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**DANCING THROUGH THE GENERATIONS**—The Sheguiandah traditional Jiingtamok (Powwow) was held a little later this year, but the summertime temperatures, plethora of dancers from across Mnidoo Mnising and friendly vibes remained the same. The powwow boasted many intergenerational dancers, as evidenced by the photo above. Please see Page 15 for story and more photos.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

## Mayor Stephens baffled by his council's decision to not apply for \$50,000 grant for United Manitoulin Islands Transit

**by Michael Erskine**  
CENTRAL MANITOULIN—A recommendation that Central Manitoulin council authorize the CAO/clerk to enter into a \$50,000 Rural Transit Solutions Fund grant agreement between the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, Central Manitoulin and Manitoulin Islands Transit Cooperative Inc. (UMIT)

was turned down at the September 8 meeting of council. The original recommendation from the Water, Waste and Education Committee was moved by Councillor Derek Stephens and seconded by Councillor Angela Johnston at committee and moved at committee by Councillor Stephens and Councillor Al Tribinevicius.

In opening debate on the motion Councillor Steve Shaffer thanked UMIT for the information presented to committee by UMIT executive director Joahna Berti, saying that it was "very informative" but then went on to say, "after everything is said and done, Central Manitoulin had done its part." He indicated that the funding would extend the program another two years, to a total of seven and that he would not be supporting the motion. "Central Manitoulin has done its part to get this off the ground."

Councillor Stephens noted that the current agreement with UMIT still has two years to run and the municipality would look at the partnership at that time. He noted that the current pilot program is a "stepping stone" to providing a transit solution for people on Manitoulin. "I think that since this is the only public group out there that is trying to do some-

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## Farmers' Almanac editor predicts 'unreasonable' winter cold, lots of snow

**by Warren Schlote**  
LEWISTON, ME—The winter of 2022-2023 is slated to be very cold and snow-filled in Ontario, according to this year's edition of the Farmers' Almanac.

Pete Geiger, philom., the editor of the publication, said this year will bring "plenty of shaking, shivering and shoveling" to Canada.

"In your part of Canada, we're saying unreasonably—not unseasonably, unreasonably—cold and snow. So, you should have winter as it should be," said Mr. Geiger.

The annual publication has long offered predictions about the weather trends in the coming year, using a closely guarded formula. Its accuracy has varied from year to year, but many people continue to swear by the forecasts.

The company formerly published a print version of its Canadian Farmers' Almanac, but in recent years has only issued print versions for the United States. It has continued to publish Canadian forecasts on its website, FarmersAlmanac.com.

The Farmers' Almanac forecast

for winter 2022-2023 called for frigid Arctic air to blanket the region in January, possibly becoming the coldest such system in recent years. Temperatures, the authors wrote, could reach between -20° and -40° Celsius between January 16 and 19.

The almanac said an active storm track will bring weather from the Gulf of Mexico up to New England and the Maritimes, bringing plenty of snow along for northern areas. Around January 20 to 23 especially, it said Ontario could see a major snowstorm.

"I'd want to look at January and be prepared," said Mr. Geiger, adding that bigger snowfalls will continue into February before tapering to light snow near March.

"We want people to be sure that they're ready for weather when it happens. And in Canada, we know it's coming."

A nor'easter may sweep into Canada around February 16 to 19, bringing as much as 60 centimetres of snow for some areas.

After the vernal equinox, which

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## TVO launches 'Great Lakes Untamed' series Sept. 26

*First large-scale docu-series of the Great Lakes region*

**by Warren Schlote**  
OTTAWA—A TVO documentary mini-series premiering this coming Monday called Great Lakes Untamed will bring a "Planet Earth-style" production to the largest freshwater ecosystem on Earth, including scenes around Manitoulin Island.

The three-part series explores wildlife and natural phenomena, people and stories about the Great Lakes and their watershed. The showrunner and director, Ted Oakes, said Great Lakes Untamed is the first large-

scale natural history television series focused exclusively on this region.

"It's like (the BBC's) Planet Earth for our part of the world," Mr. Oakes said.

The series is unique in another way: the editorial team includes a First Nation person, something Mr. Oakes said he had not seen in similar series.

That role belongs to researcher Chevaun Toulouse, from Sagamok Anishnawbek. This is Ms. Toulouse's first foray

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## The Canada-Russia hockey Summit Series was 50 years ago this month

Part 1 of 2

*Canadians were nail-bitingly anxious at Russia's early dominance in that Cold War classic*

**EDITOR'S NOTE**—A half-century ago at this time, Canadians were glued to their television sets and radios, following the live broadcasts of the much-anticipated "Summit Series" of hockey between the best the NHL had to offer and an equally hand-picked Soviet team. Manitoulin sports enthusiast and Silver Stick winning coach Larry Leblanc was tasked by The Expositor to flesh out the tem-

perature and emotions 50 years ago of this Cold War event that most Canadians saw as matching not only hockey skills between the nations but also our quite different political traditions. Next week, the September 28 issue of The Expositor (precisely a half-century after the final thrilling game), a follow-up story will examine Island people's emotions at the time they learned WE'D WON the series.

**by Larry Leblanc**  
Special to The Expositor

CANADA/USSR—More than 3,000 Canadian fans took in the Russian portion of the classic 1972 Summit Series in Moscow. The words above "Da Da Canada, Nyet Nyet Soviet" were an attempt to counter the eerie sounds of the Soviets

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# The Manitoulin *West* Recorder

## Three citizens recognized with Lifetime Achievement Awards

by Lori Thompson,

**Local Journalism Initiative Reporter**  
GORE BAY—Each year, Gore Bay recognizes volunteer awards and senior of the year, but in 2015, they began to award those people who had made a lifelong contribution to the town. From 2015 to 2018, 11 Gore Bay residents were recognized. Unfortunately, there weren't any over the past two years because of COVID. This year brings a new normal and with that, the return of Gore Bay's Lifetime Achievement Awards. 2022 recipients include Marie Clarke, Mike Steele and Michael Addison.

"It's difficult to pick this award," said emcee and former mayor Ron Lane at the awards ceremony this past Saturday. "There are 132 years of history of our town and there's a lot of people in the community that are volunteering."



Ron Lane presents a Lifetime Achievement Award to Marie Clarke.

Listening to the long lists of achievements of this year's recipients, including the more general 'they would do anything for anyone that needed help,' helps one realize that volunteers are indeed the backbone and strength of small communities such as Gore Bay. They do "make Gore Bay a better place year over year, and I



MP Carol Hughes presents a certificate to Michael Addison on the occasion of his Lifetime Achievement Award.

hope that will continue," Mr. Lane said as he introduced the recipients.

Mr. Lane's family moved from Barrie Island to Gore Bay in 1960, to a property beside the Clarkes. They've been friends and neighbours ever since. "It's a real pleasure for me to be able to present



Ron Lane posthumously names Mike Steele as the recipient of a Gore Bay Lifetime Achievement Award which was presented to Mr. Steele's daughter Stephanie.

this award to Marie," he said.

Ms. Clarke has earned the honour for a lifetime of volunteering, of caring for other people not only in the community of Gore Bay but beyond, said Mr. Lane. Marie was born on a farm in Gordon Township. Being the oldest of six chil-

dren, she got to helping very early, on the farm and with the children. As a young woman she worked in Gore Bay dealing with the public in the restaurant, the drug store, the hardware store, and the grocery store. She met the love of her life, settled down and started a family. Since then, she has worked at the nursing home, caring for people who could no longer care for themselves. She worked with the volunteer ambulance, in administration and as an attendant. "Long before we had the ambulance service we have now, we actually had a volunteer ambulance," Mr. Lane said.

"Marie was involved for years, and probably still is, with the United Church, the United Church Women, with the curling club, all working for the community," Mr. Lane said. "She also for

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Providence Bay volunteer John Bisailon has just installed the '2021' leaf on the community's Harvest Glory Days sign indicating Prov's high level of harvest theme decorating last fall. The friendly Island-wide event is open and people, municipalities, First Nations and organizations are asked to register their decorated addresses on The Expositor's website (Manitoulin.com) by September 30 so winning communities can be announced the week before Thanksgiving.

photo by Ingrid Blay

## Get decorating for Harvest Glory Days, the fun inter-community autumn challenge

by Expositor Staff

MANITOULIN—Fall is in the air, definitely, and many maple and ash trees are dropping leaves, replete with their fall colours, earlier than usual.

That means that we're also in the midst of the annual community decorating event, Harvest Glory Days, sponsored by The Manitoulin Expositor.

This is the tenth annual opportunity for Island communities to compete, in the friendliest possible way, for recognition for their community decorating efforts.

There are three categories: large communities like Gore Bay, Mindemoya, M'Chigeeng, Little Current and Wiikwemkoong.

Mid-sized communities include Sheguiandah, Aundeck Omni Kaning, Kagawong, Providence Bay and Shesheganing.

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## Several Manitoulin people recognized at Anishinabek Evening of Excellence

RAMA FIRST NATION—Several Manitoulin Island First Nation members received lifetime achievement awards at the Anishinabek Evening of Excellence held on August 24 at Casino Rama in Chippewas of Rama First Nation, hosted by the Anishinabek Nation 7th Generation Charity.

Lifetime achievement recipients from 2020 and 2022 were in attendance, as well as Debwewin Citation winners and the 2022 Anishinabek Student Excellence Awards. The Anishinabek Education System Educator Excellence and Secondary School Scholarship winners were in attendance as well.

The Lifetime Achievement Awards recognize individuals who have made a lifetime commitment to

improving the quality of life on First Nations through volunteerism, political service, language preservation, health services, social services, personal achievement, cultural practice and those who are survivors of residential school or who served in the military.

2022 Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to Chief Irene Kells of Zhiibaahaasing First Nation, Patricia Nahwegahbow of Whitefish River First Nation, the late Mark Shawanda of Whitefish River First Nation and Isadore Toulouse of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

The list of 2020 Lifetime Achievement Awards (at

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## NDP leader visits Manitoulin Island, tours green Country 103 radio station

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Canada's only "off-grid" radio station, 103 Country in Little Current, has been getting a lot of high profile attention in recent months. First, the Slovakian ambassador dropped in for a tour during Haweater and now, most recently, federal NDP leader Jagmeet Singh stopped by for a visit while on a tour of Northern Ontario communities.

Mr. Singh declared himself impressed with the radio station as owners Craig and KT Timmermans took him through the station's facilities and on a tour of the Flatrock Entertainment grounds off Harbour Vue Road.

"I was on Manitoulin Island before while on vacation with my brother," said Mr. Singh. "I was very impressed with the number



Craig and Kelly Timmermans talk solar panels with NDP leader Jagmeet Singh and MP Carol Hughes during a recent trip to Little Current.

of small businesses that have been making a success." The NDP leader cited the green radio sta-

tion, kombucha and mushroom cultivating buildings and two breweries as examples of Northern Ontario ingenuity.

In addition to touring Island businesses and meeting people on the street, Mr. Singh dedicated

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## Pumpkin Festival this Saturday at Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah

by Alicia McCutcheon

SHEGUIANDAH—Mark your calendars for the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah Pumpkin Festival taking place on the museum grounds this Saturday, September 24.

Growing a gigantic gourd? Be sure to bring your prized pumpkin to the weigh-in starting at 11 am until noon. No need to pre-register. There will be prizes!

There will be a barbecue and bale sale on-site until goodies run out.

The pumpkin festival will include plenty of children's pumpkin-themed games and activities, vendors, face-painting and a pumpkin carving demonstration. Festival-goers will also be treated to the musical stylings of Cole Hughson.

And while you're at the museum, be sure to check out the fantastic works of art at the Manitoulin Fine Arts Members Art Show as Saturday is the last day.

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**editorial**

## Politicians should seek solutions to issues, not blame

Pity the poor folks who are looking to renew their mortgages these days as national banks across the globe scurry to rein in the money supply in what seems to be a vain attempt to slow the rampant inflation infecting all of our economies.

Partisans from the parties not currently in power have been quick to hammer those who are for not solving the issue—all the while deftly avoiding providing any solutions or suggestions beyond sniping for cheap political points. This is a tactic that has been on the rise in most democracies where you don't risk being thrown in the gulag for chirping at the glorious leaders.

Such a critic's approach runs against the supposed role of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition(s) and sensible decency. Go ahead, challenge and critique, but please provide a potentially viable solution beyond the name calling that seems to pass for political debate on all fronts these days.

Lost in the current conversations around inflation, particularly in the halls outside power, is that the current scourge we are facing is not so much that there is too much money sloshing about in the global economies as it is the mind-bending supply chain constraints that are currently limiting supply due to the pandemic. As as nearly any struggling business person can tell you the pandemic is clearly not over, despite grand pronouncements from on high as daily calls from sick employees reduce productivity and profits.

As the proverbial wash water gets tossed out of the economic basin through rising interest rates, it is the babies who will find themselves shivering out in the cold. That's young people struggling to buy a

home or seniors struggling to pay the rent and buy medicine and food, even those, who as middle class professionals, are normally insulated against such concerns but are now finding themselves performing increasingly desperate juggling acts. This fuels rising mental and physical health issues that are putting even more strain on our tottering health system.

Adding even more complication to the equation that is inflation is the flight of big money into safe assets such as real estate, compounding the search for a roof overhead. Real estate, particularly urban houses, apartment buildings and condos can turn more tidy profits from short term rentals than long term housing for ordinary people.

These are some of the problems generating the rising costs of just about everything. What isn't driving the inflation bus is the poor, the elderly and youth—they are not to blame, but they are the ones bearing the brunt of the load.

Our political leaders need to stop demonizing disadvantaged groups and start to take concrete steps to repairing the globe's battered supply chains and labour supplies. None of the problems assailing these sectors are actually new; the global pandemic has simply shone a glaring light on them and has accelerated trends that were already been in play.

We need more from political leadership than fine words and noble aspirations. We need creative and innovative approaches and those are most likely to be found outside of the box. As electors at the bottom of the food chain, it's our job to pay attention and hold our political leaders' feet to the fire.

**letters**

## Childcare worker responds to staff shortage closure of daycare

*Childcare agencies need to find a way to include unvaccinated workers on staff*

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following letter has been sent in response to the September 14 front page story 'Staff shortage shuts Manitowaning daycare.'

**To the Expositor:**

I am not an early childhood educator (ECE), but I have worked in the childcare field for over seven years, facilitated by Assiginack Childcare. During my time there, I worked each of the positions: on the floor in the family grouping room, on the floor in the school age room, screener/cleaner, cook and solo-employee running/managing the school age children program. Staff that work on the floor with the children are each responsible to complete the same tasks and duties, regardless of their educational background. There were only two qualified ECEs who worked full time at the centre during my seven years. The rest of the staff were hardworking individuals, with varied educational backgrounds, who had a true passion for working with children, such as myself. Although I had been there longer than any other staff member, the absence of an ECE diploma allowed management to make climbing the ladder or establishing seniority impossible, regardless of years served. I acquired only a .75 cent wage increase throughout the entirety of my years served. After quitting my job at Assiginack Child-

care in early 2022, I applied to work with Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR). During the interview with MFR's head of childcare, it was expressed that they were in dire need of childcare workers. After a positive interview, I was asked about my medical confidentiality. Upon learning I chose not to get the COVID-19 vaccine, she informed me that I did not meet the requirements for the job, due to that fact.

I find the statement made by MFR management, to the Expositor, quite ironic: "We are at the cusp ourselves. If we lose one or two more staff, we might have to close ourselves." It seems they would rather run the risk of closing MFR's doors, leaving numerous families without childcare, than to hire someone who meets all the requirements, but does not meet their personal vaccination preferences. It is unfortunate for Island families to be the ones effected by the decisions of a select few individuals, who dictate childcare workers' ability to work within the system. My hope is that childcare management on Manitoulin is able to find a way to include, acquire and retain staff for the sake of the working families that are the blood and sweat that this island is made of.

Rachel Aeschlimann  
Tehkummah

## Rental housing woes from a landlord point of view

*An open letter to Premier Doug Ford and MPP Michael Mantha*

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following is open letter to Premier Doug Ford, Minister Steve Clark and MPP Michael Mantha and has been reprinted here at the author's request.

I am sending you an invoice for the loss of rental income and damages that is currently owed to us by the persons who claim that they still reside in the residential unit. The people have not paid rent since last year; have removed all of their furniture and personal belongings; have told police and others that they have moved out; have had the hydro disconnected for arrears and they have met all of the criteria when determining abandonment. Yet, when we go to change the locks, haul away the garbage and begin to clean up, these people return to the property, become combative, assault our family member, thus resulting in the police being called to keep the peace. The police arrive and tell us, the landlords, that we are trespassing as we do not have an eviction order.

The Residential Tenancy Act clearly states that when a landlord determines that the tenants have abandoned the unit, an eviction order is not needed. A letter is sent from the landlord to the tenants and to the Landlord Tenant Board advising that the unit is deemed abandoned and that the landlord will exercise their rights as per the Residential Tenancy Act. We showed the police that we did all of that. The police ignored this and told us that we need an eviction order. We could not take possession of our property.

An application for an eviction order was filed in February of this year. Due to the stance taken by the police in ignoring the Abandonment Section of the Residential Tenancy Act and due to the lengthy wait time for a hearing for an eviction notice, we have not been able to realize any rental income while our house and property sit vacant, clearly neglected, in squalor conditions, with dog urine soaked hardwood floors rotting away, all the while advertising for squatters to move in.

We are seniors on a limited income and this Manitoulin Island property was intended to be our retirement home. Now, due to the loss of rental income and the costs incurred in trying to take back possession of the property, we are on the brink of having to default on our mortgage, claim bankruptcy and lose any financial gains from the selling of

our current residential property so that we could move to our retirement home.

All of this is due to the costs of waiting for a Landlord Tenant Board (LTB) tribunal hearing to get an eviction order that is not required by the Residential Tenancy Act in order to take back possession of the house and property that we own. Sounds ridiculous, eh?!

Many landlords in Ontario are in the same situation. A housing crisis is happening because thousands of landlords will either lose their property to lenders or sell to get out of the rental market or convert their rental property to short term rentals to avoid the dire situation of dealing with the LTB.

I am asking for a financial assistance program for small ownership landlords that will pay the mortgage and property taxes until such time as LTB orders are enforced.

I am also asking that the services of an LTB Resolution Dispute Officer be put into play prior to a hearing date and not just on the date of a hearing. Small Landlords simply cannot afford to hire a paralegal or lawyer to navigate through this process. Mediating a resolution to be presented to the adjudicator at the time of hearing for endorsement would certainly clear the backlog of hearing wait times.

And I am asking that the police be made aware of the landlord's rights under the Abandonment section of the Residential Tenancy Act and let us possess what is rightfully ours.

Small ownership landlords (those with a few rental properties) are an essential part of the housing industry. We hear that changes are underway for the LTB Tribunal yet those changes will not be implemented until late next year!! We are at a breaking point – financially, mentally and emotionally.

The LTB Tribunal system is broken and the housing crisis is growing larger. What will government do?

I await your response.

Sincerely,

Karen Gerrard  
Hilliardton, Ontario



# Following Hope's Path: Part XXXI of a series

## What happens when the news is not quite so good?

**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* continues the series 'Following Hope's Path' to relay the ongoing story of her journey.

**by Mary Buie and Michael Erskine**  
KAGAWONG—Retired nurse and cancer survivor Mary Buie of Kagawong is known for her irrepressible optimism and great outlook, but she is also a pragmatic individual with a common sense tempered through years of practical experience as a nurse. Until most recently the news Ms. Buie had to share in this series has been largely upbeat, but that doesn't mean there haven't been ongoing challenges, particularly as she and her husband John are in their senior years. Ms. Buie caught up with *The Expositor* to share the latest developments in her cancer journey and the challenges presented by age for the couple and their family.

"Several things have happened in my life recently that have caused serious thinking and intense family discussions," she said. "Husband John and I are blessed by having an amazing family and we make decisions together and recently we have had to make life changing-decisions."

Ms. Buie's husband John had a serious fall recently and she was no longer able to be his caregiver at home. "But when I am his wife and dealing with cancer that has returned—where is the best place for John to live?" she asked. "I felt very guilty and sad at this time as neither John nor I, or any of our family, wanted this to happen. But it did happen and all of us had to be realistic about the future."

"Cancer often causes us to be weaker, more tired and less able," she said. "Much as we would like to be, we are not healthy and strong."

"Many of us who are older and living with cancer have spouses," she continued, "so we have different things to consider if they need more care than we can give



Grandma Mary Buie making cookies with grandchildren Brooke and Chase in Calgary. The tradition continues!

them."

The first question Ms. Buie, her husband and the couple's children were forced to consider was that "we are both living at home and will need more care eventually. How long will I, living with cancer, be able to give it? It depends on how our cancer journey is going and how well we are physically and mentally."

So it has come about that the Buie family found itself with decisions suddenly thrust upon them due to Mr. Buie's fall. "Because of the fall, John went to hospital to begin with but when his condition was deemed stable by medical staff, he became 'ALC,' that's 'alternative level of care.'"

So when Mr. Buie was ready to leave the hospital for home care, that meant that he was ready to leave hospital and he either had to be released to go home with adequate home care supports or to go into a nursing home.

"In our case, home was not an option," she said, noting the aforementioned health challenges that are due to her ongoing battle with cancer. "So then, with family help,

we made a list of five nursing homes to which John could apply to in descending order from the first choice on down."

Ms. Buie explained that her husband could ask for a basic, semi-private or a private room. "If John stayed at the hospital as ALC then, according to Ontario policy, the hospital would collect a basic nursing home rate per day," she said. "Because his place was not to be in hospital anymore we were advised to say that John would accept any of the level of care that we had decided on starting with basic as he needed to move out of the hospital as soon as possible when there was a bed in any of his five choices."

Then came other considerations. "Now because I am living with cancer that has returned, the question I had to try and figure out was how long was I likely to live? And this is a question that must be asked by anyone who finds themselves in the same position as me."

Ms. Buie reached out to the medical professionals at Princess Margaret with whom she has become close for advice. "Because I am in this clinical trial, I asked

my senior research doctor," she said. "If John is likely to outlive me, where should he live? Should he be close to me now or close to one of our children as they all live away?"

There was considerable urgency to these questions.

"We as a family only had a few days to make our nursing home list and John and I and the kids wanted to get it right," she said. "But ultimately the nursing home needed to be where John wanted to go, so our list of five included here on Manitoulin and close to Neil in Powassan and Corbeil."

The other matter making the decision pressing was Ms. Buie's current cancer situation.

"Well, AMG 650 is not working quite as well," she admitted. "I now have very small cancer tumours in my bones—femurs, spine and pelvis. It was a surprise to me. I did not expect it."

Despite the spread of her aggressive form of cancer, there was some good news to be found amongst the drab. "It is still working for the target lesion in the lung," she said. "Although the clinical trial that I am in is not enrolling anyone else, for us that AMG 650 (the experimental treatment she is receiving) is working, so we keep going. I will continue monthly check-ups at Princess Margaret with CT scans bi-monthly."

"The other good thing is that I am well," shared Ms. Buie. "My liver enzymes are higher but reasonable, so I can stay on the pill."

Further, once it stops being effective there is a hormone therapy pill that will work for her triple negative breast cancer. "According to my research doctor that may provide another three years," she said. "So for now, all is good. John is settling into the Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay. He is happy and he is enjoying good food, happy caring staff and lots of people he knows. For John and I, our lives go on. We as a family prayed a lot, asking for God's guidance so that we could make the best decision for John's future—and God has. All is working out well for us both. God has us safely in the palm of his hand. But for a while life was a roller coaster—but doesn't that happen to us all at times?"

"So be of good cheer, whatever life is throwing at you now," said Ms. Buie. "The sun will appear. So, look for the rainbow—we found ours."

## Manor courtyard project may not be completed until spring

**by Michael Erskine**

**LITTLE CURRENT**—The new courtyard project being constructed at Manitoulin Centennial Manor is moving ahead despite supply chain issues that are plaguing the construction industry across the globe, but administrator Don Cook advised some board members last week that the project may not be fully completed until spring. Since the courtyard would not normally be utilized in the winter and construction was anticipated to take up most of the fall, the delay should not have a huge impact overall.

Large stones that double as seating options are currently being put in place and the project is shaping up well, he noted.

"Have we decided on a name for the courtyard?" asked board member Mary Jane Lenihan. "It would be nice to have the donors recognized for their generous contribution to this project."

Mr. Cook informed the board members present that the donor family has not yet indicated a willingness to be officially identified but are being apprised of the progress being made on the project. The project is also dependant on funding grants from the province that have specific deadlines for completion. The Manor has already been granted an earlier



Workers carefully position a large stone slab into place in the new courtyard project at Manitoulin Centennial Manor.

extension but given the constraints imposed by supply chain issues, Mr. Cook remains optimistic.

In other projects, the new phone system installation at the Manor is almost completed, although there are still some minor "glitches" being worked out.

Manor administration is also moving ahead with a plan to replace lighting with LED options, a project that will cost \$58,000 in capital expenditures, but which is estimated will save

\$19,000 a year in energy costs. "We have already replaced the lighting in the dining room," shared Mr. Cook, "but it will cost \$48,000 to finish." The money will come from the small capital fund, he noted, which has sufficient unallocated funds to cover the project. "We can do this project without touching the operating funds," he noted.

The operating funds took a significant hit due to the recent COVID-19 outbreak at the Manor, which luckily was contained rela-

tively quickly and thanks to the Manor's protocols not all of the residents contracted the virus.

Extencare advisor Keith Clement noted the budget took a significant hit from the outbreak, but efforts are underway to itemize and isolate those costs in the hopes that special funding will be available to help defray those costs. "We do have the potential to get money back," he said. Nonetheless, the Manor's financial statements have to deal with the present reality until such funding is confirmed, he said. "But our first priority is to keep our residents safe."

There were 19 residents who remained negative at the conclusion of the outbreak. The outbreak was declared over on August 8.

Director of Care Sylvie Clarke was effusive in her praise of Manor staff during the COVID outbreak. Even though vacationing staff had to be called back and staff vacations cancelled, she said staff members stepped up to meet the challenge, with many volunteering to take on extra shifts or to work longer to help contain the outbreak. Ms. Clarke said that she is currently working with employees to arrange alternate vacation days.

Ms. Clarke went on to inform the board members present that

progress is being made on staffing shortages and that there are some hopeful signs on the horizon.

There is currently a waitlist of 20 for Manor beds. Ms. Clarke noted that two empty beds will be filled by September and following that the Manor will be working toward filling the empty four beds being held in reserve for isolation purposes "per ministry direction."

Earlier optimism that there would be fibre-enabled internet coming into the Manor this fall have had to be adjusted due to the scope of the fibre extension project taking place across the North Shore, but the Manor is currently working with Vianet to upgrade the Manor's transmission speeds to a point where the new Extencare Workday management software will be able to function adequately.

"Vianet says we will be able to 100mb upload, we are currently at 50," said Mr. Cook. "With fibre, we will be around 1,000mb."

Inspections at the Public Health Sudbury and Districts went well, noted Mr. Cook. "District health unit was in working with us on our outbreak procedures," he said. "They were very pleased with what they saw and our procedures, leaving only a few recommendations on how to help with the outbreak."





## Law & Order

### Conditional sentence, probation for M'Chigeeng man after guilty plea in 'bizarre' loader incident

by Lori Thompson,  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
GORE BAY—A 26-year-old man from M'Chigeeng First Nation will spend six months under house arrest and another 18 months under a probation order after pleading guilty to two counts of mischief over \$5,000, contrary to section 430(3) of the Criminal Code (CC), and theft of a motor vehicle, contrary to section 333.1 of the CC. The court heard that on August 7, 2021 officers from UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service attended a single motor vehicle collision on Highway 551, where they observed a male attempting to remove a vehicle from a ditch using tow hooks. On police arrival, the male fled from the scene on foot. Witnesses identified the driver as Zackry Bayer. The 2007 GMC Sierra was registered to Mr. Bayer.

Later that same evening, UCCM Police were advised that a large front-end loader missing a rear tire was going through the

M'Chigeeng neighbourhood known as Pinewood Park. Police attended immediately and observed damage to the asphalt as the vehicle turned onto Riverside Drive. The loader did not stop when emergency lights were activated and continued into a yard on Pine Street.

It was clear the loader had to be stopped to prevent large scale damage and for the immediate threat to public safety. The loader entered into the backyard of a residence on Pine Street, narrowly missing a house with residents inside, and became stuck. The driver fled on foot and was pursued by an officer while another entered the loader, took it out of gear and turned it off.

The male was identified as the same male from the earlier occurrence. He fled to a residence on Riverside Drive, where he was arrested by UCCM Police officers.

The front-end loader, owned by Corbiere

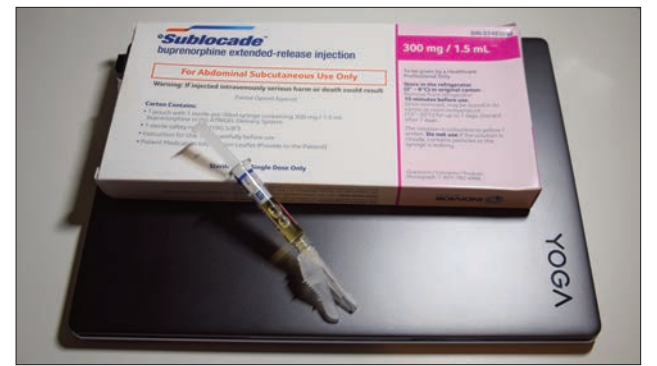
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## Harm reduction strategy pamphlet released by UCCM Tribal Police

by Michael Erskine  
M'CHIGEENG—In an effort to provide harm reduction education and resources in the wake of the ongoing opioid addiction crisis gripping Manitoulin communities, UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service (UAPS) has released a harm reduction brochure in collaboration with the Manitoulin Drug Strategy group.

"Originally, the idea in putting the brochure together was that we just assume that people knew where to get all this information, where to get help, where to get harm reduction supplies," said UAPS social navigator Daughness Migwans. She noted that a survey done by the drug strategy group a number of years ago indicated that was not always true.

"One of the things I want-



Help and supports available for those living with substance use disorder on Manitoulin are now found in an easily accessible booklet published by the UCCM Police.

ed to do was to make sure people know where they could get help and access harm reduction supplies and/or services," she said. To that end, Ms. Migwans contacted all the partner agencies that were collaborating in the Manitoulin Drug Strategy group to confirm what services they

offer and to ensure they were okay with their services being included in the brochure.

"One of the challenges we were facing is that things change, programs change and services change from time to time," said Ms. Migwans. To that end, ...continued on page 11

## Friends and Neighbours

### Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Team Fergmeijer bought a discount GPS off some guy we met in a parking lot. We can't be sure, but we think it's a knockoff. It asked us if we wanted to "make an illegal U-turn here to save 10 minutes?" When we said no, it was like, "nerd."

Congratulations to the Manitoulin Tennis Club on their Harvest Tennis tournament this past weekend! Local tennis star Keith M won the doubles portion along with Danielle D, while Kris L won the singles portion. Thanks to everyone who came out for this last tennis event of the season. As long as the warm weather holds, tennis players might want to keep an eye on the Manitoulin Tennis Club Facebook page for pop-up playing times.

The Angel Bus "Fall'N Angels" Dance fundraiser is back! Saturday, October 1st from 7 to 11 pm, get your groove on at the Burpee and Mills community hall and support a fantastic cause. Tickets are \$15 per person. Music by the Manitoulin Swing Band and Missy's Groovy Little Band. The Angel Bus is a wheelchair accessible van that provides transportation free of charge to Residents of Manitoulin Lodge and adult citizens of western Manitoulin with mobility issues. You can also donate directly to the Angel Bus: <https://www.manitoulinauxiliary.org/donate>.

Did you know that the Billings Library has dozens of audio books? We went looking for books on tape, but didn't see anything to do with packing, masking or ducts.

A note to all eligible voters in Billings - all municipal ballots are mail-in. They should be arriving in your mailbox late September or early October. Want to get some clarity on who to vote for? Come out to the All-Candidate meeting at the Park Centre on Thursday, October 6th. You can meet and greet the candidates informally from 6:30 pm to 7 pm; the candidates will have a chance to formally speak to the audience from 7 to 8 pm; questions will be taken 8 to 9 pm, and closing remarks will be at 9:30 pm. Moderator will be John Diebolt.

Happy 29th birthday goes out to Barb E this week, and belated happy birthday wishes to Joan H who celebrated last week. You are absolute proof that fabulous has no age limit!

Though Mary B is unable to participate in this year's Run for the Cure in Sudbury on October 2nd, Kagawong will still be well-represented! Heather T is once again running for friends like Mary, and fundraising for breast cancer research, prevention, and patient care. If you are interested in donating, visit <http://support.cancer.ca/goto/htheijmeijer>.

More details have been released on this year's 4elements living arts Elemental Festival... and it's going to be ah-mazing! October 1st and 2nd will see music take over Kagawong with events at the Park Centre and Sandy Beach. For the impressive full lineup, check out: <https://4elementslivingarts.org/elemental-festival/>.

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

We're once again putting out the call for your original short poems/haikus/limericks and the like. Submit them to [fergmeijer@gmail.com](mailto:fergmeijer@gmail.com) and we'll get them in the column! As long as they are PG. The Expositor editors only let us get away with so much. We'll kick things off with an ode to amore:

When the moon hits  
Your knees and you  
Mispronounce trees;  
Sycamore  
Have a good week!

### Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Sorry for not putting an article in the paper last week. My Sunday night got away on me and when I remembered on Monday morning it was past the submission deadline. The euchre scores were missed for two weeks, the first due to the long weekend making me have to get my article in early and the second due to my negligence. I am sure Harold would have loved seeing it in print that he had won the money jar. Congratulations Harold. But this is a new week with new things to talk about.

I have a personal detail to put in. My Aunt Lois Nelder who lives in Sault Ste. Marie had a very significant birthday and we drove to the Sault to celebrate it with her. It was really fun. We took the Tesla. We wondered what the long trip would be like, but charging was fast, easy and convenient. On the way home we plugged in at Blind River, went to A&W for a hamburger, and had to finish it off quickly because the charging was done so fast. It was very affordable too. Nice.

Friday night at euchre there were three tables. Ladies' lone hands went to Rose VanEvery with two, men's lone hands went to Diane Jones with three. High lady went to Janet Huckins with 63 points. High man was won by Bob Benedict with 69 points. Most euchres were won by Lois Wismer with five and Millie Kelly brought home the juice. The money jar is safe for this week.

Saturday morning was Karen's weekly yard sale. We had a table of baked goods to sell. It was to support Meldrum Bay building projects. Homemade buns, bread, cupcakes, pies and cakes went very quickly. I came home with beautiful leeks from Josie's table which was full of lovely flowers and vegetables from her market garden close to Loon Lake just outside Meldrum Bay. Rose, Pat and I had to get up at six and leave by eight to set up for the bake sale. I know that I drank lots of the coffee which was also for sale. Karen had a barbecue and my husband drove over later in the Tesla (any excuse for a drive) to join us for lunch. The men munched on their burgers and stood around visiting. It was a nice way to spend a Saturday morning.

After I got home, I took Josie's leeks and combined them with potatoes, onions and garlic from my garden as well as a vegetable base made from cooking up the leftover bits from processing garden produce. It turned into a delicious leek soup. My husband, the vegetable avoider, said that it was really good.

It was so nice to have the local store open to buy the things I needed for my baking.

Melody Duncanson-Hales took the service in Meldrum on Sunday and it was a really pleasant service. A few people who usually come are away, but we still had a nice attendance.

Thanks to Marcus White, Susan Hartley, Anne Steele Giffin and Wendy VanEvery for helping us out during a challenging time. We needed someone to look after the waterfront and they volunteered. This is so important because there are still some boats and some trailers although not as many as in the middle of summer and we need someone there to look after them as well as pump gas, look after the laundromat and the washrooms. Even if someone drives to Meldrum Bay for a day out it is nice to have open clean washrooms that they can use. Randi's in Shesheganwaning is now closed on Sundays and Wednesdays but it's business as usual for the rest of the week.

The planning board is having a meeting in Silver Water on the 28th to discuss issues that we should be aware of. There is also a services board meeting in Meldrum Bay on the 21st. Tuesday the quilters get together to make more quilts and disaster relief bags. Some of the quilts were on display at the church service. I am so proud of the people of Meldrum Bay and Silver Water who get together to help others who are suf-

fering. They will soon have enough to drive down again to southern Ontario to the distribution centre and drop off the quilts and bags.

### Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

The North Central Women's Institute Area Convention was held on September 17th at Gordon Hall, with 16 members in attendance. Following lunch, reports were given, and a discussion on business items was held. A silent auction of two Women's Institute cups and a plate, other decorative plates and some flowers was also held. The closing of the meeting was with God Save The King.

### Silver Water Karen Noble

A touching homecoming was held at Silver Lake Cemetery on Saturday, September 3. Reverend Janice Frame dedicated a new stone marker for Lillian Gladys Rumley 1922 to 1999 on behalf of her daughter Carolyn. Support and caring were shown to Carolyn and Paul by family and friends attending: Rumleys, Duncansons, Cook-Addisons and McGibbon-McQuarrie. Lillian is home from a numbered marker in Toronto to rest next to her family.

Molly Ainslie called to tell me that the Elizabeth Bay United Church had its last service on September 11 for the season.

Tuesday morning last week, Jose Daniels arrived at the door with three large boxes full of ripe tomatoes. We spent Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning making 35 litres of tomato sauce.

Brenda and Doug Carter had their son Robert and his wife Sam visit last week. They did a lot of fishing while they were here and were very successful.

There were four tables at euchre on Thursday night in Silver Water and three tables on Friday night in Meldrum Bay.

There was a market in our yard on Saturday morning. The ladies from Meldrum Bay did a bake sale to raise money for the Dawson Citizens Improvement Association. Pat McDougall pulled the winning ticket for the 50/50 draw. Congratulations to Yvonne Morris.

Saturday, September 24 there will be no market in our yard. We are all planning to be at Irene Duncanson's auction starting at 11 am and plan to have our BBQ lunch at it. The market will resume on October 1. Please keep any items to donate to the yard sale until next spring.

Gladys Duncanson and I swam on September 17 in the afternoon. It might be the last one for this year.

It appears that lightning hit Dad's barn last week. The fencer was not working, and a fuse was blown. Albert and I managed to put in a new fuse and hook up an old fencer to temporarily keep the Martin cattle inside the fence.

Happy 49th birthday to Shawn Noble on September 22. Happy birthday to Tom Rumley this week.

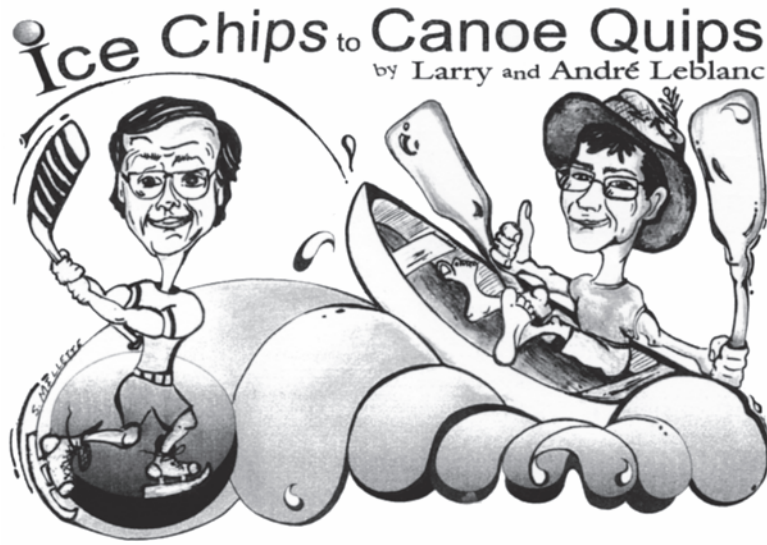
There will be the Local Services Board of Robinson election meeting at the Silver Water Community Hall on Sunday, September 25 at 2:30 pm. There is a Manitoulin Planning Board meeting at the hall on Wednesday, September 28 at 2 pm. This concerns the by-law relating to both Robinson and Dawson townships. There is the Silver Water Recreation Centre election meeting on Monday, October 3 at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to all the meetings.

Condolences to the family of Lynda Antoine.



# Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

## Manitoulin Sporting Life



### Home course advantage?

It may be excellent news for those Manitoulin Secondary cross country runners who like a familiar course and not having to wake up at an ungodly hour. It has recently been announced that both the Pre-NSS-SAA and NSSSAA (North Shore Secondary Schools Athletic Association) Cross Country meets will be held at the Rainbow Ridge Golf Course on Oct. 13th and October 20th respectively.

I would think that most, if not all will have run here during their elementary school days, likely having run in the annual, Wiky Invitational with one of their previous teams. I guess it depends on the added pressure perhaps but it has to be better than leaving at five-something in the morning to get to CASS (Central Algoma)! Good luck team and keep up or pick up your training for the home crowd, everyone!

### NOJHL Catch-up!

The Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League is off to a great start for some local players. **Billy Biederman** of Little Current is still with the Greater Sudbury Cubs and the cagey veteran is once again showing his offensive prowess. In this early part of the season, he has helped the Cubs to the top of the NOJHL West division with a 3-1-1 record for seven points. He sits in seventh spot in league scoring with seven points in five games! Also, Billy had a great experience at the OHL Barrie Colts main camp. Although he had a great camp, he wasn't selected. Their loss, Billy as the Sudbury Cubs breathe a sigh of relief!

Meanwhile, Mindemoya's **Liam Bridgeman** is back in Espanola with the newly minted, Espanola Paper Kings. He scored the first official goal for the new team that is back in the NOJHL and has added a couple of assists to make him a point-a-game guy, having just played three. However, the Paper Kings find themselves just behind the Cubs with six points with only four games played.

Good luck both and try to check out when they meet up in Espanola, although not until October 21st!

### Off their Rock hockey

Also, playing at an elite level are the following players who need to cross the bridge just for their home games!

Little Current's **Kohyn Eshkawkogan** and his Rep Hockey Club U15 AAA team are busy in exhibition play and are currently 1-1-1. His team was previously known as the Mississauga Reps but are now simply the Reps Hockey Club. They practice out of York Canlan Arena and play home games out of the Westwood Arenas.

Manitowaning's **William McComb** is playing for the U18 AAA Sudbury Nickel Caps.

Aundek Omni Kaning's **Samuel Assinewai** is back in the "O" (Ontario Hockey League) the Flint Firebirds down in Flint Michigan.

### Active Assiginack!

Youth and senior dance is free in Assiginack thanks to an Ontario Trillium grant that starts next week!

There is a Senior drop in on Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 pm. Drop by for exercise, games, chatting, snacks and coffee. This is free and located at the Assiginack arena. **Jackie White** reminds everyone of hockey registration in Assiginack and everywhere on the Island.

She also reiterates that Manitoulin is in desperate need of referees! As an incentive, new officials can get a free whistle, pants, top and course fees to encourage them to come out and give it a try for youth 14 years and up. "No refs: No game!"

Thankfully, NOHA (Northern Ontario Hockey Association) is minor hockey's governing body) is cracking down and wants to bring the fun back into the game. There is a unique green armband policy for new officials and a fresh maltreatment rule- anyone caught abusing a new official gets a hefty, 10 game suspension.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR?

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# Assiginack Fall Fair Horse Show posted stellar results

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—The Annual Assiginack Horticultural Society Fall Fair Horse Show is always a big hit and this year's edition was no exception.

"We are really pleased with how the weather has turned out," said organizer Sylvia Moggy, noting that the temperature wasn't oppressive, and the sun was making an appearance instead of forecasted rain and clouds. Riders young and old were lined up to take part in the various events throughout the Saturday afternoon and it was clear that everyone in the stands were having almost as good a time as the riders themselves.

Ms. Moggy provided the results of the day's events:

### Showmanship

Showmanship involves a person on the ground leading a horse, wearing a halter or bridle, through a series of maneuvers called a pattern. Exhibitors are judged on showing the horse to its best advantage, with additional scoring for the grooming and presentation of both horse and handler. First place in beginner showmanship went to Gibson with Yukon. First place in youth showmanship went to Jordan with Dobs. First place in adult showmanship went to Katie with Millie.

### Western Pleasure

Western pleasure is a "Western style" competition at horse shows that evaluates horses on manners and suitability of the horse for a relaxed and slow but collected gait cadence, along with calm and responsive disposition. The horse is to appear to be a pleasure to ride, smooth-moving and very comfortable.

First place in beginner western pleasure went to Grayson on Yukon. First place in junior western pleasure went to CJ on Patches, second place went to Gibson on Yukon and third place went to Aubrey on Dancer. First place in youth western pleasure went to Isla on Queen, second place went to Jordan on Dobs and third place went to Memphis on Whiskey. First place in adult western pleasure went to Emmanuel on Jazz, second place went to Katie on Millie and third place went to Clayton on Bailey.

### Barrels

Barrel racing is a rodeo event in which a horse and rider attempt to run a cloverleaf pattern around pre-set barrels in the fastest time. Barrel racing requires a combination of the horse's athletic ability and the horsemanship skills of a rider to safely and successfully maneuver the horse around barrels placed within a large arena.

First place in headline barrels went to Ruby on Yukon with a time of 31.939, second place went to Grayson on Yukon with a time of 39.901. First place in junior barrels went to Carter on Jazz with a time of 21.987, second place went to CJ on Patches with a time of 26.638, third place went to Aubrey on Dancer with a time of 32.849. First place in youth barrels went to Memphis on Whiskey with a time of 19.114, second place went to Isla on Queen with a time of 19.294 and third place went to Jordan on Dobs with a time of 26.177. First place in adult just for fun barrels went to Memphis on Whiskey with a time of 17.445, second place went to Katie on Millie with a time of 19.254 and third place went to Emmanuel on Jazz with a time of 19.445. First place in adult competitive barrels went to Memphis on Whiskey with a time of 17.608, second place went to Katie on Millie with a time of 17.733 and third place went to Emmanuel on Jazz with a time of 18.755.

### Pole Bending

Pole bending is a timed event that features a horse and one mounted rider running a weaving or serpentine path around six poles arranged in a line. First place in headline pole bending went to Ruby on Yukon with a time of 31.785, second place went to



Barrel riding takes close cooperation between horse and rider.

photo by Michael Erskine

Grayson on Yukon with a time of 44.735. First place in Junior pole bending went to CJ on Patches with a time of 32.610, second place went to Aubrey on Dancer with a time of 37.473, third place went to Gibson on Yukon with a time of 42.555. First place in youth pole bending went to Memphis on Jazz with a time of 25.648, second place went to Jordan on Dobs with a time of 28.162, third place went to Taylor on Ben with a time of 44.179. First place in adult just for fun pole bending went to Doug on Buck with a time of 24.225, second place went to Doug on Dragon Man with a time of 30.268, third place went to Hailey on Cheyenne with a time of 34.128. First place in adult competitive pole bending went to Emmanuel on Jazz with a time of 21.590, second place went to Katie on Millie with a time of 21.742 and third place went to Doug on Buck with a time of 23.790.

### Keyhole

A keyhole race is a speed event in which the horse and rider team with the fastest time in completing the event wins. Horses running this event must have speed, but also the agility to stop quickly in full stride, turn, and bolt directly back into a run. The pattern the horse and rider follow is marked out in the sand in a "keyhole" pattern, thus the name. In headline an adult or older child actually leads the horse in-hand, while the child that is judged sits on the horse and usually holds the reins. First place in headline keyhole went to Ruby on Yukon with a time of 14.213, second place went to Grayson on Yukon with a time of 14.893. First place in junior keyhole went to Carter on Lucky with a time of 10.012, second place went to CJ on Patches with a time of 11.274, third place went to Gibson on Yukon with a time of 16.053. First place in Youth keyhole went to Isla on Queen with a time of 11.120, second place went to Jordan on Dobs with a time of 12.615, third place went to Memphis on Whiskey with a time of 16.228. First place in adult just for fun keyhole went to Doug on Dragon Man with a time of 10.242, second place went to Hailey on Cheyenne with a time of 13.557, third place went to Taylor on Ice with a time of 19.143. First place in adult competitive keyhole went to Emmanuel on Jazz with a time of 9.078, second place went to Katie on Millie with a time of 9.311, third place went to Doug on Buck with a time of 10.245.

### Obstacle Course

In the obstacle course horse and rider must successfully negotiate obstacles in order to complete the competition.

First place in the headline obstacle course was a tie between Grayson on Yukon and Ruby on Yukon with both completing six obstacles. First place in junior obstacle course was Jordan on Dobs completing seven obstacles, second place went to Aubrey on Dancer completing six obstacles. First place in youth obsta-

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# OPP Ride Smart cycling program visits Manitoulin communities

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Ride Smart Cycling Program is aimed at creating positive and healthy relationships between youth and police and to develop practical life-long skills through safe cycling.

“We use this program as a youth engagement program in the community,” said Adam Belanger of the OPP, who, along with Andrew Hibma of New Hope Community Bikes based out of Hamilton, Ontario visited both the Manitoulin OPP detachment in Little Current, and the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Anishnaabe Police Services (UCCM), presenting the program last Wednesday in the M’Chigeeng First Nation and Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands communities.

“Bicycling safety is the core of the program,” said Constable Belanger. “But it can also be used for engaging and encouraging positivity in the kids who participate in the program. We teach bike safety like how to manoeuvre a bicycle, safety equipment, helmets, equipment.”

“But when a child learns all of this it also gives them perseverance, self confidence,” said Constable Belanger. “And this can lead to perseverance and confidence when they are doing homework, and their self-confidence. And of course, there is also the healthy part of it, riding bicycles is healthy for everyone.” Constable Belanger explained, “we began working with New Hope to engage youth. The New Hope Community Bikes in Hamilton has been around for seven years and is based out of Hamilton. We adopted the program and partnered with them a year ago.”



Youth are guided through their paces during the Ontario Provincial Police Ride Smart Cycling Program.

photo by Tom Sasvari

In that year of partnership, the OPP Ride Smart Team van has travelled extensively, with a mileage reading of 40,000 kilometres “We visit communities all over the province,” said Constable Belanger. “After leaving Manitoulin, we will be visiting Armstrong, Sioux Lookout, Pickle Lake and Lac Seul First Nation which will be the first time the latter has received a visit from the OPP Ride Smart team.”

Officers Belanger and Hibma introduced themselves to the five children at the session held in M’Chigeeng (a session held earlier in the day in Little Current drew 13 chil-

dren). Among the other police personnel on hand included UCCM APS officers Paul Shawanda and Victor Pitawanakwat and UCCM APS Social Navigator Daughness Migwans, OPP Cadet Garrett Gauthier, and Manitoulin OPP Community Services Officer Tessa Kasch.

“One of the things we like to focus on in this program is predictability,” Constable Belanger told the youngsters. “Doing something that people expect you to do. For example, when you come up to a stop sign when you are riding your bicycle, follow speed limits, be predictable and stop at stop signs before making the right turning single before you turn.”

The participants were informed about the importance of wearing a properly fitting helmet, the bike safety check including, for example, having sufficient air in the tires and making sure the brakes are working properly.

The officers led the students on different skills including straight line riding, controlled braking, shoulder checks, hand signals, shoulder checks with hand signal, the slow speed slalom, emergency braking, high speed cornering and roller and balance obstacles. They also enjoyed several games including follow the leader, slowest bicycle race and elimination among them.

Ms. Migwans told The Expositor, “our officers put on bike rodeos for youngsters, usually before the start of the summer, with many of the same lessons. But it is important to continue to provide these messages. When we got the message from Tessa about this education program and whether we wanted to participate we said, ‘absolutely,’ and we signed up right away.”

## ...Assiginack Fall Fair Horse Show posted stellar results

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cle course was Hanna on Floyd completing eight obstacles, second place went to Isla on Queen completing six obstacles and third place went to Gibson on Yukon completing five obstacles. First place in adult just for fun obstacle course went to CJ on Patches completing six obstacles. Second place was a tie with Hailey on Cheyenne and Taylor on Ben both completing five obstacles, third place went to Andrew on Newbee completing four obstacles. First place adult competitive obstacle course was a tie with both Katie on Millie and Emmanuel on Jazz completing seven obstacles, second place went to Doug on Buck completing six obstacles. First place in youth leadline obstacle course went to Taylor with Ice completing four obstacles.



Time might seem to be everything, but hitting the proper course is key as well. Some categories at the horse show did not depend on times.

High points horse of the day was Yukon.

“It is a wonderful way to participate in our community and make unforgettable memories,” said Ms. Moggy of the entire Assiginack Fair experience. “My favorite memory from this

fall fair was when Elizebeth and I were walking past the canning and preserves and Elizebeth with pride and some incredulity remarked ‘We tasted all of those!’ And I had to pause and let that sink in. Yes, we did! I was most impressed

with the pickled leeks. They were very crunchy and very tasty.”

“There are so many people we need to thank for everything that they did to make this event happen,” Ms. Moggy added. “A big thank you to everyone from all of us. We did it!”

“I would love to encourage folks of any age to come and be a part of the agricultural society and help us put on this awesome event,” said Ms. Moggy.

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# ...Get decorating for Harvest Glory Days

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Small communities would include Silver Water, Spring Bay, Zhiihbaasing First Nation, South Baymouth and Sandfield.

The more outdoor decorating of homes, businesses, streetlights, community halls, bridge, churches, the better.

A drive around Manitoulin shows that there is already lots of decorating in the fall/Harvest Glory Days theme.

There are prizes: big, bright signs attesting to a given community's community spirit, with spaces for recognition of succeeding years' accomplishments.

These testaments to community spirit can be found in Silver Water, Providence Bay, Sheguiandah, Manitowaning, Gore Bay and Spring Bay. But other communities are catching up, last year, Aundeck Omni Kaning won an honourable mention for its efforts.

Individuals, businesses, entire communities are asked to register Harvest Glory Days decorated addresses on The Expositor's website on the main menu (follow the link) [www.Manitoulin.com](http://www.Manitoulin.com) by Friday, September 30 so we can proclaim this year's resplendent communities in the paper the week of Thanksgiving and also show where visitors can expect to see examples of Harvest Glory Days.

For more details, please see the advertisement on page 13.

# ...NDP leader visits Manitoulin, tours Country 103

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time to meet with local First Nations leaders. What he found were many of the same cost of living concerns to be found in the southern part of the province, such as housing and the escalating costs of housing and fuel but noted that many of those challenges are exacerbated in reserve communities.

"For us it is putting people first," he said of the NDP approach to tackling those issues and pointed to his party's success in forcing the Liberal government to introduce a number of policies and programs aimed at helping the most vulnerable through these challenging times, in particular the recently announced doubling of the GST rebate to \$600, the first phase of a national dental care plan and a top up to a housing benefit for renters.

"We fought hard and have been demanding since the spring that the Liberal government step up and give people some respect, the dignity to be able to afford their own groceries. And we have won," said Mr. Singh. "We have forced

this government to deliver three things. Each of these items would not have happened but for the fact that we forced the government to deliver on this respect for people. We're putting money back in people's pockets."

"Here in the North the cost of living is even tougher," he said. "We need to find ways to get more support for those who need it the most—more needs to be done."

Mr. Singh noted how Canadians depend on their health care system and the shortcomings that have been highlighted by the strains of the pandemic. "People really, really depend on the health care services," he said. As to tackling the issues facing that health care system Mr. Singh said, "I think it comes down to a different approach."

Among the underpinnings of that approach is a respect for Indigenous peoples across Canada.

Mr. Singh noted that plans to reduce the number of seats in Northern Ontario are counter intuitive to ensuring the voices of Indigenous communities are heard in Parliament.

# ...Three recognized with Lifetime Achievement Awards

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years canvassed for the Cancer Society and the March of Dimes, and anytime somebody needed help, she would help them. I know that for a fact, I have personal experience with that. It's hard to explain what a person does for 70 years of her life. That's just a snapshot."

The second award went to Mike Steele and was accepted by his daughter Stephanie and son Connor. Mr. Steele passed away suddenly in 2021. He was born and raised on Manitoulin, but like many Islanders he left to go to school and then drifted over to Toronto. That didn't last long because his heart belonged to Manitoulin. He returned home and got involved in the family business (the hardware store).

"Mike worked hard to grow the business," Mr. Lane said. "He would be very flexible with payment because people need things. He was always prepared to give credit if necessary so people could get the things they needed."

Mr. Steele often donated prizes or cash donations to community events, carnivals and hockey tournaments and other occasions. He was involved with the volunteer fire department for many years, many of those years as fire chief. "He was involved when Gore Bay amalgamated with Gordon/Barrie Island to form one volunteer fire department," Mr. Lane said. "He was always there when somebody needed help. He was the first one to start our fireworks display on July 1."

Mr. Steele enjoyed visiting. He enjoyed music. He enjoyed travelling on his motorcycle and meeting people but most of all Michael enjoyed his family, Mr. Lane added. "He was very proud of his family." "In recognition of all the things Mike did to make the town a better place, the Town of Gore Bay has honoured him with this lifetime achieve-

ment award."

Gore Bay Councillor Ken Blodgett presented the final award to Michael Addison. "Without service we would see a much lesser community," Mr. Blodgett said. "Mike joined the fire department in 1995 and served as a firefighter until 2014. He then became the chief."

Mr. Addison initiated the values of professionalism into the Gore Bay Gordon Barrie Island Fire Department and the development of an honour guard can be directly attributed to Mike, Mr. Blodgett said. "His contribution as fire chief makes him most deserving of this award but there is so much more that Mike has done for the community. He headed the Island charter of North Shore Search and Rescue for years. He was a charter member of the Lions Club of Gore Bay for 22 years and a member of the building committee for the Gore Bay Medical Centre. He is an active member of the United Church and he is an active member of minor hockey and was a trainer and assistant coach for years. Mike, I don't want to say you're old, but you do exemplify the spirit of the

town's forefathers."

Mr. Addison then shared his own stories about Ms. Clarke and Mr. Steele and offered a few words of wisdom. "Everything I was involved in, whether it be fire department, search and rescue, Lions Club or just organizing volunteers, it required a team effort," he said. "I'm fortunate I've always been part of a team that was very supportive and worked very well together. The secret to getting things done is having a great team with everyone working together on a common goal. Whenever I'd call up looking for volunteers, people were very supportive and were very quick to say 'yes.' People of my generation are getting older. We're getting tired and it's time to bring on the next generation of volunteers to take our place. We need to be encouraging, supportive and accepting of those who follow behind us, just as our parents and grandparents' generation were supportive in encouraging us. The future of our community is in the hands of the next generation of volunteers. Let's welcome them, encourage them and accept them."

"We were fortunate to have people like you and your staff and crew to look after us when they did," Mr. Lane said before thanking Gore Bay council for selecting the three recipients and noting the importance to the community of recognizing the people who have done so much to make it a great place.

Recipients received flowers, a framed certificate and a glass award from the town. MP Carol Hughes attended the ceremony and presented additional certificates of appreciation and congratulations on behalf of herself and MPP Michael Mantha. "We can't thank our volunteers enough," she said. "You know we respect the work you have done."



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# ...Killarney turns 200!

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2015, but those plans abruptly halted with the shutdowns of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Killarney Mayor Nancy Wirtz said this smaller event, held after the heyday of summer, will be better suited to the families who have called Killarney their home for generations.

"I think the vision that the local people had was more of that kind of event, geared to local residents and bringing back the people who used to live here," said Mayor Wirtz, "that family-reunion feel, as opposed to a large tourism draw. We want to celebrate the families that have lived here, and still live here."

The outcome: a free, all-ages daytime party on Saturday, September 24 between 11 am and 5 pm.

It will all happen at the Killarney Community Centre and feature attractions like a climbing wall, barbecue, bubble soccer, mini-putt and a bouncy castle. The Killarney Volunteer Fire Department will benefit from a dunk tank fundraiser.

In the evening, a 'Diamonds and Denim' dinner and dance will be held at the Veterans Memorial Hall. Mayor Wirtz said all 150 of the dinner tickets have already sold out, but there is extra space for dancers, with a \$10 door fee. The dance will follow the dinner, with dining beginning at 6:30 pm.

There will also be presentations to mark the anniversary, live music and a DJ for the dance, then fireworks to cap off the evening.

"I think we've landed in a really nice place, and people are looking forward to it," said Mayor Wirtz.

There's a legacy component to the celebration, too. At the event, organizers will unveil a digital history exhibit to showcase old photos and footage, along with stories from long-time residents of how the town has evolved over recent years.

"It's not finished yet but we've got it started, and will be doing a live demo at the dinner on the 24th. It should go live in early October," said Mayor Wirtz.

This is an ongoing project, she said, and the township welcomes people with old artifacts to have them photographed and share some information about them.

"People talk about our town's rich history a lot, and we hear a lot about the need to record stories so we can keep sharing them after our elders pass. This is our way of doing that, and also making them available more widely, so you don't have to be here during our museum's open hours to learn about the history," Mayor Wirtz said.

With a nod to the fact that Indigenous peoples have been stewards of this land since long before colonization, Mayor Wirtz said she hoped the digital exhibit could include Indigenous artifacts and stories about the area. She said the town had plans ready for the following weekend, September 30, to mark the National Day for

Truth and Reconciliation. There was an Indigenous element to the town's original plans for a large-scale celebration two years ago. A large committee had formed in prior years to help plan the celebration,

including people involved with Indigenous arts. Wiikwemkoong superstar Crystal Shawanda was slated to play a Friday night concert, according to an archived copy of the original event plan.

The pandemic pushed back the event by a year, then a second. In that time, Mayor Wirtz said the planners had to shift their focus somewhat, both due to original committee members moving on to other projects and less enthusiasm from the community as the actual anniversary came and went.

While originally, the festival was devised to turn the anniversary into an economic development opportunity, the town moved toward making the event by Killarney residents and for Killarney residents.

There were some small scale recognitions of the town's anniversary in 2020, however. Ontario Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell visited the community that fall for a tour, fish fry and fireworks.

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## Historical highlights from quaint Killarney

by Warren Schlote

The Town of Killarney began in 1820 as a French fur-trading settlement, built on long-time Anishinabek territory (Wiikwemkoong's land base includes Point Grondine, which is next to the modern-day town and provincial park in Killarney).

Killarney's original name in Anishinaabemowin is Shebahonaning, which translates to 'canoe passage.' It has long been an important place, including as a key stop along voyageurs' routes.

Industries in earlier years included mining, fishing and forestry. The town did not get a connection to the electrical grid until 1951. In 1962, Highway 632 first connected Killarney with Highway 69.

Tourism had begun to take hold by the early 1900s, despite the community's lack of land transportation connections. According to Minjemendaan, an e-newsletter about Killarney's history (its name translates from Anishinaabemowin as 'to keep in mind, to remember'), its status as a tourism mecca only strengthened.

"In September 1899, The Manitoulin Expositor reported that Mr. Angus McDonald, the popular proprietor of the Killarney House ... says that the tourist trade in his town is very large this season, and that all available accommodation was taken up," Minjemendaan author Adele Loosemore wrote in the Summer 2003 edition.

That hotel was rebuilt in 1903 after a fire. It still stands today as the Sportsman's Inn, and Minjemendaan called it "the oldest hotel in Killarney village."

The region gained further renown through the Group of Seven. These Canadian painters introduced the country, and the world, to many now-iconic vistas. Northern Ontario, and particularly Killarney, were favourite spots for them.

The highway connection set up the future tourism industry boom, but it also supported other workforces. Gore Bay's own Manitoulin Transport owes much of its earlier growth to securing the route to Killarney.

Other trucking connections exist in the town. Killarney Mountain Lodge, arguably the town's most notable feature, went through great growth in the 1940s and 1950s when it was a corporate retreat centre for the Fruehauf Trailer Company.

That business specialized in designing and building innovative trucks for various applications, and it eventually became part of Wabash National, a company that continues operating today.

Killarney Mountain Lodge became a public resort in the 1960s, which further boosted the area's popularity.

Just as there were booms for the Killarney area's prosperity, so too came busts. The timber industry thrived in the latter half of the 19th century, but by the 1900s, loggers had already taken most of the best wood. Only small sawmills remained after that time, and had largely disappeared by the 1950s.

In the late 1950s, the fishing industry that had sustained many families was also facing a sharp decline. Historian Andrew Hind notes the many factors that led to this, including more efficient fishing gear causing overfishing, industrial pollution affecting spawning grounds and the rise of invasive species.

Some commercial fisheries continue today, such as the well-known Herbert Fisheries, which still runs a popular fish and chips restaurant in the town.

As other industries faltered, however, tourism has continued to rise into the present day. It began with the arrival of the logging industry and the small town continues to draw people from across the world today.

In 2015, Holden and Carey Rhodes bought Killarney Mountain Lodge. The property has since seen millions of dollars in facilities upgrades.

The following year, the Rhodes' bought the Sportsman's Inn with an eye to preserving a "heritage feel" to the property, this newspaper reported in 2016.

More historical reading about the Killarney area is available at KillarneyHistory.com, Canada's History magazine and LaCloche.ca.

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## ...Evening of Excellence

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an online ceremony held in January) included James Megwanabe of Whitefish River First Nation, Sandra Margaret Peltier of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, Hazel Recollet of M'Chigeeng First Nation, the late Theresa Recollet of Whitefish River First Nation, and Mary Jo Wabano and Myles Webkamigad, both of Wiikwemkoong.

## ...guilty plea in loader incident

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Enterprises, had been taken from the land transfer station on Cross Hill Road and driven through the trail that connects to Corbiere Enterprises' gravel pit nearby. The loader then knocked over a conveyor rock separator, damaging the equipment. The damage to Corbiere Enterprises equipment was \$24,686.21.

Before driving the loader to the residential neighbourhood, Mr. Bayer drove to the abattoir property located on Highway 540 and owned by Richard and Miriam Williams, where he caused \$67,160 in damage. The Williams' property was uninsured.

Justice Jessica Wolfe referred to the incident as "bizarre" before agreeing to the joint submission for a six-month conditional sentence, 18 months probation and 100 hours of community service. Mr. Bayer was also issued a restitution order to cover the specified losses, totaling \$91,846.21. Mr. Bayer has no prior criminal record.



This stolen loader was driven through the Pinewood Park neighbourhood before coming to rest in a front yard.

The community service order is "a good gesture you can make to try to correct some of what's happened," Justice Wolfe told Mr. Bayer. She encouraged him to engage in that service with an open mind and

an open heart. "You're a member of that community too," she said. "People need to see each other helping each other out instead of causing more harm."

Additional charges relating to the incident were withdrawn.

## ...Harm reduction strategy pamphlet released

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addition to ensuring the information in the brochure was as up-to-date as possible, the brochure is designed to be highly accessible and easily updated when things do change.

"We also hope that it will be an education tool," said Ms. Migwans. In order to fulfill that goal, the brochure provides information on opioids and Naloxone (also known as Narcan, the medicine for rapidly reversing and blocking the effects of opioids). "It tells what Naloxone is, where to get it and what it can and can't do," she said.

"It also provides information on the Good Samaritan Act," she said. "That Act can protect bystanders who help someone suffering from an overdose. That information is so that people don't have to be afraid to help." The Act protects the person who seeks help for someone experiencing an overdose, whether it is themselves or someone else from charges such as possession of a controlled substance, breach of conditions regarding such and pre-trial release, probation orders conditional release and parole.

The brochure explains how harm reduction strategies apply to all addictions, such as alcohol and tobacco, not just illegal drugs.

"The brochure focusses on Manitoulin Island," said Ms. Migwans. "There are services available in Sudbury, but we want to keep it as local and accessible for people on the Island as possible."

Ms. Migwans anticipates that the brochure will be updated every six months to a year, as required to ensure it remains current. The brochure project has been ongoing since 2020 and the UASP has applied its resources to help make the project a reality.

"We have made it downloadable and plan to put it on our website," said Ms. Migwans. "It can be printed locally as few or as many copies as they need."

The brochure is freely available for distribution and will be available at as many social service agencies and businesses as possible. The brochure can be accessed online through The Expositor online at: [manitoulin.com/wp-content/uploads/Harm-Reduction.pdf](http://manitoulin.com/wp-content/uploads/Harm-Reduction.pdf)

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# ...Farmers' Almanac predicts 'unreasonable' winter cold, lots of snow

...continued from page 1 marks the beginning of astronomical spring, the almanac said the rest of March should go out like a lion, the opposite of the old weather proverb that says March usually ends like a lamb.

Across Canada, that time of year could bring heavy snows, rainy downpours and storms in 2023.

In the shorter term, the almanac said the latter half of September should bring severe thunderstorms to the Great Lakes area, followed by clearing, colder weather. At the very end of the month, it said squalls should move in from the west.

October was slated to begin with fair weather, before switching to wet or unsettled conditions through Thanksgiving. Close to the end of November, the almanac called for

heavy snow, before December would bring milder air and a mix of rain and snow.

This year's forecast premiered earlier than usual, something Mr. Geiger attributed to the sharp increases in heating fuel costs. He said the earlier schedule would allow people to better prepare for the season ahead.

While some don't place much faith in the forecasts of various almanacs, it's the content besides the weather that has helped it, and some competitors, stay relevant for more than a century.

"I think we change with the times. This is our 206th edition," Mr. Geiger said. "We've always been alert to what's important to people, and I think that's important



as well." Mr. Geiger said there were many helpful tips in

the almanac, including a way of dealing with drafty windows.

"We have one that we talk about putting bubble wrap on your windows, so if you have glass that's leaking air, you can put bubble wrap ... against the window, it stays there and it keeps the cold out."

Practical advice and curious trivia have helped the

almanac become a popular read for many years. Mr. Geiger said having a physical publication has helped with tradition-building, as it can bring more of a warm, comforting feeling than an online information source.

"We're trying to inspire people to be more self-sufficient, at a time when it just seems that it's maybe crazier than ever," said Mr. Geiger. "That's the value of

the Farmers' Almanac. And I think it's always been the value."

This publication, the Farmers' Almanac, has existed since 1818. A competitor, the Old Farmer's Almanac, dates back to 1792. The Farmers' Almanac issues its forecasts two years in advance and its website cites its accuracy as between 80 and 85 percent.

# ...Mayor Stephens baffled by his council's decision

...continued from page 1 thing we should support it."

Councillor Tribinevicius also indicated he would support the motion, noting that UMIT had challenges gathering data due to COVID and could use longer time to gather information on the Island's transit needs. "They are using new technology for transportation," he said, indicating that the only other option for those without their own transportation was to use taxis. "We do need a public focus," he said.

Councillor Dale Scott said that he had concerns although he recognized that, to date, the project "hadn't cost the municipality anything" that public transit would wind up costing taxpayers money to subsidize once funding had run its course.

Councillor Rose Diebolt said that she agreed with Councillor Scott, citing a suggestion at committee that UMIT could look to

Island municipalities for funding in the range of a dollar a resident after the program funding had run its course.

Mayor Richard Stephens noted that the study funds being applied for would assist UMIT in making the case for ongoing funding. Although he agreed with Councillors Shaffer and Scott that the current numbers do not look sustainable, the study funding was coming from outside the community through a government grant and could assist with building the

business case for the project and it would be a shame to not make every effort to gather that data.

Councillor Stephens said he agreed with the mayor. "Public transit would be a big economic asset for the Island," he said. "With the rising costs of gas, transportation is just going to continue to grow as an issue on Manitoulin Island. It is going to be harder to make a case with the provincial government without the numbers."

Councillor Tribinevicius noted that the Island actual-

ly has a well-tuned transit system in place in the form of the school bus system and he suggested that might be an opportunity for collaboration with UMIT.

Mayor Richard Stephens requested a recorded vote on the motion. Councillors Stephens, Tribinevicius and Mayor Stephens voted in favour, with Councillors Scott, Diebolt and Shaffer voting against, Councillor Johnston abstained. Abstentions on a recorded vote are counted as against the motion.

# ...Killarney turns 200!

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Mayor Wirtz said she's seen a lot of change in the 18 years since she's lived in Killarney, and said its sense of community remains strong as it heads into the next 200 years.

"There's a lot of really exciting things this council has got the ball rolling on, and I hope the next council will pick up the baton," she said. (Mayor Wirtz is not running for re-election this October.)

Some of those initiatives include setting development guidelines along the

town's waterfront roadway, Channel Street, and working on initiatives to support older citizens, such as building a long-term care facility.

"I think it's going to be about a balance of some development and growth, along with preserving what makes Killarney special in the first place," she said.

More information about this Saturday's program is available through the Killarney municipal office, or its website, Municipality-OfKillarney.ca.



## VOTE BRENDA REID MAYOR OF ASSIGINACK Election Date: October 24, 2022

Let me introduce myself...my husband Walter and I were married at Knox United Church in Manitowaning 46 years ago. We farmed in Clover Valley until three years ago when we sold the farm and moved into Manitowaning. During that time, we raised three beautiful children and are now grandparents to three wonderful grandkids.

I have had the privilege of representing the people of Assiginack for 24 years, nine years on the Manitoulin Board of Education and 15 years as a municipal Councillor. While I was on the Council, I worked very hard on your behalf. I held the positions of Deputy Reeve, Chair of the Public Works and Chair of the Library Board, along with sitting on various other committees, including Community Policing and the Manitoulin Municipal Association.

I was always very conscientious when it came to budgeting and the spending of your tax dollars. To me a Council must set priorities that benefit our township and enhance the lives of the people who live here and have property here. Priorities such as good roads, a safe and dependable water/wastewater system, a sustainable landfill, emergency services and recreational facilities.

Once priorities are set, long-term planning and careful budgeting are necessary. However, when all of these services are well maintained it benefits everyone.


Honesty and transparency are very important to me. I believe that community input is necessary when planning capital projects that impact our ratepayers. If elected, a newsletter would be sent out twice a year, so that people are aware of what is happening in our municipality.

In the next term of Council, there are some very serious issues to be tackled. Issues such as the risk to our water supply due to the deterioration of the Old Mill, the fate of the Post Office/Bank building (there is no 4-year plan in place), and how to dispose of the Norisle. She cannot continue to sit there, rusting away, while we pay for the insurance, the hydro for the pumps to keep her afloat and any maintenance needed.

There are also new issues arising due to the times we live in. Issues such as short-term rental agreements, trailers, private roads and tiny homes. It is so important that as we tackle these, we have a more inclusive and consultative process with you, the public.

We have had four years of inaction on so many of the important needs of our community, needs such as road improvements, a new fire truck, new replacement equipment and decisions on how to deal with these aging buildings that are becoming a hazard to our lives and our well-being. For four years there has been a lack of planning and we've had four years of improper budgeting. Hundreds of thousands of your tax dollars cannot remain on the table unallocated.

I am passionate about providing good leadership and guidance to a new Council as we tackle the issues before us, along with implementing a new policy of openness and transparency to you, the ratepayer. For this reason, I am asking for your vote as Mayor of Assiginack. Thank you.



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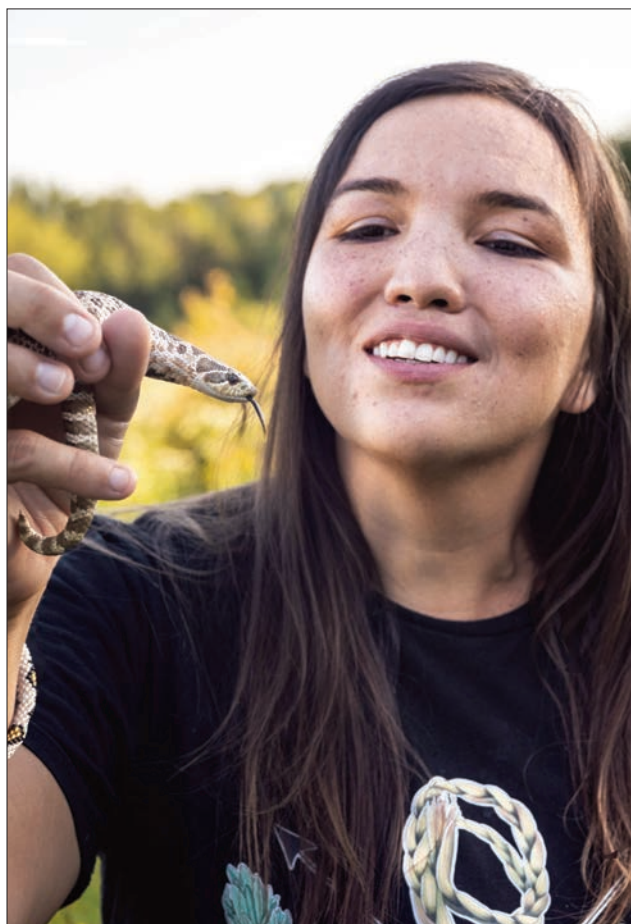


# ...TVO launches 'Great Lakes Untamed' series September 26

...continued from page 1 into the film world. She grew up as an avid amateur "herper," which is to say, someone with an affinity for reptiles and amphibians—scientifically known as herpetofauna. "It was really new and exciting. I'm used to working in the swamps, catching snakes and turtles; I'm not used to all the phone calls and logistics parts of the job," Ms. Toulouse said. "But I got to talk to other species at risk biologists and scientists, and it was really nice getting to network."

A large part of her work focused on a segment about the blue racer, an endangered snake that exists nowhere in Canada besides Pelee Island.

Production on Great Lakes Untamed began three years ago. Over that time, Ms. Toulouse was managing environmental consulting work, studies at Trent University for biology and Indigenous environmental science, and becoming a new parent.



Chevaun Toulouse, from Sagamok Anishnawbek hopes projects like 'Great Lakes Untamed,' and her role as a researcher within it, will encourage more Indigenous people to become interested in biology and environmental science.

Anishnawbek after graduating.

Although there aren't any Manitoulin-specific stories in the series, the team did plenty of filming on the Island, near Georgian Bay and on the North Shore.

Mr. Oakes, the showrunner who also has a PhD in zoology, said it was exciting to focus locally. He is from Ottawa and has been working on the BBC's natural history programming for 25 years.

"The Great Lakes watershed is more than just the five lakes. It's both incredibly beautiful and underappreciated, but also under threat," Mr. Oakes said.

One segment of the program will highlight the threat of invasive Asian carp species, particularly silver carp, and what could happen if they breach the last defences keeping them back from the Great Lakes.

Alongside this large-scale series, Mr. Oakes' production company and several partners are nationally launching Biinaagami, an augmented-reality school program about the Great Lakes. It will feature stories and information about the watershed, rooted in First Nation knowledge of the area.

He said this ecosystem has been invaluable to Indigenous peoples for millennia, but also to the

founding of the settler nations of Canada and the United States.

"Without the nature in the Great Lakes watershed, we have nothing," said Mr. Oakes.

Great Lakes Untamed

premieres on TVO on Monday, September 26 at 9 pm. The episodes will be available on its website as early as September 23.



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Diver Jill Heinerth explores the wreck of the Alice G, found in the Fathom Five National Marine Park.



The blue racer snake is unique to Pelee Island.

photo courtesy of Jeff Morales

"I'm hoping projects like this will make more First Nations people want to work in environmental science," Ms. Toulouse said, "and help foster a respect for nature, so everyone can help make changes to preserve our environment."

Ms. Toulouse plans to become a species-at-risk biologist for Sagamok

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My name is Frank Klodnicki and I would like to have the honour of being one of your Municipal Councillors.

My wife and I have been visiting the Municipality of Assignack for 32 years. Two years ago we decided to be permanent residents. We purchased a home in Manitowaning and are enjoying the community and the Island. As a citizen, I decided that I should also give my time and experience to help in the growth and operational decision-making.

As a bit of background, I am currently employed as a receiver at Manitowaning Mill Building Centre. Before that I was employed at Weston Bakeries Ltd. During my time there I served in various positions:

- Route Salesman
- Union Steward for the Teamsters
- Route Foreman
- Merchandiser
- Sales Supervisor
- Distributor Development Manager

I also aided in the development of their current sales system as well as the computer handheld they still use. There were various other committees and projects as well. This experience gives me the insight into the working relationship between management and employee.

On more of a personal note, Pam and I lived in Barrie at a Townhouse Condominiums Corporation. While there I was elected to two terms as a member of the Board of Directors. While on the Board I had the responsibility of Treasurer. As a board member I had similar responsibilities as a town Councillor but on a smaller scale. Assignack has roughly a population of 1,000 people; the complex had approx 300 people.

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- Residents' personal conflicts
- Parking
- Waste management

A Councillor seems to have a similar role as I had with the Board Of Directors. As your future Councillor, I need to represent all constituents' needs.

Not everyone will agree with every decision we make as a Council but I will balance the needs of the community overall. I would like to help make policies that work for the majority. They need to be good for everyone. I believe total transparency of Council decision-making must be available to all the constituents. We have to be able to ensure that all the needs fall within budgetary restraints. We all have a budget to live within and so does the Municipality. Going forward we need a Council that will take charge. A Council that will insure our community gets the infrastructure improvements it needs. A Council that will have a plan for this Community's future. I would like to be a member of that Council. If elected I can promise without a doubt, I will work hard for this community.

My name is Frank Klodnicki and I am looking for your vote. Help me look after our future. Thank You!

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Frank Klodnicki



# Sheguiandah 33rd Annual Jiingtamok commemorated beloved elder

by Alicia McCutcheon

SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION—Marking the end of the summer powwow trail on Manitoulin, the Sheguiandah First Nation Jiingtamok (Powwow) was held last weekend, a change from its usual first weekend in July. Fall was not in the air for the much-loved event, though, as daytime highs reached 30°C with the humidex. The ever-present Sheguiandah Bay breeze was welcomed by the dancers who graced the grounds.



Tiny tots line up for a giveaway featuring plenty of great children's items as part of the Jiingtamok tradition.



Dancers make their way around the arena during an intertribal. photos by Alicia McCutcheon



Dancers circle the spectacular Sheguiandah arbour.



The heartbeat of the nations filled the powwow grounds providing the beat to which the dancers performed their rounds.

Once the grounds were blessed by young grass dancers, grey skies cleared and the sun shone brightly on the arbour as the grand entry song ushered in the eagle staff carriers, veterans and many, many dancers through the eastern doorway.

This year powwowgoers would have noted a change to the arbour. A large section of the stands near the eastern doorway was missing. It was explained that the missing section was symbolic of another missing portion of the powwow—Gord Waindubence baa, who passed onto the spirit world last November. The popular traditional powwow was started by Mr. Waindubence and his wife Pearl and so the dancers were asked to keep Mr. Waindubence in their minds as they danced this year.

Welcoming remarks were offered by Chief Elvis Mishibinijima and Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare also offered remarks, as well as carrying the Chiefs of Ontario eagle staff.

A tiny tots special was held on Saturday with a blanket laid out in front of the announcer's booth with gifts of toys and a crisp \$5 bill for the little dancers—zooniyah for a scone dog or tasty lemonade.

A spectacular fireworks display lit up the night sky on Saturday over Sheguiandah Bay. The hoots and hollers of appreciation could be heard echoing from all sides of the bay.

The Sheguiandah Powwow grounds will be busy again this week as the community hosts the gathering of the eagle staffs from communities across Turtle Island.



These young Anishinabe-kwe were all smiles as they collected some cool zhooniya and gifts during the day.



Sandra Thorkelson got her very first tattoo at the Sheguiandah Powwow courtesy of tattoo artist Crystal Kimewon of Wiwkemkoong who was there offering hand poke clan tattoos. Ms. Thorkelson had Ms. Kimewon tattoo a marten on her forearm, her clan (inset).



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# Island ivory tinklers enthrall Holy Cross audience at Candlelight Concert

by Michael Erskine

WIJKWEMKOONG—A sold out Candlelight Concert featuring pianists from across Manitoulin and beyond captured the hearts and ears of the audience gathered at Holy Cross Church in Wiikwemkoong on Saturday evening. There was something for just about any tastes during the two-and-a-half-hour program as performed pieces ranged from standard classical and homegrown compositions to pop, country and blues.

The ambiance in the historic church was picture perfect, featuring hundreds, if not thousands, of LED candles some perched on ledges high above the sanctum space. Co-host Audrey Osawabineshi noted the candles were remotely activated. “Thank goodness,” she laughed. “I don’t know how we would have gotten them all turned on if they weren’t. It was a long way up the ladder to put some of them up.”

Ms. Osawabineshi shared hosting duties with her son Joe Osawabine and the duo provided an entertaining banter between the evening’s performances.

The first performer was 16-year-old virtuoso Mason Animikwan, a Grade 11 student at Manitoulin Secondary school who studies classical piano virtually with Robert Horwath, a Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music Budapest graduate—a school Mason hopes to one day attend following a degree from the Glenn Gould School of Music. Mason’s repertoire for the evening included a number of original compositions.

Mason requested the audience stand for his rendition of ‘God Save the Queen,’ noting that although he recognized the sometimes strained relations between Indigenous peoples and the monarchy, he offered his condolences to the Royal Family and hoped for better relations in the future.

The young composer had an engaging persona onstage, but when his fingers set upon the keys of the piano there was no mistaking Mason’s professional grade focus.

Rounding out the youth segment of the evening were 16-year-old Aiden Leedham, who was inspired



Performers Elijah Manitowabi, Mason Animikwan, Aiden Leedham, Mike Evin, Cruz Manitowabi and Rick Mauti at the Holy Cross Concert Church Candlelight Concert take a bow at the end of the evening. The performances were well received by a packed house.



The candlelit ambiance added greatly to the atmosphere.



Audrey Osawabineshi and her son Joe Osawabine were the co-hosts for the evening.

to take up the piano by Queen’s ‘Bohemian Rhapsody’ and played an instrumental version of ‘Yellow Brick Road’ by Elton John and 21-year-old Cruz Manitowabi, who played a piece dedicated to his mother Victoria baa, his Nana and his old homestead on Willow Street.

After a short 15-minute intermission, the adult segment of the evening got underway with a perform-

ance by former Debajehmujig Storytellers WOOFER Mike Evin of Toronto. Mr. Evin has been on tour opening for the Barenaked Ladies and provided some of his original compositions. Although straying from the avowed “instrumental” focus of the evening, there was no complaint to be had from the audience. In a hilarious sidebar with Mr. Osawabine on vocals, Mr. Evin played a tribute to the late Hank Williams, who would have been 99 on Saturday.

Rick Mauti then stepped onto the stage with a formidable presence that belied his delicate command of the ivories. Mr. Mauti thanked the Wiikwemkoong community for the warm welcome he has enjoyed since coming to the Island and made an unusual request of the audience to not applaud following a piece he had composed in tribute to an unborn baby girl, but to rather reflect with a

photos by Michael Erskine moment of silence for the many children who never came home from residential school.

Well-known self-taught pianist and entertainer Elijah Manitowabi closed out the evening’s performances with some original instrumental blues and jazz inspired pieces, as well as songs from the country genre which he has come to appreciate more in his adult life. Mr. Manitowabi’s command of the keyboard and dexterity led one concert-goer to compare the flutter of his fingers to that of the wings of a hummingbird.

The concert was a fundraiser for a number of projects being undertaken by Holy Cross, explained Ms. Osawabineshi. The

church is 170 years old this year, she noted, and has recently been graced with a new steel roof and interior renovations made necessary by an act of vandalism two years ago. The improvements to the church include a new altar (which had been moved to the inner chapel to make way for the candle display). The new altar incorporates a stone insert from the previous altar and was available for viewing during intermission. The altar was blessed by Bishop Tom Dowd on August 28 who came to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation. “The idea for the Candlelight Concert came from

Marie Jacko when she went to Ottawa and attended a piano concert there and was amazed at it and wanted to try one here as a fundraiser,” said Ms. Osawabineshi. “We had an amazing group of volunteers, including Brandon Kagige, Gloria Dewing, Regina Webkamigad, Leroy Eshkawkogan, Jess Manitowabi, Joanne and Lindy Eshkawkogan-Corbiere.”

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# Historic Sheguiandah United Church holds last service in building

**by Expositor Staff**  
SHEGUIANDAH—With the words, “This building, having been named Sheguiandah United Methodist Church and the Sheguiandah United Church, is now commended for other purposes and is no longer a church in the United of Canada,” 128 years of worship at this country church came to an end at approximately 3:45 pm Sunday.

The decommissioning of Sheguiandah United Church was proclaimed by Rev. Melody Duncanson-Hales as the representative of the Canadian Shield Regional Council within the United Church of Canada.

This decision to end more than a century and a quarter of service to five generations of Sheguiandah area citizens was made by the



Members, friends and clergy of the Sheguiandah United Church gather in front of the historic building following the last service that was held in the now decommissioned church.



Organist Barb Cranston smiles at the keyboard. Ms. Cranston was married in the church in 1962. The building holds many fond and emotional memories for many residents in Sheguiandah and beyond.

church’s board, trustees and its small congregational membership following more than one year’s dis-

**photos by Tom Batman**  
cussion. In recent years, the church has been open only for Sunday services during the summer months.  
Sheguiandah United

Church was part of the Little Current Pastoral Charge which also included, until about 15 years ago, Green Bay United Church. Little Current United Church remains the only church in what for many years was a three-point charge.

Sunday’s final service was well-attended by area citizens who still had a relationship with the church, or who had during their lives.

During the opportunity for public reminiscences, it was clear the little old church had played a pivotal role in many peoples’ lives.

Gertrude (Batman)



Service and song fill the inside of the United Church in Sheguiandah as Reverend Whitney Brumo leads the last service in the building.

Aelick-Cooper said she had spent much of the first 20 years of her life in the church: “I came to Sunday

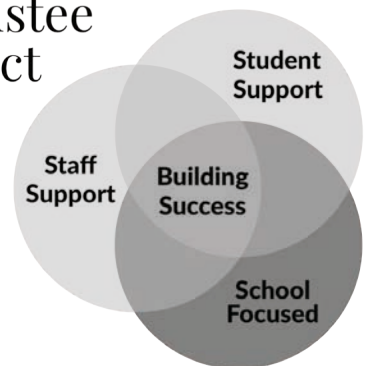
School, taught Sunday School (it was held in the corners of the church: there was no hall then.) I

was married here, and my parents and grandparents’ funerals were here.”

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# Vandals cause \$2,000 dollars in damage to Low Island soccer fields

by Alicia McCutcheon  
**LITTLE CURRENT**—The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Island was subjected to yet more vandalism last week, this time with the focus on the soccer pitch at Low Island Park.  
 CAO Dave Williamson reported to mayor and council during the September 13 meeting of council that the night before, on Monday, September 12, someone chose to drive aggressively all over the pitch, tearing up the sod before smashing the car into one of the boulders that line the area. Remnants of the vehicle showed that it was a Honda and the municipality's



Tire marks crisscross the soccer fields at Low Island in Little Current before ending abruptly against a set of boulders. Around \$2,000 in damage was caused to the fields. Damage to the alleged vandal's vehicle and parts left behind led to apprehension and charges being laid.

cameras, of which there are several at the park, picked up footage of the perpetrator, which was turned over to police.  
 Mr. Williamson said the damages are estimated to come in around \$2,000.

Municipal property has been the subject of several crimes over the past couple of years, from the municipality's digital sign located at the Manitoulin Welcome Centre, the downtown shower houses and the

Sheguiandah museum, thousands of dollars in damages has been incurred with the municipality installing cameras in many sites.

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Marjorie (Keatley) Collie quickly added, "Gert's mother was my Sunday School teacher. I was married here 56 years ago. I think I'm sitting in my grandmother's pew!"

Tom Batman, raised in the church, recalled his great-aunt Geraldine (Dean) Batman had been the long-time organist, "and when her health was in decline, she convinced my mother, Wilhelmine (Ferguson) Batman to take on the job which she did for more than 40 years. "He added that a cousin, Barb (Ferguson) Cranston was playing that Sunday's hymns. He also mentioned several outstanding Sunday School teachers, including Shirley Stevens, Ruth Dunlop, Ruby Lewis, his mother and Glen Cannard.

Gail Cronin, Sheguiandah Church secretary, had compiled an extensive history of the church which she presented via Power Point. She had posted a copy of the deed which indicated the church property had been purchased from the Odawa, Ojibway and Pottawatami people for \$25 through the Indian Agent of the time. The current church, constructed in 1894, was the second one on the property and Gert Aelick-Cooper recalled that, when she was young, the original building was still on the site. She also noted that her father, who was born in 1889, recalled seeing the current church being built when he was five. Tom Batman noted that two Sheguiandah pioneers, Adam Trotter and Robert Lewis had been instrumental in building the original church and there were decedents of both of these pioneer men at Sunday's service, including Pearl Lewis and her family and Linda Lee, great-granddaughter of Adam Trotter.

Gail Cronin said the current pews were acquired in 1912 for 75 cents a linear foot "for church seating," and observed this price did not include the pews' end pieces. She had also discovered that the pulpit was custom built at around the same time for \$9. Tom Batman had high praise for Ms. Cronin's efforts and in recent years as the tiny congregation struggled with



The end of an era. The sign announcing services at the United Church in Sheguiandah sees its last entry.

Church, your work isn't over yet!" Rev. Duncanson-Hales continued. "You are working for Jesus Christ because he is raised."

"Thank you, Sheguiandah United Church, for your faith and openness and a covenant to the world beyond these doors," Rev. Duncanson-Hales concluded, prior to her formal decommissioning statement.

As part of the service, Rev. Bruno brought out the old church's familiar fixtures, following the final communion service on Sunday. These included the cross, the baptismal font, communion set, historic plates and the church's musical instruments, acknowledging the service each of these had playing in the long life of the little church.

Following the decommissioning, there was a light lunch served at the neighbouring Howland Seniors' Hall.

the difficult decision to close the church, noting that this was not an easy task. He also pointed to the enormous contribution by the late Glen and Jean Cannard in maintaining the church property.

Rev. Whitney Bruno is minister for the Little Current United Church Pastoral Charge and began the service with the observation that while this is "a moment of sorrow but is also a moment of celebration."

Rev. Melody Duncanson-Hales preached the decommissioning service sermon and built on the theme that Rev. Bruno had established.

"I was invited here today to share a message of hope from all your sister churches within the Canadian Shield Regional Council area." (Which is virtually all of Northeastern Ontario, and part of Northwestern Ontario, including Thunder Bay.)

"Today, we're grieving and numb. Today, we're invited to stand with those first disciples," who were also numb and confused following Jesus' crucifixion. "But we're not in charge of resurrection: God is in charge of resurrection."

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et fans protesting Canadian and referee actions by a high-pitched deafening whistling sound in the Luzhniki Palace of Sports.

Imagine this clash of not only hockey teams, but counter-cultures.

I was born in the middle of World War II. From the day of my birth, I was surrounded by uneasy adults who had no idea of their future. Much of the negative thoughts and feelings were heard and felt around the kitchen table.

In addition, it almost entered our heads and DNA by something akin to osmosis. To further enhance the negatives, our school and church scared the bejesus out of us. When the war ended, it took some time to lessen the ill-feelings. The world was in turmoil and the USSR, buoyed by its impressive victories over the Nazis, began strutting about their power. They believed that they could defeat anyone and said so. Eventually, they would stop communicating with all countries. They politically strung up what came to be called the 'Iron Curtain' around their country and anything Russian. As it got worse, it was dubbed the 'Cold War.'

To illustrate the fear in North America, there were bomb shelters in numerous places, students were drilled into hiding under desks, barricading and hiding in supply closets. Radio broadcasts and news films in movie theatres were contently broadcasting the events of the USSR Empire. And after the news we would watch Bugs Bunny, Roy Rogers and Gene Autry. The media made bit bucks selling fear.

The political and cultural differences between East and West were chasms apart. The Russians and the USA had a constant contest to top each other. Russian Yuri Gagarin was the first ever in space. American Neil Armstrong was the first on the moon. Both countries claimed to have invented the same new devices. There was no love lost between the two antagonists.

It was into this maelstrom that the Summit Series would be scheduled.

The Russians had won nine consecutive World Championships and four Olympic gold victories. Canada was not allowed to use NHL players as they were not 'amateurs.' The Russians, on the other hand, were all registered as members of the Soviet Army and were paid as such, and therefore they were supposedly 'amateurs.'

Soon both Canada and the USSR were bragging that they had the best teams in the world. The Soviets had taken a well-organized strategy to improve their hockey skills, starting with playing Canadian Intermediate Teams (e.g. East York Lyndhurst), Senior 'A' teams (North Bay Trappers, Whitby Dunlops, Trail Smoke Eaters) and minor pro squads.

By the 1970s, the Soviets wanted to test their skills against the teams that laughed at them. They yearned for a best-on-best tournament. Finally, in 1972, the NHL agreed to an eight-game tournament to begin in Montreal on September 2, 1972. There would be four games in Canada and four games in Russia (Moscow). This announcement created anxiety, tension and raw fear, mostly on the Russian side.

Canadians were somewhat blasé about this at the beginning, thinking that it would be easy-peasy for our much better stars. I am sure then-Soviet Prime Minister Leonid Brezhnev bristled when a Canadian sports writer casually predicted an 8 to 0 series victory for Canada. Even the famed and excellent writer Red Fisher said "8 straight." A more cautious Milt Dunnell called it 7 to 1. Our stars were fat, relaxed vacationers, out of shape from sitting around swimming pools or casually playing golf. In fact, Jeff Klein, writing in the New York Times, later quoted Soviet goaltender Vladislav Tretiak as saying, "I realized the rudeness and impudence of the Canadian players" and added for good measure that they were "hooligans," which was also Russia's unofficial opinion. Klein also made mention of the Canadians' 'questionable behaviour.' The reader, I am sure, remembers actions of the people such as Alan Eagleson, J.P. Parise, Bobby Clarke and Phil Esposito publicly saying 'I would kill to win.'

To the common hockey fans, the Russian team were still 'Red Ruskies, Soviets, war mongers, atheists and communists.' Most had never even seen a Russian in person before and knew little or nothing about them, their culture nor their hockey.

The excitement across Canada and especially in and around the famed Forum in Montreal was palpable. People were hyped to see Canada beat the tar out of those Red Communist Ruskies.

The Forum was like a circus on opening night. Everyone was hyper, even though 90 percent of the fans couldn't name your three Russian players: Kharlamov, Yakushev, Mikhailov. Who was this 20-year-old Russian goalie Vladislav Tretiak, the boy who long-time Toronto scout Bob Davidson had dubbed a certain 'sieve'?

The game opened with pomp and ceremony which had long been a tradition in the stately old forum. Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau was there with his eight-year-old son Justin, as was everyone who was anyone in Canada at the time.

Canada started quickly and expectedly were up 2-0 at the seven-minute mark. A packed Forum and 12 million Canadians watching on TV propped up their peacock feathers and collectively whispered: "this is going to be a complete wipeout," even without Bobby Orr, the injured Bruin and Bobby Hull, the WHA defector.

Shortly this self-assured fandom would receive a bombastic blow as the hard fast-skating Russians and their puck possession game took over in the second. Canadians were surprised and in disbelief to see their swift, accurate pinpoint passing all at top speed. Canadians now knew



A set of stamps memorializes Paul Henderson's 1972 game-winning goal.

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who Petrov and Lyapkin were. They wondered where our stars were.

Richard Bendell in his land-mark bible of the series correctly caught the Canadian reaction: "The North American hockey world was in shock. The loss would make headlines across Canada." The Globe and Mail would proclaim,

"Canada mourns hockey myth." Even in Moscow, the Russian victory came as a surprise. The Soviet news agency TASS reported that the game had destroyed the Canadian professionals' myth of invincibility, stating that "the defeat showed that Canadians, accustomed to competing in 'self-isolation' play was an 'archaic' brand of hockey."

Oh, by the way, did I mention that the final score was 7 to 3? Tretiak was just fine, not so much Ken Dryden. Brad Park was superb.

Author Bendell describes the large and little details in articulate passion in his soon-to-be-published 2nd Edition of "1972, The Summit Series." And he has a local connection as his father is M'Chigeeng's Lyman Corbiere.

Also Ken Dryden, an excellent author also will be releasing his new 50th anniversary penning of his version of the series shortly. Both books will be available on Amazon. Mr. Dryden, former Member of Parliament, has a good way with words as he describes "the most important moment in hockey history." He even concludes that the Series might well have been "one of the most significant events in all of Canada's history" and contributed to the world-wide reshaping of hockey.

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Canada was called, prior to September 1972, the greatest team ever assembled but Team Canada found themselves outperformed by a disciplined, skilled, and 'together' Soviet team. Soon the series became more than just hockey. They had to disprove the simplest Toronto newspaper headline ever, 'WE LOST.'

Game 2 was in the iconic Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto. The excitement was no less but the fear was dramatically increased.

Tony Esposito would be in goal. Other lineup changes would be more 'businesslike.' Ironically, for Esposito, an influx of six skaters would aggressively change the way the game was played.

Added were Stan Mikita, Serge Savard, Pat Stapleton, J.P. Parise and Bill White. They were not only anxious but, more importantly, enthusiastic and wiser. With Tony Esposito being a spectacular first star and Peter Mahovlich's spectacular short-handed end to end breakaway goal, all was right with the world AGAIN! Canada would win a 4-1 victory which this time was well-earned.

Could things have turned to what we Canadians believed be normal?

It was September 6, 1972 and things had switched to the prairies and the city of Winnipeg. Esposito returned to goal and Coach Harry Sinden added Jean Ratille and Bill Goldswor-

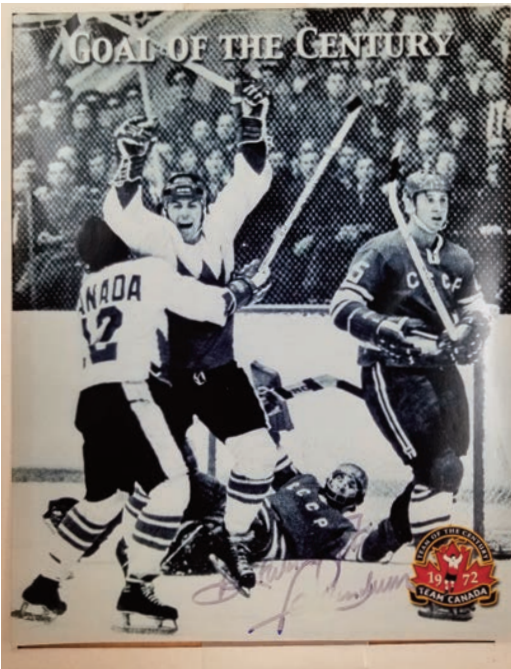
thy. Some players chattered about going home as they weren't in the lineup but Canada started like hellfire, Parise potting the puck in less than two minutes. It looked like Game 2 all over. However the audacity of Canada kicked in when the Soviets scored two short-handed goals to make the final score a tie 4 to 4.

They say "tying a game is like kissing your sister" but there certainly was nothing familial about this game. The animosity only increased.

As Bendell reports, the Soviets bragged about their accomplishments to date. "The series is lost for Canada; we have reached our objective, which was a win and a tie in the four games here. We'll wrap it up in Moscow no matter what happens in Vancouver." Who was arrogant now, I ask?

In Vancouver (September 8, 1972) Sinden decided to revamp the lineups to make it look more like the roster iced in game 1. Dryden was back in even though he had previously lost to Russia in Vancouver. In fact, he was blasted 9 to 3 while playing for Canada's National Team.

"Despite Tony Esposito's excellent playing in the past



A signed photo of the 'goal of the century' by Paul Henderson was left to Exhibitor associate editor Michael Erskine by the late Steve Nunn.

two games, Sinden and Ferguson decided to go back to Dryden on a hunch as both of them felt that he was such a competitor...that he would want to get back at the Russians." (Bendell)

Rod Gilbert and Vic Hadfield were in, Cashman was out. Young star Gilbert Perreault was given a chance. Unfortunately, the Soviets struck first and fast, Mikhailov finding the mesh at 2:01 and repeating the same at 7:29 of the opening frame.

From there, the Soviets would score two goals in each remaining period to Canada's one resulting in a Soviet 5-3 triumph. Despair was everywhere throughout the land.

The legendary broadcaster Dick Irvin said at the banquet later, "you guys weren't the most popular team when we left Canada to go over to play the four games in Russia." Colossal understatement, eh?

Perhaps this is the proper time to say "you had to be there" and you had to experience the Cold War (East vs West). Common people and various governments (Canada included) feared Russia, especially after WWII when they were our allies vs the Nazis but were nasty in how they won their victories.

Parts of Russia were still primitive, which struck a darkness in spoiled North Americans. The hero, the man, Paul Henderson spoke of arriving in Moscow by train. "There were no houses, just apartment villages.

You could see into them. There was just a bare bulb hanging from wires from the ceiling." So much of it was drab and dark, not to discount that there were lovely places also. We must understand the times and communication voids of the times. There was no internet, no widely-distributed foreign newspapers, no cell phones, no ZOOM, and the Soviets were mysterious by design.

People in general know very little about the Cold War and kids couldn't understand it. Today, generations under 50 years old and more have little or no idea of what transpired in that era. Today, it is ancient history to them.

Over time, older people have come to realize that their own 30-40-50-year-old children know little of the event, let alone those 10 to 20. Steve Garrioch of the Ottawa Sun opined that "a lot of people including my own kids, had no idea about the Summit Series (nor do my grand-children). It was like a black empty hole."

Thus on this 50th

anniversary there is a virtual flood of articles, books, tapes and movies since it was so important to our national identity. Hall of Famer, Serge Savard marked the level of importance to North American hockey by saying "It brought the whole world in the NHL." Journalist, Sam Fitz-Gerald of the sport magazine "The Athletic" suggested that "it was Canada's Woodstock!"

And now to the USSR. Russian customs clearance was a real nightmare for all Canadians, including the players. Every delay possible was invoked. It took hours for them to clear all the hurdles.

Next, they had to face distractions that they had never before experienced. The players' phones at the hotel were bugged. Unknown people called them at all hour of the night to interrupt their sleep. Cars circled their living quarters endlessly, honking their horns, their towels and personal items were stolen and practice schedules kept

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changing. Obviously, the Russians wanted to win at all costs!

My first impression seeing the game from Luzhniki Ice Palace was the very visible presence of the Red Army everywhere throughout the building. This actually scared the Canadian fans who had never witnessed a Government Controlled State. The word 'Communists' readily came to mind.

Game 5: The game itself was very entertaining, but also confusing. Canada came out roaring to a 3-0 lead by the half-way point of the game and then should have left the arena. In the 3rd period, Russia scored early at 3:34 while Canada got that one back only a minute later. Then the elevator fell down the shaft as the Soviets sank four consecutive goals in the same five minutes. Despite the goals, Esposito (Tony) was the MVP for Canada.

In spite of the crushing loss, Phil Esposito (who rose like a rocket in my opinion in this series) spoke from the heart when he said: "A lot of us have found out that we feel a lot more strongly about being Canadian than we had ever expected" (Quoted by Jim Proudfoot of the Toronto Star September 23, 1972, page 55)

From that point on, Phil was like a man on a heartfelt mission as he literally lifted the team by the seat of its pants and illustrated the effort required to win against a very motivated opposition.

Prior to game six, the famous sportscaster Foster Hewitt reminded us all that "It's do or die tonight"... and for all three remaining games.

Ironically, the shoe would be on the other foot for the Soviets in Game 6. Figuring that they had the series in hand, they arrogantly sat five regulars.

Game 6: This game was decided in the second period when all goals were scored. Thankfully Canada got three of them while the Soviets could only manage two. Ken Dryden redeemed himself in net and was named MVP. By the way, Canada's goals were a barrage in only 1:23 minutes of playing time. With the win, hope sprung eternal, though Canada had to win, not tie.

Game 7: Toni Esposito regained the cage for this absolutely 'must win' contest. In this game, brother Phil was the heart and star (MVP). In one of the most entertaining games of the series, the contest was a see-saw affair with teams usually trading goals until now legendary Paul Henderson took a crisp pass from Savard to score the winner with only 2 minutes and 6 seconds left in the third period. Canada was elated. Russia was deflated.

The anxiety level for Game 8 was sky-high on both sides of the Atlantic for hockey fans everywhere, more so for all of the players.

On September 28, 1972 both teams would lay it all on the line to determine the best. It was crunch time!

The Russian Army was out and visible in full force. The arena was cranked up to a deafening roar.

Unfortunately, with only 3:34 gone in the first period, Hall of Famer Yakushev opened the scoring for the USSR. Only three minutes later, the man who had become Canada's 'spiritual' leader, Phil Esposito gallantly made it even. The team traded goals till the 11:43 mark when Yakushev scored again followed by a rare Valislav goal five minutes later. Canada went into the second intermission down a depressing 5-3 count.

Five years after the Series, Paul Henderson said at a Hall of Fame event: "He (Phil Esposito) was the undisputed leader on the team, on and off the ice. And I would say to you today, the finest period of hockey ever played by a hockey player was the 3rd period of the last game in Moscow. This man scored the first goal and he set up the other two. I think it was the finest period of hockey ever played and you see that's what leadership is all about. Leadership goes out, yah you can talk about it, but you make it happen. He made it happen." Esposito willed his team to win.

What did the epic victory mean to Canada and Canadians: Work stopped when the game was on TV, school stopped (classrooms were filled with TV sets); and across the country, differences of culture, lan-

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### #81

We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with Survivors and their organizations, and other parties to the Settlement Agreement, to commission and install a publicly accessible, highly visible, Residential Schools National Monument in the city of Ottawa to honour Survivors and all the children who were lost to their families and communities.

### #83

We call upon the Canada Council for the Arts to establish, as a funding priority, a strategy for Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists to undertake collaborative projects and produce works that contribute to the reconciliation process.

### #85

We call upon the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network, as an independent non-profit broadcaster with programming by, for, and about Aboriginal peoples, to support reconciliation, including but not limited to:

- Continuing to provide leadership in programming and organizational culture that reflects the diverse cultures, languages, and perspectives of Aboriginal peoples.
- Continuing to develop media initiatives that inform and educate the Canadian public, and connect Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Canadians.

### #82

We call upon provincial and territorial governments, in collaboration with Survivors and their organizations, and other parties to the Settlement Agreement, to commission and install a publicly accessible, highly visible, Residential Schools Monument in each capital city to honour Survivors and all the children who were lost to their families and communities.

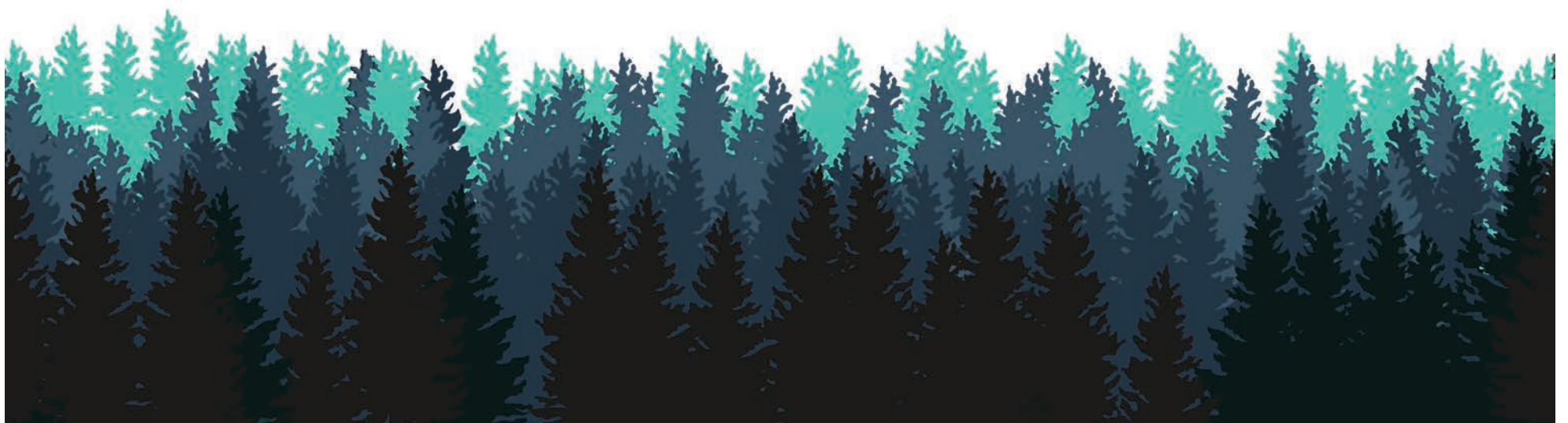
### #84

We call upon the federal government to restore and increase funding to the CBC/Radio-Canada, to enable Canada’s national public broadcaster to support reconciliation, and be properly reflective of the diverse cultures, languages, and perspectives of Aboriginal peoples, including, but not limited to:

- Increasing Aboriginal programming, including Aboriginal-language speakers.
- Increasing equitable access for Aboriginal peoples to jobs, leadership positions, and professional development opportunities within the organization.
- Continuing to provide dedicated news coverage and online public information resources on issues of concern to Aboriginal peoples and all Canadians, including the history and legacy of residential schools and the reconciliation process.

### #86

We call upon Canadian journalism programs and media schools to require education for all students on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal– Crown relations.



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# Holistic Healing Fair pulls in steady crowds from across Manitoulin

**by Michael Erskine**  
**LITTLE CURRENT**—Some 30 vendors offering a wide range of holistic products and services were packed into the Manitoulin Conference Centre's main hall last weekend during the 2022 Manitoulin Holistic Healing Fair. Nearly half of the vendors were Island-based and many of those vendors follow organizer Vanessa Seiger across the province as she brings her travelling Holistic Fair to a wide variety of communities throughout the year.

Ms. Seiger has been operating her holistic fair since 2016, but like many things, the pandemic caused the event to go into hiatus over the past couple of years. "I run across Ontario from Windsor to Sault Ste. Marie and everywhere in between," she said. "I have done Manitoulin before; this was supposed to go on in 2020 but it has been cancelled three times. We are so thankful to finally be back."

"I try to have a lot of local, but a lot of them they follow across Ontario," she said. "It's all things wellness. When people think holistic there are so many factors, mental, spiritual, physical, what we put in our bodies and just learning about it."

One of the sponsors of the fair is Gore Bay's Peaces of You Manitoulin, which offers Reiki classes, intuitive classes, hypnosis, past life regression, emotion code and compassionate inquiry. They join with Kagawong's Bare Naked Beauty Spa and Boutique to help bring the fair to Manitoulin. Bare Naked Beauty Spa and Boutique is a wellness spa that offers holistic, shamanic and beauty services using their own all-natural vegan beauty products to nourish "from head to toe." Their products are advertised as "Safe for you and the environment! Never tested on our animal friends."

Peaces of You Manitoulin owner Ashley O'Connell was at the fair with her daughter Serena McCarthy and was very pleased to now

be living here on Manitoulin Island. Her family moved here from the Kawarthas with Serena's dad, who is a mechanic and took up a job offer as a Caterpillar mechanic on Manitoulin. "My business

booth offering the opportunity to "Come explore the possibilities of sound."

Vendors at the show included guided journaling, light sculptures, arcane alchemy, massage therapy, Neumi skin care,



The crowds were plentiful at the Holistic Healing Fair held at the Manitoulin Hotel last weekend. LEFT: Vanessa Seiger is the Holistic Healing Fair organizer, who travels the province with the fair.



is pretty mobile, so here we are," she said. "I can pretty much operate anywhere. We love it here."

As well as being a local sponsor of the event, Ms. O'Connell is one of the ven-

Island-based Pheasants Original, a girls' art corner; High Priestess Holistics with a wide variety of crystals, altar and "higher self" accessories to fit your everyday modern witch needs, a booth offering



Makea and Jerri of Sudbury are the owners of High Priestess Holistics. They thoroughly enjoyed their first trip to Manitoulin and plan to be back.

dors who follow the "holistic trail." "We have done the Barrie show and the Orillia show, next year we want to do Newmarket and Orillia again," she said.

Among the patrons at the show was Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes, who took the opportunity to relieve stress by relaxing with some good music, great vibrations and warm cozy blankets at a

"The Laughing Forest" through nature trails, labyrinth prayer walks, chakra walks and meditation in "70 acres of whimsical old growth forest in Spanish, along the North Channel," Sax and The Eclectic Tea Cup offering a huge range of teas and gem bracelets for chakras, tarot card readings, Doterra Essential Oils, as well as



Peaces of You Manitoulin owner Ashley O'Connell was at the fair with her daughter Serena McCarthy.

vendors of clothing and a host of other products and services—there was even a wizard in the form of Gore Bay's Dylan Whyte.

Attendees came from all across Manitoulin and walks of life, some ardent devotees and others just "holistic curious." Judging from the burble of conversations and interactions taking place in the room it could be said a good time was being had by all.

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guage, religion, and politics were set aside as Canadians gathered to share a moment of pure emotion and elation. The Globe and Mail's Marty Klinkenberg wrote: "More than any other event in Canadian hockey history, Paul Henderson's winning goal a half-century ago against the Soviet Union remains frozen in time." Paul is 79 now and is still signing autographs!

He went on to say: "What transpired between them was so much more than an International Hockey Series. It took place during the Cold War and was seen as a battle between democracy and communism and western values and the Eastern Bloc. The Summit may not have changed the world but it changed what it meant to be a Canadian."

Post Script: The Canadian Government, via the CBC, has considered this month-long event to be so important that they have commissioned a series of three TV programs since so many have never seen the action. They believe that this historic seminal moment in our history is very vague for a lot of people or not even on their radar screen.

In addition, the Ottawa Sun recommends the 90-minute film called "Cold Breaker" by Hart and Raymond for the fan who wants a profound detailed look at the series.

PPS: Ironically enough, the eight-year-old Justin Trudeau of 1972 (now prime minister) must contend, like his father, with the recent brutal invasion of Ukraine which has raised those old Cold War tensions from the last century.

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

by Heather Marshall

Theresa Phiri's inspiring story is a tale of triumph over trials that few Canadians could begin to imagine. Born to Zimbabwean parents before their country reclaimed its independence from colonial-era Rhodesia, when she was just a young child Theresa's family emigrated to Botswana to escape economic and political instability during the tumultuous period. She was in her late teens when she left Botswana to attend university in Namibia, where she earned a Bachelor of Commerce degree with a specialty in Industrial Psychology.

Theresa's facility with languages (she speaks five, including English) made it easy to transition into a variety of interesting professions following graduation. She first worked as a journalist when she returned to Botswana. That was followed by a stint in sales before opening her own landscaping business, a successful venture that saw her gain multiple contracts with the Botswana government.

While to outward appearances Theresa's life was flourishing, she faced formidable challenges at home where she was the victim of family violence by an abusive spouse. For her safety and that of her three-year-old daughter, Jade, she fled the country and left the toddler with her parents while she sought ways to make a living so she could care for Jade herself. It would take three years before she saved enough money to move to North America to get a fresh start.

"When I think about it now, I don't know how I even survived," she says. "Yet, with the optimism of youth and determination to build a better life for my daughter and me, I headed to the airport with \$500 in my pocket and left Africa behind."

A friend working in the US had encouraged her to get a 10-year Visa to enter the country. All that was missing was a personal letter from an American inviting Theresa to visit. "At the time, I was into visualization and affirmations to attract what you really desire," she says. In no time she met a US citizen who wrote the necessary invitation, enabling her to fly to New York in 2008.

"Arriving in America was a huge culture shock! I couldn't believe all the people and the constant noise of cars and sirens. It was overwhelming." Recognizing that she wasn't cut out for big city life in the Big Apple, Theresa contacted a friend living in Calgary to inquire about possibilities in Canada. In turn, she connected her to another friend in



## NEW-ish to Manitoulin

### Theresa and Jade Phiri



Welcome to Manitoulin, Theresa and Jade Phiri.

Toronto who encouraged Theresa to consider moving north as there would be better immigration supports and a less crazy pace of life.

While she had no idea where she was going, on a cold December day in 2008 she boarded a bus to Toronto, which she soon discovered wasn't exactly peaceful or quiet either. However, with assistance from Canadian immigration officials Theresa adapted to yet another culture shock and staked her claim to a better life in a country she now loves.

"When I told them my story, the immigration people assigned a social worker to help me find a place to stay and provided training options for possible careers, including personal support worker (PSW). I completed the PSW training and became certified but decided to explore other options."

Theresa was itching to start another business of her own and took a course to become a licenced aesthetician so she could open a spa. Good fortune favoured her once more, as the \$10,000 course she wanted to take at a prestigious school was beyond her modest salary. However, when the school's owner, Michelle Presse, met her and heard her story, she told her she could work to pay her way. "She took a chance on me and gave me an opportunity that I will never forget." When Theresa graduated a year later, she had paid

off the entire tuition. After completing the course, she set up her own aesthetics shop.

Theresa was equally fortunate in finding an affordable apartment nearby in a small family-owned, low-rise building where neighbours looked out for and helped each other out. With all the necessary pieces in place, after two previous failed attempts, Theresa's dream of bringing her daughter to Canada came true when she welcomed six-year-old Jade to her new home.

Before long, Theresa realized that being a busy single mom and running her own business didn't mix so she closed the business, worked for Dove Spas as an aesthetician and then again switched into health insurance sales after studying for her insurance licence. Things turned challenging, however, when the 2017-18 global economic crisis struck. She lost her job and almost lost her apartment and car when she could no longer make payments. That's when she learned about an agency looking for PSWs in Northern Ontario and she set out on yet another path.

Once again, she had no idea where she was headed when she was hired at the Manitoulin Lodge Long-Term Care home in Gore Bay. "I'd never heard of the Island and had never seen so much snow in my life when I drove up, but I quickly fell in love with the place. I loved what I was doing at the nursing home and the people in the local community I met through the United Church. People helped me find a place to live and even donated furniture to get us set up. This was such a perfect fit."

While at Manitoulin Lodge, Theresa would give free treatments to her patients. As word got out, she was approached by local business owner, Judith Martin, about potentially opening a spa so more people could benefit from her services, a welcome offer she couldn't refuse.

Theresa's Timeless Beauty Spa on Gore Bay's main street is a run-away success, so much so that she's recently hired a young woman from town as her administrative assistant. That has freed up a tiny bit of spare time in her busy days to run her Life Online Radio Station, a hobby carried over from her African journalism days.

Theresa is gratified and proud with how well Jade has adjusted to her new life, both in Canada and on Manitoulin. Jade is entering second year university with plans to become a lawyer. She is helping to pay her way to achieving that goal by working summer jobs at the Split Rail Brewery in town. With a dynamic role model like her mother, there's little doubt she will succeed.

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

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17-18p

**Manitoulin North Shore Federation of Agriculture**

**Fall Supper & Annual Meeting  
Friday, September 30, 2022**

Free dinner at 6:30 PM with meeting to follow  
Freshwater Community Church  
51 Young St., Mindemoya  
**All members welcome!**

**GORE BAY  
ALL CANDIDATES NIGHT**

**Wednesday, October 5 at 7:00 pm  
Gore Bay Community Hall**

Both school board trustee candidates will be in attendance



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN**

Department: Capital Projects and Public Works  
Classification/Level: TC-2 Salary Grid (\$49,500 – \$60,500) + group pension & benefits  
Employment Status: Regular Full-Time  
**CLOSING DATE: September 23rd, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.**

**Position Summary:**  
Under the supervision of the Public Manager, the Public Works Maintenance Technician will provide technical skills for carrying out a range of tasks for the overall operation of all activities that are the responsibility of the First Nation Public Works Department.

- Essential Functions:**
- Ensure all roads are properly, safely, and routinely maintained and serviced in all weather conditions
  - Operate company vehicles and equipment safely and properly, conducting daily safety checks
  - Working outdoors in appropriate safety and protective equipment
  - Operate and maintain all equipment relating to the maintenance of the roads, specifically snow removal and sanding/salting
  - Operate machinery and equipment for road maintenance (may include patching & pothole repair, grading & gravelling, resurfacing, ditching, streetlights, sign installation, tree brushing & delimiting) for maintaining safe roads in all weather conditions.

- Qualifications & Requirements:**
- Grade 12 Diploma or equivalent
  - Valid Class DZ Driver's Licence with a clean driving record
  - Heavy Equipment Operator training would be an asset
  - Snowplow Certification would be an asset or willingness to obtain
  - Valid First Aid / CPR Certificate
  - Knowledge of Anishinabek language and culture
  - Valid WHIMIS certification

- Working Conditions:**
- Committed to working safe, while promoting safety in the workplace
  - The ability to work independently and as a valuable team member
  - Ability to work outside in various types of weather conditions
  - Ability to exercise care, follow safety procedures and wear appropriate safety equipment for public and own safety
  - Must be available to work early mornings, evenings and/or weekends on call basis
  - Proof of COVID-19 Vaccinations (at least 2 doses)
  - Current Criminal Reference Check must be submitted upon hire

If you are interested in this opportunity, applicants must submit cover letter, resume, with three current reference contacts (2 work-related and 1 character reference) and copies of their education qualifications to:

CONFIDENTIAL: Public Works Maintenance Technician  
c/o Human Resources  
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333  
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980) or to [employment@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:employment@mchigeeng.ca)

\*Please be advised that only those selected for an interview will be contacted. For a detailed job description, please contact [andream@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:andream@mchigeeng.ca) to request.



**CHILD CARE SUPERVISOR – FULL TIME  
Manitoulin Family Resources**

Manitoulin Family Resources requires a Full-Time Child Care Supervisor. This position will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of Manitoulin Family Resources' Child Care Centre in Mindemoya (Family Grouping and Before and After School Program).

- The successful candidate will have:**
- 2 year diploma in Early Childhood Education or equivalent.
  - Be registered and in good standing with the College of ECEs [Registered Early Childhood Educator].
  - Management experience in a child care setting working with a variety of age groups is considered an asset.
  - Strong understanding of current theories [including How Does Learning Happen?, ELECT and Think, Feel, Act], governing agencies requirements, CCEYA, Public Health and Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice in the Early Learning community.
  - An understanding of working with people who identify as Indigenous and Indigenous communities and culture.
  - Experience and understanding of managing in a unionized environment.
  - Proficiency with MS Office Suites including MS Word and Excel.
  - Strong relationship development skills with the ability to build and maintain both formal and informal networks.
  - Sound judgment and decision-making skills with the ability to effectively administer/reinforce policies as appropriate.
  - Strong problem-solving skills with the ability to analyze and diagnose the issues reaching a suitable solution.
  - Ability to work in stressful situations with the ability to respond to changes and fluctuating demands with shifting deadlines.
  - Strong written/communication skills with the ability to clearly articulate directions, concepts and information.
  - Experience and understanding of working efficiently in a diverse environment.
  - Current Driver's licence and access to a reliable vehicle with an insurable Drivers abstract.
  - Up-to-date medical and immunizations.

This position is a full-time management position in a unionized environment. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the centres.

Manitoulin Family Resources welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

This position has physical requirements such as lifting and physical play with young children.

**Please forward applications to: Diana St Pierre, RECE, Children's Services Director  
[dst-pierre@mfresources.net](mailto:dst-pierre@mfresources.net)**

**Deadline for applications: Friday, September 23rd at 4:00 pm**

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Full-Time**

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  - Familiarity with web design, specifically Wordpress backend
  - Proficiency in social media
  - Demonstrable abilities to work quickly and efficiently to deadlines and manage a large work flow
  - Oversee the production department, ensure deadlines are met

An excellent command of the written word with a firm grounding in spelling, grammar and punctuation is an expectation.

**Salary: Starting at \$60,000 with a review after 3 months.**

If you meet these qualifications, please apply, with references, to:

The Manitoulin Expositor,  
email: [expositor@manitoulin.com](mailto:expositor@manitoulin.com)  
post: Box 369, Little Current, ON POP 1K0

We thank all applicants; only those being considered will be contacted.



## Northeast Town Council Notes

### September 13 Arena rates up slightly

Council passed a motion to hike the rates at the recreation centre slightly.

For ice rentals, the rates are as follows (including HST): prime time, \$130 (up from \$125); off prime, \$65 (up from \$63); student rate, \$65 (up from \$63); tournament rate, \$130 (up from \$125).

There are similar price increases for hall, kitchen, arena floor, curling floor, Lions Den and Curling Club rentals.

Councillor Barb Baker asked community services manager Reid Taylor about the increase in price for hall rentals that involve alcohol. A non-licensed event hall rental is \$830.14 (with table and chair set-up). With alcohol, this rate becomes \$1,117.98. Mr. Taylor said the cleanup involved is more expensive as it requires more manpower.

Councillor Bill Koehler suggested changing the prime-time rates to starting at 3pm instead of 2 pm. He also asked if there was a seniors' rate. It was explained that there isn't, but there is a 'last minute' rate.

Councillor Koehler asked for a recorded vote on the rate hike. All but Councillor Koehler voted in favour of the price increase. The motion was carried.

### Tender approved

Council accepted the tender from Corbiere and Sons in the amount of \$136,995.29, including HST, for the replacement of the water line to the rear of the Anchor Inn. This new water line will replace the original waterline installed in the 1940s.

### Council approves underground electrical service

Council received a letter from Manitoulin-Sudbury

District Services Chief Administrative Office Donna Moroso, requesting permission to install underground electrical service to the Park Street seniors' housing development currently under construction. The line would cross a municipal right of way and be placed over top of the storm sewer and within six feet of the existing water main, Ms. Moroso explained in a letter, but does meet vertical and horizontal clearance requirements. The new trench will also contain an empty conduit for future development which can be accessed by the municipality.

Council approved the request, to be overseen by the manager of public works.

### September 6 MP talks riding boundaries

Mayor and council welcomed a delegation from Algoma-Manitoulin-

Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes at the September 6 meeting. The MP urged council to express its concern over the proposed redistribution of federal electoral ridings. Ms. Hughes noted that 90 per cent of the land base in Ontario is in the North, yet the proposed redistribution would take a Northern riding away.

"We'd be losing a voice in Northern Ontario," she said.

At the September 13 meeting, council passed a resolution calling on the Electoral Boundary Commission "to maintain the electoral representation of Northern Ontario and ensure that any boundary changes are done in a manner that responds to regional and local needs."

### Building freeze removed

Council passed a resolution to remove the building freeze on the west end of Meredith Street. This has

been in place since 2012 and until the required drainage ditch was completed.

### Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor MacNevin and council once again proclaimed September 2022 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month with a resolution that encouraged residents to show their support by raising awareness, speaking up about childhood cancer, wearing the colour gold and "reaffirming our commitment to fighting childhood cancer."

A \$200 donation was also made by the municipality to the Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer organization.

### Former councillor remembered

Mayor MacNevin acknowledged the passing of Floyd 'Porky' Lockyer of Little Current who had been a former councillor with the Town of Little Current, prior to the town's amalgamation with Howland Township and the Unorganized Township of McGregor Bay and noted his many contributions to the community.

### work wanted

Licensed carpenter with 30 years' experience specializing in deck stairs and repairs. Please contact 705-368-2815, Green Bay.

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## HELP WANTED

Br. 177 Royal Canadian Legion in Little Current is looking to hire a casual bartender

Mail or drop off your resume to:  
Box 656

15 Vankoughnet Street  
Little Current, ON POP 1K0

Must have valid Smart Serve certification

## Guardian

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Mindemoya and Manitowaning Guardian Pharmacy  
Part-Time, Store Front

Both locations are looking for part time help to add to our store front team. Two to three days a week, training provided. Must be available weekends.

Please send your resume to Ashley Taylor, Store Manager at ashminpharm@outlook.com or stop in and say hi.

## Help Wanted

Purvis Fisheries is looking for individuals to work in its fish processing plant.

- Training provided
- Transportation from Gore Bay provided
- No experience necessary

Please send resume to [contactus@purvisfisheries.com](mailto:contactus@purvisfisheries.com) or call 705-283-3131

## Assiginack Family Health Team

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
Medical Administrative Assistant  
Full Time, Permanent with Benefits

The Manitowaning Health Clinic is looking for a Medical Administrative Assistant to work in its busy medical office.

We are looking for a motivated professional who has computer experience and good communication skills. Someone willing and able to work in a team-minded setting with high confidentiality standards.

### Experience

- Providing administrative support
- Experience working in a health care setting

Please send applications to:  
Sandra Pennie  
P.O. Box 10  
Manitowaning, Ontario  
POP 1N0  
or email: [spennie@assfht.ca](mailto:spennie@assfht.ca)

## Anchor INN HOTEL HELP WANTED

- Servers
- Bus people
- Hostesses
- Bartenders
- Bar servers
- Security/Bouncers
- Line cooks
- Prep cooks
- Dishwashers

Please email your resume to:  
[smiley1975@live.ca](mailto:smiley1975@live.ca)

## SHEPPARD AND SON Help Wanted

We are looking for labourers or carpenters. Wages depend on experience and work ethic.

Please call 705-368-6362 or email  
[paul@psheppardandson.ca](mailto:paul@psheppardandson.ca)



Manitoulin Denture Clinic  
L. Bentley Hon. B.S.c., D.D.

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

### Qualifications:

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

### Key Responsibilities:

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

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

[manitouлиндentureclinic@hotmail.com](mailto:manitouлиндentureclinic@hotmail.com).

Applications are to be received by 4 pm Wednesday, September 28th.

## Guardian

Pharmacy Assistant  
Part-time, Full-time

### Job Qualifications:

- Experience as a Pharmacy Assistant is an asset
- Excellent organizational skills and detail orientated
- Strong communication skills
- Demonstrated customer service experience
- Proficient computer/data/entry skills
- Flexibility to work a variety of hours which may include weekdays and weekends

### Key responsibilities include:

- Patient greeting and confirmation of accuracy of all pertinent prescription information prior to filling
- Data entry of patient care information into pharmacy system
- Third Party adjudication (if necessary)
- Accurate dispensing of prescription medications
- Maintenance of pharmacy stock through inventory control systems
- General OTC enquiries from patients and referral to Pharmacist where required and necessary
- Handling customer prescription pick up
- Assisting with cashier responsibilities

Contact the Little Current Guardian pharmacy to apply.

## MHC welcomes new VP of Corporate Support Services and Chief Financial Officer

MANITOULIN—Paula Fields, president and CEO of Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) is pleased to welcome Eric Theriault as the new Vice President of Corporate Support Services and Chief Financial Officer of MHC. Mr. Theriault fulfills all the requirements of the position as a Chartered Professional Accountant with a Masters' Degree in Business Administration.



### Eric Theriault

Sudbury area and often visited Manitoulin Island during his time in the region.

When asked about joining MHC, Mr. Theriault said "I am very excited about this new chapter in my career and in my life. I feel very fortunate to have landed on Manitoulin and to be working with the team at Manitoulin Health Centre."

Ms. Fields said, "We are thrilled to have Eric join the team. I feel confident Eric will bring a wealth of knowledge to his new position as well as being a contributing member of our community. Welcome, Eric. The future is bright at MHC!"

Mr. Theriault has over a decade of professional experience, primarily in the healthcare sector most recently as the senior vice president and chief financial officer with the Weenebayko Area Health Authority. He was an integral leader on the redevelopment project to bring a new health care campus to the James/Hudson Bay region that included a hospital, an ambulatory care center, a long-term care facility, a hostel and staff residences. Mr. Theriault is returning to his roots, having grown up in the Greater



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

**We can't wait to hear from you!**



## Manitoulin Centennial Manor

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Office Manager

On a daily basis the Office Manager, will assist with office duties related to the operations and human capital in our home, as well as reception duties as needed.

You will be accountable for:

- Providing exceptional customer service to residents, visitors, service providers and staff alike.
- Recording details of financial transactions through Point Click Care (our electronic health record system).
- Preparing and submitting monthly billings to residents, government agencies and other third parties for payment processing.
- Disbursing, balancing and replenishing facility petty cash funds and administering trust accounts for the residents in accordance with the Nursing Homes Act.
- Preparing bank deposits and completing reconciliations for accounts.
- Applying the rate reduction application process for residents.
- Accounts receivable / collections and processing all vendor payables.
- Payroll duties including data entry and preparing payroll for submission.
- Other duties and tasks as assigned to help support the team as a whole.

The ideal candidate will have the following qualifications and skills:

- Post-secondary certificate or diploma in Accounting, or a related course.
- Post secondary education related to payroll administration or related experience is an asset.
- 3 or more years of experience in a similar position with working knowledge of general office operations.
- Experience in Long Term Care with utilization of Point Click Care is an asset but not required.
- Strong interpersonal and organizational skills, ability to work in a fast-paced environment and have exceptional time management skills.

To apply, please send your application to:

Don Cook CNM  
Administrator/Support Services Manager  
70 Robinson Street, Little Current, ON POP 1K0  
[dcook@extendicare.com](mailto:dcook@extendicare.com)



### GWEKWAADZIWIN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### Finance Manager Full Time Position

#### Position Description:

Gwekwaadziwin Miikan is seeking a Finance Manager who will be responsible for directing and managing the organizations accounting functions, including establishing and maintaining accounting principles, practices, and procedures as well as the preparation of financial statements and reporting to the Executive Director, Gwekwaadziwin Board and Program Managers as well as external agencies.

#### Responsibilities and Duties:

- Post all incoming revenue to appropriate accounts and prepare all deposits
- Manage accounts receivable and post transactions to appropriate program/department/account
- Prepare HST remittances
- Monitor outstanding receivables and follow-up on any that are overdue
- Verify all invoices, travel and expense claims
- Post payable to appropriate program/department/account
- Prepare monthly Pension Plan and Group Benefits reports and payments
- Prepare all cheques
- Provide payroll information to Ceridian and post all payroll to appropriate program/department/account
- Prepare monthly bank reconciliations
- Collect, interpret and report financial data
- Review and input annual budgets
- Provide monthly variance reports to Executive Director
- Ensure financial management of Gwekwaadziwin reflects Gwekwaadziwin Accounting Policies and Procedures
- Ensure accurate and timely completion of annual financial statements
- Review and interpret audited financial statements with Executive Director
- Assist in the development of proposals
- Other duties as required or assigned by Executive Director

#### Qualifications:

- Must have a degree or diploma in Business and/or Accounting
- Extensive experience of all aspects of First Nation accounting and financial management
- Financial analysis, budgeting and strategic planning experience
- Knowledge of accounting principles, practices and applications
- Advanced knowledge of ACCPAC, MS Office and Excel
- Proficient communication, interpersonal and organizational skills
- Experience overseeing audits performed by external audit firms
- Management and or supervisory experience
- Thorough knowledge of all relevant Federal, Provincial, and local requirements regarding financial records and pensions
- Good project management skills and able to produce quality work within tight timeframes
- Professional written and verbal communication skills
- Able to work efficiently as a part of a team as well as independently
- High level of critical and logical thinking, analysis, and/or reasoning to identify underlying principles, reasons, or facts
- Able to work well under pressure and meet set deadlines
- Sound analytical thinking, planning, prioritization, and execution skills.

**Salary:** \$ Commensurate with qualifications

**Closing Date:** September 28, 2022 @ 4:00pm

**To Apply:** Please complete the application online at [gwek.bamboohr.com/jobs](http://gwek.bamboohr.com/jobs)

Contact [mmaracle@gwek.ca](mailto:mmaracle@gwek.ca) with any questions.

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



### MNAAMODZAWIN HEALTH SERVICES

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE

**TEMPORARY, FULL TIME CONTRACT (MATERNITY LEAVE)**

#### Overview:

The Community Health Nurse (CHN) will deliver comprehensive community health nursing services in five First Nation communities, in collaboration with an interprofessional health care team. Through consultation, clinical practice, leadership, and by facilitating health promotion and disease prevention, the CHN provides care utilizing in-depth nursing knowledge and skills, clinical expertise, and advanced judgment. The CHN will utilize a primary health care approach to address overall health needs in Indigenous communities. The successful candidate shall possess:

#### Required Competencies:

- Integrity and Respect cultural diversity
- Dependability
- Work effectively both independently and with others
- Show initiative and be action-oriented
- Adaptability
- Critical Thinking
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Continuous Learning

#### Qualifications and Work Experience:

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


**Deadline:** Friday, September 23, 2022 at 12:00 pm (noon)

#### Submissions:

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


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





### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – MULTIPLE POSTINGS

#### Gwekwaadziwin Miikan – Seven Grandfathers Program



Gwekwaadziwin Miikan is expanding the number of land-based treatment beds and looking for motivated individuals to join our multidisciplinary team. There are multiple land-based counsellor contract positions and casual positions available.

Please visit [gwek.bamboohr.com/jobs](http://gwek.bamboohr.com/jobs) or email [mmaracle@gwek.ca](mailto:mmaracle@gwek.ca) for details.

Program Description	
The Gwekwaadziwin Miikan program provides a person-centered model of mental health and addiction treatment for youth and young adults. It supports a community of healthy young people working towards wellness, education, and economic prosperity for First Nations individuals and communities. Gwekwaadziwin Miikan meets program participants on the spectrum of care, from stabilization through treatment, live-in aftercare, outpatient aftercare and transition back into community. The Seven Grandfathers program is designed for young adults aged 19+ and consists of three phases: Land Based Treatment, Live-in Aftercare, and Community Aftercare.	

Position Descriptions	
<b>Land Based Counsellors (Multiple Contract Positions)</b>	The Land Based Treatment Counselor is a unique position that combines the skills of an outdoor experiential learning leader with that of a treatment counselor. Staff in this position will be living and working in outdoor settings with participants and will have a three-week rotational schedule. Staff in this position will be responsible for delivering a holistic treatment program with a significant focus on Anishinaabek culture and land-based learning.
<b>Aftercare Support Workers (Casual)</b>	A part-time position responsible for assisting in the implementation of participant treatment plans, monitoring the facility, facilitating group, and to assist with other facets of the Gwekwaadziwin Miikan programming. Opportunity for shifts in the land-based treatment program.


Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications      Closing Date: Open until filled

To Apply: Please complete the application online at [gwek.bamboohr.com/jobs](http://gwek.bamboohr.com/jobs)

Incomplete packages will not be accepted.

Current Criminal Reference Check and Drivers Abstract required prior to offer of employment.

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



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### CHILDCARE RESOURCE TEACHER

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

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

**Essential Functions:**

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

**Qualifications & Requirements**

- Diploma in Early Childhood Education from an Ontario College of Applied Arts and Technology or an equivalent academic qualification
- Experience working with children with special needs
- Must be willing to enrol to complete Resource Teacher Certification Course

**Other**

- Have knowledge and understanding of the culture, traditions, and history of the Anishinaabek
- Experience with Microsoft Office
- Excellent communication skills and always maintains a high level of confidentiality
- Fluency and/or understanding of Anishinaabemowin is an asset and/or must be willing to learn
- Must be certified in First Aid and CPR
- Must submit a copy of COVID-19 vaccinations and immunizations

**CLOSING DATE: SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2022 AT 12:00 P.M.**

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

**Confidential: Childcare Resource Teacher  
 c/o Human Resources  
 M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333  
 M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0  
 Email: [andream@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:andream@mchigeeng.ca)  
 Tel: 705-377-5362 Fax: 705-377-4980**

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 For a detailed job description, please send your request to [andream@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:andream@mchigeeng.ca)**



### MNAAMODZAWIN HEALTH SERVICES

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### Nurse Practitioner, Palliative Care

#### PERMANENT, PART TIME

**Overview:**  
 As part of a team of community health nurses that services 5 First Nation communities on Manitoulin, the Nurse Practitioner will ensure response capacity to provide expert clinical care to palliative clients and expert clinical advice to primary care physicians, community nurses on the management of pain and symptoms, psychosocial support, and therapeutic interventions. The Nurse Practitioner will complete home visits to palliative clients and their families for the purpose of conducting comprehensive clinical assessments and contribute to the development of comprehensive shared care plans in consultation with the interdisciplinary team and provide clinical advice and support for families of palliative clients as they interact with home and community care, primary care, acute care, and specialist care.

**Required Competencies:**

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

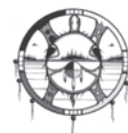
**Qualifications and Work Experience:**

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

**Deadline: Friday, September 23, 2022 at 12:00 pm (noon)**

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

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 Mnaamodzawin Health Services  
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### MNAAMODZAWIN HEALTH SERVICES

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE

#### PERMANENT, FULL TIME

**Overview:**  
 The Community Health Nurse (CHN) will deliver comprehensive community health nursing services in five First Nation communities, in collaboration with an interprofessional health care team. Through consultation, clinical practice, leadership, and by facilitating health promotion and disease prevention, the CHN provides care utilizing in-depth nursing knowledge and skills, clinical expertise, and advanced judgment. The CHN will utilize a primary health care approach to address overall health needs in Indigenous communities. The successful candidate shall possess:

**Required Competencies:**

- Integrity and Respect cultural diversity
- Dependability
- Work effectively both independently and with others
- Show initiative and be action-oriented
- Adaptability
- Critical Thinking
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Continuous Learning

**Qualifications and Work Experience:**

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

**Deadline: Friday, September 23, 2022 at 12:00 pm (noon)**

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

**Human Resources**  
 Mnaamodzawin Health Services  
 Postal Bag 2003, Hwy 540  
 48 Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning  
 Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0  
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**Manitoulin Family Resources**

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Submit your resume to  
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**We can provide financial support for you to get Early Childhood Education Diploma while working!**

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## MANITOULIN HEALTH CENTRE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY UNIT CLERK

The Manitoulin Health Centre requires a Unit Clerk to work on a permanent part-time basis at its Mindemoya site.

### QUALIFICATIONS: (Education, Certifications, Experience, Licensure)

#### Required:

- Graduate of a Nursing Unit Clerk Program, Medical Office Administrator Program or equivalent
- Mandatory proof of fully immunized COVID-19 vaccination status

#### Preferred:

- Previous related experience in a hospital or healthcare setting

Please forward cover letter and resume indicating Job Posting Number 2022-NU-09 to:  
Human Resources at [recruitment@mhc.on.ca](mailto:recruitment@mhc.on.ca)

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."*



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT

Department: Administration  
Classification/Level: CA5 (\$49,500-\$60,500)  
Employment Status: Full-Time Regular

**CLOSING DATE: September 26th, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**

### Position Summary:

Under the supervision of the Human Resources Manager, the Human Resources Assistant (HRA) is primarily responsible for providing administrative support to the Human Resources Manager. The HRA will assist with day-to-day tasks of the HR department and support a wide range of HR activities including administrative support, assistance with new recruitments, and other employee relations as it relates to onboarding and offboarding. As well as assistance with the employee human resource information system, the information input and accuracy into the time management system.

### Essential Functions:

- Assist with the day-to-day operation of the HR functions
- Provide administrative support to the HR Manager
- Compile, update, and file employee records (hard and electronic copies)
- Assist with payroll by obtaining relevant data required (absences, leaves, etc.)
- Assist in coordinating HR projects (meetings, trainings, surveys, etc.) and record minutes
- Maintain the employee electronic and hard copy personnel files by participating in HRIS systems, receiving, and uploading all documents required to be obtained within the personnel files and required for pension and benefits enrolment
- Produce regular statistical reports on HR activities (vacancies, hires, staffing, WSIB accidents, LTD, training, screening, interviews, terminations), as requested
- Ensure all onboarding documentation of new employees along with offboarding documentation completed and filed accordingly
- Complete audit checklists of all HR and personnel files
- Monitor and track probation, probationary, and annual performance appraisals systems for all employees

### Qualifications:

- Diploma in human resource management, office administration or business administration; or related discipline
- Minimum of 2 years' experience in relevant administrative position in a First Nation administrative capacity
- Previous experience in the human resource field is an asset
- Highly computer literate with solid experience of word processing, spreadsheets, and database applications
- Ability to speak Anishinabemowin or must have the willingness to learn
- Knowledge of the Anishinabek culture, language, and traditions

### Other Skills:

- High level of confidentiality and discretion
- Excellent verbal and written communication
- Excellent with conflict management
- Excellent interpersonal and leadership skills to establish and maintain rapport effectively with employees
- Strong organizational, communication and team skills
- Practice rooted in holistic, strengths-based, and person-centred approach
- Knowledge of Anishinabek culture, traditions, and practices
- Understanding and fluency in Anishinabemowin or willingness to learn
- Valid Driver's Licence and access to a reliable vehicle
- Criminal Reference Check (CRC) requirement must be 30-days current and must be an original
- Confirmation of COVID-19 vaccination (at least two doses) upon hire

If you are interested in this opportunity, applicants must submit cover letter, resume, with three current reference contacts (2 work-related and 1 character reference) and copies of their education qualifications to:

Human Resources Assistant  
c/o Human Resources  
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333  
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980) or to [employment@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:employment@mchigeeng.ca)

\*Please be advised that only those selected for an interview will be contacted. For a detailed job description, please contact [andream@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:andream@mchigeeng.ca) to request.



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Water Treatment Plant Operator Level II

Classification Level: WWTP0 Salary Grid (\$51,300-\$62,700) + pension and benefits  
Employment Status: Regular Full time  
Department: Infrastructure

**2nd POSTING CLOSING DATE: September 23rd, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.**

### Position Summary:

Under the supervision of the Overall Responsible Operator, the Water Treatment Plant Operator will monitor and operate computerized control systems and related equipment in water filtration and treatment plants and to regulate the treatment and distribution of water. Monitor and operate liquid waste plant systems and related equipment in wastewater and sewage treatment and regulate the treatment and disposal of sewage and wastes. Shall effectively test the quality of our First Nations communal drinking water and recreation areas, based on water quality monitoring developed by the Environmental Health Officer.

### Essential Functions:

The Water Treatment Plant Operator will perform operations and maintenance activities with respect to the centralized and decentralized of water systems and operations and maintenance activities with respect to the M'Chigeeng Wastewater System.

### Level II Operator duties include but are not limited to:

- Operate and monitor computerized control systems and related equipment in the water treatment plant to regulate the treatment and distribution of water
- Monitor and inspect plant equipment and systems to detect equipment malfunctions and to ensure plant systems are operating normally
- Read flow meters, gauges, and other recording instruments to measure water output and consumption levels, bacterial content, chlorine levels, etc.
- Collect and test water samples for chemical and bacterial content, analyze test results and instrument readings and adjust plant equipment and systems to ensure quality control
- Monitor water quality testing for all potable private water systems not connected to the communal system
- Provide verbal or written instructions for process control changes to waterworks system to ensure water produced meets standardized quality requirements
- Perform security checks in plant and on grounds

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

### Qualifications:

- Level II Water Treatment & Water Distribution (certified and in good standing) with two (2) years' work-related experience
- Level II Wastewater Treatment & Level II Wastewater Collections Certifications
- Ontario Secondary School Diploma with two (2) years' work-related experience
- Valid Class G Driver's Licence, willing to obtain Class DZ Driver's Licence
- Confined Space Entry Certification an asset
- CPR, First Aid, Working at Heights (Fall Arrest) Certifications an asset
- WHMIS (Safety Chemical Handling) Certification an asset
- Willing to take ongoing/additional training as needed and to receive Continuing Education Unit (CEU)

### Other:

- Good understanding of Water Treatment plant operations
- Ability to operate daily Water Quality monitoring systems accurately
- Responsible and pays close attention to detail
- Prompt and efficient in the performance of duties
- Independent and Self Starter
- Proficiency in computer software
- Excellent at job task planning and organizing
- Critical thinking skills and strong decision-making skills
- Works well with others and can work independently
- Effective oral and writing communication skills
- Excellent numeracy skills
- Ability to work non-standard work hours - availability for on-call shifts
- Knowledge of Anishinabek culture, traditions, and practices
- Understanding and fluency in Anishinabemowin or willingness to learn
- Police CRC and Confirmation of COVID-19 Vaccinations (2 doses minimum) are required

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

CONFIDENTIAL: Water Treatment Plant Operator Level II  
c/o Human Resources  
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333

M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980) or to [employment@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:employment@mchigeeng.ca)

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





**KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services**

Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services (KGCF) is a designated Child Welfare Service delivering Child Protection Services within seven member First Nations in the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin. KGCF honours and supports our families' and community's inherent authority to care for their children based on unity, traditions, values, beliefs and customs.

We are now accepting applications for the following **FULL-TIME** positions:

**Located in Sudbury:**

Customary Care Team Assistant: Closes September 30, 2022

**Located in Manitoulin:**

(2) Case Aide: Closes September 30, 2022

**CONTRACT POSITIONS**

**Located in Sudbury:**

Service Supervisor: Open until Filled

(1) Youth Outreach Coordinator: Closes September 23, 2022

(1) Youth Cultural Outreach Worker: Closes September 30, 2022

**Located on Manitoulin Island and/or Sudbury:**

2nd posting: IT & Quality Administrator: Closes September 23, 2022

Apply to: Human Resources at [hr@kgcfs.org](mailto:hr@kgcfs.org) and quote the position title in the subject line.

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

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

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

**Manitoulin Centennial Manor**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
FULL TIME AND PART TIME POSITIONS  
SIGNING BONUS AND RELOCATION BONUS**

Candidates are invited to apply for the above positions to work at Manitoulin Centennial Manor, a 60-bed long-term care facility, located in Little Current, ON.

We are offering a Signing Bonus and Relocation Bonus that includes free accommodation while you find your new home.

Positions Include:  
**Nursing:** RNs, RPNs and PSWs

**Interested in a rewarding career with good pay and benefits, come join our team by contacting:**

Don Cook  
Administrator  
[dcook@extendicare.com](mailto:dcook@extendicare.com)  
705-368-2710



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC MANAGER  
Ka Naadimaadimi Wii Minamaadiziying**

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

**Position Summary**

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

**Essential Functions**

Program Coordination

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

Supervision & Administration

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

Reports & Budgets

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

Planning & Development

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

Communications

- Consult with Department Manager on Ka Naadimaadimi Wii Minamaadiziying Mental Health Services programming

**Qualifications & Requirements**

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

**Other**

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

**Conditions of Employment:**

- Police Vulnerable Sector Check
- Proof of COVID-19 Vaccinations (2 doses minimum)

**Closing Date: September 27th, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**

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

Mental Health Clinic Manager  
c/o Human Resources  
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333  
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0  
Fax 705-377-4980 or [employment@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:employment@mchigeeng.ca)

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
PREVENTION COORDINATOR**

**Ka Naadimaadimi Wii Minamaadiziying**

Employment Status: Full-time Term  
Department: Mental Health & Addictions  
Salary: \$65,000/year

**Position Summary**

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

**Reporting Relationship**

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

**Essential Functions**

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

**Qualifications**

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

**Other**

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

**Conditions of Employment**

1. Police Vulnerable Sector Check
2. Proof of COVID-19 vaccinations (at least 2 doses)

**Closing Date: September 24th, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.**

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

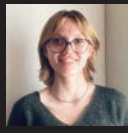
Prevention Coordinator  
c/o Human Resources  
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333  
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0  
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## M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



**Alexandra  
Wilson-  
Zegil**

Welcome back, Mustangs! The leaves are already starting to turn as we are approaching the end of our first month at school. Students have been getting the hang of classes and making some new friends as the weather gets colder.

Manitoulin Secondary School has reached the Platinum achievement for EcoSchools Canada. This is the highest ranking achievement for this program! A special thank-you to SHARE/Go Green and the many students and staff that made this possible. Go, Mustangs!

After the successful student-run lunches last week, the cafeteria is now back up and running. Students are once again able to purchase hot breakfasts and lunches before classes.

As after-school extracurricular clubs and sports begin, late-buses are also back up and running! Buses go to the west end and to the east end, making stops to communities along the way. Make sure to listen to the announcements to see which days they are operating.

Thursday, September 15 was Pink Shirt Day. Pink Shirt Day is a board-wide event where students wear pink to raise awareness about bullying in schools. Mustangs across all grades showed up in pink to help stand up for those being bullied. Pink Shirt Day started in 2007 in Nova Scotia when a new student was bullied for wearing pink. Some students decided to combat this by purchasing pink shirts and distributing them for students to wear. Schools across the world have kept

this tradition, asking students to wear pink. To learn more about it, go here: [www.pinkshirtday.ca](http://www.pinkshirtday.ca)

Coming up on Thursday, September 22 is twin day! Students are asked to go as famous and fictional duos or simply match outfits with their friends. This author hopes to see some creepy twins from The Shining, or maybe even Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia. Just a reminder that Student Council is looking to give out Most Spirited Student awards at the end of the year, so keep up your Spirit Day participation, Mustangs!

Speaking of Student Council, they had their first meeting on Friday, September 16. They talked about many upcoming events and plans for the school year. Keep an eye out for things like Halloween for Hunger, school dances and Spirit Days!

MSS is encouraging parents and guardians to sign up for School Cash Online. School Cash Online is an easy way to pay for field trips or purchase other school-related items. This eliminates the need for students to carry cash for field trips to school. They are also looking into ways to get permission forms signed, disposing of any pesky papers sent home! To register go to <https://rainbowschools.schoolcashonline.com/> on your web browser.

Other upcoming events include: PA day on Friday, September 23 and National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30.

Until next week, go, Mustangs, go!



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CHILD & YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS COUNSELLOR

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

**Position Summary:** Under the supervision of the Mental Health Clinic Manager, the focus of the Child and Youth Mental Health & Addictions Counsellor will be to provide counselling to children and youth to support mental wellness by assisting with emotional regulation and resulting behavioural management. The Child & Youth Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor will provide services through a trauma-informed lens with a focus on addressing intergenerational trauma inclusive of grief & loss. The position will be responsible for providing services that include Traditional ways of Healing.

#### Essential Functions:

- Assess and understand the child or youth's mental health needs through a developmental and trauma-informed lens and formulate methods of intervention in collaboration with the team
- Working knowledge of mental health and addictions
- Work within MFN elementary and secondary school environments when required
- Develop and implement the delivery of workplan initiatives
- Provide client needs assessments and develop treatment plans
- Provide direct counselling to children and youth
- Provide Trauma Informed Care services
- Assist team with prevention, intervention, and promotion workshops/activities/awareness within the community, inclusive of both traditional and western approaches
- Provide appropriate referrals to other services
- Provide aftercare services and supports for children and youth
- Maintain a case management system utilizing the Electronic Medical Record system
- Participate in regular intake meetings and case management reviews
- All other duties as assigned

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

#### Qualifications:

- College Diploma in Social Services or related field of study (i.e. Addictions & Mental Health Diploma, Social Services Worker Diploma, Child & Youth Care)
- 3 - 5 years' work-related experience in the field of child & youth mental health
- Knowledge and skills in mental health, alcohol and/or drugs addictions awareness and prevention
- Excellent public speaking and facilitation skills
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training and Mental Health First Aid Certification an asset

#### Other

- Have working knowledge of Harm Reduction Philosophy
- Excellent time management and organizational skills with ability to prioritize and handle multiple tasks simultaneously
- Role model both during and after regular work hours
- Working knowledge of Outlook, Microsoft Office, and general office procedures
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills (written and verbal)
- Must obtain and keep current First Aid and CPR Certifications
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe
- Understanding of Anishinaabe language, culture, traditions as it relates to traditional healing
- A strong advocate of M'Chigeeng First Nation's goals and objectives along with its mission and long-term vision
- Must have own transportation and valid Ontario Class "G" driver's licence
- Must be willing to work flexible hours and weekends
- COVID-19 Vaccinations (at least first two doses)
- Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) requirement must be 30-days current and must be an original

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

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

**CLOSING DATE: SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2022, AT 12:00 P.M.**

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



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY REGISTERED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR

Department: BINOOJINH GAMGOONHS (Early Learning Centre)  
Classification Level: ECE Salary Grid (\$39,380 - \$48,130)

\* With \$2.00 Hourly Wage Enhancement (subject to approval year to year) + Group Benefits and Pension  
Term: Full-Time Regular

#### Position Summary

The RECE is under the supervision of the Childcare Supervisor and is responsible for children in all aspects related to the development of their academic learning skills, hygiene, health, well-being, and safety. The RECE will oversee the planning and the implementing of age-appropriate programming for children ages newborn to 12 years of age.

#### Essential Functions:

- Promote the health and well-being of all the children
- Provide high-quality care and learning environments by drawing on specialized knowledge, education, and diverse perspectives
- Demonstrate caring and compassion for all children through responsive and reciprocal relationships
- Maintain and follow internal routines and procedures for child's health and safety
- Plan, organize, and lead daily activities designed to stimulate physical, social, cognitive, and emotional growth of children and encourages cooperation and participation
- Maintain knowledge, skills and self-awareness needed to keep abreast of new and diverse competencies of the position

\*\*For a complete job description, please contact: [andream@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:andream@mchigeeng.ca)

#### Qualifications & Requirements

- Early Childhood Education Diploma and registered with the College of ECE
- Additional specialized training to support young children of diverse needs, varying abilities, and their families would be an asset
- At least two-five (2-5) years' work-related experience
- Ability to work effectively individually and within a team environment
- Knowledge and experience with the culture, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe people
- Fluency in Ojibwe would be an asset or the willingness to learn
- Valid First Aid and CPR or willing to obtain
- Excellent interpersonal skills

#### Conditions of Employment:

- Police Vulnerable Sector Check
- Proof of TB tests and Health Assessment
- Proof immunizations
- Proof of COVID-19 vaccinations (at least two doses)

Closing Date: September 30, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Interested applicants must submit cover letter, resume, three (3) current references and applicable certifications and diplomas addressed to:

CONFIDENTIAL: "RECE POSITION"  
c/o Human Resource  
M'Chigeeng First Nation  
P.O. Box 333, M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0  
[andream@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:andream@mchigeeng.ca)

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### Executive Director Manitoulin Family Resources Permanent, Full-Time

Due to continued growth and expansion, Manitoulin Family Resources is seeking a dedicated and passionate visionary to join its reorganized leadership team. Working alongside the current Executive Director and Program Directors, the incumbent will drive the agency forward through her ability to influence and implement a clear vision of the agency's mandate, lead change, build positive working relationships, and inspire teams committed to supporting vulnerable populations in our community.

Reporting to the Board of Directors, the Executive Director will be responsible for providing leadership and direction in overseeing the administration, programming, and strategic plan of MFR. They will ensure the agency is providing quality services to clients, while meeting the requirements of funders, in a fiscally responsible way that allows for the continued growth of the agency. The mission of Manitoulin Family Resources is to support individuals and families by providing resources, advocacy, and education through the agency's three program areas of Violence Against Women Prevention, Children's Services and Food Security.

#### The successful candidate must have:

- Bachelor's degree (minimum)/Master's degree in Business, Finance, Accounting and/or Human Resource Management
- 5 or more years' senior non-profit management experience (experience in a unionized environment is an asset)
- Experience and skill working with a Board of Directors
- Strong financial management skills, including budget preparation, analysis, decision making, and reporting to a diverse array of funders and on a variety of programs
- Strong organizational abilities and the ability to be adaptable; crisis and conflict management, problem-solving skills are essential
- Strong written and oral communication skills, including public speaking
- Proven ability to promote an organizational culture that fosters compassion, cooperation, communication, and inclusivity
- Second language fluency (Anishnaabemowin, French) is an asset
- Full proficiency with computer software, specifically Microsoft
- Current CPR/First Aid certification, or willingness to complete at time of hire

A clear VSS, insurable driver's abstract, and proof of Covid-19 vaccination will all be requirements of the selected candidate, and ongoing conditions of hire. \*Please note that administrative and management positions may be called upon to deliver frontline services in any of our program areas, including our women's shelter.

Fair compensation and full benefits' package, per agency practice, will be offered to the selected incumbent.

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# Ice Lake farms open doors and share best practices for ecological farm field day

by Lori Thompson,  
Local Journalism  
Initiative Reporter

ICE LAKE—An in-person field day hosted by Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario (EFAO) introduced participants to organic farming principles. Three Forks Farm owners Peggy Baillie and Eric Blondin, and Linda and Chuc Willson of Our Garden, shared how they work with the land and deal with the challenges presented by growing on Manitoulin Island.

Three Forms Farm is certified organic and produces mixed vegetables and fruit, garden seeds and chickens. The Willsons have been organically growing, harvesting, storing, preserving and marketing food for over 30 years, producing a line of natural jellies, relishes, pickles, vinegars and oil all from herbs, fruit and vegetables grown or foraged on their land. Both farms are located in Ice Lake.

While each farm is unique, they're also not that different. Similarities are found in their key messages of diversification, organic growing methods, healthy soil, natural pest management, experimenting, collaborations, access to water, knowing your market, and maintaining biodiversity. The farmers also face similar challenges.

Maintaining a healthy work-life balance is one challenge. Ms. Baillie and Mr. Blondin address the issue by not working on evenings and Sundays, and through division of duties. Mr. Blondin looks after the market garden and Ms. Baillie takes care of seed production. Three Forks Farm also has two full-time and one part-time staff who work on farm and three part-timers that help with the markets. They try to hire people who have a genuine interest in farming.

The Willsons are trying to downsize their production to make things easier



Linda Willson of Our Garden shows off her stone raised bed.

as they age, and they have a succession plan for when they're ready to retire.

Pests and predators are a big issue everywhere on the Island. The Willsons use row covers and mulching to help with pest control. They use fencing, netting, scarecrows, noise-makers and other low-tech methods to deter larger pests that include birds, rabbits and deer.

Both farms use fencing of some sort. Three Forks has fenced 10 acres of its 100 acres with a high tensile electric perimeter wire fence for deer. "We do have extreme deer pressure here on the Island and even with the high tensile fence, we do have deer that manage to get through," Ms. Baillie said.

In the last three years they've lost about \$30,000 worth of crops to deer and some seed crops this year. "We're just trying to get better and find better ways to manage," she added.

Two livestock dogs protect the chickens from predators.

All of the brassica crops (kale, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, etc) at Three Forks Farm are grown under insect netting for the duration of the plants' lives because of the diamondback moth. "We use insect netting as a first level of protection because we don't use pesticides or insecticides," said Ms. Baillie. "Everything wants to eat brassicas."

They also only grow cucumbers for market production in greenhouses because of cucumber beetles and hang netting at the entrances. They sometimes buy beneficial insects and will let bees in as well.

Biodiversity plays a key role in the success of both farms. Take a walk on the public trails at Ravenswing, the name the Willsons have given their farm, and you will go through healthy forests, meadows, wetlands and a restored apple and pear orchard. You'll also find thriving hawberry and chokecherry trees.

Three Forks Farm does not look like what many people think a farm should look like: there are a lot of wild and beautiful pollinator areas. "This is important for us," said Ms. Baillie. "It's not a groomed and trimmed farm but this is really important to the biodiversity of the farm, improving habitat for beneficial insects and also pollinators."

Healthy soil is crucial for farming. Three Forks uses buckwheat, peas and oats as cover crops. They suppress weeds and make other nutrients more available for the plants in the next season. "It's better to have your soil covered in plant life for soil health rather than have it naked with nothing growing in it. Having things planted in it feed the soil's microbiology



Three Forks Farms' Peggy Baillie gives a tour of the back garden.

photos by Lori Thompson

which will in turn help feed the plants in the future. We try to have cover crops when we have time."

The chickens Ms. Baillie and Mr. Blondin raise under the artisanal chicken program also help with soil fertility. The chickens spend much of their lives outdoors in chicken tractors that are moved weekly. "They have so much to eat out here and they love it," Ms. Baillie said. "We've definitely seen a dramatic increase in fertility in the areas where the chickens have been."

The Island is challenged soil-wise, said Ms. Willson, adding they are very fortunate to have good soil. "There's a rich, glacial deposit of it. Glacial soil is the best soil. It's rich in nutrients."

The Willsons must still amend their soil. "We grow intensively on a small plot. Lettuce is our specialty crop that we sell at summer markets but it draws nitrogen from the soil. So how do we amend? We use compost."

Both farms use locally produced Meeker's Magic Mix. Three Forks also uses spent grain from Split Rail Brewery, applying the spent grains directly to the fields as an experiment. "We're happy to be adding organic matter and some fertility," said Ms. Baillie. "It's

working for us and it helps them as well."

Lately the Willsons have been starting cover crops. There are paths full of clover, which not only adds nutrients to the soil and shades the soil, but has the added benefit of rabbits eating clover rather than the lettuce crop.

Mr. Blondin and Ms. Baillie both worked on other people's farms before starting their own, which was helpful, as is the support that comes

from organizations such as Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario (EFAO), Ms. Baillie said.

"We all eat everyday," said EFAO's Alison Muckle. "I think it's really important how that food is grown. I think farming and agriculture has huge potential to maybe mitigate climate change. Agriculture has a huge effect on climate change. There's a lot of things we can change to make agriculture more climate friendly so we can have a more sustainable future."

## notice

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

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## Death Notices

### JACQUELINE WINNIFRED 'JACKIE' JOHNS



Jacqueline Winnifred Johns (nee Parry) of Collingwood passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, at the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital on September 7, 2022 at the age of 84. Jackie was born on March 21, 1938 in Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec to Jack and Winnifred Parry. She graduated

from Sudbury Tech and Vocational School and became a registered nurse at St. Joseph Hospital in Sudbury after graduating from the St. Elizabeth School of Nursing in 1957. Jackie married her high school sweetheart, Frederick Johns, in Sudbury in 1958, and the couple moved to McCrae Heights and went on to have four children, Dan Johns (Linda), Wendy Hietkamp (Jeff), Tim Johns (Melanie), and Susan Johnston (Doug). Jackie will be dearly missed by Fred, her four children and their spouses, her nine grandchildren Philippe Johns, Jacob Johns, Emily Hniebergall (Max), Sophie Hietkamp, Dorothy Johns, Sam Johns, Nicholas Johnston, Philip Johnston, and Thomas Johnston, her older sister Patricia Malysh (John), younger brother Jack Parry (Mirja), along with many nieces and nephews. Jackie treasured all of her family members, and was a devoted wife, mother, aunt, cheerleader, and friend. Jackie is predeceased by her parents, her sister Joanie, and by her dearest friends Margaret and Ron Maki. After Fred retired from Inco Mines, the couple built their dream house by Lake Kagawong on Manitoulin Island, where they spent 25 amazing years meeting new friends, curling, and sitting by their beautiful beach. In her later years the couple moved to Raglan Village in Collingwood. Jackie loved to socialize, and was always willing to play card games, word games, or any other games that produced large amounts of laughter. She enjoyed singing off-key, teasing, wearing silly costumes, and working in the kitchen at curling bonspiels in Providence Bay and for her church. We will miss her peanut butter and chocolate chip cookies, her peach pies, her Mrs. Perini's chicken, and most of all, her infectious laugh. A celebration of Jackie's life will be held at the Ferguson Funeral Home, Meaford on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 2 pm, followed by a social at son Tim's house at 69 Meadow Lane in Meaford. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Jackie's memory either to the CNIB, or to Diabetes Canada, two chronic health issues that afflicted Jackie and were challenges to her in her later years. Donations may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher Street East, Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca).

## ...Ontario youth have their day in court

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lives in "chemical valley" by Sarnia, Ms. Orlando explained. "We have people who live remotely in the woods. We have a university student doing her masters. It's really a wide spread of kids: a kid from downtown Toronto, a kid from Sudbury, kids living in the forest. It's pretty wild, and they're all amazing young people. They're beautiful. I felt so blessed to be part of their world."

It could take months before a decision is reached but Ms. Orlando said that no matter what happens, the lawyers did a fantastic job. "This case is already being studied by legal experts," she said. "It's already in many legal circles. Even if we lose they have moved that ball down the field. And no matter what, the kids are just not going to give up. This is their future and there's going to come a point where we're going to really seriously have to have plans to get off fossil fuels and it's going to need to be in a way that won't cause social disruption. It's not a choice. It's coming, and this is just one of the many tools."

Ms. Mathur is nervous, excited and hopeful about the outcome. "We're finally going to court after all these years," she said. "Regardless of whether we win or lose, the people of Ontario that are watching this

case are realizing that the Ontario government is not taking enough action to protect our future. So even if we don't win, we still would have raised awareness across Ontario and maybe telling people that the Ford government is not worth voting for."

This case was about the changing of the targets previously set by the previous government, noted Ms. Mathur. "I'm mostly concerned about the fact that they aren't doing much of anything at all to protect our future from the climate crisis. I feel like in general the scientists are saying that the actions of the Ford government are not enough to protect our future and help in solving climate change across Canada and also across the world."

A victory could set a precedent under the Constitution that no government in Canada can take action that contributes to the climate crisis without potentially violating Charter rights, said Ecojustice. "Our clients are following a long tradition of turning to the Charter at pivotal moments in the fight for justice. In the past, the Charter has been instrumental in making Canadian society more just and equitable by securing rights to same sex marriage, abortion, and numerous other rights."

## thank you

**Sam and Yvonne Bondi** send out a huge and heartfelt thank you to all of our friends and neighbours who attended our 60th anniversary celebrations and/or sent good wishes. Your presence and kind words made us feel blessed, happy and ready to tackle the next 60!! Special thanks go to Michelle, Rhonda, Marilena, Wendy and others of the family, for their efforts in putting the celebration together. It was a beautiful day.

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**A heartfelt thank you** to Dr. S. Meikleham for her excellent treatment of our daughter. The nurses in both the emergency department and on the ward were very competent and helpful. The nutritionist was also a huge help and very patient with her advice. We're grateful for both the services our community hospital provides as well as the nurse practitioners in the clinic. Thank you to all.

Lucie Medwig

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# West End women's small gifts provide comfort and hope internationally

**by Tom Sasvari**  
MELDRUM BAY—Again this year, a group of about 40 women from Western Manitoulin have gathered on a regular basis to work and provide their talent and

skill to help those in need, internationally. "Four years ago, the Meldrum Bay United Church began a partnership with the Mennonite Central Committee to prepare items

locally to be included in sea containers filled with aid," said Jan Joyce. "Women from Meldrum Bay, Silver Water and beyond gather twice a month at the Meldrum Bay community hall,

giving of their time and talent to sew, string, tie and pack primary care items for international humanitarian aid."

"This year's work will be placed in the hands of people in Ukraine, Malawi, and refugee camps in Iran and Jordan," continued Ms. Joyce. She explained that the group of ladies contributions for 2022 include 200 pieces of infant clothing (nightgowns and handknit hats) 1,200 drawstring bags, each packed with a hand towel, soap, toothbrush nail clippers and a comb, and 26 hand-tied patchwork quilts.

Ms. Joyce stressed, "the community has generously

supported the project with monetary donations and in-kind gifts, soap and cotton fabric for quilts and drawstring bags. Every bar of soap was donated by friends and customers of a local businesswoman."

"We are grateful to our faithful volunteers who joyfully give hours of their time in service to others," added Ms. Joyce.



Helen Black and Pat MacDougall tie one of the 26 quilts made this year and gifted for humanitarian aid by a group of women from Western Manitoulin to benefit those in need, internationally.



Lois Wismer assembles a towel, toothbrush, nail clippers, comb and soap for the one of the hygiene kits. A group of women from Meldrum Bay, Silver Water and beyond have again this year given of their time and talent to sew, string, tie and pack primary care items for international human aid.

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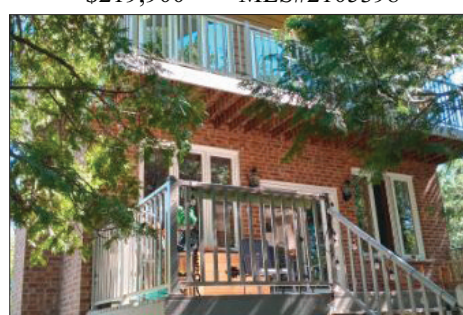
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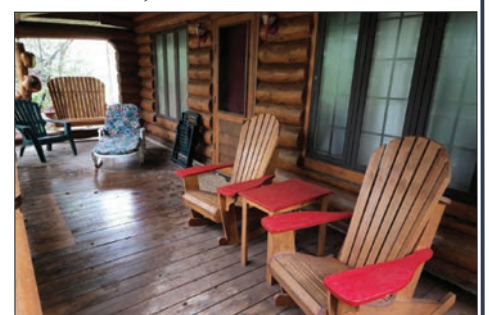
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