotaryclubgb@outlook.com

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Advertise in The Manitoulin Expositor

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FINANCE MANAGER

2nd Posting
Salary Range: Negotiable
Employment Status: Full-Time Regular
Benefits: Extended Healthcare and Dental and Pension

Position Summary: An integral part of the Senior Management team of the M'Chigeeng First Nation (MFN), the Finance Manager must have extensive experience in the financial management sector with a strong financial vision, insight to match and proven track record of success to manage and direct all the First Nations' finances.

Reporting Relationship: The Finance Manager will report to the Enaagdenjged.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTION SUMMARY:
Business Planning:

- The Finance Manager will work with the Department Management Teams on strategic vision, including fostering and cultivating stakeholder relationships, as well as assisting in the development and negotiation of funding from all partners or government agencies

Management and Administration:

- Manage, plan, coordinate and monitor the daily activities of the Finance Department daily operations and staffing; including reviews and approves all financial transaction matters
- Ensures compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and MFN By-Laws, Finance and Administrative Codes/Regulations, Employee Policies and Procedures
- Maintains and ensures codes and regulations, policies, and procedures are developed and adopted by the MFN

Finance:

- Implement all essential financial functions to ensure compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for MFN organization financial operations
- Ensures strategic and annual operation plans and activities identify financial resources and performance targets and/or outcomes
- Ensure financial information is relevant, timely, accurate, and complete for decision-making purposes and to address existing and future community needs
- Coordinates annual audit preparation, reconciliation, and working processes with the auditors and identifies supporting documents, audit trails, and reports on significant financial implications

Qualifications:
Preferred:

- Certified Chartered Accountant with a bachelor's degree in finance, business administration, or accounting with a minimum of five (5) years of direct work-related experience

Minimum:

- College Diploma (3 Years) in Finance or Accounting with minimum seven (7) years of equivalent work experience coupled with experience in management, full accounting cycle which includes budgeting, A/R, A/P, Payroll, control, and interpretation of financial statements
- Essential general management skills, including financial management and budgeting, strategic planning, business development, marketing, human resources management, etc.
- Extensive knowledge and experience in business and financial acumen would be strong assets

Other Knowledge Skills & Abilities

- Excellent financial acumen and familiarity with governments and other agencies funding agreements
- Strong leadership style with an uncompromising sense of integrity and high ethical standards
- Exceptional leadership skills, ability to address issues with professionalism, judgment, tact, and diplomacy
- Strong knowledge of external funding sources for proposal submission and reporting requirements
- Great understanding of the Anishinabek culture, traditions, Anishinabemowin language, and the dynamics of working in a First Nation environment

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

As a condition of employment, this position may be subject to the successful completion of a satisfactory credit check.

Application Deadline: October 21, 2021 at 3 pm

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


Confidential: FINANCE MANAGER
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
Email: andream@mchigeeng.ca
Tel: 705-377-5362 Fax: 705-377-4980

Migwetch for your interest, however, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.
For a detailed job description, please contact Andrea McGregor, Human Resources Manager at 705-377-5362, Ext. 226.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY NOOJMOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE

Social Worker - Sexual and Domestic Violence Services

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is seeking full-time services of a Social Worker for Sexual and Domestic Violence Services. The successful candidate will provide clinical assessment, counselling, supportive safety planning and referral services to victims and survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. The Social Worker will collaborate and consult with other service providers to support victims and survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence with wholistic health promotion services in the form of education and primary prevention activities. The Social Worker will report to the Mental Health & Addictions Manager.

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is comprised of a multi-team of health care professions providing community-based services through a wholistic approach that integrates both traditional and western healing. The team includes: Primary Care and Allied Health Services, Mental Health & Addictions Services, Health Promotion and Traditional Healing and Cultural Services. Services are offered on-site and community-based (through the Manitoulin Island District First Nations Health Centre's).

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

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

Qualifications/Requirements:

- Minimum of Bachelor of Social Work degree, essential
- Registration with the Ontario College of Social Work and Social Service Workers or alternately with the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario
- Preferred Master of Social Work level education and registration with Ontario College of Social Work and Social Service Workers or alternately with the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario
- Three (3) years' experience providing clinical service, preferably with victims of violence
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)
- Mental Health First Aid
- Ability to speak, translate and/or demonstrated willingness to learn the Anishnaabemowin language
- Strong background or knowledge of Anishinabek traditional teachings and ceremonies, preferred
- Excellent interpersonal and written communication skills
- Experience with data collection and e-charting, preferred
- Ability to travel including clear driver's abstract and a reliable vehicle
- Clear vulnerable sector check

Submission
Submit a covering letter, resume, three (3) work-related letters of reference, with contact information, proof of registration/designation, a current vulnerable sector check, a copy of valid driver's licence and driver's abstract. Please mark correspondence as "Confidential." Submissions will be accepted by mail, facsimile or email.

Deadline: October 14, 2021

Send to: Human Resources
Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
48 Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning F.N.
Hwy. 540, Postal Bag 2002
Little Current, ON POP 1K0

T: (705) 368-2182 ext. 235
F: 705-368-3922
E: info@noojmowin-teg.ca
W: www.noojmowin-teg.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

GWEKWAADZIWIN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Traditional Knowledge Keeper External Posting

Position Description:

The Traditional Knowledge keeper position is a key component to the delivery of the wholistic programming within Gwekwaadziwin. This position will support Land-Based Treatment, Live-in Aftercare, and Community Aftercare; by offering Anishinabek teachings and guidance to staff and participants. This position will have a flexible schedule in order to meet program and participant needs.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Reporting to the Director of Operations and Clinical Director
- Responsible for providing guidance and teachings to participants and staff of the range of Seven Grandfathers and Gwekwaadziwin programming
- Assist in development of client-centred wholistic treatment plans
- Assist in staff development
- Be active in Land-based programming
- Assist in development and implementation of research projects
- Delivery of group and individual sessions to staff and participants

Qualifications:

- Mature individual who is able to work independently with preference given to individuals living a traditional lifestyle and being on a lifelong journey in traditional knowledge
- Preference given to an individual of Anishinaabe ancestry with knowledge and understanding of Anishinabek history, clan systems, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions, and ceremonies
- Proven experience with management, program development, research, and outcome measurement
- Experience working in Mental Health and Addictions field with proficiency in outdoor experiential learning, education, aftercare, and client centred models of care
- Demonstrated superior interpersonal and communication skills (both written and verbal)
- Ability to prioritize multiple responsibilities and projects
- Ability to utilize electronic devices such as cell phone, laptop, electronic medical records
- Able to participate in outdoor and athletic programming

Requirements:

- Possess a valid Ontario class 'G' driver's licence in good standing with access to a reliable vehicle, able to obtain an 'F' class Driver's licence with a preference given to those who already hold a class 'F' driver's licence
- Ability to work outside normal business hours as required
- Preference for a designation with a regulatory college

Salary: \$ Commensurate with qualifications

Closing Date: October 27, 2021 @ noon

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

**Subject line - Gwekwaadziwin – Seven Grandfathers - Traditional Knowledge Keeper
To: mattm@gwek.ca**

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those applicants under consideration will be contacted for an interview.

Mnaamodzawin Health Services



Employment Opportunity Meals on Wheels Assistant - 2nd Posting Full-time

Overview:

The Meals on Wheels Assistant is responsible for assisting in providing innovative meal preparations that contribute to the nutritional value of individuals who live at home. This will be accomplished by supporting the MOW Caterer in development and execution of nutritious meals, maintaining food preparation gardens, and supporting the operations of the Meals on Wheels program.

Required Competencies:

- Integrity and Respect of cultural diversity.
- Work effectively both independently and with a team.
- Implement meal services by planning, purchasing, cooking, and coordinating diverse menus.
- Work with the Home Care team of PSWs and RPNs to ensure timely delivery of meals to clients.
- Document meal preparations within client charting system.
- Develop innovative client interactions through virtual learning sessions.
- Conduct and maintain inventory necessary to perform meal preparations.
- Ensure the preparation station is cleaned and maintained according to Health Canada standards.
- Dependability and Adaptability.

Qualifications and Work Experience:

- A certificate or diploma from a recognized college in the health or culinary field or equivalent working experience.
- Experience in providing catering, culinary or Meals on Wheels services would be an asset.
- Ability to stand for extended periods of time and to perform proper lifting techniques when preparing meals and moving inventory.
- Function effectively in stressful situations.
- Work weekends when required.
- Knowledge of Anishinaabe culture, language, and traditions.
- Current Ontario Driver's Licence (and vehicle).

Deadline: Friday, October 15, 2021 @ 12:00pm

Submissions:

Send resume, cover letter, Vulnerable Sector Check, 3 references and copies of credentials marked 'Confidential' in person, by mail or email to:

Human Resources
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
Postal Bag 2002, Hwy 540
48 Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning
Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0
705-368-2182 ext.271

hr@mnaamodzawin.com



BUSINESS INFORMATICS SPECIALIST

The Manitoulin Health Centre requires a Business Informatics Specialist on a 2-year contract full-time basis. The role of the Business Informatics Specialist is to provide support to the hospital financial departments in all aspects of system planning, design, development, implementation, maintenance, evaluation, and education related to the computerized information systems during the ONE Project. This position will determine functions suitable for transition to computer applications and ensure information systems implemented are consistent with professional standards of practice.

Qualifications:

Required:

- Minimum of a college diploma or university degree in Business, Business Analysis, Computer Science or similar related program of study
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence
- Own reliable transportation
- Mandatory proof of fully immunized COVID-19 vaccine status

Preferred:

- Experience working with hospital information systems, preferably within business modules.

Knowledge/Skills:

- Demonstrated knowledge of Meditech
- Demonstrated knowledge in business and accounting principles in a healthcare environment
- Demonstrated excellent judgment and proven analytical skills
- Demonstrated ability to design, plan and implement projects, and assist with change efforts
- Demonstrated ability to evaluate the severity of issues, recommend solutions, and escalate when necessary
- Demonstrated ability to independently identify issues, plan improvements, measure success and continue improvement
- Excellent computer skills with proficiency in Microsoft Office software and patient information systems
- Superior interpersonal and communication skills, both written and verbal
- Ability to handle multiple tasks/projects with defined and often tight timelines and adapt to changing priorities
- Commitment to ongoing professional development and lifelong learning
- Ability to meet the physical and sensory demands of the job

Travel and Work Location:

- Position will be based at the Manitoulin Health Centre, but options for flexible work arrangements exist

Please apply to: Human Resources at recruitment@mhc.on.ca
Please quote Job Posting Number 2021-NU-05 in the subject line.

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

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



Mnidoo Mnsing Coalition Against Domestic Violence

5 Month Contract/Consultant Part-Time Coordinator

Background

The Mnidoo Mnsing Coalition Against Domestic Violence has been in existence since 2004. In 2009 funding was made available to support the mission of VAWCCs across Ontario through the Ontario Women's Directorate and the Ministry of Community and Social Services. The Coalition is currently seeking a part-time Coordinator to facilitate the activities of the committee.

Mnidoo Mnsing Coalition Vision and Mission

The vision of the Mnidoo Mnsing VAWCC is to eradicate gender-based violence in the district of Manitoulin/Espanola. The mission of the committee is to reduce gender-based violence through awareness, education and coordination.

Position Objective

The purpose of this position is to provide coordination and project management support to the Mnidoo Mnsing Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Tasks and Responsibilities

- Develop and coordinate project plans for identified deliverables.
- Organize committee meetings, prepare minutes, disseminate minutes through the use of virtual technology (i.e. Zoom, email).
- Track Coalition deliverables.
- Provide support to Coalition Chair(s) and committee.

Qualifications

- Bachelor degree in social work, psychology, or other relevant field and/or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Two years' minimum experience in project management.
- Knowledge and experience within the violence against women sector and community resources.
- Superior communication, organizational, and inter-personal skills; ability to work independently and demonstrate initiative.
- Computer proficiency and knowledge of information technology (i.e. Zoom).
- Due to COVID-19, much of the work of this position will happen remotely, and thus access to reliable internet is a necessity.
- Current criminal record check and vulnerable sector screening required of selected candidate.

Remuneration

The position will be paid an hourly rate to be determined. Hours per month will depend on project needs, with a likely range of 10 to 20 hours per month.

Submission Details

Deadline for application: Friday, October 08, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

Please send resume and cover letter with references to:
Denise Leblanc, Executive Programs' Assistant, Manitoulin Family Resources
Email: dleblanc@mfresources.net



Grade 7 and 8 students at Charles C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay, donned orange shirts and led a walk through the town of Gore Bay on September 30, as part of the first Truth and Reconciliation Day.

...Schools participate in Truth and Reconciliation Day

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September 30 marked the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a day to acknowledge a tragic time in Canadian history and honour the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families and communities.

“On this day, our staff and students will wear orange and continue to learn about residential schools and their impact on generations of Indigenous peoples,” said Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) Director of Education Bruce Bourget. “When we wear orange, we honour the Residential School survivors and their families and remember the children who did not come home.”

In Rainbow schools, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation reaffirmed and reinforced the importance of the Truth and Reconciliation: A Commitment to Action plan adopted by RDSB. “The plan is dedicated to the former students at

Canada’s residential school experience—the survivors. This includes the many men and women, the elders, including those who have passed into the Spirit World whose traditional territory we now call home.”

Rainbow schools observed a moment of silence to honour the Indigenous children who did not return home for residential schools and played an honour/drum song recorded by Brydon Gwiss Kiwenzie, who is from the Indigenous (Anishinaabe) community in Sudbury. He sang the Unity Song with the Grandmother Hand Drum.

At Assiginack Public School on September 30, students and staff acknowledged the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation by wearing orange. Students also learned about the history of Residential Schools in Canada through various classroom activities. Students and staff connected virtually at 9:15 am. The commemoration cere-

mony concluded with a moment of silence. The school also acknowledged the Ontario Native Women’s Association for donating bracelets and buttons to the students and for providing items for a bulletin board display in the school.

Students and staff at Little Current Public School wore orange to demonstrate the significance and importance of the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Students spent the week focusing on activities about truth and reconciliation, water issues in First Nations communities and smudging. A variety of books and webinars were also shared in classrooms, and a Truth and Reconciliation board was on display throughout the month.

Intermediate students created legacy poems and selected an object that represents them. They used design software to create 3D printed symbols to join together as a class

wampum, recognizing that we are all unique.

At Manitoulin Secondary School, a large “Every Child Matters” banner hung in the front of the entrance of the school to honour the many children and families impacted by the Residential School System in Canada.



Guardian

Help Wanted

Help in dispensary

Mindemoya Guardian Pharmacy is looking for help in the Dispensary. Must be available weekends. No experience necessary, we are willing to provide all the training needed. Please email resume to ashminpharm@outlook.com or come in and see us in store.

Maintenance position

Mindemoya Guardian Pharmacy is looking to fill a full time Maintenance position. Must be willing to travel to all three of our locations occasionally, general building maintenance and other physical tasks. Please email resume to ashminpharm@outlook.com or apply in store.



WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE NEW RECRUIT - OFFICER Full-time - Permanent

Position: Recruit Police Constable
Location: Wikwemikong Unceded Territory
Responsible to: Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting applications for a New Recruit Constable. Applicants will be required to successfully complete any additional training deemed necessary by the Ontario Police College as a condition of employment. The New Recruit must attend and successfully pass a 13-week Basic Recruit Training course at the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, Ontario, starting January. All new hires are expected to have a valid and completed OACP certificate and medical forms as per attached OACP link www.oacpcertificate.ca.

Summary: The Police Constable will be responsible to the Chief of Police and will maintain law and order in a community-based setting within and around the Wikwemikong Territory.

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

- Preserve the peace;
- Prevent crimes, other offences and providing assistance and encouragement to other persons in their prevention;
- Assist victims of crime;
- Apprehend criminals, other offenders and others who may lawfully be taken into custody;
- Lay charges and participate in prosecutions;
- Execute warrants and perform related duties;
- Perform the lawful duties that the Chief of Police assigns;
- Respond to calls for service;
- Successfully complete prescribed training;
- Commitment to Community-Based Policing principles and practices;
- Display cultural competence when interacting with members of the community;
- Perform 12-hour shifts (days and nights) including weekends and holidays;
- Participate in community events and cultural gatherings;
- Assist in the development and implementation of projects, acting as a resource to team members and other Units;
- Undertake assignments, including traffic point duty and crowd control, as required.

Basic Requirements:

- Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada of at least 18 years of age.
- Must possess an OSSD or equivalent.
- If convicted of a criminal offence under a federal statute, you must obtain a pardon. If you have ‘Findings of Guilt’, which have resulted in absolute or conditional discharges, the records must be ‘sealed’ by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario Driver Licence
- Current Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) certificate or OACP certificate equivalency.
- Diploma in Police Foundations or Degree in Law and Criminal Justice an asset.
- Possess current First Aid/CPR Certificates.
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook and Office.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Be physically and mentally able to perform the duties of the position, and proof of current fitness test.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST.
- Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Be of good moral character and habits.
- Pass a detailed background check that includes security clearance checks, credit, and reference checks.
- Employment application packages are available and can be picked up at WTPS office.

Interested applicants are to forward a completed electronic employment package, letter of interest/cover letter, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates, and 3 work-related references to:

Attn: Acting Chief of Police, Gregory Mishibinjima
gregory.mishibinjima@wtps.ca

Posting Deadline: October 15, 2021 at 2:00 PM

Please note, applications will be screened. Interviews will be scheduled and at that time a decision will be made to consider an officer for hire. The candidate will also be required to successfully complete psychological, medical, vision and hearing examinations. The best qualified candidate(s) will be subject to a comprehensive background investigation.

Members of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service participate in the Ontario Pension Board pension plan. It is compulsory for members to contribute to the plan. Experienced officers who have contributed to another pension plan may contact their current plan administrator to determine if their plan is transferable.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT START DATE: OCTOBER 25/21

Details: Manitoulin Physiotherapy Centre is currently recruiting for a full-time position at our newest satellite site in Aundek Omni Kaning, and a part-time position at our head office in M'Chigeeng. We require enthusiastic, dedicated and reliable individuals with administrative experience and strong customer service skills to join our team. Must have excellent communication and problem-solving skills and be able to multi-task in a busy practice with multiple health care practitioners.

Duties and Responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- Providing a positive first point of contact for all client interactions in person, on phone or by email
- General reception duties: greeting visitors, answering phone, returning messages, preparing intake and other forms, correspondence by fax and email
- Managing all information on an electronic medical record; working understanding of privacy legislation an asset
- Billing to insurance companies and to patients, day to day financial interactions
- Communicate efficiently with clinical staff, provide ongoing support
- Experience with Microsoft office, electronic medical records, and Apple operating systems is an asset

Educational Background: Medical office administration background would be ideal. Health sciences-related background would be an asset, as would experience or training in hospitality administration.

Contact the clinic at inquiries@manitoulinphysio.ca Phone: (705) 377-6244
Please email cover letter, resume and 3 references to inquiries@manitoulinphysio.ca
Application deadline: October 8/21 4pm.

Visit our website: www.manitoulinphysio.ca and our social media feeds on Facebook and Instagram.

...Member wellness a priority for OPP

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thing. Their chiefs were contacted by our psychologists. They were invited to all debriefings. We have provided supports to their members. Those supports end up being confidential so they may not even be aware of that. Not only have we provided clinical support, we've provided peer support, we've provided the services of an Indigenous healer who served as a chaplain for us. We even made arrangements for one of the UCCM officers to have access to the Ontario Provincial Police Association benefit program."

"We're doing our absolute best to ensure the supports are in place and that people feel comfortable coming forward and seeking support," he said. "Equally as important is that it's a shared responsibility. Each of us have that responsibility to look out for each other but also to look out for ourselves and to actually have the courage to ask another member if they're okay, if they need something. Are they having suicidal thoughts? Are they seeking the assistance of either one of our mental health clinicians or do they have outside supports? We've seen a real transition of our organization. We're by no means done. It's the type of thing that you'll never have at 100 percent. You constantly have to work at it."

The OPP has been implementing over 130 recommendations specific to mental health and 201 recommendations in total that address the overall culture of the organization. It has very much been the focus for the last two and a half years and tremendous progress has begun, the commissioner said.

The OPP peer support program is still evolving. "Full time peer supporters will eventually be replaced with actual mental health clinicians across the province," he said. In preparation for that, almost 700 OPP members have been trained as peer supporters. "The goal is to have them on every shift and every unit and eventually, that everybody has some form of peer support training so they can be aware of the signs in each other as well within themselves."

OPP psychologists actually work in the field, which is crucial to trust and relationship building, the commissioner said. "Day in and day out, they're building relationships with members to break down the barriers to care, to reduce the stigma around mental health and to build that trust and confidence with our members so when they do need to reach out, they feel more comfortable in doing so, or when we put them to ground on a critical incident, hopefully there's already a level of awareness or at least some knowledge of who the doctors are and what they're able to do."

"With stigma and self-stigma, much of it is our concern about what people will think of us as indi-



**Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner
Thomas Carrique**

viduals, but it certainly has improved. Requiring treatment for mental illness or mental injury does not mean someone cannot actively work or actively contribute," he said. "A lot of that is changing. There's still much more work to be done but it is changing."

Police officers suffer the same illnesses or injuries as everyone else does and are really just "ordinary members of our community who do extraordinary things that others are either unwilling or incapable of doing," Commissioner Carrique said. "Whether it be heart disease, cancer or mental illness, we are human beings."

When you factor in the additional mental stress from critical incident exposure that police experience throughout a career, it doesn't matter who they are, at some point in their career they will be affected by the

job. "You will not retire from the job of policing the same person you were when you started, which does not mean you will develop mental illness," he said. "It does not mean you will have an unmanageable injury but it does impact officers. They are seeing or are exposed to things that others don't even know happen but that officers are sometimes seeing on an hourly or daily basis. I think the vast majority of the public understands that and appreciates that."

He considers it a compliment, in a way, that the general public holds the police to a higher standard. "We should be held to a higher ethical standard," he said.

It is embedded in legislation that a candidate must be physically and mentally fit to perform the duties of a police officer and candidates are tested for these, but that doesn't mean offi-

cers won't be affected over time. "It can be one single incident or it could be the accumulation of many incidents. It's important that the officers themselves, their families and the general public realize that it doesn't mean they're broken and it doesn't mean that they're not capable of continuing to serve and protect their communities. It just means that we have to mindfully manage the impacts of the job."

The ongoing dialogue about mental health is an important one as is making the necessary supports available. "As a society I think we are doing better but we still also have a long way to go," Commissioner Carrique said. "A lot of people struggle to see physical health, physical illness on parallel with mental health and mental illness."



HELP WANTED

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COMMUNITY JUSTICE WORKER

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

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

RESPONSIBILITIES

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

QUALIFICATIONS

- Post-secondary degree or diploma in law or social services discipline or at least two years' experience working in Anishinaabe justice in Ontario.
- Knowledge of UCCMM Justice principles; knowledge of local Anishinaabe history, clan systems, teachings, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions, and ceremonies.
- Knowledge of local Indigenous and non-Indigenous services and resources.
- Ability to speak the Ojibwe language is an asset.
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Death Notices

ANN GORDON (nee Sheppard)

'A Life Of Consequence'

April 27, 1926 – September 13, 2021



It is with great sadness that the family of Ann Gordon announce her passing. She went into that good night after a long life filled with joy, sadness and an indomitable energy that never wavered until her final breath was taken. She was, is and will forever be an inspiration to her daughters, grandchildren, niece, nephews and friends everywhere. She did not walk through life: she extracted every moment out every day, charging forward and never, ever stopping until the day was well and truly done. Ann worked with her husband Hedley (Doc) Gordon for many years in the Gordon Pharmacy and established a thriving gift store during the days when Queen Street was a bustling 'downtown', when there was a green grocer, bakeries, hardware and grocery stores and the summer population would swell with tourists returning to their cottages or moving up the coast in their yachts, moored temporarily in the harbour. She had a knack for understanding what gifts tourist and locals alike would want to purchase. In the early 70s Ann switched her focus into real estate and for 35 plus years she poured her boundless energy into finding her clients the perfect house, cottage or farm. She loved her clients, would drive all night to deliver an offer and would have worked dawn till dawn, if the human body had no need for sleep. Next to real estate, Ann loved to drive. Over the course of her career, along with her husband Doc, the two of them travelled around the world, visiting many places long before tourism became a popular pastime. There was not a continent or hemisphere that they did not travel to and Ann's photographic skills have preserved these travels with thousands of photographs spanning over six decades that capture unique moments in time. Ann grew up in Brantford Ontario, as a child and well into her 30s she would drive around the countryside with her father (Charles Sheppard), picking wild apples along country roads purchasing entire wheels of cheddar cheese at Pine River, drive to Mildmay for a glass of fresh spring water and so on. Ann inherited this passion for both driving and seeking out food from its source. Over the years Ann developed a network of local farms, rural shops and stands to buy fresh fruit, vegetables and flowers and in doing so made many personal connections across the countryside. She would drive anywhere, anytime just to be on the road, going somewhere, with purpose, often with her cat Lucky occupying the passenger's seat. After Ann retired from real estate, she spent many summers at the family cottage on Manitoulin Island. Not one to be idle, she would make a reservation to be on for the first spring ferry crossing from Tobermory to South Baymouth. In addition to driving and sourcing out local food opportunities, Ann was equally passionate about flowers. Flowers, flowers and more flowers: your pots should be overflowing and her pots were! Not one or two but typically up to 15 or 20 overflowing flower pots were aligned along the deck at the cottage. She taught her children how to dive fearlessly into waves and sent her daughters to summer camp so they could learn about the north, how to paddle a canoe and learn how to trip, make a campfire in the rain, how to meet adversity, how to survive. Ann loved to camp, golf, cook, play cards, throw a good dinner party, decorate her house for every special occasion and live every day as if it were her last. And eventually it was. Ann taught us all by example, giving back through years of volunteering with Meals on Wheels, knitting nightgowns for orphans all around the world and more recently knitting lap quilts and Teddy Bears. Ann ended every telephone call with "Anything else I should know?" Yes! You are and will be forever loved. Ann lived a life of consequence. Predeceased by her husband Hedley Goodyear Gordon (2009) and beloved son John Sheppard Gordon (1960). She will be forever missed by her daughters Joanne (David McCallum), Mary Helen, Carol (Tony Piggan), and Heather (Mark Herron), grandchildren Sarah Dodd (Richard Dodd), Dayna and Tanner Musselman, Grace Gordon and James Herron. A private Celebration of Ann's Life will be held in the future, when gathering safely together is appropriate. God bless, God speed. Thank you to Lori, Duncan and all the warm and caring staff at Tiverton Park Manor. Memorial donations to the Toronto Star Fresh Air Fund, Allies for Ally Cats, A Living Tribute (planting a tree in Canada) or a charity of your choice would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy.

GLOREA MAE MYRONUK

April 28, 1944 - September 23, 2021

In loving memory of Glorea Mae Myronuk who passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at the age of 77. She is survived by her sister Delores Ferguson of Burlington, Ontario and her children Lisa, Graham and Heather and their six children. She will be missed by all of us. She worked for many years as a lab technician at the Manitoulin Health Centre. Cremation has taken place. She will be laid to rest in Bayfield, Ontario with her mother and father. May she rest in peace. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Manitoulin Pet Save or the Manitoulin Health Centre Auxiliary. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

MARION ELAINE WILKIN

May 17, 1927 - October 2, 2021



In loving memory of Marion Wilkin, who passed away peacefully at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at the age of 94. Her dear friend, Merle Sagle, was at her side. Marion joined her parents, Ida Mae and William Parker Shultz and her husband Cliff George Wilkin (1924 - 2004), as well as her daughter Jan Mary Anne (1949 - 2018) and Jan's husband Don Bainbridge (1945 - 2017). Marion was also predeceased by her seven sisters Muriel, Ida, Leona, Rachel, Judith, June and Greta and three brothers Elwood, Alexander and Alfred. She is lovingly remembered and will be greatly missed by her granddaughter Caitlin and her husband David Lindenbach, her one surviving sister Doreen Chertow, her niece Faye Clarke (Harold) and family, her "second daughter" Merle Sagle and husband Ed, as well as other friends and past neighbours. Born in Chalk River, Marion lived a wonderful full life on Manitoulin Island and will be remembered fondly for her quick wit and joyful sense of humour. She loved cooking, baking, gardening, reading, going to camp, fishing, baseball and curling, both as a spectator and participant. In her younger years, she was involved in volunteering. Marion always made sure her hair was done perfectly (every Friday!) and she took great pleasure in keeping her house spotlessly clean and her gardens immaculate. For a number of years, Marion and Cliff owned and ran a variety store in Little Current. Special thanks goes to all the Manitoulin Centennial Manor staff for their kindness and care of Marion. There will be no funeral visitation or service. Donations in memory of Marion can be made to the Angel Bus, care of Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Inc. or a charity of your choice. Please leave messages of condolence at islandfuneralhome@bellnet.ca.

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

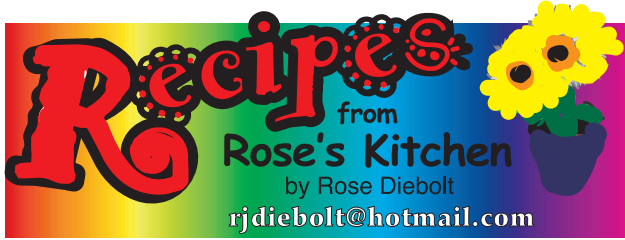
KENNETH EDWARD GREEN

1944 - 2021



On September 30, 2021, Kenneth (Ted to most) in his 77th year, passed away suddenly at home in Sheguiandah, Manitoulin Island. Ted was born in St. Thomas, Ontario on August 17, 1944. In 1966 he married Arlene Whitaker and within a 15 year marriage they had two children, Jeff and Wanda. For the last 33 years he was a beloved partner of Joyce Bailey and a proud and loving father and stepfather to Jeff (Cheryl), Wanda (Jody), Holly (Mark), Christy (Michael) and Clifford. He had many grandchildren who loved his company as well - Aaron, Isaac, Adam, Destanie, Liliana, Cosmo, Cassandra, Bianca, Shyanna and Calleigh. Ted's nearby cousins, relatives and friends also looked forward to sharing many good laughs and a cold beer or two. He was always quick to lend a hand to those in need and would go out of his way to help them. As a young man Ted had many hobbies and interests. He enjoyed water skiing on the Grand River, scuba diving and stock car racing. He was a true country boy at heart and always loved and appreciated nature. Every season had its attractions whether it be fishing, hunting, boating, snowmobiling, camping or ATVing. Ted also had a special bond with his pets. He adored his Golden Retrievers, his cats and even his tamed chipmunks. Ted became a licenced mechanic in 1966 and worked in Hamilton for several years before moving to Lindsay, ON. He worked there until 1982 when he finally moved to the Island. After moving north, Ted worked as a mechanic for many years at Acme Motors. He eventually changed paths and did plumbing and electrical for Paul Batman until his retirement at the age of 65. Paul and Ted became very close friends. Ted was always drawn to Manitoulin as his parents, Violet McDougall (Manitowaning) and Rexford Green (Kagawong) were born there. Many of his summer vacations were spent on the Island from the time he was very young and Ted always felt he belonged there. A public visitation will take place on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 from 6 to 9 pm at Island Funeral Home in Little Current. A private funeral will take place on Thursday, October 7, 2021. It will be followed by a burial service at 12:30 pm at Elm View Cemetery in Sheguiandah where family and friends are welcome to attend. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

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It is the Thanksgiving weekend coming up and I decided that I am not going to "talk turkey." Everyone will have their favourite way of preparing and cooking the turkey so instead I will suggest some sides that may become a new favourite.

Scalloped Potatoes with Parmesan Cream

This dish can be cooked ahead and just reheat it when needed. It can be stored in the refrigerator for up to five days before reheating. Do not substitute the cheese. It gives it the extra taste!

- 1/2 cup butter
- 8 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 Tbsp dried oregano
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 4 cups milk
- 2 cups grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tsp salt
- 10 to 12 large russet (or your choice) potatoes (5 lbs or so) peeled and thinly sliced

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly oil the 13 x 9 inch pan but if you have parchment paper better yet. It will make clean up a breeze. Toss the butter into a large saucepan over medium heat. Swirl, melt and sizzle but don't burn!

Toss in the garlic and sauté until lightly golden, 30 seconds the most. Stir in the oregano and turn off the heat. Sprinkle in the flour and stir the works into a paste.

Return to medium heat and slowly pour in the milk, whisking the sauce as it heats and thickens. Do not stop whisking. Bring it to a boil then reduce the heat to a slow, steady simmer.

Whisk in the Parmesan and salt. Remove from the heat.

Stir the potatoes into the

sauce, coating them evenly. Transfer them to the baking pan, moving them around gently into an even layer. Bake for 90 minutes, then begin checking doneness every 10 minutes or so. Bake until potatoes are tender throughout and golden brown and the sauce is bubbly, reduced and thickened up to two hours in total.

Mediterranean Chickpea, Tomato and Cucumber Salad

This salad is easy to make and will help if you need some vegetarian dishes. Check out our local markets for the tomatoes and cucumbers.

- Dressing:**
- 1/2 cup dried oil packed tomatoes
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 Tbsp dried oregano
- 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1/4 tsp salt
- Salad:**
- 19-ounce can of chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 English cucumber, cut in 4 long pieces, then in 1 inch chunks
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, quartered
- 3 thinly sliced green onions
- A handful of fresh parsley leaves

For the dressing add to your blender or food processor the dried tomatoes, oil, vinegar, oregano, mustard and salt. Process the works until a smooth dressing forms.

For the salad mix together the chickpeas, cucumber, cherry tomatoes, and green onions together with the dressing. Garnish with parsley leaves. Serve.

*Substitute the parsley with fresh basil, cilantro or mint

Sandhill crane harvesting permits could be possible

SUDBURY—Canadian Wildlife Services (CWS) is still looking at the possibility of having a permit in place for Sandhill crane harvesting. However, even if it does come to fruition, it will be a lengthy process before it is implemented.

"CWS is looking at the possibility of issuing a hunting permit (for Sandhill cranes)," said Roy Polsky, president of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Zone D, at a meeting last week. "At least they are still looking at it, but a hunt is at least three years off. It may be a while, but hope-

fully we will get there."

Mr. Polsky confirmed to The Expositor after the meeting that CWS, "is looking at establishing a tag system for Sandhill cranes. They are an invasive species, but they are currently protected under the Migratory Birds Act."

"And right now, nothing is in place if a Sandhill crane hunt was opened up. We don't have a system in place and any changes are at least three years away," said Mr. Polsky. "Any permit system would probably be put in place by wildlife management unit (WMU)."

Town of Gore Bay to develop own garbage collection plan

GORE BAY—Once a firm plan and costing is in place for the Town of Gore Bay to look at having its own garbage collection plan, the business community and local residents will have the opportunity to provide input.

"Nothing is carved in stone at all at this point," stated Gore Bay Councillor Kevin Woestenenk after a Gore Bay waste management ad hoc committee meeting held Sep-

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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, Your memory we treasure, Loving you always, Forgetting you never. Love always, Ken and family 21c

notice

Food Cupboard—The Gore Bay United Church is continuing this service during the COVID-19 outbreak with some changes. They will be open noon to 3 pm on Thursdays. Come to the side door (facing McQuarrie Motors) and knock. Food will be packed and passed outside to you. If you have questions, call 705-282-2011. Messages are checked daily. Tfn

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Rachael Orford

Orange you happy it's fall!? This weekend is also Thanksgiving which means a three day weekend! A Thanksgiving joke for you: What animal has the worst eating habits? A turkey because it gobbles everything up.

Yesterday, Tuesday, October 5, was World Teacher's Day! I just wanted to say thank you to all teachers that do everything they can to help their students succeed.

This Friday, October 8, is fall plaid spirit day. Wear your favourite plaid shirt and grab a hot chocolate that will be served in the cafeteria to warm up your spirits.

School picture packages were given out to students two weeks ago during their homeroom class. To avoid shipping costs, picture orders must be in by tomorrow, Thursday, October 7 either by ordering online or by paper form. If a student wishes to have their picture retaken or did not get it taken in September, there will be an opportunity for retakes at MSS soon.

The MSS golf team has recently been putting up some good results at their tournaments at Stone Ridge in Elliot Lake. The team consisted of eight boys and four girls. The team won the NSSAA (North Shore Secondary School Athletic Association) championship on Wednesday, September 22. Grade 9 student Noah Thorpe placed second overall in the boys' division, shooting 86. Along with Noah, four other golfers, Hudson Hare, Ben Dewar, T.J. Green and Eli Lock, qualified for NOSSA (Northern Ontario Secondary School Athletic champi-

onship). NOSSA was held at the same location in Elliot Lake on Wednesday, September 29. The five boys played against students from Elliot Lake, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury and North Bay where they represented MSS very well. Go Mustangs!

It's been a long time since another team has dawned the doors of MSS. I'm happy to announce that the senior girls basketball team will be hosting their first game at MSS on Tuesday, October 12. Go Mustangs go!

The 'Living Well Locker' has been helping many students thrive in the school environment, whether it is for a lunch, a bag of groceries, or hygiene products. All students are welcome to use the 'Locker' whenever needed. See Mrs. Aube in D corridor and she will be happy to assist you.

Joke of the week: A man buys a parrot, only to have it constantly insult him. He tries everything to make the parrot stop, but nothing works. Frustrated, the man puts the parrot in the freezer. After a few minutes the insults stop. The man thinks he might have killed the parrot, so he opens the freezer and takes the parrot out. The parrot is shivering. It stammers, "S-s-sorry for being r-r-rude. Please f-f-forgive me." Then, after a moment, the parrot softly asks, "W-w-what exactly d-d-did the turkey do?"

Upcoming events include Fall Plaid Day and Thanksgiving weekend.

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

...Gore Bay to develop garbage collection plan

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 tember 20. "But in general, what we are doing is putting a firm plan in place for waste management collection in town, how it would work and costing for it. We are considering this to provide a better level of service for our taxpayers and what they are paying for garbage collection services. This is not about breaking partnerships for the current service (the transfer station partnership with Gordon/Barrie Island). We just want to give our taxpayers a better level of service for the taxes they pay."

At this point the town is gathering more information toward providing options to bring forward to the town residents.

Among the options the town has been looking at is remain status quo (continue using the transfer station), the town having its own curbside pickup, or having another company provide these services. As noted, the town is get-

ting a firm plan with options and costing together, and then will bring this to the local businesses and residents. For instance, if businesses would be interested in providing their own dumpsters for garbage pickup, and if residents are favour of in town garbage pickup.

A survey that was conducted at the transfer station indicates that 60 percent of the waste that is brought to the transfer station is from Gore Bay as opposed to 40 percent from Gordon/Barrie Island, said Councillor Woeste-

nenk. However, "it doesn't reflect the true operating costs. The transfer station still has to be manned, and the town pays these costs as well as the administration costs." He said the town pays 62 percent of the total costs of operating the transfer station.

Mr. Woestenenk pointed out that anyone in town that has a private contractor pick up their waste to be taken to the transfer station can still do this with any new system being considered.

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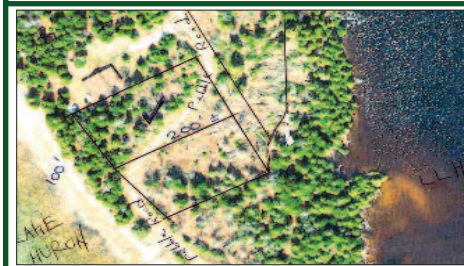
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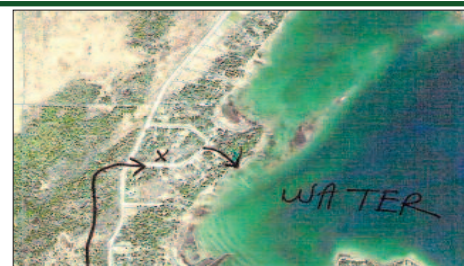



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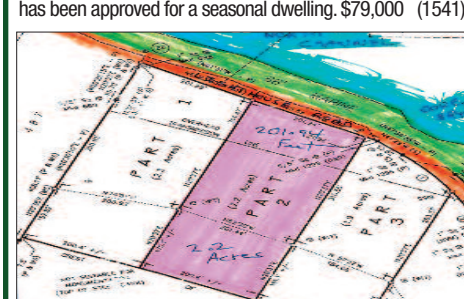
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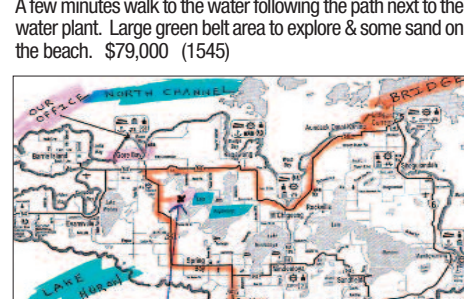
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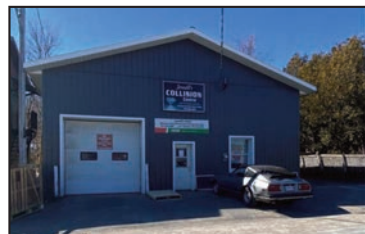
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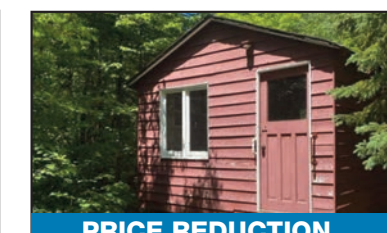
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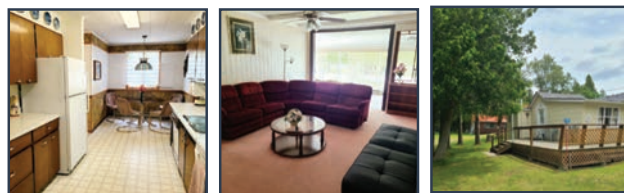


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