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Working with spacecraft a hope for Wiky High grad, robotics veteran, studying engineering

NASA's imminent space launch crew includes Indigenous woman

by Warren Schlote

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLORIDA—October 3 will be a historic day as the first Native American woman travels to space on a NASA mission, but the effects of that trip may go even farther back on Earth.

At a time when more parts of the world recognize the value of including Indigenous and other diverse perspectives in once-exclusionary fields, this Monday's planned space flight could be an important moment. Astronaut Nicole Aunapu Mann, who is Wailacki, will be aboard the NASA and SpaceX Crew-5 mission to the International Space station.

With that trip, Ms. Mann will become the first Native American woman in space, following the 2002 flight of Chickasaw Nation member John Herrington, the first Native American man in space.

Back on Earth, many people will look to the heavens and see, for perhaps the first time, a sort of mirror: Someone who looks like them taking a journey that some may have never thought possible.

Indigenous representation in STEM (science, technology, engi-

neering and math) fields has started growing in recent years. And while there is still much work to be done toward equity, this space flight is an especially proud moment for young Indigenous people.

"That's pretty cool to see a First Nation person going to space or doing other great things. I'm always excited to see any First Nation person do something like being an actor, a doctor or even an astronaut," said Aaryn Zoccole, a former Wiikwemkoong High School student who now studies mechanical engineering at the University of Toronto.

Following a STEM career was never on Ms. Zoccole's mind until she encountered Wiikwemkoong High School's First Robotics Canada (FRC) team in 2017. She would later become one of the leaders of Team 5672, First Nations STEM, a team that has won national awards and ranked in the top three at world robotics championships.

Now, Ms. Zoccole said she hopes to use her future mechanical engineering degree to work with airplanes or even spacecraft. It's a similar story to many Indigenous

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Chief Shining Turtle moves on, former chief serving until elections

by Michael Erskine

WHITEFISH RIVER—After two decades serving as chief of Whitefish River First Nation, Chief Shining Turtle (Franklin Paibomsai) announced his decision to "step aside in pursuit of other opportunities" on August 30.

"I say this with my whole heart and spirit," continued Ogimaa Shining Turtle. "Serving as your chief has been one of the greatest honours of my lifetime."

Ogimaa Shining Turtle asked band members to "look around this beautiful community we all call home and to remember what we have accomplished together" citing new schools, roads and health and wellness facilities. "We have honoured our veterans, brought new life to Rainbow Lodge and ensured safe drinking water for generations to come. These are all tangible things we can hold on to."

Ogimaa Shining Turtle advised community members to look beyond the physical assets of the

community to the relationships that have exhibited "strength, resiliency and love that I know are the foundation of our community."

He went on to note that he has been privileged to have "a unique perspective" over the communi-

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Local roaster produces 'Reconciliation Coffee'

Birch Island product's profits support Truth, Reconciliation efforts

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
BIRCH ISLAND—Five years ago, Mark Marsolais-Nahwegahbow, a member of Whitefish River First Nation, founded Birch Bark Coffee Company. It's a social enterprise, meaning giving back is built into its corporate values and operations. Last year, the company introduced a Reconciliation coffee blend. "I was getting so frustrated with the saturation of Orange Shirt Day," said Mr. Marsolais-Nahwe-



WHAT A HAUL! Preston Webkamigad of Wiikwemkoong encourages his light weight division team to pull 5,000 pounds 16 feet, five inches at the Wiikwemkoong Agricultural Fall Fair. Mr. Webkamigad's tally would have secured him second place in the heavy-weight division. The teamster and his crew continued to pull against the heavyweights even after he had already secured his first place win in the light division. For more Wiikwemkoong Fall Fair fun, see Page 18.

photo by Michael Erskine

Gore Bay hikes water fees to its Gordon/Barrie Island water/sewer users and G/BI demands a discussion

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Gore Bay council has given its approval for a 20 percent surcharge to be applied to all water/sewer users outside the geographic limits of the Town of Gore Bay, namely Gordon/Barrie Island, effective January 1, 2023.

"Our council can't understand why a 20 percent increase is being implemented and that it is an unfair surcharge," stated Lee Hayden, reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island after the township council discussed the proposed increase by Gore Bay to water users in the township. "Our lawyer had informed us over a year ago that the water and sewer agreement was faulty and needed to be refreshed and rewritten. I can't speak on why, but one thing was that it was not properly worded, and for instance does not include an exit clause for either party. We gave the town notice at that time (December 2021) that we wanted to review and discuss a new agreement. That is the way this has stood until the town sent our township and water users a

notice."

"There are a lot of things we are trying to figure out in all of this, what we can or should be doing," said Reeve Hayden. "We are trying to figure out the tax implications, including the school board portion, on a commercially assessed building owned by a neighbouring municipality and what we can or should be doing

under the provincial act."

Reeve Hayden said provincial legislation states the town shall pay all commercial taxes, including school board. Under the old agreement, Gordon/Barrie Island was charging 20 percent of the commercial municipal property tax rate bill, and this needs to be reviewed to reflect fair contribu-

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The hockey 'Summit Series' at 50

Part 2 of 2

Recalling where you were when you heard we'd won!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Fifty years ago today, September 28, 1972, retired *Expositor* publisher Rick McCutcheon went to work as usual on the *Thunder Bay Times-News*, a morning paper. He was the wire editor and the city editor across

from him said, 'everyone will remember where they were when they heard Canada won this series.' The *Expositor* asked Manitoulin hockey guru Larry Leblanc to test out this prediction.

by Larry Leblanc
Special to the Expositor
MANITOULIN—Us old timers remember being asked the question; "where were you in 1963 when US President Kennedy was shot?" Since it was a pivotal time in world history, it was a question that was on everyone's mind and I bet 90 percent of us (who were old enough) could clearly remember the answer.

That question popped into my mind when last week I wrote an article on the 1972 Canada vs. Russia Summit Series of Hockey. I was requested to do a phone survey to see if the Kennedy "effect" applied to the Summit Series. For Islanders, the memories were

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Manitoulin Votes ~~X~~ 2023

Meet the candidates for mayor and council of Central Manitoulin

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

This week we are profiling candidates in the municipali-

ty of Central Manitoulin. Elections will take place for the position of mayor, with the candidates being Richard Stephens, Steven Shaffer and Maja Mielonen. There are three people vying for two council seats from Ward 3 (Sandfield). They include Rosemarie Diebolt, Linda Farquhar and Lois Middaugh Keller.

For Ward 1, Campbell, Brian Mitchell and Derek Stephens and Ward 2, Carnarvon, John Bisailon and Dale Scott have been acclaimed.

The candidates for mayor and council follow alphabetically below.

Candidates for Mayor

Maja Mielonen

Maja Mielonen is proud of her past accomplishments, but stresses that she is grateful to the community for the support she has received both for her social endeavours aimed at improving her community and for the business she has successfully run in Mindemoya for the past 12 years—much of it as a single mother.

“I am running for mayor because I have been working for the betterment of our community for years,” she said. “I love my community and I want to give back.”

A meticulous planner, Ms. Mielonen has attended every committee and council meeting for several months in order to better understand the work of council and the issues that it deals with.

“I have come to realize that council and administration are not always aligned with what people want,” she said. “I intend to bring a lot of transparency and honesty, and especially, a lot of listening to the interests of all of our communities, not just Mindemoya.”

Ms. Mielonen cites a three-facet approach to community interests—“honouring the past, the present and the future.”

Among the key issues that are facing the community in the present and future is the question of waste. Ms. Mielonen said she was intrigued by a recent project aimed at alleviating Island communities’ waste issues but adds a caveat. “I know very little about the plan,” she said, “most of the discussions with Gagnon (Gagnon Renewable Resources Inc.,



Maja Mielonen

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Candidates for Council

Rose Diebolt - Ward 3 (Sandfield)

My reasons for being re-elected as your councillor for Ward 3 of The Municipality of Central Manitoulin are quite simple.

My agenda is to help Central Manitoulin and Manitoulin Island move forward for our generations and future generations.

Since moving here almost 40 years ago, we have been involved in a small business for 28 years, have raised a family here and followed them through our school system until they left for other endeavours. We have used our local arena, library, hospital and all stores, etc. extensively. Some of our children have returned to live here. There are now three generations of us here, including young grandchildren, that will need the same and better opportunities in our municipality than we had, as will any young family wanting to move here.

Of major importance to our township are the following: a new landfill site that utilizes alternative methods to reduce our waste footprint. We need to look after our garbage-trucking it off the island makes it someone else’s problem and is a temporary measure only. It will not reduce our carbon footprint. We are already considering these methods.

We need a modern arena/recreation centre for all of us here now, and for future users. This building must be multi-purpose to accommodate all users and increase recreational, cultural and social opportunities.

We need to really look after all of our lakes and rivers—especially Lake Mindemoya— it is of utmost importance to our municipality as a water supply and recreational use. It needs to have an environmental assessment done on it for future users (and us) to help with managing it and for baseline data. We have started this.

As taxpayers— we all realize that we have limited funds available, and we need to look after our roads, infrastructure and all services that we utilize and presently pay for. Your

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All candidates’ nights to be held in several Manitoulin municipalities

MANITOULIN—Electors in several Manitoulin Island municipalities will have the opportunity to attend All Candidates events and see or hear people seeking public office in the October 24 election.

Tehkummah’s event is tonight, Wednesday, September 28, 7 to 10 pm at the Tehkummah Hall. Light refreshments are included.

The same evening (Wednesday, September 28) in Manitowaning at Assiginack Public School and beginning at 6:30 pm, The Southeast Manitoulin Lions Club is inviting

Assiginack voters to meet all of their candidates seeking elections.

A week later, on Wednesday, October 5, Gore Bay electors can meet their candidates in the running for council and school board at the Community Hall, beginning at 7 pm.

The next day, on Thursday, October 6, Billings Township’s all-candidates event will be held at the Park Centre in Kagawong, starting with an informal meet and greet, 6:30 pm to 7 pm followed by formal candidates’ presentations from 7 to 8 pm and then an hour of question-and-

answer time, 8 to 9 pm with closing remarks at 9:30 pm.

Central Manitoulin candidates had an opportunity to meet the public in Mindemoya on Monday, September 26.

However, in Sandfield Ward (Ward 3 in Central Manitoulin) voters still have the opportunity to meet the candidates seeking office in their own ward, plus the mayoral candidates, at two events scheduled for this weekend: Friday, September 30 at the Spring Bay Hall from 6:30 to 7:30 pm and then again in Sandfield, at the Sandfield Hall, on Sunday, October 2, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

The Manitoulin *West* Recorder

Census data shows Indigenous children remain overrepresented in child welfare system

by Tom Sasvari

M’CHIGEENG—Indigenous children continue to be overrepresented in the child welfare system, according to Statistics Canada’s latest release of 2021 census data. Ontario Regional

Chief Glen Hare says it means that First Nations must continue to advocate for being able to take care of their own children.

The 2021 census data reveals that Indigenous children make up 53.8 percent of all children in fos-

ter care, which is a slight increase over the 2016 census, when Indigenous children accounted for 52.2 percent of children in care. More than three percent of Indigenous children living in private households in 2021 were in foster care,

compared to less than one percent for non-Indigenous children.

“To me that says that we will be wearing our Every Child Matters shirts for quite awhile,” Ontario Regional Chief Hare told The Expositor. “We have a long way to go. I thought we were doing good and making progress to where we would be able to take care of our own children. We can’t blame it on COVID-19. It is a reality, and the government needs to hand that over to us. We have kids in our communities that go through school so that we can take care of our own kids.”

“I still think how much better that would be for our community,” added Ontario Regional Chief Hare.

The Liberal government implemented legislation in 2020 that sought to reduce the overrepresentation of Indigenous children and youth in foster care and to improve child and family services.

Statistics Canada also reported the number of people identifying as Indigenous in Canada grew almost twice as fast as the non-Indigenous population and now

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Army Corps announces plans to stop invasive carp to Great Lakes

by Tom Sasvari

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN—The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has announced plans to stop the spread of invasive carp in the Great Lakes and that’s good news, said a Great Lakes Fishery Commission (GLFC) representative.

“It is very good news,” said Marc Gaden, communications director and legislative liaison for GLFC. “It means the work that needs to be done is moving forward, and the US Congress is providing funding for the work.”

“I think it’s the next step in the Brandon Road lock in Illinois,” he said. “It’s the final report, and very good news.”

USACE is trying to keep the project moving forward by modifying the lock at Brandon Road and the physical structures, Mr. Gaden said. “They have been working on preliminary designs, for shovels in the ground (readiness).”

The plan is part of a multi-layered solution intended to contain a growing population of invasive carp in the Illinois River. Over the next

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Redrum makes a difference!

Members of the Redrum Motorcycle Club Spirit Island Chapter present a cheque for \$3,230 to the owners of Buzwah Variety (The Merchant’s Toys and Variety), Rick and Dawn Marie Jacko, in Wiikwemkoong. The funds were raised during the club’s annual Spirit Run across Manitoulin Island and will be used to enhance the Haunted Trail being installed behind the store in time for Hallowe’en this year. The trail should be open a few days before the ghosts and goblins make their appointed rounds.

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"who dares not offend, cannot be honest"

editorial

Harvest Glory Days will showcase community spirit

This will be the 10th year that The Expositor is sponsoring Harvest Glory Days, an opportunity to get outside into the fresh fall air with the entire family to showcase your decorating skills and harness your inner community spirit.

Harvest Glory Days was the brainchild of former Manitoulin Publishing owner Rick McCutcheon and was envisioned as an opportunity for friendly competition between Manitoulin communities. Islanders old and new are encouraged to get out there and do their communities proud.

In order to level the playing field between communities there are three separate categories for the friendly competition: large communities like Gore Bay, Mindemoya, M'Chigeeng, Little Current and Wiikwemkoong; mid-sized communities including Sheguiandah, Aundeck Omni Kaning, Kagawong, Providence Bay and Shesheganing; and small communities which include Silver Water, Spring Bay, Zhihbaasing First Nation, South Baymouth and Sandfield.

While creativity and ingenuity are always great, this is one competition where more definitely counts—and just about anything goes including homes, businesses, streetlights, community halls, bridges and churches.

Oh, and did we mention prizes: There are prizes as each year The Expositor awards big, bright signs that attest to the winning commu-

nities' community spirit and there are spaces to recognize a community's succeeding years of accomplishments. Taking a gander about the Island one will discover that there are signs in Silver Water, Providence Bay, Sheguiandah, Manitowaning, Gore Bay and Spring Bay.

To help out our judges those doing the decorating are asked to register their work on The Expositor website at Manitoulin.com by Friday, September 30. That will allow us to announce the winner by Thanksgiving.

If there ever was a time when we should all be celebrating our resiliency and community spirit it is these days, following the most challenging years we have collectively seen in generations. Manitoulin has plenty of reasons to be proud of its people and communities and if your community has not won Harvest Glory Days in the past, perhaps this is the year to secure top honours.

Harvest Glory Days is also a great time to join with friends and neighbours to decorate community spaces around your neighbourhood. As an outdoor activity, decorating the community for Harvest Glory Days just happens to be among the safest things you can do as a group during these (hopefully) waning days of the pandemic.

So, get up and get moving, channel your inner decorator, and help make your community spirit known to one and all.

letters

Lack of outrage over Northern riding changes dismays writer

Manitoulin should be its own riding both federally and provincially

To the Expositor:

After being suitably outraged by the excellent editorial from a couple of weeks ago, 'Plans to eliminate a Northern riding must be opposed' (August 24, Page 4), I'm even more disturbed by the lack of response from its readers.

Though I was distracted from replying earlier, I consider it better to do so later than never. The Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution Commission's ongoing intention to reduce the number of federal ridings according to population only continues to benefit more crowded urban areas. This is especially affecting our local riding which has evolved over the years from "Algoma-Manitoulin" to "Sault Ste. Marie"

and "Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing" to the upcoming plan to absorb "Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing" into the "Nickel Belt," largely including the city of Sudbury. Especially for those living on Manitoulin Island, these decisions will have very real impacts on our rural quality of life, regardless of partisan bent. Time is of the essence, to push back and hard.

Rather than just fighting for the current riding boundaries, we should demand the institution of the riding of "Manitoulin Island," for both provincial and federal elections.

Derek Stephen McPhail
Mindemoya

Major refit of Little Current Canada Post office currently underway

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Plans are underway for a major refit of the post office in downtown Little Current, turning the facility into a pilot business hub that will provide a host of new services and feature a revamp of the internal postal boxes to street addressing and provide parcel pickup options.

Included in the proposed retrofit plans are several outside changes such as a new improved access ramp, electric vehicle and bicycle charging stations and a large mural featuring a painting by Little Current Indigenous artist Duncan Pheasant. The outside changes need the approval of the Northeast Town council, and the plans were presented and approved during the September 20 meeting of council.

The internal changes to the building do not require council approval as Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson is empowered to act as landlord and approves the leasehold improvements.

The new addressing for the postal boxes will require new keys for customers who utilize the postal boxes and the box layout will change somewhat, but the process will largely remain the same for Canada Post clients.

On the Canada Post side, the postal boxes will be arranged according to street, rather than random boxes and sorters will load the boxes by street address, rather than by post office box number. The change should alleviate some frustration for customers who have had challenges to get companies and organizations sending them mail to use the postal box number—now the street number address will be all that is needed.

Included in the changes will be a system for customers to pick up parcels delivered through the post boxes.

Holly Gill, manager of retail optimization at Canada Post, provided a presentation to council at its September 27 meeting in which she outlined the changes underway.

Ms. Gill noted that the Duncan Pheasant mural will be a blow-up of the original artwork that will be attached to the side of the building in a manner that will allow for removal, replacement or upgrade/repair



Shiny new postal boxes are installed at the Canada Post offices in Little Current. The new boxes require new keys and are seeing some size changes. Work is being conducted in phases to not inconvenience clients.

photo by Michael Erskine

should it be necessary in the future.

Work on the new post office boxes is being done in stages so as to least inconvenience clients who depend on Canada Post services, said Ms. Gill.

While concerns have been expressed by some downtown merchants that changes would reduce downtown traffic, postal officials assert the opposite will be the case as the business hub concept is aimed at increasing utilization of Canada Post services. The new business hub concept is being rolled out in three locations across the country, Little Current being the second expected to go operational while a third in Saskatchewan is already in operation.

Among the new services will be some financial service options in partnership with the TD MyMoneyLoan program. That program

has already rolled out, stopping short of banking services long lobbied for by postal unions and the federal NDP.

More details on the business hub services are anticipated to be released soon.

Among the outdoor changes to the post office building (the building is owned by the Northeast Town and the larger portion is occupied by the municipal offices) are two charging stations for vehicles on the parking lot side and two electric bicycle charging stations to be located on the North side of the building.

A proposal for Canada Post to expand its footprint inside the building (after having been reduced a number of years ago) was rejected as the municipal offices have since expanded into the previously space relinquished by Canada Post.

Miriam Wailes

Miriam is enjoying the sunshine on her side deck, shelling a bucket full of fresh peas just harvested from her garden behind the house. Her porch is adorned with a web of grapes that are ultimately turned into a fine wine, a taste of which is shared with the writer after the interview. Flowers decorate her home which is nestled among the trees, not far from the farm of her son Ted Smith.

Miriam's working life was launched as a teen, in her dad's grocery store, "Steve's." Galt Business College initiated her teaching career which later contributed to her role as radio operator for the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). The MNR had her directing traffic for various related departments: fire, forest management, fish and wildlife in separate roles over the years.

Maternal great grandparents, the Chestermans, married in 1880 in London, England, arriving in Canada three years later. "Great-grandfather liked plants and became a florist. His passion later was shared by Miriam's son Ted whose fascination with plant life is clear. Great-grandfather had eight children, one of whom, Ada, married Edmund St. Clair and became my grandmother. They had two boys and two girls. Muriel, their oldest, became my mother. I do not remember much about great-grandfather. I was four when I walked with him, holding his hand. He was nearly blind, and he tripped over a tricycle; I could have warned him about it."



The family, back row, left, Dad Steve, Paul, middle, Phil, Mom Muriel, Esther holding Eunice, front, Miriam, Peter, Andy with John.

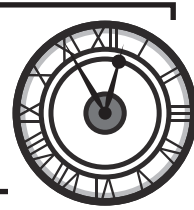
"My father, Stephen Fletcher, had immigrated to Canada with his parents, Arthur and Mary, from Yorkshire, England, at the age of four. We also had eight children in our family, Esther, Paul, Philip, me, Peter, Andrew, John and Eunice. Esther, trained as a schoolteacher, married Don Gordon of Providence Bay and lived in Scarborough. They have four girls. Don, a carpenter, worked for the local Board of Education. Paul married Dorothy Rowe of Gore Bay. They had four children, three boys and a girl. He was a produce manager at Dominion Stores, and later became a preacher in Simcoe and Elmira. He remarried after Dorothy died about two years ago. Phil married Sheila Chalk, an X-ray technician. They have two boys and two girls and lived in Galt where Phil was a contractor. One son, Drew, is also a contractor."

"Peter, now passed, was a travelling navy man. He had four children, three with his first wife, Sharon, and a boy with second wife Nan. Jane came along later in life. Peter and Jane retired in Gore Bay. Andy married a Jane also, and they have two boys and a girl. He was a conservation officer in Midland and lives in nearby Port McNichol. John was another navy man. He married three



Now and Then

A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin
By Petra Wall



Miriam and Howie at a family reunion in 2016.

times. He has no children. He and Sylvia Kemp live on the Poplar Road at the Kemp farm. Eunice married Norm Courvoisier and they live in North Bay. They have three boys. Eunice was a secretary for the local Board of Education. Norm worked in maintenance for the same employer. Eunice and Norm fostered seven

but there were too many mosquitos, to say nothing about the heavy traffic. We looked for an alternative and headed towards some lights at a nearby farmhouse. When they opened the door, we realized they did not understand much English."

"Nevertheless, they let us in, fed us and we slept on the couch. In the morning they served us breakfast. We thanked them and continued our journey to Niagara Falls where we tried to cross the border to wind up in Detroit where we had an aunt. We bought a permit to cross to the USA and the Canadian side let us through, but the American border guards returned us to Canada. We were escorted to a Niagara Falls' cell and our parents were contacted. They were simply happy that we were safe, at first."

"Phil, being older, was likely punished more significantly than I was. Phil never got his permit money back either. On the plus side, we were more appreciated after that escape, especially since our story made the Galt Reporter. 'Kids missing two days' featured our school photos and explained in great detail how our escape had



Miriam, nine, at school.

materialized."

The one-room Little Corner's School, on Highway No. 8, just outside Galt, was where Miriam got her early education. "My birthday on March 20, 1941 allowed me to start school a year early and finish Grade 1. I was nervous in Grade 3, when I had to stand up in front of the class and tell a story. I talked about the S.S. Hochelaga, a big ship launched out of Collingwood. That launch created a huge wave that broke the coal retaining wall. It was an interesting story, but I was so worried about being on stage, I accidentally wet myself."

"School was not my favourite pastime. Homework was not fun,

but baseball was. One time in the winter, a few of us broke into the school and turned off the heat source. When school was to start, the building was much too cold for lessons. We got the day off. Another school trick had a few of us eating wild leeks in the woods at recess. Our breath was so garlicky that the teacher would send us home. Another time, some of us were reported for throwing snowballs at cars. I was the first girl to be punished for this folly and got the strap. I apologized and took home a remorseful letter from the teacher for my parents. My mother read the letter and with reference to the strap, she responded in writing, 'put more elbow grease into it next time'."

High school in Galt proved to be even more intimidating. "My brother Phil, a two-year veteran, accompanied me to the school to show me around. Just the sheer number of students, 1,000, was scary. I did like being part of the Cadets. We wore a uniform, were outside and could skip class. On Remembrance Day we marched from the high school to the arena, about two miles. Grade 10 was challenging and I failed the first time I took it."

"In 1957 part of our family moved to Manitoulin where dad would be working with Harry Croft in Gore Bay. Esther, Paul and Phil were on their own. I was the oldest to move to Manitoulin where the curriculum was so different. No home economics was available, and I would need Latin which meant I would have to repeat Grade 9. I decided to quit school. Dad had bought a grocery store from Bud Thorburn. He called it 'Steve's' and I started to work there. Hugh McLaughlin's office is there now. For the next three years, I did all jobs, enjoyed drinking pop and eating lots of candy. Our parents also had a 30-year lease for the Janet Head lighthouse in Gore Bay. They lived there and we spent cottage time there when we could."

"By 1961, I realized that I needed a new career, so I went back to Galt to their Business College. I lived with my grandmother, Ada St. Clair. During the summer, I picked peaches in Simcoe and boarded with brother Paul. I saved money to return to college in the fall. After graduation in 1962, I got administrative work with Preston Heat Treating Corporation, where they used heat to harden steel. This was the time I went off the rails and 'sowed some wild oats,' so to speak. An unexpected pregnancy changed my plans. I moved to Parry Sound and gave birth to a baby boy. It was a difficult decision, but I decided to give him to a family who would be able to give him a better head-start."

"My next stop was Orillia where I taught business college from 1963 to 1969. I met Ross Smith again and we got married. We had three children, Edmund (Ted), Glenda and Loretta (Lori). In 1969, the college closed, and we moved to Manitoulin where I worked in accounts payable for the Board of Education. My parents still lived there. In 1972, Ross and I separated, and I moved to Gogama to be a radio operator for the MNR. I worked for all the services tying into this ministry. During the fire season, I was the radio operator."

"I bought a property in Gogama and started to build a house. The outside walls, roof, doors, and

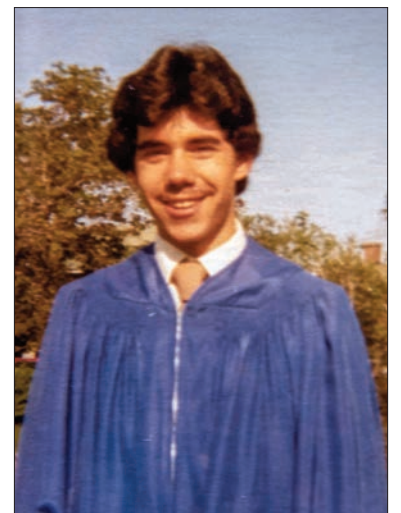
windows went up. I had no insurance. At the end of August, Ted, Glenda, Lori, and I headed to the Canadian National Exhibition, the 'CNE,' in Toronto. We stopped on Manitoulin to pick up my niece and catch the ferry. It was after midnight, and we were parked at the ferry dock awaiting the arrival of my niece. The kids were sleeping in the back of the van. My brother-in-law came up to my window and asked me to open it."

"Your house has burned down," he shared. My boss in Gogama had contacted him. We found out later that arson had been involved.

We had nothing but the clothes on our backs. We sold the lot with the burned house, and I bought a tiny house in Gogama."

"We added to it over time. A firefighter I knew, along with his crew, built the foundation of the addition. A retired carpenter showed me how to put up studs, rafters and shingles. Many of my work mates from the MNR showed up to help. A Junior Ranger firefighter who taught electricity in Toronto taught me how to do the wiring. Soon, we had a good place to live. During my years in Gogama, I was also a volunteer ambulance attendant. During one vacation, we visited my brother in Inuvik. We flew in total darkness to the Beaufort Sea with the RCMP. There was just a sliver of the sun on the horizon."

"In 1980, I bid on a radio-operator job in Timmins, representing all northern districts. The Gogama job had been restricted to one



Ted graduates from High School.

district. This job included all the major centers in the northern district. I helped my supervisor and learned all about aircraft dispatching. My office was next to Howie Wailes, who had been our weather contact in the field. Part of my job with Howie was inspecting weather stations tied to the Timmins centre. Howie gave briefings for fire management and passed on weather updates to me for the pilots."

If a fire had broken out in a northern region like Pewanuk, on the Hudson's Bay coast, it would have been Miriam's job to evacuate the population. One such fire did break out, but it was controlled, and evacuation was not needed. In 1981, at 50, Miriam also took up curling. Meanwhile, son Ted was taking photography at Humber College. Later he attended Sir Sandford Fleming, majoring in fish and wildlife.

Howie and Miriam decided to take the next step. Howie proposed to Miriam, and they were wed on September 30, 1989, by Miriam's dad. "Ted gave me away and took the photos. Glenda and Lori stood with me. Most of our family members were there." For the honeymoon, the couple hunted moose in Oba, but no moose could be found. On a side note, Miriam was a good friend of Mike Mantha's parents, Bucko and Rita Mantha. "We travelled to Disneyworld in Florida together. I recall that Mike's youngest brother Daniel and my Lori both fell asleep while watching the parade

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Addictions services are available on Island, but awareness is lacking

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter
AUNDECK OMNI KAN-
ING—Services to help those
struggling with addiction
are available on the Island
but people don't know

about them. That was a general consensus among service providers and participants at the addiction recovery breakfast held last week in Aundeck Omni Kaning. First Nations communities especially have

been leaders in providing wraparound care, making it easier for Indigenous individuals and families on the Island to access a range of services.

Allison Dodge is a mental health and addictions work-

er with Noojmowin Teg Health Centre. Ms. Dodge has worked in this field for about 10 years so she knows what help is available but knows that doesn't mean that others do. "I hear it all the time," she said. "There's nothing offered. I know it's offered. There's lots offered, but we need to get that information out there, which is why it's important to have something like this breakfast event available."

At Noojmowin Teg, which provides services to Manitoulin's seven First Nation communities, clients have access to multiple service options, Ms. Dodge said. "That's the braided philosophy that we have, where we can kind of braid mental health with traditional. When I'm working with somebody for mental health, I also look at 'How's your nutrition going? Maybe you should speak with my dietician. Do you have a family doctor? No? Let's connect you to primary care. It's really that whole braid of care.'"

M'Chigeeng First Nation is utilizing a similar approach with its Addictions Services Initiative and Peer Support and Outreach programs, assisting



Leslie Scott, systems navigator, and Wrenn Corbiere, mental health and addictions educator, of M'Chigeeng First Nation's peer support and outreach program.

with access to multiple services through one point of contact. Leslie Scott is a systems navigator with the Peer Support and Outreach Program. Her job entails helping anybody in the community who needs access to supports, services or resources.

That's a vast number of things, she said. "It could be somebody coming in to apply for ODSP or looking to go back to school. It's more the bridge for the community and departments. Lots of people don't know where to go so they can come to me and I can help them fill out online paperwork. I can help them

do applications. A lot of people want to do treatment and I can get them there within sometimes two days."

She pointed to co-worker Wrenn Corbiere, who was recently hired as a mental health and addictions educator. He will be providing the education portion for the program for the community. "It could be how to use Naloxone kits, or what are opioids or different substances, or what is a harm reduction kit and why are we handing them out," she said.

"Right now, we're working on breaking the stigma

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Law & Order

Espanola driver charged with impaired after traffic complaint

On September 17 at approximately 5:30 am, the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a traffic complaint at the Swing Bridge at Little Current, on Manitoulin Island.

The complainant reported a vehicle was failing to proceed across the bridge on the green light and the drivers head was observed resting on the steering wheel. Police spoke with the driver and determined they had consumed drugs. They were subsequently arrested and returned to the detachment for further tests.

Christian Gauvin, 39 years old, of Espanola was charged with operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs; operation while impaired, blood drug concentration, possession of a Schedule I substance, cocaine; and possession of imitation weapon for dangerous purpose.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on October 24.

Impaired driver charged on Highway 17

A Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN)

man has been charged with impaired driving on Highway 17, in the City of Greater Sudbury.

On September 17 at 12:08 am, members of the Nipissing West (Sudbury) detachment of the OPP received a dispute complaint on the side of Highway 17 in the City of Greater Sudbury.

Police located two individuals and it was determined that one person, who was the driver of a vehicle, was impaired. The driver was arrested and transported to the Sudbury OPP detachment for further testing.

As a result of the investigation, Lee Jacko, 34, from WRFN, was charged with operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs and operation while impaired, blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The accused was released on an undertaking and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Sudbury on November 16.

The driver was issued a 90-day administrative driver's licence suspension and the vehicle was impounded for seven days.

No person was injured during the dispute.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Deep thoughts to start off this week: If you place a single cherry in a pail, is that just a drupe in the bucket?

This weekend's 4elements Living Arts Elemental Festival is going to be fabulous! Everything from storytelling to a family ceil and dance, to improv, to music in nature... all right here in Kagawong! For specific days and times, check out: <https://4elementslivingarts.org/elemental-festival/> The Angel Bus "Fall'N Angels" Dance fundraiser is back!

This Saturday, October 1 from 7-11 pm, get your groove on at the Burpee & 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>

Team Fergmeijer watched a documentary on how to make pickles this past week. It was jarring.

Though Mary B is unable to participate in this year's Run for the Cure in Sudbury this weekend, 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. It's not too late to donate! Visit <http://support.cancer.ca/goto/htheijsmeijer>

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 decided we wanted a new pet, so we went to the pet store to buy a goldfish. The clerk asked us if we wanted an aquarium, but we told him we don't really believe in astrology.

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 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. The meeting will also be available via Zoom for those not able to attend in person. Contact Sandy Cook (cookilburrow@hotmail.com) by October 3rd to receive the Zoom link.

In related news, the library will be closing early on Thursday, October 6th to allow all employees and board members to attend the all candidates' meeting. Adjusted hours will be 4 pm to 5:30 pm.

Exciting news - Christmas in Kagawong is back! We'll post more information as we receive it, but for now, mark November 18-20th on your calendars.

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

A forgetful old gasman named Dieter,
Who went poking around his gas heater, Touched a leak with his light.

He blew out of sight-
And, as everyone who knows anything about poetry can tell you, he also ruined the meter.

Have a good week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Cards on Friday night had two tables. High lady was Brenda Carter with 74 points. High man was Karen Noble with 63 points. Millie Kelly won the ladies' lone hands with four and Steve Gugelyk won mens' lone hands with three. Most euchres were won by Hellen Black with 10. The juice was brought home by Bob Benedict. The money jar is safe for another week.

Rose had her grandson Dylan Hildreth and his girlfriend Mariah Albles up for a visit. The two of them got engaged up here in Meldrum Bay and I understand that her ring is beautiful. While they were here, they did all of Rose's cooking for her. She didn't have to do a thing.

Wendy VanEvery has just returned from a visit in Calgary visiting her son. It's nice to have her back.

Rick and I were driving into Gore Bay and passed a large number of bikers bicycling into Meldrum Bay. They looked surprisingly cheerful and energetic and many of them waved at us as we drove by. I cannot wave and ride a bike at the same time. There were about 23 bikes and they stayed at the Inn and at the campground. Congratulations to Dr Scott and his crew for their fantastic fundraiser, The Tour de Meldrum.

Irene Duncanson in Silver Water had an auction on the weekend. Several from Meldrum Bay went to it and there were a lot of very nice things auctioned off. Irene has been a part of Silver Water for a long time and my main interactions were through cards on Thursday night and UCW meetings.

Karen cancelled her usual sale at her place due to the auction, but I understand it will be on again next weekend. Rick and I have been to Gore Bay for our next COVID shot.

One more layer of protection never hurts.
Rene Lampe had a very serious struggle. Mice had invaded his car. Multiple attempts to get rid of them did not work. Meanwhile they chewed everything they could chew, storing sunflower seeds in the ceiling, and raising their young and popping out of various openings while he was driving. He has also invested a great deal in Al's garage that has had to repair much of the mouse dam-

age. He thinks he finally has them beat. Good luck Rene.

Jane Wismer did the service at the church this week. Hellen Black's beautiful large sunflowers were at the front and really added a note of cheer. Thank you to Jane and Doug for helping us out.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Wednesday, we went to Little Current for an appointment for Albert. We took some liquor containers with us and turned them in. We have now raised over \$3,100 for the Gore Bay Medical Centre.

I worked with Norm Morrell at Irene Duncanson's auction on Saturday. It was a good day except for the rain that fell. It was difficult writing on wet paper, but we did it. The UCW sold lunch and did very well. Thank you to everyone who helped at the auction and with the lunch and to everyone who came out to shop.

Saturday was the bicycle ride from Mindemoya to Meldrum Bay, the Tour de Meldrum, and back to raise funds for the Mindemoya Hospital. There were approximately 30 cyclists. Albert delivered their lunch to them in Evansville and had a chat with the first few riders that arrived. Thank you to Myra Duncanson and Brenda Carter for helping me finish preparing it early Saturday morning.

Albert had John Jagt and Ross Hall help him at the recycle bins on Saturday afternoon. There were not too many people out since a lot of local residents were at the auction.

Kate Duncanson and Chip Tomisch were here for a few days last week visiting her mother, Myra Duncanson. There were a few nights with lots of chatting and little sleep and lots of cribbage.

Gladys Duncanson spent the weekend in Southern Ontario with some of her nieces.

Sunday afternoon at the Silver Water Community Hall, the Local Services Board had its election meeting.

Congratulations to the new board consisting of John Jagt, Brenda Carter, Kit McEvoy, Carl Barager and me.

There will be a market in our yard on October 1, no market on October 8 as it is Thanksgiving weekend. We are making plans for switching to Christmas-themed sales later in October.

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 both meetings.

Condolences to the family of Roger McDonald. Condolences to the family of Jan Turley.



Mustang trio represents in Timmins!

Coach **Gerry Holliday** took just three MSS runners to Timmins for the 40th annual, super competitive Brother R Saumur XC Invitational. The small but mighty group however, did their Coach proud, of course. **Alan Wilkin** was the third senior boy, overall! **Xavi Mara** won his Junior Boys' race! Finally, **Maren Kasunich** not only won the Senior Girls' event but set a new course record by almost a full minute! Congratulations runners and Coach! The full Manitoulin Mustangs' team are still training hard for their Pre-NSSSA primer at the Rainbow Ridge golf course for NSSSA. The North Shore meet will be their ticket to NOSSA. Good luck, all!



What an amazing set of runs.

Alan Wilkin was the third senior boy, overall! Xavi Mara won his Junior Boys' race! Finally, Maren Kasunich not only won the Senior Girls' event but set a new course record by almost a full minute!

High level hockey!

Delaney Bridgeman and her U18 A Sudbury Lady Wolves teammates were in Oshawa for the 2022 Lady Generals Fall Classic this past weekend. The SLW side got off to a roaring start Friday with a 5-0 win over the Markham-Stouffville Stars, Delaney scoring 2 and assisting on one. Next up were the Lindsay Lynx, who the girls battled to a scoreless draw, finishing day 1 with 3 points.

Saturday's first game, against the North Simcoe Capitals, saw the SLW side trailing 1-0 with time winding down. After pulling their goalie for the extra attacker, a bumbled SLW pass created a turnover that ended up in the empty net for a 2-0 loss. Saturday's second game was against first place Whitby Wolves, a must win as the Whitby side had 4 points. The teams were evenly matched and the difference was Delaney, who buried a backhand five hole with five minutes remaining in the first period that stood up for a 1-0 win. That win gave the girls first place in their division and set a date Sunday morning in the semis against the Bluewater Hawks.

In the semis the SLW went up early again, Kendra Cole scoring to make it 1-0. Bluewater roared back as the Lady Wolves found themselves in the box 3 times in 16 seconds, the Hawks scoring 3 successive power play markers to go up 3-1. After a disallowed goal that would have drawn the Lady Wolves within a goal, a deflection the referee deemed was kicked in, a deflated SLW saw the chance to move to the final slip away, losing 4-1. Great tournament girls, and a very positive start to a promising season.

Can we not do better, people?

I hope you can indulge me in yet, another fishing rant. Last year, I complained about the disgusting display of salmon going to waste on the side of the river. The females gutted for their eggs alone and the males left to rot. This year, over just two days, a friend and myself witnessed more poaching, habitat destruction and just inconsiderate behavior towards fellow human beings!

Once again, adults demonstrated that they can be horrible role models for young, upcoming sports-people. There were some illegally snagging fish that were just struggling upstream to complete their life cycle. Grown-ups thrashing through spawning areas, chasing foul-hooked fish. Overnight camping in areas clearly posted as illegal. Poachers, fishing in a sanctuary that were directly told of that fact. Etc.

People who built on a small sand-bar in the middle of the river. People throwing trash all around an overflowing garbage can. People running a quad up and down a protected beach, making donuts in the sand. Kilometers of disposed fishing line all along the river-banks. Etc.

Youngsters, walking through the middle of spawning beds in front of people fishing. People screaming out the vilest language in front of young children. I should not need to go on. Please people, this is a common resource, a common area and it should not be ruined by the rude and self-entitled.

**A good sport is good for sports
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Annual Tour de Meldrum benefits Mindemoya Hospital



Close to 30 riders took part in the annual Tour de Meldrum bicycle ride this past weekend. The ride will benefit the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Mindemoya hospital site.

photo by Tom Sasvari

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—This year's Tour de Meldrum bicycle ride has once again benefitted the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Mindemoya Hospital site.

"All the funds we raised this year will be going to the 'Let's Emerg Together' fundraising campaign for the emergency department expansion at the Mindemoya Hospital," stated Dale Scott, organizer of the event.

A total of 26 riders, with five support vehicles, began their journey early Saturday morning on their trip to Meldrum Bay where riders had dinner and stayed at the Meldrum Bay Inn that evening, heading out on the return journey to Mindemoya Sunday morning. "We have already raised \$4,000," Mr. Scott told The Expositor prior to the start of the ride.

This year marks the twenty-first year the ride has

taken place. Mr. Scott initiated the annual event, riding solo the first year and with three participants accompanying him the second and third years. The event was launched with the idea of the ride being used to raise funds for the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary.

Usually, riders venture from Mindemoya to M'Chigeeng First Nation then to Kagawong, Gore Bay and continuing to Meldrum Bay.

This year, due to the poor conditions of both Highways 542 and 540, "we are having to take a different route this year for the ride, avoiding a good portion of the highways," said Mr. Scott. "And we can't have lunch in Evansville as we usually do because of the highway conditions."

Mr. Scott noted, "the Silver Water Women's Auxiliary has generously offered to provide lunch for all participants."

MICA Island-wide e-bike charging station project initiated

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) micro-ability share charging station project is now up and running. Charging stations and e-bikes are now in place in seven Manitoulin Island locations.

"We are so excited this is finally happening," stated Maja Mielonen, president of the Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) on the installation of the e-bike charging stations on Monday.

"This is such an Island wide project," said Ms. Mielonen. "MICA has been incredibly fortunate to have had such a good working relationship with all the municipalities involved over the past 10 years and our other partners."

The charging stations were installed in South Baymouth, Manitowaning, Little Current, Kagawong, Gore Bay, Mindemoya and Providence Bay. All stations are located on municipal properties and will connect to existing municipal hydro service.

Ms. Mielonen said the work on this proposal started in 2018, in a presentation MICA made to municipal councils and roads crews.

In 2019 funding was provided by FedNor and NOHFC (\$157,000) and MICA and Destination Northern Ontario provided ten percent as well as in-kind support from the six municipalities, Ms. Mielonen told The Expositor. By the time all is said and done, the pro-



Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates president Maja Mielonen is all-smiles during the launch of new charging stations on Manitoulin.

photo by Tom Sasvari

ject's total cost is about \$200,000.

To begin 20 electric bicycles (e-bikes) will be available Island wide for rent.

The e-bikes will expand the ability of locals who like to commute by bicycle who may not have bicycles, or to bike with friends who are cyclists. It will encourage boaters and walk-on visitors travelling by the ferry to reach out to more Island attractions and communities.

Originally, MICA had visited Island municipalities to get a feel for public opinion on the e-bike project and received agreements in principle from all municipalities.

"Users are going to be able to

rent a bike at one of the seven stations on the Island and dock in another community," said Ms. Mielonen, who pointed out the program, "is all app-driven and people will be able to pay for the e-bike rentals using their credit card."

Ms. Mielonen said that, "in total we have 20 e-bikes. Each community is providing more docking space than the actual space needed for the bikes. We will run the project with the 20 bicycles for a year but there is definitely the potential for future growth. MICA will buy additional bikes as it fits with community demand."

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Elemental Festival taking place in Kagawong over October 1 weekend

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—A performance of Ariadne is one of the many highlights of the fifth annual Elemental Festival, being hosted by 4elements Living Arts over the October 1-2 weekend at the Park Centre in Kagawong.

Ariadne is the classically trained collaborative of soprano Brooke Dufton with Rebecca Danard on clarinet. Inspired by the work of R. Murray Schafer, Ariadne creates site-specific productions that use water, rocks, trees, canoes, natural sounds, voices and instruments to create a meditative and mystical performance. The audience will sit on the beach (bring a chair or blanket) while the magic unfolds around them.

"Soprano Brooke Dufton and clarinetist Rebecca Danard are Ariadne, a classical duo who specialize in outdoor performance," said 2022 Festival Coordinator Lou Hayden. "They will

delight audiences with their magical performance at Sandy Beach in Kagawong on Saturday and Sunday mornings, where they will be performing from a canoe."

"Brook and Rebecca present a sound musical performance from a canoe, with the music and sounds echoing across the water," said Susan Snelling of 4elements.

"We're delighted to be back again this year for our fifth festival, to bring you another amazing lineup of local and visitor performers and artists at the Kagawong Park Centre," said Ms. Hayden.

The M'Chigeeng Ladies Drum Group will open the festival. On Saturday morning and again in the afternoon, the O'Schraives Ceili and Family workshop will take place.

"We're delighted to be bringing the O'Schraives family to Kagawong this year, for what's sure to be a

great time for all, an afternoon ceili dance, concert and fun activities earlier in the day," Ms. Hayden said. "They are an award winning, highly accomplished group of musicians, educators and community leaders from the Algoma region who play piano, bagpipes, whistle, flute, fiddle, cello and guitar."

Also on Saturday morning, local Island dance artist and educator Candice Irwin will share her latest work 'Water Body', a development of her water-based work with local youth dancers earlier this year in which Georgia Hathaway was also a guest musician collaborator, added Ms. Hayden. Both events were present by 4elements.

On Saturday afternoon, "If you want to improve your confidence, public speaking skills, enhance creative thinking or sharpen performance skills by playing some silly game, come and try out improv,"

said Ms. Hayden. Scott Florence, one half of Sudbury-based performance and community company 'oddbirds,' will be bringing fun to the festival with a beginners improvisation workshop for adults and youth 14 years of age and older.

Georgia Hathaway, 4elements' artist-in-residence will be returning to Manitoulin to share her new songs and tunes.

No musical experience is necessary for this workshop that will help you find the delight in the feeling of grounded listening and sounding in community.

Ms. Dufton will also be sharing her expertise in vocalization techniques in natural outdoor settings on Saturday at Riverbend Stage, during her Listening Out Loud workshop inspired by the work of R. Murray Schafer. Learn to see the world afresh with your ears. Deep listening experiences in nature revitalize and inspire us, increasing our awareness of the beauty surrounding us everywhere. In this playful workshop, participants will explore both listening and sound making with exercises designed to "hone your attention, awaken your voice, and open your ears."

Another Saturday afternoon event is a presentation by photographer and filmmaker Cassidy McAuliffe called 'Women Who Break Trail.' Ms. McAuliffe combines art and storytelling in her project featuring little-known stories

of trailblazing Ontario women: lumberjills, Indigenous women, frontier women, wilderness riders and gold rush prospectors.

Ms. McAuliffe and her sister, Caitlin, are the Woodland Sisters. They create work inspired by Northern Ontario, sisterhood, and social/environmental themes. You can catch Cassidy McAuliffe working around the festival this year as she captures some special moments on film for 4elements.

To round out the fabulous festival day on Saturday, Island favourites Elijah and the Backburners will get you up and out of your chair with their power-

house blend of 50s and 60s rock and roll, rockabilly, and blues. Bring your dancing shoes and dance the night away!

Don't forget to set your alarm for Sunday morning and bring your chair or blanket for Ariadne's waterside show at Sandy Beach.

"I hope to see you all out at the festival," said Ms. Hayden. "You can catch me, Lou Hayden, at the O'Schraives Family Ceili, calling some of the dances and of course, taking lots of photos."

All events are free to attend but donations are welcome.

MSS runners post good results at annual cross country meet held in Timmins

TIMMINS—Three Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) cross-country runners fared very well at a competition in Timmins, with two runners taking first place in their divisions



MSS runner Maren Kasunich won the senior girls' division.

and a third placing third in his division.

"Ran up in Timmins today," reported coach Gerry Holliday, last Thursday. "I brought three runners, Xavi Mara, Alan Wilkin and Maren Kasunich. Xavi won the junior boys' division, Alan finished third in senior boys," he pointed out. "And Maren won the senior girls' division, setting a new course record."

Maren set the senior female 6,000 metre new course record in a time of 23 minutes, 46 seconds.

In the senior male 6,000 metre cross country run, Alan finished third with a time of 23:40.

Xavi, running in the junior male 5,000 metre cross country run, posted a first-place time of 18:32.

After a two-year absence due to the COVID-19 pandemic, runners had returned to the trails at Hershey Lake in Timmins for the 40th annual Frere Roland Saumur Invitational Cross-Country meet.



Manitoulin Secondary School runner Xavi Mara displays his winning form.

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...Maja Mielonen for Mayor

the proponents of a waste to energy plant proposed to be based in Central Manitoulin) have been held in camera. I do know there is a plan to offer them a lease with option to purchase land near the current abattoir.”

Ms. Mielonen said she believes it is important that Central Manitoulin look to the future through a lens of sustainability and innovation. She notes that council has been aware of the issues surrounding the community’s landfill site for 20 years. “We must acknowledge the present,” she said. “Something needs to be done.”

Ms. Mielonen noted that Central Manitoulin has been very successful in attracting seniors to settle in the community through establishing and expanding opportunities. “We need to do more to create the ability for those seniors to stay in the community, instead of having to go to Little Current or Gore Bay,” she said, adding that more needs to be done to improve opportunities for youth.

Ms. Mielonen noted that European communities have enjoyed considerable success with models pairing seniors and senior care with youth and childcare. “Seniors and the young are a good match,” she said. “The old have patience and the young need guidance.”

Other key challenges include the need for affordable housing, an issue that Central Manitoulin shares with communities across the province, she notes. “Job retention and affordable entry-level housing are very important. Job opportunities are here,” she continued, “but here needs to

be a place for people to stay in order to take advantage of those opportunities.”

“I really admire the people who stood up for the Mindemoya Old School,” she said, “honouring our history, celebrating and being proud of what our history is.” Ms. Mielonen noted the current plans for repurposing of the Mindemoya Old School. “I think the Old School will be a revolving door of opportunities for seniors.”

“We need to embrace the future with a clear vision and a clear plan for our asset management,” she said. “All communities are mandated by the province to have an asset management plan in place; the last time Central Manitoulin created one was a while back.”

Ms. Mielonen said that council’s decision to pour vast sums of money into assets such as the arena in Mindemoya was not the way to go. “That arena was red-flagged years ago as something that needs to be replaced,” she said. “We need to have a vision and strategic plan where people are able articulate what they want.”

She pointed to the need for more recreational assets along the community’s waterfronts, both for residents and visitors.

As for the assets she would bring to the head of the council table, Ms. Mielonen pointed to her experience and many successes in lobbying different levels of government, noting that she has a great rapport with the Ministry of Transportation through her work on creating 1,500 kilometres of cycling trails across the North, paved shoulders on Highways 550 and 551 (“we are working on Highway 552 which remains in terrible shape.”).

Steve Shaffer for Mayor

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Steve Shaffer is hoping to have the top job in Central Manitoulin council this October and is running for mayor of the municipality.

“For the past four years, I have sat on Central Manitoulin council. You don’t do that job, and yes, it’s a job, for the accolades and you certainly don’t do it for the pay. You do it because you have a vision, passion, and a commitment to your community.”

“I bring four years of history and experience having been a member of council for one term. So, I’m not coming in cold,” stated Mr. Shaffer.

“If I’m honest, through those last four years there have been times when I asked myself, ‘why am I doing this, is this worth the stress and aggravation?’” said Mr. Shaffer. “I pride myself on being prepared for all meetings and I’m confident that if you speak to any of my colleagues they would acknowledge this preparation.”

“After awhile I realized that if I was going to put in that much time and effort I should utilize my skillset at the next level, being mayor of the municipality,” said Mr. Shaffer.

“When I announced my intention to seek the mayoral position, some folks asked, ‘what is your platform?’ There is no simple answer to this question. We face many of the same challenges that other municipalities throughout Ontario face.” “Housing, jobs, inflation, engaging and retaining our youth, landfills, and provincial downloading are just a few of our challenges. We have people that are getting out of their homes and moving elsewhere because they can’t afford the costs of owning a home. We, like a lot of municipalities throughout the province face the same housing supply shortages.”

“And the province continues to download more on municipalities without providing the necessary funding to support this,” said Mr. Shaffer.

“We also face the additional challenges of providing infrastructure to a population that increases significantly during the summer months,” continued Mr. Shaffer.

“I hope as a council, as a team, we can take a collaborative approach to solving these and other issues, thinking outside the box, and considering private/public partnerships,” said Mr. Shaffer.

“I recognize the need to keep property taxes low and at an affordable level. Any additional spending will need to be based on sound financial information and be beneficial to the municipality. The role of the mayor and council is to do what is in the best interest of the municipality and its ratepayers.”

Mr. Shaffer said, “many may know me as a retired postmaster from Canada Post. However, my 32-year career with Canada Post is much more extensive than that. Through evaluations and performance appraisals, they demonstrate my ability to lead. These skills combined with my municipal experience make me the best choice for mayor of Central Manitoulin.”

“Even in my early ears I demonstrated an ability to respond, access and manage a situation, while under pressure,” said Mr. Shaffer. He pointed to an award he received in 1979 at the age of 18, from the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem certificate of commendations for ‘who near Providence Bay on April 3, 1979, during and immediately following the time a school bus in which he was riding rolled onto its side, acted in a very cool, helpful and responsible manner; managing and preventing possible injury to a small girl by grabbing her and shielding her, opened the emergency door and removed an injured boy and tended the injured boy and prevented him from going into shock.’ “I have been able to build upon and enhance these abilities throughout my working career and life.”

Mr. Shaffer noted as well, “I am proud that I have received the support of two or three councillors who are endorsing my run for mayor.”

Mr. Shaffer said, “I strongly believe that I have the skill set, desire, drive, and municipal experience to build a team approach that will tackle current issues and lead Central Manitoulin into the future, it’s time for change, it’s time for a new management and leadership style.”



Steve Shaffer

Richard Stephens for Mayor

Central Manitoulin incumbent mayor Richard Stephens was born at the old Red Cross hospital in Mindemoya. After completing high school on the Island, he headed to Toronto to attend university. Mr. Stephens is married with three children, who live in Alberta, Manitoba and South-east Asia. “We all left the Island at some point,” he said. “I was one of the fortunate ones to come back.”

In Toronto, he took the courses he needed to obtain his accounting designation. That education has served him well over the years, as he held positions as accountant, auditor/audit supervisor and controller at various organizations including Canada Packers, Manitoulin Transport and the Department of National Defence. Mr. Stephens is currently owner/manager of Rainbow Accounting in Mindemoya.

Mr. Stephens has an extensive history of community involvement and municipal service. He has served as mayor of Central Manitoulin since 2003, except for the years between 2010 and 2014 when Gerry Strong held the seat. “It’s a job that has to be done and I have the experience to do it,” he said.

Aside from his time as mayor of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin, he has been a councillor for the former Township of Carnarvon and chairman of several boards and associations, including the Manitoulin Plan-

ning Board, Manitoulin Municipal Association, Manitoulin Economic Development Association and the Espanola Credit Union. He has been involved in minor hockey, serving as president of Mindemoya Minor Hockey and treasurer of Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association. Mr. Stephens also served as secretary of the Central Manitoulin Lions Club and as a member of the Manitoulin Sudbury District Services Board.

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Richard Stephens, incumbent

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...Census data shows Indigenous children remain overrepresented in child welfare system

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From 2016 to 2021, the number of people in Cana-

da identifying as Indigenous grew by 9.4 percent. The non-Indigenous population grew by just 5.3 percent over the same period. That growth rate is high but

is only half of the rate for the population that identified as Indigenous between 2011 and 2016, which was 18.9 percent.

The faster growth rate in

2021 was attributed to a higher birth rate and changes over time in how census questions are answered. Respondents in general have become more

likely to identify as Indigenous over time, the census explained. "The reason people are more likely to identify as Indigenous may be related to social factors and external factors, such as changes to legislation or court rulings."

Statistics Canada said that because of difficulties

in collecting census data on First Nations and other Indigenous communities, some caution should be exercised in comparing census years.

The census report also revealed that the Indigenous population is younger than the non-Indigenous

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...candidates for mayor and council of Central Manitoulin

Lois Middaugh Keller - Ward 3

I was born and raised in Big Lake and have lived most of my life in Central Manitoulin. I have been a member of many organizations over the years; from former Director of the Manitoulin Tourism Association, to current member of the Little Current Lions Club, 3rd Vice of the Little Current Legion and Treasurer of The Big Lake Community Association. But it is not important what I've done in the past, it's what I can do in the future that is important.

In the past, I have preferred to work behind the scenes to make the endeavours of others a reality. Over the last couple of years, I have learned that if you believe in something, if your heart is truly in it, you must, as a colleague of mine likes to call it, be the 'head of the spear'.

I am running for council because my heart is truly committed to both honouring the heritage and improving the future of my ward and municipality. This can only be accomplished by officials talking and listening to their constituents so that informed decisions can be made based on the peoples' wishes, while also creating a more independent community.

A clear example of this is the pending closure of our landfill. I believe the current potential solution will save the taxpayer long-term, and possibly create a future source

of income. I would, if elected, follow through on this direction and work to expedite the solution.

I would also request each ward put forth a "wish list"; ways constituents believe their wards and municipality can be improved. Council can then research, evaluate, and prioritize these requests in an effort to honour the taxpayers' wishes.

It is crucial to honour and care for the resting places of our forefathers, thus I would work to reinstate cemetery boards. The boards will ensure the upkeep of our cemeteries and create items such as gravesite layouts for family and friends to locate their loved ones.

Based on my personal experiences, I would ensure taxpayers have a say in decisions on closing or divesting of municipal properties and the possibility of a new multi-million dollar complex. I would also advocate for the implementation of more frequent inspections on our municipal buildings to avoid damages we have incurred in the past few years.

It is my firm belief that an elected official's key role is listening to and representing the interests of their taxpayers and I would be honoured to represent you.

Linda Farquhar - Ward 3

My name is Linda Farquhar and I am a candidate for the position of councillor representing Ward 3, Big Lake/Sandfield, in the Municipality of Central Manitoulin.

I was born and raised in Big Lake and have resided there in retirement for the past 22 years. I have served one full term on council and part of another so feel that I have knowledge of council operation.

For Ward 3 I would like to see a few improvements. We have a very dangerous intersection at the top of a hill in the Sandfield area which I would like to see fixed.

There are many cottages and homes built around the lakes in our ward—Big Lake, Manitou and Windfall—but we have very few public beaches. I would like to see some beach development on land belonging to the council around the lakes so all residents and visiting tourists can have access.

Just a reminder also that we as residents should be very thankful that we do have good roads, fire protection and ambulance service at all times.

Reaching beyond the borders of Ward 3 I would like to see a "Memory Wall" built in the Mindemoya cemetery. In this day and

age many people prefer to be cremated. This wall would be a nice option to have.

Of course my dream is to have a new side street built in Mindemoya that would enable traffic coming from the east to get to doctor's appointments, dentist appointments, the Hospital and Hwy 551 exiting Mindemoya without having to deal with the main corner in Mindemoya, which I feel the Ministry of Transportation will never fix, and is the cause of an accident waiting to happen. Providence Bay has a wonderful beach and boardwalk which needs no promoting and is a wonderful tourist

attraction.

If I am elected I will work towards keeping municipal taxes low so that our senior citizens can afford to live in their own home if they so choose.

We should also have more activities in our community for our seniors to take part in which is sadly lacking now considering the high number of seniors living in the area. Council can discuss and make Motions but we also need to have co-operation from staff at all levels to carry out these tasks. No more should we operate with the attitude of 'we' and 'them.' More emphasis needs to be put on this problem I think.

My door is always open and my phone number is in the phone book. If you have a problem or a question I will try to help—just contact me.

I thank you in advance for your vote in October.

...Rose Diebolt

...continued from page 3 taxpayer dollars must be spent wisely. I would like to continue to be part of that and represent you.

We have an amazing municipality on an amazing Island. What a wonderful place to live.

...Richard Stephens for Mayor

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He believes his management experience is a valuable asset for the municipality and has entered this race for re-election because of his ongoing interest in the well-being of his community. "I want to continue to make Central Manitoulin the place of choice to start or expand businesses," he said.

He also wants to continue to improve roads, buildings and infrastructure and to make Central Manitoulin "a great place to live and work." That includes an ongoing program to hard-top all municipal roads and a commitment to making improvements that are compatible with a changing climate.

Mr. Stephens would like to work with the community to develop an assisted living facility for seniors on Manitoulin Island. "That project is very ongoing," he said. "It's been talked about for a long time." When the apartment building across from the hospital was erected, the game plan for the second stage was to build an assisted living facility but there hasn't been any activity from the developers since then.

Assisted living is like the step between long-term care and staying in one's own home, he explained. "There's a lot of people here who would fit into that category but they're losing that oppor-

tunity," said Mr. Stephens. "We're still working with a couple of other groups to encourage them to look seriously at developing assisted living here on the Island and hopefully in Central Manitoulin."

Mr. Stephens would encourage environmentally sensitive economic growth that would provide opportunities for young people to live and work on the Island. "If there's something we can do to support and facilitate working in a green environment, we want to do that," he said.

"We've accomplished a lot during these past few terms," he added. "For example, we bought that property just at the bridge on Highway 551 and built the Welcome Centre. It's used as a stepping stone to go into the museum, which is a popular attraction during summer months and is also a big hit with local schools. We have a school day and have guided tours, and those have been well

received."

He is also proud of the reconstruction of Yonge Street from the main corner heading south. That project also involved better flood controls as flooding had long been an issue there. Mr. Stephens didn't take the credit for the project itself, which received the go-ahead and a 90 percent funding contribution from the province during Gerry Strong's term as mayor, but Mr. Stephens and the previous council had worked on previous proposals for the project to get the ball rolling.

He is promoting accountability within the mayoral office and wants to ensure a direct line of communication between himself and taxpayers; to help facilitate that, Mr. Stephens plans to regularly attend at the municipal office. He urges all eligible voters to get out and vote and hopes to once again represent Central Manitoulin as its mayor.

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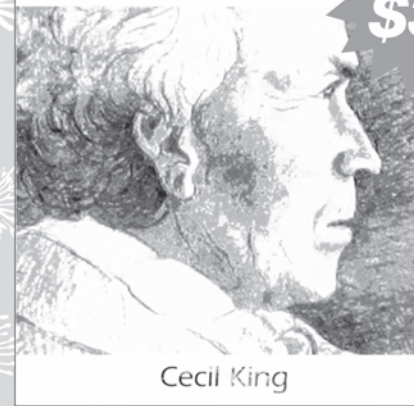
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The first barrier will be underwater speakers that will emit noise at a frequency that should turn carp away from entering the channel. Next is an air bubble curtain at the entrance to the channel, designed to protect against any small carp that manage to slip through gaps formed by a vessel.

Once inside the channel, there will be more acoustic deterrents, followed by an electric barrier. The USACE plan to include electric insulation in the channel to reduce the safety risk to vessel operators and local staff. Finally, there will be a flushing lock near the end of the channel. This would shoot water downstream through the lock, carrying away any fish eggs or larva that managed to pass through the other barriers.

Politicians and environmental groups alike fully support the high-tech gauntlet. "Invasive species are a growing threat to our entire inland waterways system and to the countless Illinois communities and busi-

nesses that rely on strong and vibrant aquatic ecosystems," said US Senator Tammy Duckworth in a statement. "The Brandon Road project is critical in protecting the Great Lakes' exposure to invasive carp."

Invasive carp, which include black carp, grass carp, silver carp and big-head carp, were brought to North America from Asia in the 1960s and 1970s, and quickly took root in US waterways, driving out native species and reaching a metre in length.

The invasive carp have replaced all native species in certain sections of the Mississippi River and make up 50 percent of the fish, by weight, in sec-

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population. The average age of Indigenous people was 33.6 years in 2021, compared with 41.8 years for the non-Indigenous population and just over one-in-six Indigenous people were aged 55 to 64 years, while the same cohort made up 22 percent of the non-Indigenous population.

The Inuit are the youngest of the three Indigenous population groups, with an average age of 28.9 years. First Nations people reported an average of 32.5 years while in the Metis population, the average age was 35.9 years.

The census also found that 3.2 percent of Indigenous children in Canada were in foster care, compared to just over 0.2 percent of non-Indigenous children. Indigenous children accounted for more than half of all children in foster care, at 53.8 percent, despite representing only 7.7 percent of children 14 and under in Canada.

Despite the federal government's efforts to reduce the overrepresentation of Indigenous children and youth in foster care, the number remains almost unchanged since 2016.

Of the 459,210 Indigenous children aged 14 and under, 14.2 percent lived with at least one grandparent, compared to just 8.9 percent of non-Indigenous children. More than one-third, or 35.8 percent, of Indigenous children lived in a single parent household, compared to 56 percent who lived in a two-parent household.

The 2021 census reports that almost one in six Indige-

nous people, or 16.4 percent, lived in a place that needed major repairs. Although the number has fallen slightly, a decline of 2.7 percent, since the 2016 census, it's nearly three times higher than the 5.7 percent non-Indigenous Canadians living in housing that needs major work.

The decline in the number of Indigenous people living in housing in disrepair did not decline evenly across all Indigenous groups over the last five years.

In 2021, low-income data was collected for all geographic regions of the country, including northern areas and reserves for the first time. The data revealed that 18.8 percent of Indigenous people lived in a low-income household, compared with just 10.7 percent of non-Indigenous Canadians.

While this number is still high, it has dropped dramatically since the last census, dropping from 28.1 percent of Indigenous people living in a low-income household to 18.8 percent in the 2021 census.

While the numbers are declining overall, 24.6 percent of Indigenous children 14 years and younger lived in a low-income household in 2021. The comparable rate for non-Indigenous children was 11.1 percent.

The rate of decline was heavily influenced by the actions of the federal government. "The downward trend in low income has been observed across Canada and was largely driven by government transfers in response to the COVID-19 pandemic," the census reported.

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the Residential School System and the importance of Truth and Reconciliation.

Chanie Wenjack was an Anishinaabe boy from Ontario who ran away from his residential school near Kenora at age 12. His death from hunger and exposure in 1966 sparked national attention and led to the first inquest into the treatment of Indigenous children in Canadian residential schools.

The Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack fund is part of Gord Downie's legacy; he was committed to improving the lives of First Nation peoples in Canada. The goal of the fund is "to continue the conversation that began with Chanie Wenjack's residential school story, and to aid our collective reconciliation journey through a combination of awareness, education, and action."

"Reconciliation coffee is really a hot number right now," said Mr. Marsolais-Nahwegahbow. "I'm really proud to work with the non-profit organization for the Wenjack-Downie family. We did it last year as a start. It was just an entrepreneurial thing."

Basically, one of his biggest goals was to bring back the true meaning to Orange Shirt Day, he said. "I can only speak for

myself but I see it as being so saturated. Everybody's selling t-shirts, making all these designs and they're not really Indigenous and I wanted to bring back the true meaning."

He collaborated with Genumark Canada and Rightsleeve and pitched it to them. They designed all the labels. Mr. Marsolais-Nahwegahbow then reached out to the Gord Downie/Chanie Wenjack family and said, 'I really love what you guys do. You're a non-profit and I'd like to help out with my social media platform and bring back the true meaning and the reason behind Orange Shirt Day, and let people know the importance behind it; that it's not the focus on the materialistic things of t-shirts and things.' They were very happy."

Birch Bark Coffee Co.'s social media links back to their page so people can see what the fund does and learn the importance of the communities, of reconciliation and of residential schools. "It hits home with me," he said. "My family went through residential school. My mom went through day school and so did my cousins. It is a really important piece for me."

Last year, on their first attempt, they raised about \$2,500 for the Downie/Wen-

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...Chief Shining Turtle moves on

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ty's successes. "We defeated the HST together," he reminded them of the campaign in which Whitefish River First Nation played a central role and the settling



Franklin Paibomsai

of a generations-old land claim. "We have generations of hurt," he said, adding, "I have seen it in the tears and heard it in the

angry words. Colonization has not been kind to us and true healing is a long road."

Ogimaa Shining Turtle told The Expositor that much healing remains and, while his skillset is well-tailored to build assets and negotiate with upper levels of government, the community now needs someone with a skillset aimed at bringing the community together and healing those hurts.

"As I move forward, I am choosing to remember the tears of joy and the sounds of laughter," he said. "Because I know, deep down, that is what our community is, one of love, kindness and great pride. I ask you to remember and do the same. New roads and buildings can only carry us so

far. Take our community down a new path with kindness and forgiveness, because true change must come within."

Former Whitefish River chief and current band



Leona Nahwegahbow

councillor Leona Nahwegahbow will be stepping in to fill in the role as chief until the next band election.

...Gore Bay hikes water fees to Gordon/Barrie Island

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tion to the municipal tax base. "We are willing, and want to sit down with the town to discuss all of this at the table and the structure that has to be in place, can be or should be under provincial legislation," said Reeve Hayden.

In a letter to all water users in Gordon/Barrie Island dated September 1, 2022, Michael Lalonde, town treasurer on behalf of the town explained, "please be advised that council of Gordon Barrie Island made a unilateral decision to terminate an agreement with the Town of Gore Bay which established water and sewer rates for Gordon/Barrie Island residents."

"As a direct result, the town of Gore Bay will implement a 20 percent surcharge effective January 1, 2023, on all water and sewer rates charged to any resident or organization outside of the municipal boundaries of Gore Bay connected to this utility. The surcharge will be an additional fee on affected utility bills monthly or semi-annually," continued the Gore Bay letter.

Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne told The Expositor after a recent meeting, "When the new water treatment plant was built in

Gordon/Barrie Island, Joyce Foster was mayor of the town and an agreement had been reached by the two councils at the time that we, Gore Bay, didn't have to pay the full tax rate for water, and in turn Gordon residents and businesses on the water lines would pay the same as town water users do."

"Prior to that, Gordon residents on town water paid the same water rates as the town residents," explained Mayor Osborne. "Gordon/Barrie Island council sent us a letter earlier this year, indicating the taxes and agreement were null and void, and indicating there was no end date on the agreement. So we had to do something that will recoup the increase that we would be losing. Yes, we expect there will be Gordon/Barrie Island residents that will be screaming at the town about this increase. But it was the township council that made this decision."

Mayor Osborne said Gore Bay had reached out to Gordon/Barrie Island about continuing the agreement, but Gordon/Barrie Island indicated that the agreement would be void as of January 2023. Gore Bay council subsequently passed a motion at a meeting indicating a 20 percent surcharge would be applied

for all those Gordon residents outside of Gore Bay.

"We are still waiting and are willing to have a meeting with the town to revisit this whole issue and see what can be done," added Reeve Hayden.



NOTICE BOARD

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Mayor MacNevin and Council of The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands wish to recognize

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30
and honour the children that never returned home.



Municipal Elections – Public Notice

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

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The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is offering used Docks for Sale by sealed bid.

Available – 240' of 8' wide main dock in 30' sections with approximately 14 fingers, - 25' sections at 4' wide

For more information, please contact Reid Taylor at 705-968-0386

Bids will be accepted until 12:00 noon on October 6th with the successful purchaser responsible for moving by October 14th, 2022. Lowest or any bid not necessarily accepted.

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

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - NOW ON THURSDAYS

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

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Held in the NEMI Rec Centre Kitchen
Oct 5th Cooking with Squash @ 6:30 pm
Oct 8th Authentic Mexican Food Part 1 @ 11:30 am
Oct 12th Donut Making @ 6:30 pm
Oct 15th Authentic Mexican Food Part 2 @ 11:30 am
Oct 19th Cauliflower Alternatives @ 6:30 pm
Oct 26th Tacos & Scone Dogs @ 6:30 pm
Cost is \$20 each

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

Fall Events at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah

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September 30 and October 7
Learn the history of the museum's collection and local area. Join us at 1 pm for a guided tour.

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Notice of Meetings

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

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

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

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...The 'Summit Series' at 50: Recalling where you were when you heard we'd won!

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Another limiting factor, compared to the Kennedy question, is that in 1963 virtually everyone had a land line for phoning. In the Summit case, almost 50 percent of the people I tried to phone were no longer connected to a land line. After dialing, I frequently heard "this number is no longer in service." Cell phones have obviously changed our lives.

I, therefore, resorted to contacting many people via Facebook. That did help some. Email was not of much help as I possess very few email addresses. Nonetheless, I did manage to get some extremely interesting responses.

The first indication I received that many people were well aware of the 50-year anniversary came from Providence Bay's Shirley Cranston. The classic Hockey Mom, Shirley was excited to recall and discuss the hockey history-making event. Having had her late husband, her sons and grandson all play organized hockey, she was a familiar face in many, many arenas for a number of decades. She stated that "everyone everywhere" was interested in a type of event that had never taken place before. Up to that time, Russians claimed to be "amateurs" and refused to play against pros/capitalists who, in their minds, were taking "tainted money" to play a "game."

Shirley remembered how, to the people of the day, the Russians were our "Communist Enemies." Living in Hamilton at the time, she had heard all the western propaganda about the secretive Iron Curtain opponents.

She outlined how elated she and all her friends were when Henderson scored the

winning goal with only 34 seconds remaining in the game. She says that feeling of a positive high still lingers today in her mind and in those of fellow Canadians.

In closing, she expressed that the win and the accompanying feeling is "something that you never forget about." True story, Shirley!

Talking to long time super referee Bob Dumont, I received some of the same sentiments.

Gore Bay's Mr. Dumont said that one of the things he remembers the most was the "hype" that accompanied the Series from the moment it was announced that the battle was actually going to take place.

As an eight-year-old young lad living in Thessalon, he was not concerned about the politics (nor was he even aware) surrounding the Series. It was all about hockey to the elementary school students of his home town. He indicated that, for the four games held in Russia, (as they were broadcast in Canada in the afternoons) the principal and teachers herded them all into the gym to watch each of the games. Having the entire school together for the same event was exciting in itself, a "happening," so to speak. He was impressed, how in overtime, Canadians came to actually like the Russian players themselves as well as their skills and team play. Most of the individual games are now a blur of excitement but Bob dearly remembers Henderson's winning goal and the accompanying roar and cheers of excitement in that gym!

Former arena manager and recreation director of Little Current, Greg Wright, agreed that the Series was of "historical significance." He was in University in Waterloo at the time and also remembers the anticipation prior to the start of the clash. He remembered exactly where he was for the final game. He and 125 students were crowded in a lecture hall in Dr. Salter's Geology class. Mr. Salter (an Australian by birth) no doubt did not understand the excitement



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of his Canadian students on that day. No one was paying attention to him. There was no TV but almost every student had a transistor radio and they all had them turned full volume. You can imagine the bedlam in the assembly room with 34 seconds left!

Former teacher/librarian Tom McQuay of Mindemoya remembers the battle for the kids to see the games at Manitoulin Secondary School. Since the "higher ups" didn't allow the students to watch the games, there were numerous "washroom breaks" which in many cases became appearances as students listened on transistors in the woods as well as in the "can." Tom expressed his opinion that they might have just as well closed the school down as there were few students in the classrooms. Mr. McQuay agreed that it was an historical event. He was completely surprised (he wasn't alone there) at how good the Russians were. Nonetheless, he was ecstatic when Canada prevailed.

Former pro Don McCulloch of Little Current actually lost out on seeing any of the series live. When the Summit began, Don was busy with his own training camps with Philadelphia of the W.H.A. Although he didn't see the games, there was considerable talk among the players in Philly about the Series. They were as surprised as anyone about just how good the Russians were. They were especially impressed by the mid-season conditioning that the Soviets seemed to exhibit. While Don and his teammates were getting in shape, so was Canada, but unfortunately they were

losing games due to their lack of the same.

I contacted former Manitoulin resident, the "colourful" Denzil Spence in Chapeau, Quebec. (Author's note: A writer at this newspaper labelled Mr. Spence as "colourful" in an Expositor article in the 1980s). Denzil is a great and serious hockey fan and player. Spence was a teacher at Wiikwemkoong. He came to Manitoulin in 1973. At the time of the Series, he was stationed in James Bay where most people were aware of the Cold War implications of the series. "The Cold War was on everyone's mind and Russia was hated." He didn't recall all the details of the Series but said he would never forget his excitement and that of the crowd in the James Bay Arena.

Ron Odjig, former Wiky Thunderbird stalwart, was employed at Pontiac School in 1972 as an audio/visual organizer for the teachers and classrooms. He dealt with film and slide projectors, record players, TVs, etc. He was quite happy to close the door to the AV room and watch the television, especially for the 8th game. He didn't say if anyone found him when #19 patted the winning goal but he did say "Now we know how old I am!"

Linda Bowerman of Sheguiandah, another dyed-in-the-wool hockey mom and almost a permanent arena occupant for many years, gave me a little scolding. Little did I realize that in 1972, she was busy with three children under the age of four. Her son Brad, later on a Panther forward, was only a few months old at the time. That crew certainly kept her too busy to take time out to watch hockey. That would come years later. In 1972, she and her late husband, the very personable Ron, were living in Wawa where with six other workers were building a bridge over the Montreal River. Linda also had to feed the work crew. So sorry Linda. You would make up for it a few years later. (Linda and Ron were stalwart supporters of the Manitoulin NOJHL Junior 'A' team, The Wild, later The Islanders.)

Murray Haner of Mindemoya, a retired OPP officer said, naturally, that when he heard about the Russian portion of the "tournament" the first thing that came to his mind was "SECURITY." He was well aware of the presence of the Russian Red Army, especially in the Moscow Arena. They were stationed everywhere. And not one of them ever flashed a smile. Murray watched and enjoyed the series with his buddies. Like all of us, it was quite a mystery as vir-

tually no Canadians knew or had heard of these Russian players. He was relieved when Canada got out of Russia with no overly serious happenings. He closed with the present Soviet/Putin situation saying that with Russia so close to Alaskans, it might well be smart to be a little afraid.

Tom Balfe of Tehkummah, a former high level football player (he played for Kent State, Ohio, Wilfred Laurier, Waterloo and came within an "inch" of being a Canadian university champion losing out to the University of Manitoba Bisons) was both pleased with Canada's victory and angry with Bobby Clarke. Tom was at Waterloo when the Summit was happening. He saw all the games. (By the way, his son Jon teaches at MSS.)

He was 26 years old at the time and was completely surprised by the skill-level and team-game of the USSR. Being happy with Canada's victory didn't prevent him from opining that he believed the Russians were playing a little bit better, game-wise. Their skating and agility were superb. He was very impressed with the Goalie Tretiak who he felt "stood on his head" and felt that Henderson was a bit lucky as the winning goal came off the backboards and Paul had to take a couple of wild swings at it to get into the mesh.

He believed that Bobby Clarke's wood-chopping slash to Russian star Valeri Kharlamov's ankle was a disgrace to Canadian hockey. I agree with him, as does Canada's Hockey Hall of Fame, which voted Valeri into supreme hockey recognition.

Long-time hockey star Shane Laidley of Little Current was in high school at Manitoulin Secondary in 1972. He was well aware of the Island's love for hockey and found the entire Series "pretty exciting," as did his fellow students. For some reason, he believed that he saw the final game in school. Must've been a brave teacher! Shane loved the team play, skating and passing of the Soviets. He was happy, of course, that Canada prevailed. He passed that love of hockey and some of the skills he saw the Russians exhibit to his own son Michael who was good enough to play five years at St. Lawrence University on a scholarship. Michael also played a few years of minor pro hockey. Last year, his Peoria Rivermen won the league championships beating the Pensacola Ice pilots (who had let Mike go the previous year.) Revenge is "SWEET." Mike had a good year, scoring 18 goals and adding 15 assists.

Mindemoya's Dale Scott, vet and goalie, had a somewhat similar experience as Greg Wright. He too was in University in 1972 but at Guelph. He was able to see every game. He was excited and most happy with the final game. He lived in residence at the time on the 3rd floor which accommodated up to 160 students. Virtually no one from his floor went to class. Instead the vast majority packed into the large common room to

watch the game on an old black and white television. He described the information around the Series as quite "muddled" as few knew much about what might transpire. Of the university students, he said: "We knew it was political. We were aware of the East-West tension." He also was surprised by the play of Tretiak who had been described as a "sieve" by a pro scout. He also liked Esposito's speech in Vancouver that seemed to help rally the Canadians. He did not speak highly of Allan Eagleson with which most everyone agrees.

The noise level in that common room at 19:66 of the third period nearly took the roof off. He states that the moment would be "remembered forever". He was also impressed that 16 million Canadians watched that goal, including many non-hockey folks who were intrigued by the intrigue surrounding the clash of hockey powers.

I leave the final comments to Manitoulin's (Wiky's) Memorial Cup Champion, Gerard Peltier. Gerard played with the likes of Hall of Famers, Dale Hawerchuk, Gilmour and Marc Crawford on that cup-winning team so he knows of what he speaks.

His first impression was that, since that Series, he has always had a good feeling about the toughness and "never-say-die" attitude of Canada's hockey players and recalls the "cool, iconic Series" that defined Canada as a hockey country. He then repeats "Canada never quits", a very important observation.

As a young boy around 10-12 he indicates that "I was flabbergasted" at the Soviet players' skill to the point that, in road or pond hockey, after the Series the Wiky boys always identified themselves as Russian players Kharlamov, Mikhailov, Petrov, Tretiak, etc.

Gerard recalls watching that last game with his father, Hardy baa, and both being amazed with the skill and speed. (That may have been a replay as he recalls also watching it in school.)

That Series and the possibilities he saw motivated him to work longer and harder so that he might have a chance of playing at a high level. He admired the good Edmonton team as they built their Stanley Cup winning teams around toughness (Semenko, Huddy); skill (Gretzky, Anderson) and Europeans such as Jari Kurri and Tikkanen.

I used the Series as "fuel when I played" (North Bay Trappers, Cornwall Royals, Swedish Pro and All-Canadian College All-Star).

Gerard finishes with the statement: "Anyway, the '72 Series is always a favourite. In hindsight, it was great to happen. It shows Canadian hockey is different and revered. As a 10-year-old, it had an impact on what I wanted to do. I was disappointed that Orr was not playing. He was who I wanted to be. He would have made a difference, I felt. But as we know now...we were cocky and out of shape.

...Working with spacecraft a hope

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youth who got a first introduction to STEM fields through similar high school programs, bringing them within reach of a new range of potential careers.

Without the influence of a program like FRC, Ms. Zoccole said she would never have pursued engineering.

"Coming from an Indigenous school, we don't have the same resources, so the robotics team was really nice to have. Mr. Mara was actually the one who suggested I look into engineering; I had never thought of that before," she said.

The transition has had its challenges. Ms. Zoccole said she would have liked to see more support for on-reserve high school kids interested in pursuing STEM or trades.

She has since done an internship at FRC, helping to mentor underprivileged kids across Ontario through FRC's various programs. Ms. Zoccole said she wants to make sure the children of today have the resources they need to succeed.

"Right now, everything is changing for First Nation people. It'd be nice to see our first First Nation prime minister," she said. "When I was growing up, Native people were often seen as 'less than.' I never

thought Indigenous people could be anything, but seeing my robotics team helped with that. Seeing kids around me doing it, I knew I could do it too."

First Nations STEM team mentor Chris Mara has seen the impact of representation in STEM since introducing the team in the 2014-2015 school year. Before that, the school took part in Science Olympics competitions.

"In First Robotics, it's often said, 'if they see you, they can be you,'" Mr. Mara said. "For students to be able to see role models in STEM fields, and leadership in space exploration, and see themselves in those people, there's nothing like that."

Mr. Mara said his school's STEM-focused alumni have gone on to careers as doctors, nurses, nuclear engineers, architecture and trades, among others.

"Students are curious and they already have a great desire to be part of the contemporary movements in the STEM fields," he said. "Being able to see someone that represents them will be a great momentum builder."

Northern Ontario has its own trailblazer astronaut, Roberta Bondar, who was the first Canadian woman in space. She told

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...Working with spacecraft a hope for Wiky High grad, robotics veteran

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The Manitoulin Expositor this spaceflight will be an important event for the world.

"It's also about fellowship. It's about shared learning, it's about respecting where other people are in their lives and what one can give and help others become their best," said Dr. Bondar, who is also a neurologist.

Dr. Bondar recently referenced Ms. Mann's planned spaceflight while introducing Cree singer-songwriter Buffy Sainte-Marie at a September National Arts Centre event honouring the musician.

Dr. Bondar said there have never been any Indigenous astronauts from Canada. This could be partly due to Canada's military and space programs being smaller, but also because there are fewer opportunities for people—especially people of diverse backgrounds—to gain the specific skills that make an excellent astronaut.

"One has to think back to the early American space program. There were all men, even though there was a shadow group of women," she said. "I don't think any one of them had any representation except the traditional Caucasian view, visibly. And that's not right."

In order to be successful as astronauts, Dr. Bondar said, people must have more than technical knowledge in fields such as engineering and space medicine.

"You have to understand where we're going as a life form. The idea of being able to speak in more than one language, the idea of being able to have visited other cultures or to demonstrate that one has a familiarity

and a respect for people from different backgrounds," she said.

Programs like FRC in First Nations, as Wiikwemkoong has embraced, are essential for connecting underrepresented people to

the technical skills they might not otherwise access easily, said Dr. Bondar.

"The robotics projects and all those kinds of things are important because they start training a person's mind to think about how things are made, how things are brought together. And in the natural world, there's so much that we can learn that Indigenous people have seen for many years," she said.

In fact, Indigenous peoples are the original scientists on this planet, having created innovations like canoes and kayaks, but also domesticating many crop species that are still culti-

vated today. Many peoples had intricate understandings of the planet and the stars above.

"I was saying in my remarks (for Buffy Sainte-Marie) that the moon is the silent voyager. It's witnessed the history of the planet through thousands and millions of years, and in Buffy's song she talks about when people go to the moon, they find out Indigenous people have been there. It's because the spirit has been there," Dr. Bondar said.

Another important principle associated with Indigenous cultures that would benefit the cosmos is

the idea of deep relationships and respect, she said.

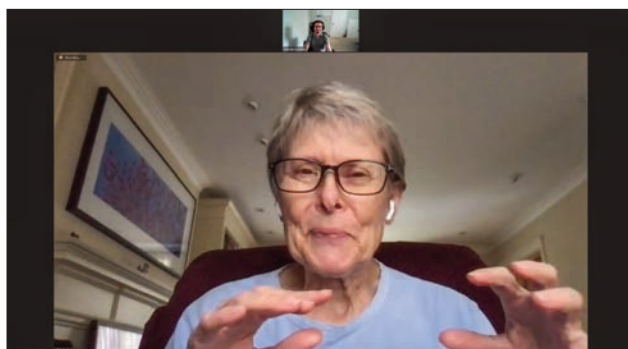
"Sometimes in our society it's all silver-bullet time, that old expression of having a quick fix for something without recognizing the systems around us," Dr. Bondar said.

She now runs the Roberta Bondar Foundation to support young people, including Indigenous kids, through interactive education programs. Much of the programming braids traditional knowledge with technology.

The October 3 SpaceX Crew-5 launch is planned for 12:45 pm at Cape Canaveral.



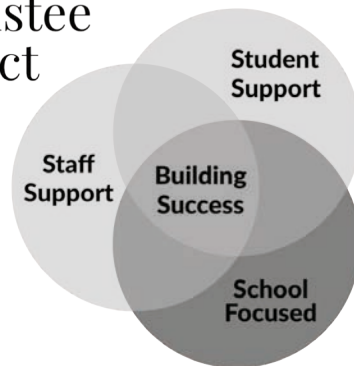
Aaryn Zoccole, second from right, graduated from Wiikwemkoong High School and was a member of the school's First Robotics Canada team. Aaryn is currently studying mechanical engineering at U of T.



Astronaut Dr. Roberta Bondar talks space, STEM and Truth and Reconciliation with Expositor freelance reporter Warren Schlotte.

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

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

What does Community Connections mean to you?

October 13, 14 & 15, 2022

at Debajehmujig Creation Centre

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION OF CANADA

94 Calls to Action

Released in 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada identified “94 Calls to Action that speak to all sectors of Canadian society.” The Calls to Action aim “to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation” (Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, 2015).

Leading up to September 30th – Orange Shirt Day and The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – Noojmowin Teg Health Centre will be highlighting each of the Calls to Action. Noojmowin Teg Health Centre affirms its dedication to supporting former residential school students, their families, and communities of Mnídoo Mnísing.

Kina Binoojiinh K’chipiitendaagozi, Every Child Matters.

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- Noojmowin Teg Health Centre, Resolution Health Support Program (Mon-Fri 8:30am – 4:00pm), (705) 368-2182, ext. 237
- National IRS Crisis Line (24/7): 1-866-925-4419

#87

We call upon all levels of government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, sports halls of fame, and other relevant organizations, to provide public education that tells the national story of Aboriginal athletes in history.

#88

We call upon all levels of government to take action to ensure long-term Aboriginal athlete development and growth, and continued support for the North American Indigenous Games, including funding to host the games and for provincial and territorial team preparation and travel.

#89

We call upon the federal government to amend the Physical Activity and Sport Act to support reconciliation by ensuring that policies to promote physical activity as a fundamental element of health and well-being, reduce barriers to sports participation, increase the pursuit of excellence in sport, and build capacity in the Canadian sport system, are inclusive of Aboriginal peoples.

#90

We call upon the federal government to ensure that national sports policies, programs, and initiatives are inclusive of Aboriginal peoples, including, but not limited to, establishing:

- In collaboration with provincial and territorial governments, stable funding for, and access to, community sports programs that reflect the diverse cultures and traditional sporting activities of Aboriginal peoples.
- An elite athlete development program for Aboriginal athletes.
- Programs for coaches, trainers, and sports officials that are culturally relevant for Aboriginal peoples.
- Anti-racism awareness and training programs.

#92

We call upon the corporate sector in Canada to adopt the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a reconciliation framework and to apply its principles, norms, and standards to corporate policy and core operational activities involving Indigenous peoples and their lands and resources. This would include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Commit to meaningful consultation, building respectful relationships, and obtaining the free, prior, and informed consent of Indigenous peoples before proceeding with economic development projects.
- Ensure that Aboriginal peoples have equitable access to jobs, training, and education opportunities in the corporate sector, and that Aboriginal communities gain long-term sustainable benefits from economic development projects.
- Provide education for management and staff 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. This will require skills based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.

#93

We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with the national Aboriginal organizations, to revise the information kit for newcomers to Canada and its citizenship test to reflect a more inclusive history of the diverse Aboriginal peoples of Canada, including information about the Treaties and the history of residential schools.

#94

We call upon the Government of Canada to replace the Oath of Citizenship with the following: I swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, Her Heirs and Successors, and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including Treaties with Indigenous Peoples, and fulfill my duties as a Canadian citizen.

#91

We call upon the officials and host countries of international sporting events such as the Olympics, Pan Am, and Commonwealth games to ensure that Indigenous peoples’ territorial protocols are respected, and local Indigenous communities are engaged in all aspects of planning and participating in such events.



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Pumpkin Fest takes over Centennial Museum



Harrison launches a pumpkin at the pins while Nathan looks on.
photos by Alicia McCutcheon



Felix Ferguson with a fine looking pumpkin, his entry into the pumpkin weigh-in. His great gourd topped 30 lbs.



Little Current artist Cliff Jewell shows off his carving chops with a Baby Yoda-inspired pumpkin.




Cole Hughson provided songs for the occasion.



There were plenty of activities for youth at the pumpkin festival.




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Wiikwemkoong celebrates the season with a return of the fall fair

by Michael Erskine
WIKWEMKOONG—The laughter of children and adults played counterpoint to the country music at Thunderbird Park during the Wiikwemkoong Agricultural Fall Fair—and despite day-long threatening clouds, the rain held off until the end of the day.

Due to the renovations taking place at the Wiikwemkoong arena this fall, the Wiikwemkoong Agricultural Fair was unable to host exhibits and displays this year, but that did little to dampen spirits as the annual parade, children's

games, bouncy castles and plenty of musical entertainment were on hand. The popular horse pull was also in full swing later in the afternoon, with several teams coming together to haul concrete laden stone boats across the rodeo grounds.

The parade was a great hit, with even a bull taking part.

The horse pull saw a number of awards given out including the Horsemanship Award in Memory of Lionel "Shib" Assiniwai (Webkamigad), which was presented to Brie Gilbert.

The Teamster Award in Memory of James "Ziinaate" Roy was also awarded to Brie Gilbert by Kara Peltier, grandchild of Mr. Roy.

First place in the Heavy Weight Division went to Brie Gilbert, whose team pulled 5,000 pounds 15-feet, second place went to Adam Osawamick, whose team pulled 5,000 pounds 13-feet, 14 inches, third place went to Katie Cyr whose team pulled 4,500 pounds four-feet, three inches and fourth place went to Jerrold Webkamigad whose team pulled 3,500 pounds

four-feet, nine inches.

First place in the Light Weight Division went to Preston Webkamigad, whose team pulled 5,000

pounds 16-feet, five inches, second place went to Brendan Gilbert, whose team pulled 4,000 pounds two-feet, five inches and third

place went to newcomer Doug Lebrock, whose team pulled 2,500 pounds one-foot, three inches.



A host of bouncy castles were on hand, with sizes suitable for all ages.

photos by Michael Erskine



The Wiikwemkoong Fall Agricultural Fair parade was a big hit.



Sherman and Joanie were kept busy popping corn.



Ring toss concentration is de rigour.



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...Addictions services are available on Island, but awareness is lacking

...continued from page 6 in our community, what community thinks we're doing versus what we're actually doing," said Ms. Scott.

The peer support and outreach program is a 24 hour program. In the morning the centre opens between 8 am and 8:30 am and runs until midnight. There is a low barrier shelter that opens at 10:30 pm and runs until 8:30 am. "That's 24 hours for people to have somewhere to go. Whether it's to get a coffee, get a snack or talk to somebody, they can access one of the two buildings."

The outreach team also heads out into the community twice a night, loading up their backpacks with harm reduction supplies, snacks, drinks and they go out and they knock on community doors. "Sometimes, somebody just needs someone to talk to," Ms. Scott said. They'll run into people walking on the street and offer food, drink or just support. "It's really needed in the community," she added.

The program has just hired two counsellors, one for youth and one for adults. They will work out of the Health Centre. "Right now



Naloxone kits are available for free at all Island pharmacies.

we're kind of spread out but we do move around," Ms. Scott said. She works in her office for the morning

and then heads to the outreach centre in the afternoon in case anybody needs her.

The program's language and cultural facilitator, Brian Peltier, leads community activities with a culture-based aspect. Mr. Peltier heads out on outreach, knocking on doors and meeting up with other people in the community who are fluent in the language and just sits there and chats with them. "They've gone strawberry picking. They made hominy corn from scratch. They planted a community garden. He's there speaking the language all the time. We're all trying to learn it. He's a really big part of our team. He's needed. The community really likes to talk to

him," she said.

The program has grown. Ms. Scott has seen it grow quickly since she started there in April. They celebrated their first anniversary in August.

Joan Hoekstra, an addiction services case worker in M'Chigeeng, agreed that people are often afraid to reach out. Events like the recovery breakfast help them know they're not alone. "There are lots of support programs and services for people," she said. "They just have to look for them and ask for help. We're there to help them."

Help is available for people struggling with alcohol or drug use. Below are some programs and services that are available on Manitoulin Island:

Health Sciences North: Manitoulin site 705-368-0756

HSN's Community mental health and addictions program provides free and confidential mental health and addiction services for individuals, family members and service providers.

Northwood Recovery Clinic: 705-589-3280

Northwood offers medication assisted treatment for individuals with substance use disorders.

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre: 705-368-0083

Mental health and addictions support services for Anishnabek individuals and families. Appointments are available Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4 pm.

Mobile Wellness is Noojmowin Teg's new pilot project with the goal to improve mental health and addiction services to all individuals in the District of Manitoulin Island.

Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) Clinic: Espanola 705-862-7991 ext 4241

Espanola's RAAM Clinic is a medical clinic for individuals looking for help in regards to their substance use.

Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc.: 705-368-2182 ext. 271

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M'Chigeeng First Nation Peer Support and Outreach: 705-968-0062 (Systems Navigator)

Wiikwemkoong Addictions Services Initiative: 705-859-3158

An Ontario Works program targeted to help participants whose substance abuse is a barrier to employment.

Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre (Rainbow Lodge): 705-859-2324 or 1-877-649-2242

Delivers culturally-based addictions treatment and prevention services.

Alcoholics Anonymous – Northeastern Ontario: 705-461-3150

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Narcotics Anonymous: Sudbury 1-888-811-3887

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Central Manitoulin opening both arenas and ice oval for 2022-23 season

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—The municipality of Central Manitoulin is planning to create artificial ice in the Providence Bay arena “at the earliest time possible” (October 29) and to proceed to install the same in the Mindemoya Arena as soon as the ice plant repairs have been completed. Further, council has authorized the installation of an outdoor ice oval at the Providence Bay grounds, provided volunteer groups commit to lead the initiative and 100 percent of the hours necessary to maintain the ice oval for the season.

...plans to stop invasive carp

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tions of the Illinois River. Both rivers feed into the Des Plaines River which connects to Lake Michigan through the Chicago River.

Thanks to initiatives implemented by both the US and Canadian governments, the carp have yet to establish themselves in the Great Lakes or any Ontario waterways, although a silver carp was captured in Lake Calumet, the largest body of water in Chicago and located only a few kilometres from Lake Michigan, in early August. After an intensive two-week monitoring period, no other invasive carp were spotted in the area.

“There was a summer scare in Calumet, Michigan,” said Mr. Gaden. “But everything worked well, monitoring and netting with the States of Michigan, Illinois and others. They used nets and monitored the lake. We’re cautiously optimistic this was a one-off.”

In January, President Joe Biden committed \$225.8 million USD in funding for the Brandon Road project. This is enough to start pre-construction. The estimat-

The original motion, coming from the Property Committee, had sought volunteer commitment “to lead the initiative and increase their hours to be able to install, operate and maintain it for the season.” It was noted that last year’s ice oval had consumed considerable staff time and effort.

Councillor Dale Scott voiced concerns over the vague language contained in the original motion, noting that there was no definitive definition of what constituted an increase in volunteer hours. Councillor Scott assured everyone that he was willing to step up as a volunteer himself.

“To my understanding, it took 146 hours last year, the motion doesn’t indicate how much the volunteers would increase their efforts, it could mean a half-hour,” he said.

CAO Ruth Frawley assured council that the volunteers who have stepped forward, two out of three, are former town employees and have the experience and training necessary to safely handle the equipment involved. At most, she said, volunteers might need a minor tune up. Some could require they get their propane handling certificates.

Councillor Dale Scott noted that Providence Bay has a strong cadre of competent volunteers and he was confident they would be able to handle the project, a position Mayor Richard Stephens said he agreed with.

The final motion on the arenas read: “Now therefore we approve that staff be directed to install artificial ice at Providence Bay Arena at the earliest time possible (October 29) and that artificial ice remain installed for the remainder of the 2022/2023 season, and further that staff be directed to install artificial ice at the Mindemoya Arena as soon as they are able to do so.”

A separate motion dealing with the ice oval read: “That council approves the installation of an outdoor ice oval at Providence Bay Arena grounds provided that the volunteer groups commitment to lead the initiative and commit to 100 percent of the necessary hours to be able to install, operate and maintain it for the season, and further the volunteers call on maintenance staff if they need advice and help.”

Both motions passed without opposition.

ed cost for the entire project is \$858 million.

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Manitoulin Health Centre welcomes new members to board

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Board of Directors welcomed two new members to the board at a meeting last week.

Heather Hall and Kimberley Chesney were welcomed to the board by board chair Dennis McGregor, MHC president

and chief executive officer Paula Fields, and fellow board members.

“We are very fortunate to have a board that is made up of people with very diverse backgrounds,” said Paula Fields after the meeting.

The MHC board is made up of chair Dennis McGregor,

co-chair Barb Baker, Sal Brunetti, Derek Debassige, Heather Hall, Michelle Hart, Jane Hohenadel, Sue Lafreniere, Judy MacKenzie, Kimberley Chesney, Terry Olmstead, Lee Turley, Debbie Turner, Gerri Lynn Manitowabi and internal director Sheryl Wilkin.



It's almost the end of September, Mustangs! We are almost a full month into the school year. Despite it only being one month, MSS has been up to some interesting things. From the looks of it, school spirit is higher than ever and we are all getting ready for a great year ahead.

The past week, students have been up to a lot! Twin Day on Thursday, September 22 got students coming to school in matching outfits with their friends. We saw a variety of matching flannel, band shirts and hoodies. Make sure to keep an eye out for upcoming Spirit Days!

Friday, September 23 was a Professional Development day. Students got the day off while teachers attended workshops. I'm sure many students were happy to have the day off from school to work on projects or simply relax.

As some of you may know, there has been significant flooding in Pakistan. This flooding has displaced over 30 million people. To help out, the



SHARE/Go Green members with collected donations! From left is Tanner Graham, Alex Wilson-Zegil, Garrett Charbonneau, Robyn-Ashley McNaughton and Daphne Carr.

SHARE/Go Green club hosted a “Give Change to Make Change” event on Wednesday, September 21. They collected donations from first period classes and counted the total at lunch. MSS raised \$384.55 on their first collection day. These proceeds will be matched by the Canadian government and used to help those in Pakistan. SHARE/Go Green collected donations again on Tuesday, September 27. A big thank you to all the Mustangs who showed

their compassion and support!

On Wednesday, September 28 MSS set up a fair to advertise the many clubs and opportunities students could participate in. At second period, classes were able to go and check out booths sponsored by various groups around the school. Some of the participants included: Student Council, Three Fires Confederacy, Athletics Association, Manitoulin Metal, and SHARE/Go Green. Clubs did trivia, hands-on

activities, gave out prizes, and much more! Students could explore things they might be interested in by asking questions and taking part in various activities. Overall, it was a great time for everyone to get involved and have fun!

In other news, the robotics team voted for their team captains this past week! Congratulations to Jocelyn Kuntsi and Ryhs Allison who have been elected as co-captains and will be leading the team through their season ahead!

This Friday, September 30 is National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, also known as Orange Shirt Day. Its purpose is to raise awareness about the Residential School system. MSS encourages everyone to wear orange and educate themselves about truth and reconciliation. There will also be a potluck run by The Three Fires Confederacy at lunch for students interested.

Stay tuned for more MSS updates! Until next time, go Mustangs, go!

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

yard sale

Garage sale, September 29 to October 1, 9 am to 4 pm (except Saturday which is until 12 noon) at the Little Current United Church. All proceeds to Mission and Service Fund. 19p

rentals

Bachelor apartment, brand new, Little Current, furnished, new stainless-steel fridge and stove. Students welcome. Work from home. \$1,000/month all inclusive. Available October 1 or November 1. 705-368-1145. 17-19c

One-bedroom apartment, looking at the North Channel in Little Current, for rent. Includes: Heat, hydro, laundry facility, water and sewer. \$1,400 per month, first and last required. No smoking and no pets. Double occupancy max. Available October 1. 705-919-4779, Kerry. 18-19p

for sale **for sale**

The Burt Farm

FRESH TURKEYS FOR THANKSGIVING

PICK UP TIMES:
Friday, October 7 from 9 am - 6 pm
Saturday, October 8 from 9 am - 3 pm

ORDER YOURS!
Call Max or Joanne at 705-282-0328

Please bring a cooler for your turkey

rentals

Gorgeous waterfront studio apartment in Little Current, October 15 to May 1. Fully furnished, premium satellite TV, Starlink internet. All inclusive. \$1,500 per month, negotiable. 705-368-6240. 18tfn

rental wanted

Single lady with small dog seeking one-bedroom apartment or small house. For more information please call 289-775-9488. 18-19c

Woman looking for accommodations on a farm close to Little Current. One- or two-bedroom apartment or small house. Quiet, responsible tenant. No pets, non-smoker. Call or text 705-936-7106. 19c

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. Tfn

Legion Events

Legion Branch 177 Little Current Wing Night, every Thursday, 4 pm to 8 pm. Wings: four for \$5 or a wing family pack (20 wings) for \$23. Sauces for wings: salt and pepper, sweet chili, sweet and sour, honey garlic, first, second and third degree, parmesan cheese and pepper, and cajun. Also cheese balls, six for \$4 or a family pack of 20 for \$12. Cheese sticks: four for \$5. To order please call 705-348-0123 or 705-368-2661 after 3 pm on Thursdays. 18-19p

Halloween Dance, Saturday, October 29 from 9 pm to 1 am. Light luncheon at 11 pm. \$10 non-members, \$5 members. (19-plus event). At the Royal Canadian Legion, 15 Vankoughnet St, East, Little Current. 19-23p

Kids' Halloween Dance, Friday, October 28, 6 pm to 8 pm. \$5 entry fee. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. Royal Canadian Legion, 15 Vankoughnet St. East, Little Current. 19-23p

coming events

Fall Market
Providence Bay Arena

October 15 | 11 am to 4 pm
60+ Vendors

Fall 'n Angels Dance
Angel Bus Fundraiser
Saturday, October 1st | 7-11PM
Burpee & Mills Community Hall

Fabulous Silent Auction Items | Light Luncheon
Featuring live entertainment:
Manitoulin Swing Band & Missy's Groovy Little Band

A Licenced Event | \$15.00 Per Person

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!

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

Gore Bay Western Manitoulin Lions Club

40th Annual Charter Night
Saturday, October 1, 2022 | 6:30 PM
GG's Diner, Hwy 540 in Evansville

Open to the Public
\$40.00 per person | Limited seats available
Prepay by September 23 by person or group

Gore Bay Western Manitoulin Lions Club
Box 217, Gore Bay, P0P 1H0
morellnorm@gmail.com or 705-282-2430

MEET THE CANDIDATES EVENT

Invitation to meet Central Manitoulin's Mayor and Ward 3 (Sandfield) Candidates

Spring Bay Hall	Sandfield Hall
Friday,	Sunday
September 30, 2022	October 02, 2022
6:30pm - 7:30pm	3:30pm - 4:30pm

coming events

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help wanted


help wanted

help wanted

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





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4H Fundraiser October 1st and 2nd. St. Joseph Island Country Road Open House. Boxed picnic lunch to go! Picnic tables and facilities nearby \$15 each. Ham and cheese or turkey sandwich, coleslaw, veggies, dessert and water. 11 am to 1 pm each day. Pick up at the rear of the Old Town Hall, Richards Landing. ***Limited boxes. Don't be disappointed*** Preorders are recommended by Friday, September 30 call 705-246-2683. Learn to do by Doing. Tour maps available on Facebook at SJL Country Road Open House, or call the number listed. 19p

God invites us to intimately connect with him through prayer, and what better way to do that than to use His own words in the Bible! Starting September 6, and every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. All are welcome at Our Lady of Canada Church, Mindemoya. Please contact Keith Legree for further information at keithlegree@gmail.com or 705-968-0822. 13-28p

The Immaculate Conception Church in M'Chigeeng will hold a Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 15. The event will start at 11 am and end at 12 noon. You are invited to eat soup and scones bread at the rectory after the event. 19-21p

Fall Rummage Sale, Lyons Memorial United Church, 17 Meredith Street, Gore Bay on Friday, September 30 from 9 am to 1 pm and Saturday, October 1 from 9 am to 12 noon. Household items and fall clothing. Proceeds to support our Community Outreach Projects. Please bring your own bags. We suggest wearing an orange shirt in recognition of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. 18-19p

Our lady of Canada is holding a Christian prayer group. All are welcome to attend. Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Bring your bible and your journal. Call Keith or email 705-968-0822 or keithlegree@gmail.com. 19-21p

Our lady of Canada is holding an adoration on October 6 at 3 pm. Call Keith or email 705-968-0822 or keithlegree@gmail.com. 19-20p

BINGO Fall Fundraiser on Sunday, October 2 at the Tehkummah Seniors' Hall. Start time 1:30 pm. Regular games, specials and jackpot. Regular games, \$20; special games, \$50; jackpot is \$500. Admission \$20. There is also a 50/50 draw and raffles. Canteen open. Light lunch. Bring your own BINGO chips. Sponsored by the Tehkummah Seniors' Triangle Club. 18-19c

Knox Rummage Sale in Manitowaning will be closing on Thursday, September 29 and will reopen on Wednesday, October 12. Please hold further donations until we reopen. 19p

The Little Shoppe Around the Corner at Knox United Church in Manitowaning is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Like-new clothing and various treasures. 19tfn

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

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

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

Gore Bay Rotary Club Fall Harvest Auction

**Thanksgiving
Saturday,
October 8th**

Registration: 9 AM
Start 10 AM - Noon



Gore Bay Community Hall

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- GREAT CHRISTMAS gifts buying opportunity**
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Do you have extra vegetables in your garden
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Contact: rotaryclubgb@outlook.com



**HAPPY
Thanksgiving**

help wanted

help wanted

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

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

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

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**

The Cutoff for Boxed Display Ads is Friday



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We can't wait to hear from you!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY General Manager

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Natural Draft Beer

Split Rail is looking for a General Manager to join the team in Gore Bay. With a broad range of operational, financial, and administrative responsibilities, the incumbent will coordinate the integration of front-of-house and back-of-house teams and help lead Split Rail's continued growth.

For a complete job description please contact splitrail@splitrailmanitoulin.com.

Qualifications

- Proven experience working in a similar or equivalent role (Brewery Manager, Restaurant Manager)
- Degree in business, brewing operations, or hospitality management is an asset
- Valid Ontario driver's licence, reliable car, willingness to travel
- Excel and QuickBooks experience is an asset
- Current Smart Serve Certification

Desired Skills

- Professional leader who can inspire others to perform to the highest levels
- Highly attentive to detail, safety, and quality
- Aptitude for problem solving, organization, creativity, flexibility, innovation, and multitasking
- Strong interpersonal communication and 'people' skills, including public speaking
- Ability to resolve conflicts professionally and constructively
- Customer service knowledge and skills
- Ability to make quick decisions under pressure
- Strong multitasking and problem-solving skills
- Able to work a flexible schedule

Apply by October 26, 2022 to: splitrail@splitrailmanitoulin.com
Split Rail is committed to workplace diversity and inclusion.

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



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 and/or Manitoulin:

Customary Care Team Assistant: Closes September 30, 2022
Data Entry Clerk: Closes October 7, 2022
Finance Supervisor: Open until Filled

Located in Manitoulin:

(2) Case Aide: Closes September 30, 2022

CONTRACT POSITIONS

Located in Sudbury:

(1) Service Supervisor: Open until Filled
(2) Youth Cultural Outreach Worker (New Salary): Closes October 7, 2022

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

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

At 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).



News from the Mindemoya Library Book Mice

by Claire Cline

Claire's Top 5 Picks:

1. 'The Housekeeper' by Joy Fielding
 2. 'The Hidden One' by Linda Castillo
 3. 'Zelensky' by Serhii Rudenko
 4. 'The Men' by Sandra Newman
 5. 'Vox' by Christina Dalcher
- 'The Housekeeper' - A very good suspenseful read. A woman hires a housekeeper to care for her aging parents only to watch as she takes over their lives. Many twists and turns in this story; keeps you reading and reading never knowing what to expect.
- 'The Hidden One' - The discovery of an Amish bishop's remains leads chief of police Kate Burkholder to unearth a chilling secret in this new thriller. Over a decade ago, beloved Amish Bishop Ananias disappeared without a trace. When his remains showing evidence of foul play are unearthed, his disappearance becomes even more sinister. Someone doesn't want Chief of Police Kate Burkholder asking questions.
- 'Zelensky' - This book tells Volodymyr Zelensky's astonishing story of how he became president, a former comedian now finding himself in the role of a wartime leader. He has become the public face of his country's courageous and bloody struggle against a brutal invasion by Russia. A very interesting read.
- 'The Men' - A science fiction thriller that is another good read. Deep in the California woods on an evening in late August, Jane Pearson is camping with her husband and five-year-old son. As she drifts to sleep in a hammock strung outside the tent, while Leo and Benjamin are preparing for bed every single person with a Y chromosome vanishes around the world, disappearing from operating theatres mid-surgery, from behind the wheels of cars, from arguments and acts of love. Children, adults, even fetuses are gone in an instant. Leo and Benjamin are gone. No one knows why, how, or where. After the Disappearance, Jane forces herself to enter a world she barely recognizes, one where women must create new ways of living while coping with devastating grief. And so it begins...
- 'Vox' - On the day the government decrees that women are no longer allowed more than 100 words per day, Dr. Jean McClellan is in denial. This can't happen here, not in America. Not to her. This is just the beginning. Soon women are not permitted to hold jobs. Girls are not taught to read or write. Females no longer have a voice. Before, the average person spoke 16,000 words each day, but now women have only 100 to make themselves heard. When you read this, you think this is crazy, no way this could happen. Well think again, think about what is happening in the USA with the overturning of Roe vs.

Wade, how women no longer are having a choice with what they do with their own bodies. Think how many years it took before women finally had the right to vote.

I would like to thank everyone who has returned or is returning their library survey both the printed and online version. First of all, I want to say I hate surveys, why you ask? Because they are confidential so the person filling them out does not have to identify themselves, and because of that aspect of surveys some people (thank goodness just a very few) decide this is their chance to say mean useless remarks about the library and the people that work at the library.

I have always had an open door policy and there is a sign on my door that states if you have a complaint or compliment either about staff or a library procedure please let me know either in person or leave a signed note so it can be resolved not written on a survey with no name so that I cannot explain why the procedure is in effect or why we do what we do.

But other than that, there were several suggestions that we are definitely putting into effect. First of all, the library is now open Thursday evenings from 1 to 7 pm so you can pop in after work. We were open before COVID Thursday evenings for years but after COVID we waited to get our numbers back. Now it seems things are getting back to normal so

Thursday evenings are back!

Many have asked for craft classes which I have now been contacting people with skills and see if they are willing to teach a workshop class.

And hopefully we can also start having mahjong again and any other game you would like to learn how to play.

Be assured that I am compiling all suggestions and will be discussing with the board what ones we can

implement to continue to keep this library a welcoming and viable part of the community.

Please feel free to let us know what you would like to see being done at your library.

The Mindemoya library hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm and Thursdays from 1 to 7 pm (November to February Thursday hours are 12 noon to 6 pm).

See you at your library.



The Town of Gore Bay and the Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island

We are now accepting Request for Proposals for the following:
For Snow Removal & Sanding at the Transfer Station for the 2022-2025 Winter Season

Request for Proposal Information is available at the Gore Bay Municipal Office and will be accepted by the undersigned until 2:00 p.m. on October 7, 2022.

For further information call 705-282-2420 or email scarr@gorebay.ca

Stasia Carr, CAO/Clerk
 Town of Gore Bay
 PO Box 590
 15 Water Street, Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0

Manitoulin Centennial Manor

TENDER FOR SNOW CLEARING/REMOVAL AND SANDING

The Manitoulin Centennial Manor invites tenders for the snow clearing/removal and sanding at 70 Robinson Street, Little Current commencing November 1, 2022 to May 1, 2023.

Scope of work:

- Snow removal from the front roadside parking lot, main entrance parking lot, rear of building staff parking lot, front walkway, rear staff walkway and delivery area.
- Provide sanding to all vehicle routes, parking lots and walkways
- Provide additional sand/salt mixture for Manitoulin Centennial Manor maintenance staff to use for all walkways throughout the day.

****Areas must be cleared before change of shift at 6:00 a.m. and throughout the day as required****

Bidders are welcome to perform on-site inspections. Bids must be accompanied by proof of liability and property damage insurance and WSIB clearance certificate.

Tenders must be received at the Administration office no later than October 14th, 2022 before 1600 hours and must be in a sealed envelope marked "Snow Removal, Clearing and Sanding Tender."

Forward tenders to:
 Manitoulin Centennial Manor
 Attn: Board of Management
 Postal Bag 460
 Little Current, ON
 POP 1K0

For further information contact:
 Don Cook, Administrator/ Manager of Support Services
 705-368-2710 ext. 312

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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.

18-19c

+ in memoriam



REID—In loving memory of Kathleen (Kay) Helen (Badgerow) Reid, July 4, 1930 to September 30, 1992. Mom's Manitoulin Hard to believe it's been 30 years Since you've been here with us. I still hear your hearty laugh When you'd encourage us! You always had something good to say Whatever came about You loved your kids and Island the most You always said things would work out. You always talked and praised the Island Your raising here was true No matter what the stories were The skies were always blue! I'm blessed now to be on that ground The one you loved so much I am now the who sings About the Island so much! For times well spent here with you Memories both past and new My husband, kids and family know That this is now my Island too!
Bonita (Bonnie)

19c

+ in memoriam

MCLEAN—In loving memory of my dear husband, James McLean, who passed away October 1, 2020. My Husband, My Angel Your battle is now over No more pain, no more suffering I still do not understand Why this had to happen to you. But I am proud to say you were my Husband the greatest man I ever knew. Now you are my angel So spread your wings out wide Please wrap them around me Whenever I'm feeling lonely. I will miss you always Until we meet again. Your Munchkin Lorraine.

19c

BROWN—Joyce Brown, January 21, 1936 to September 30, 2018. In loving memory of our mother, Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard but always near, Still loved, still missed and held so dear. Love, Garfield, Nancy, Peggy and Rob

19p

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 email: expositor@manitoulin.com
 post: Box 369, Little Current, ON POP 1K0

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

Dredging takes place on Mindemoya River to allow salmon to spawn

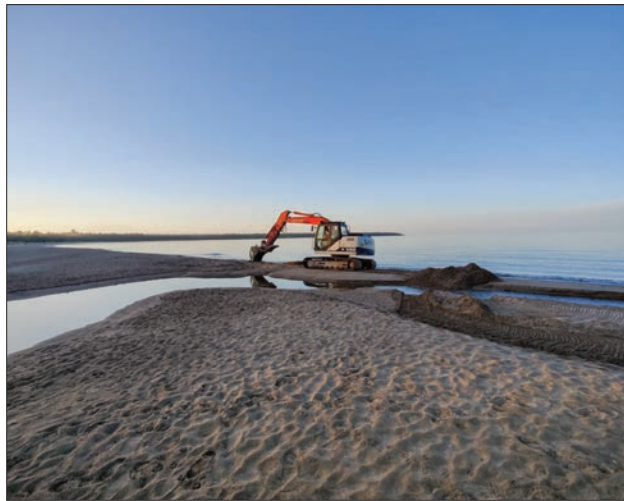
by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA RIVER—The salmon were obviously ready to move up the mouth of the Mindemoya River in Providence Bay to stage and spawn, and with the help of Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA), the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and the Municipality of Central Manitoulin, this was accomplished on Tuesday of last week.

"This morning, with the help of the municipality of Central Manitoulin we dredged the mouth of the Mindemoya River in Providence Bay. The salmon were already staging and ready to head up the river to spawn," said Seija Deschenes, project coordinator with MSIA.

"The idea is to give the fish a direct path into the river," said Ms. Deschenes. She pointed out the Mindemoya River dredging project is a partnership of MSIA, Central Manitoulin and the MNR. "We applied for a dredging permit from the MNR, and they had given us a three-year permit."

"It is hard coordinating the timing for the dredging project to take place," said Ms. Deschenes. "We are trying to open the river up when the majority of the fish want access to stage and spawn. There was a lack of rain this



John Graham, on backhoe, helps to dredge the mouth of the Mindemoya River in Providence Bay, to allow salmon to stage and spawn. Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Municipality of Central Manitoulin are all partners in this annual program.

summer and we had a long dry spell, so there wasn't as much water available for flow as we would like there to be." She explained with wind and waves, sand is moved along the shorelines and builds up, causing a sandbar at the mouth of the river.

John Graham "has been the backhoe operator for the dredging and he has done a great job of opening up the river over the years," said Ms. Deschenes.

She pointed out there is a great video of the operation, filmed by Liam Campbell, using a drone, which can be viewed on the MSIA website. "You can see hundreds of fish waiting to get up the river and the dredging that was carried out."

During the pandemic over the past couple of years, the water levels on the Mindemoya River were high, so dredging didn't need to take place. "It is when the water levels drop, as we have seen this year, with lots of wind that moves the sand around that can make it more difficult for the salmon," said Ms. Deschenes.

"It's important to do the dredging to let the fish get into the stream and naturally reproduce," said Ms. Deschenes.

Death Notices

EDMOND JOSEPH LAURIN JR.

"ED"



In loving memory of Edmond "Ed" Joseph Laurin Jr., 77 years, who passed away peacefully at Manitoulin Health Centre on Saturday, September 17, 2022. Survived by his loving wife and best friend of 54 years Carmen Laurin (nee Rouleau). Dear father of Andre (fiancé Stacey Miville) and Christine Laurin (wife Emily nee Summers). Proud grandpa of James Laurin age 8 and Alice Laurin age 5. He is also survived by his sister Norma Cusson (Paul), Danny (Fernande), Carole Laurin (Denis Chouinard) and Linda Belanger (Guy). He will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends and his canine companion Brandy. Ed worked as a police officer in different divisions throughout Sudbury for many years. He enjoyed the outdoors, snowmobiling, hunting, boating and camping. He loved his motorcycle and was a proud member of the Blue Knights - Chapter 10 organization. After retirement, he and Carmen spent many happy winters in Arizona. There will be no visitation or service. Cremation at the Park Lawn Crematorium with burial at a later date alongside his parents in the St. Joseph's Cemetery in Chelmsford. Donations to the Northern Cancer Research Foundation would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the Jackson & Barnard Funeral Home. For donations or messages on condolence www.lougheedfuneralhomes.com.

RONA COLLINS

April 23, 1932 - December 7, 2021



In loving memory of Rona Collins who passed away peacefully at the Elizabeth Centre in Val Caron on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at the age of 89. Loving wife of the late Evis "Pat" Depatie and George Collins. Beloved mother of Patricia Depatie (predeceased), Debbie Bedard (Gary) Lachance, Carol Depatie (John) Pedersen, Sharon (Jack) Lanctot and Sandra Depatie. Cherished stepmother of Chris, Jamie and Allison. Proud grandmother of Jean-Yves (Allison), Danyelle (Jason), Melissa, Matthew, Jonnee-Mae (Albert), Leah, Rae-Ann (Drew), Michelle (Alex), and Justin (Samantha). Proud great-grandmother of Austin, Chloe, Taylor, Hudson, Wyatt, Alice, Briar, and Mei-Lin. Predeceased by her parents Grenville and Rosella Bowerman. Cherished sister of Angus (Isabelle) Bowerman (both predeceased), Marguerite (Herman) Peltier (both predeceased), Wilda (Brian predeceased) Hunter, Doreen (Tom) Wright (both predeceased) and Linda (Bill) Sapp (both predeceased). She will be forever remembered by many nieces, nephews and wonderful friends. Rona will always be remembered for her fun-loving personality. She loved a good joke and was guaranteed to make you smile. She was very crafty, she enjoyed knitting and making beautiful sweaters and dresses for her daughters and granddaughters. Above all, Rona loved to spend time with her family. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They brought overwhelming joy to her life. She will forever be remembered for her beautiful smile and her huge heart. A graveside service will take place in Mountainview Cemetery on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 11 am. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca.

WILLIAM DAVID PATTERSON

(DAVE)

October 11, 1939 - September 17, 2022



It is with sad and heavy hearts that the family of Dave Patterson announces his sudden passing on Saturday, September 17, 2022 in his 83rd year. Loving father to John (Paula), Jennifer, and Rob (Janice). Beloved Papa to Alex, Matthew, Paul, Jacob, Emily and Brooklyn. Great-grandfather to Luca Patterson.

Special loving companion and best friend to Kathy Glemnitz. Predeceased by his wife Carol, and parents Hubert and Blanche Patterson. Dear brother of the late Doreen Deluzio (late John), late Ronnie Patterson (Rosemary), John Patterson (Martha), Margaret Patterson, late Gloria Perlini (Gerry), Robert Patterson (Sheila), and Danny Patterson (Susan). Brother-in-law of the late Barbara (late Howard), Verna (late Ernie), Linda (Ralph), late Joan (late Jim), late Ted (Pauline), late Bill and late Larry. Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Dave will be well remembered for his love of country music, dancing every Saturday at the Moose Lodge, and his legacy of being the President and Founder of the Northern Ontario Country Music Association (NOCMA) which he began in 1989. His unwavering support and promotion of the NOCMA helped many Northern Ontario country music artists showcase their talent and be acknowledged and recognized. He absolutely loved what he created with country music and will be sadly missed and forever in the hearts of so many. Family and friends visited at the Arthur Funeral Home - Barton & Kiteley Chapel (492 Wellington St. E. 705-759-2522) on Thursday, September 22, 2022 between 9:30 am to 10:45 am. Funeral Service followed in the chapel at 11 am with Mrs. Mary Alice Policicchio officiating. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date at the Moose Lodge. Memorial contributions by cheque or online to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Algoma Residential Community Hospice (ARCH) would be appreciated by the family. Expressions of sympathy may be offered at www.arthurfuneralhome.com.

JAN TURLEY



Jan Turley of Gore Bay passed away suddenly at his residence on Thursday, September 22, 2022, in his 63rd year. Beloved husband for over 43 years to Laurie. Dear father of Marie (Kris) and Lee (Brian); cherished grandfather of Karina. Jan will be sadly missed by his brother Ian (BettyAnn) and sisters

Anne Haycock, Gail Robbins, Lynne (Morley) Winter, as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces/nephews, great-great nieces/nephews and good friends. Predeceased by his parents Cyril and Joan (Tester) Turley and brother-in-law Bill Haycock. The most important thing in Jan's life was family and friends. In his younger years, he loved to cook and entertain. He was very social and always chatted with people new and old to the area. He loved hunting and would often reminisce about the fun we had. Karina was the sparkle in his eye and he loved spending time and "sleep overs" with her. At the family's request, there will be no funeral service. Cremation has taken place. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Gore Bay Rotary Club (Gore Bay Medical Centre) or the Angel Bus and may be made at www.simpsonfuneralhome.ca.

ANITA MARIE LOCKEYER

(nee Valiquette)

October 7, 1940 - September 11, 2022



The family regrets to announce the sudden passing of Anita Marie (nee Valiquette) Lockeyer, at her family home in Little Current on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at the age of 81. Born in Little Current to her parents Frank and Claudine (nee Phillips) Valiquette, both predeceased, Anita lived her entire

life as a Haweater. Anita was mom to her sons, Greg (of Mindemoya) and Tim (of Little Current) and her grandchildren Devin, Justin, Riley, Caleb and Kayla. Anita is survived by siblings Frankie Valiquette (Nancy predeceased) (friend Linda), Brenda Morphet (Harold predeceased), Mike Valiquette (Lyn) and Zann Valiquette (Rob). Predeceased by sister Lenora Tooley (Baden predeceased). Survived by brothers-in-law Grenville Green (Brenda) and Don Cooper (Gertrude) (Karlene predeceased). Anita was a retired long-time teacher of the Manitoulin Board of Education after beginning her career teaching at St. Bernard's Catholic School in Little Current where she taught 21 kids in grades one to four in one classroom. Anita also worked as an operator for Bell Telephone for 10 years in the era of one long and two shorts. Mom would also spend her summers as a youth alongside her siblings working at the Dodge Lodge in Kagawong where her father, Grampa Frank Valiquette, was the caretaker. Mom spent many years working behind the scenes to help support the Little Current Legion Fastball Team when Dad was the manager. Working alongside friends Don and Naida Prescott, they poured in many hours to make the annual Haweater Weekend Fastball Tournament the success it was...often staying up late Friday and Saturday night making sandwiches or parboiling sausages to sell at the food booth. Mom was a private person who, in her later years, became a diehard Blue Jays Fan, watching their every game on TV. Mom was an avid curler in her time, enjoying many bonspiels along the way. She continued her love for curling by watching as many games on TV as she could. Mom's pet peeve on TV was her dislike for Victor Newman of the Y & R! Mom enjoyed many, many years at the family camp (not cottage) on Lake Mindemoya where they spent many weekends and the month of July. Hosting numerous family and friend gatherings for BBQs, bonfires, card games, 31 and Pace the Ace and everyone's favourite game, lawn darts. The family would like to extend a big thank you to Dr. Roy Jeffrey for his many house calls, we are so lucky to have him take care of mom. Also, to the staff at the Bank of Montreal where mom was one of their favourite customers, the staff at Valu Mart who always gave her a hand, and special thanks to Jim Harasym for doing so many jobs for mom, especially over the past couple of years. Mom's wish was to be cremated and it has taken place. A private family burial will happen on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 11 am at St. Bernard's Cemetery in Little Current. Staying with mom's and the family's dedication to education, we ask that any memorial donations be made out to the Little Current Public School Breakfast Program, Postal Bag #339, Little Current, Ontario, P0P 1K0. Donations will then be split between the Breakfast Programs at Little Current Public School and Central Manitoulin Public School (Mindemoya). Please record your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca.

Now and Then: Miriam Wailes

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Howie and Miriam continued to work together. When a fish hatchery in Thunder Bay lost all their hatchlings, and they were looking for a new source of fish, Miriam helped. She caught sample fish from Hawley Lake and from the Severn River in the Hudson's Bay area, so their livers and scales could be assessed for health. When good health was established, enough fish to aid the restocking were caught. During that summer, Ted, still a teen, got work building a weir, a low dam doubling as a fish ladder.



Wedding Bells and the happy couple.



The Galt home with Eunice in front of Miriam, 14.

When workers were needed to count caribou, Miriam volunteered Howie. Tongue in cheek, the ministry told him, “Count all the legs and divide by four.” Actually, Howie and his pilot flew above the herds, counted samples of each group, and extrapolated the estimated totals. It was a nice job to end his work life. In 1992 both Miriam and Howie retired. With the help of Don Van Every, they built the Confederation log home Miriam lives in now. “Don closed it in for us and we finished the interior, using pine from our bush lot.” Miriam did all the plumb-

ing and much of the carpentry work. Howie did the wiring.

Miriam continued to curl in Gore Bay. She also joined the Lions Club and has been a member for 27 years. About 1993, Ted decided to go into the medical field and was moving to Texas to attend nursing college. Miriam and Howie helped him move. “I drove the U-Haul; Howie took our truck and Ted drove his car. After Ted graduated from the college, he worked as a nurse in Texas for a while. Later, after being disenchanted with the medical field, he came back to Manitoulin to

become the happy farmer he is today.”

Howie and Miriam enjoyed travelling. “We explored Newfoundland and Labrador twice and the east coast of Canada two times as well. We visited my brother John in Wyoming and British Columbia where Howie has two daughters.”

“In 2005, Ted asked to look for the brother he had yet to meet. He found a connection to Barth Gillan in Montreal within 30 minutes. Barth had been searching for his mother too, and he wanted to meet the family. Grandmother was not well at the time, so Ted told him to come soon to meet her and the family. Barth arrived at Manitoulin in November of 2005, making part of the journey with Lori, who lived closest to him. He met his mother, his siblings, Glenda and Ted, and their grandmother. It was an emotional time for all, especially Miriam. Barth came back for Christmas and New Years that same year; with his wife and two daughters, Daisy, five, and Chelsea, eight. Now Miriam gets a call from Barth every Sunday night.

“First jobs? Babysitting at 12 and harvesting potatoes, carrots and turnips at 14. My strengths? Getting into trouble early on, and working hard later, growing plants, building homes, and taking on new career opportunities.”

“What am I most proud of? My kids, my 17 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. What did I enjoy most as a parent? Doing tasks with the kids, cutting wood with Ted, or

hunting with my daughter.”

What would you like others to think about you? “That I am friendly and generous.”

Any advice to pass on? “Work hard at any job you do.”

Associations? “The Lions Club. We raised funds for the X-ray equipment for the medical centre. Favourite sport? Baseball, broomball and curling. Awards or trophies? ‘Cock of the North,’ a trophy, was given to a player who made the biggest blunder in a game in Chapleau. This eight-inch wooden replica was awarded at my retirement



Miriam and Peter at the beach circa 1945.

party to gales of laughter.”

If you could go back in time, is there something you would change? “I would have a talk with the person who may have relocated 11 raccoons to this area. My garden has been a disaster this year. Ground hogs, deer and especially raccoons have taken much of my harvest. Donations of these critters may be best done to more remote areas.”

Is there something you



Miriam and first grandchild, Tristan, son of Lori and Nelson.

would still like to do? “Take the train to British Columbia. Favourite holidays? Valentine's Day when Barth was born and Christmas Day when Lori was born.”

Any hobbies you enjoyed? “Building stuff. I built a hay wagon for square bales for Ted. Recipe for happiness? Love others and be honest.”

“Manitoulin is the ‘banana belt.’ I love the people and I have been connected to the Island one way or another all my life. All the folk I know here have been

and solitude of the Island. Living in a city does not inspire a peaceful life. The gentleness of Manitoulin is a nice contrast to a bustling metropolis. Sadly, Howie died a few years ago but I will spend the rest of my life here, working with Ted on the weekends, greeting customers and just enjoying my life.”

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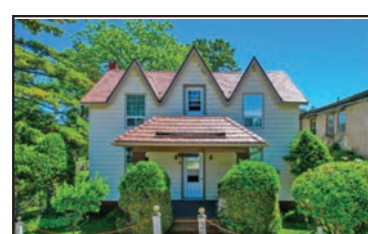


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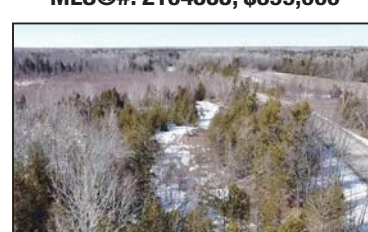
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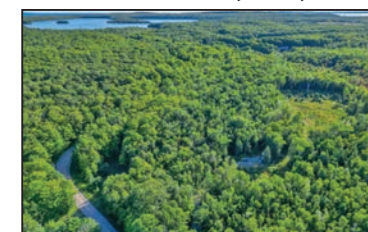
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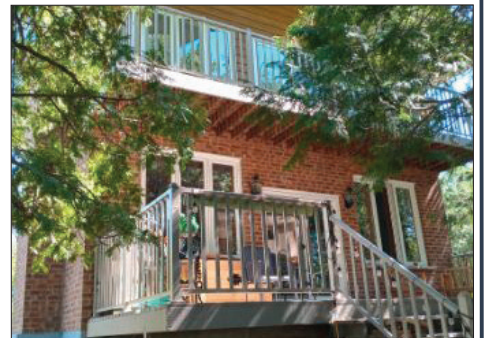
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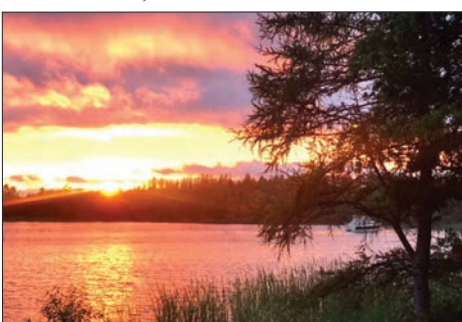
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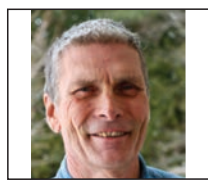
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