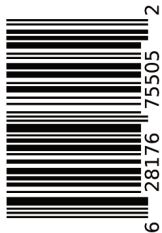




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Jocelyn Kuntsi of Manitoulin Secondary School, right, and Darcy Trudeau of Espanola High School, left, will serve as student trustees on Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) for the 2022-2023 school year. Joining the student trustees is Bruce Bourget, RDSB director of education.

MSS student to serve as trustee on Rainbow District School Board

by Tom Sasvari
 SUDBURY—Jocelyn Kuntsi of Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) and Darcy Trudeau of Espanola High School will serve as student trustees on Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) for the 2022-2023 school year. They will also co-chair the student senate which includes representatives of the board's secondary schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island.

"I would like to welcome Jocelyn Kuntsi and Darcy Trudeau to their new roles," said RDSB chair Bob Clement, at a meeting last week. "I know they will both make an immense contribution to the board as they represent the student voice. They will have an opportunity to experience the decision-making process and learn more about public education locally and provincially."

"I am very honoured and excited to represent the students and schools (within the RDSB)," Ms. Kuntsi told the board. "Darcy and I will be able to collaborate (on ideas and projects)."

Bruce Bourget, director of education for RDSB, took part in the swearing in ceremony for both student trustees, followed by the board passing a motion appointing both to the RDSB. "I would

like to declare a warm welcome to both Jocelyn Kuntsi and Darcy Trudeau as our student trustees," he said.

Mr. Bourget explained, "Jocelyn Kuntsi is enrolled in the specialist high skills major in agriculture at (MSS). This summer, she attended the SHAD program on a full FIRST robotics scholarship. She served as vice-chair of the student senate in 2021-2022."

"An all-round student, Jocelyn

Kuntsi has been actively involved in her school community throughout high school," said Mr. Bourget. "She will continue to serve in a variety of roles in Grade 12; co-prime minister on student council, Manitoulin Metal Robotics team captain, SHARE/Go-Green committee member promoting social justice and environmental action, senior band member on baritone saxo-

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Manitoulin woman vies for leadership of the Green Party of Canada

Sarah Gabrielle Baron

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
 OTTAWA—Sarah Gabrielle Baron, of Manitoulin Island, is a teacher, businesswoman, writer, mother and environmentalist. She wants to add leader of the Green Party of Canada to her list of accomplishments and launched her campaign in Ottawa on August 31. Ms. Baron is one of six candidates vying for the leadership role.

Her journey has been an evolution rather than a single decision, she said. Ms. Baron has been an

advocate of Green political philosophy since 1991 when she first read books by Charlene Spretnak, E.F. Schumacher and Fritjof Capra. "Those were very formative books for me. I chose to live the next 20 years on the Island with as small a footprint as possible because of those books."

She joined the Green Party in 2005, when her children were old enough and she could become politically active. At that time she was excited about the party's grassroots organizational system.

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Meagan Pilon was on her way to Manitoulin when she went missing

Please Bring Me Home group holding memorial walk Sept. 11

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—In 2013, Meagan Pilon was on her way from her Sudbury home to Espanola with the trip to continue onto Manitoulin Island. However, since that time the teenager has been report-

ed as missing. Volunteers Julie Charette and Natasha Pickering of Please Bring Me Home will be

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PCs introduce bill aimed at reducing hospital crowding

by Michael Erskine

QUEEN'S PARK—The Ford government has enacted the controversial Bill 7, touted as the 'More Beds, Better Care Act, 2022.' The bill was enacted as Chapter 16 of the Statutes of Ontario, amending the 'Fixing Long-term Care Act, 2021.'

The new bill, which was put before the legislature at Queen's Park without the usual course of public consultation adds the provision "that patients who occupy a bed in a public hospital and are designated by an attending clinician as requiring an alternate level of care (ALC)."

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Keeping the language alive

Osawamick Ranch an immersive land-based Anishnaabemowin learning camp

by Tom Sasvari

WIKWEMKOONG—At Wiikwemkoong's Osawamick G'Tiganning, Anishnaabe Enji-Teg Osawamick Ranch, the Anishnaabemowin language and culture is always at the forefront.

"It's a place where people can come listen and learn from fluent speakers in the Anishnaabemowin language and to learn the language while listening, cooking or participating in other activities that they would in their everyday life," stated Nicole Van Stone, program manager of Osawamick G'Tigaaning, Anishnaabe Enji-Teg Osawamick Ranch.

The Anishnaabemowin school opening comes following news from the 2021 Canadian census that shows roughly 243,000 people reported being able to speak an Indigenous language, a decline from the 2016 census when that figure was around 251,000. There has been a significant increase over the same time in terms of the number of children aged eight or younger who can speak an Indigenous language. It was the only statistic in all the different age categories to show an overall increase.

There have long been concerns about the fragility

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Dawn Madahbee Leach (at the podium), chairperson of the National Indigenous Economic Development Board (and manager of Waubetek Business Development Corporation) addresses the press after the signing of the new arrangement between Canada and New Zealand on efforts to support Indigenous peoples in both countries.

Dawn Madahbee Leach member of delegation to visit New Zealand with Minister Patty Hajdu

Group aims to forge better future for Canada's, New Zealand's Indigenous peoples

by Tom Sasvari

NEW ZEALAND—Dawn Madahbee Leach, chairperson of the National Indigenous Economic Development Board and manager of Waubetek Business Development Corporation was part of a female Indigenous delegation that accompanied the Honourable Patty Hajdu, minister of Indigenous Services, on a trip to Aotearoa (New Zealand) from August 22-28.

They were joined on Canada's delegation by Dr. Brenda Gunn, of the National Commission for Truth and Reconciliation, Gerri Sharpe, president of Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada, and Sharon Nate, executive director (education) of the Matawa Tribal council.

During this visit, Minister Hajdu signed the Indigenous Collaboration Arrangement (ICA) on August 24 between the government of Canada and

the government of Aotearoa-New Zealand. The ICA will promote and facilitate the socio-economic, political, educational, well-being, cultural and environmental advancements of Indigenous peoples in both countries. The ICA will be overseen by the Department of Indigenous Services Canada and the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs for Canada, and Te Puni Kokiri (Ministry of Maori Development), for the government of Aotearoa-New Zealand.

"The deepening of the Canada-New Zealand relationship on Indigenous trade issues and inter-governmental collaboration is a powerful catalyst for change," said Ms. Madahbee Leach. "Both Canada and New Zealand are beginning to understand the value and complexities of Indigenous knowledge and kinship. Indigenous and non-Indigenous com-

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Mindemoya's Sharon Stephens named Manitoulin North Shore Victim Services Volunteer of the Year

LITTLE CURRENT—Sharon Stephens, a long-time volunteer and team leader with Manitoulin-Northshore Victim Services (MNVS) has been named by the group as its 'Volunteer of the Year.'

"On behalf of the board of directors and staff at MNVS, we congratulate Sharon Stephens for the much-deserved recognition of being named volunteer of the year," said Tanya Wall, executive director. "Sharon's years of dedication to MNVS has touched



Sharon Stephens was named Volunteer of the Year by Manitoulin North Shore Victim Services.

many lives, supporting victims of crime and tragic circumstances directly, as well as through her support of other volunteers and staff. We wish to also extend our thanks and appreciation to all of our volunteers for all that you do to make a difference in our community."

Although she was unable to attend the awards dinner, Ms. Stephens, who has remained involved with the organization despite the challenges throughout the pandemic, sent along her regards stating, "I did start in 2001. I've enjoyed knowing all the wonderful volunteers, staff and board members. I am happy to have been able to provide the assistance despite the fact that it would be nice if the events which required services didn't occur. It is a blessing to be able to offer help to people in tragic circumstances."

On Tuesday, August 9, volunteers, staff, and board members at MNVS gathered at the Little Current rendezvous pavilion to celebrate all of the volunteers' hard work, as well as to present the volunteer of the year award. Dinner was provided by Elliott's Restaurant, and members were able to gather face-to-face as they had in

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144th Manitowaning Fall Fair on this Friday and Saturday

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—The 144th annual Manitowaning Fall Fair will provide something for everyone in the family to enjoy and participate in.

Alice Pennie, president of the fall fair board, explained that everyone is gearing up for the annual event, which will take place this Friday, September 9 and Saturday, September 10.

The Manitowaning arena will open at 8:30 am on Friday morning for the many exhibit entries with the arena closing at 11:30 am for judging to take place at 12:30 pm. At 7:30 pm the exhibit hall will open again with exhibits on display, vendors set up and a silent auction. There will also be a 50/50 draw, spike driving competition, a fishpond for the kids, and miniature homestead displays set up. As well, during the evening live music will be provided by Cole Hughson and George Williamson.

Saturday morning will start early with a pancake breakfast being served at Knox United Church. The exhibit hall will reopen at 10 am.

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Assiginack resident denied lot severance due to non-operational, on-site quarry

Will appeal ruling to Ontario Land Tribunal

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—An Assiginack resident is appealing a decision made by the Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) for a severance of property for the creation of a new lot, as the property is within a designated (non-operating) aggregate site, and under the provincial policy statement it does not support new sensitive uses like the development of a new lot within an aggregate resource area.

At an MPB meeting last week, secretary-treasurer Theresa Carlisle told the board, "Dene Banger has made an appeal (to the Ontario Land Tribunal) on a decision made by the board on an application he (and Frances Boegli) made to the board. This will now go in front of a tribunal."

The application made under section 53(1) of the Planning Act was to provide for the creation of a new lot on Bidwell Road, a maintained township road. The proposed new lot land has been designated rural area and zoned agricultural. However, there is a licenced aggregate site located to the southwest within lot 1.

In a letter from MPB to Mr. Banger previously it was explained, "in review of your application for consent to sever, re: the above location, there is a licenced aggregate resource site identified to the south of the subject land, on the south side of Bidwell Road. As per the Ministry of the Environment (now the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks [MECP]), the D-series guidelines require a minimum setback

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Billings Township recognizes its 2022 'Citizens of the Year'

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—A total of six residents of Billings have officially been recognized with Citizen of the Year awards by the township. There were two categories selected from this year, a category for local residents 18 and older and a category for those under the age of 18.

Billings councillor and deputy mayor Bryan Barker presented the 18 and under category awards to four children from the same family. They included David, Sarah, Tommy and Joshua Joyce. David and Sarah helped hide eggs in the annual Easter egg hunt held in Kagawong in April. David gave one of his eggs to a friend who had fewer eggs in their basket, knowing that one of the eggs held the 'Golden Ticket' for a basket of goodies.

All four siblings also participated in the Island-wide clean up hosted by Manitoulin Streams

Improvement Association between April 24 and May 9. They covered more than 10 kilometres of roads within the township and picked up discarded garbage and bottles. Then they donated the proceeds of the bottle return to the Gore Bay Bruins hockey association even though none of them played hockey but have friends that do.

"It is very nice to see young members of our community stepping up and going that extra mile to go above and beyond for our community," said Councillor Barker. "On behalf of Billings Township I am happy for the opportunity to show our appreciation for the work all of you did to get bottles and garbage off the roads and ditches, and then donating the money raised to go towards your friends who play hockey. And giving away the East-

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Mayoral candidate clarifies which Maureen Armstrong is running in fall election

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Since the list of candidates who put their name forward for a seat on Gore Bay council was released there has been some confusion on the part of local residents as to which Maureen Armstrong is running for the position of mayor in this fall's municipal elections.

"This should make it clear that I am not the former teacher, Maureen Armstrong, who is running in the election. I am a former nurse and director of care at Manitoulin Lodge," said the Ms. Armstrong who is running in the election.

Ms. Armstrong released a statement explaining, "new candidate for Mayor of Gore Bay Maureen Armstrong (formerly DeGiuli) served the community as a visiting registered nurse with Bayshore." She also taught the



The Maureen Armstrong that is running for Gore Bay mayor, seen above.

personal support worker and registered practical nurse program for Cambrian College, and finally, worked for Manitoulin Lodge as a night shift nurse and then direc-

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“who dares not offend, cannot be honest” One Manitowaning Road opinion

editorial

Bill 7 has an unreasonably heavy-handed potential

The tyranny of the majority was on full display last week as Doug Ford's Ontario Progressive Conservative government used its legislative majority to push through Bill 7, the controversial More Beds, Better Care Act, 2022 without any public consultation and little debate in the legislature.

The issue that this bill is aimed at addressing is the continued impact of the pandemic on the provincial health system and the occupation of limited acute care beds by patients who are unable to go home from the hospital due to care needs but are unwilling to move to a long-term care facility.

The unwillingness of any individual patient to move to a long-term care facility is based on their own personal situation and concerns, but a very large part of the issue is that long-term care facilities near the patient's family and community often have waiting lists. This new bill will force the hand of clinicians, family members and patients to move into homes potentially far from their communities—providing a stick that some suggest could top out as high as \$1,800 a day or more as the bill allows for the billing of costs of the hospital bed to the patient.

Bill 7 will have a disproportionate impact on lower and even mid-income families who not only would lack the resources to meet those costs but will also be separated from their loved ones by distance they

do not have the resources to travel.

Critics point out that Bill 7 does have the potential to help fill those private nursing home beds left empty by the toll of the pandemic which had been hit hardest. Those same critics are quick to point out who sits on the boards of those private care homes. The government is in danger of leaving an odious air in the wake of this bill, one that may well outlive this current mandate, even if its victims do not—families remember.

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha has said that it is never too late to turn from this path the Ford government seems bent on pursuing in a ham-fisted manner more appropriate to third world dictatorships than a representative democracy where governments are elected to represent all of the people and in this The Expositor heartily is in agreement.

For all of its laudable goal of lifting some of the strain that successive governments have placed on our health system in Ontario, Bill 7 is not the way to do it.

The Ford government should suspend Bill 7 and take immediate steps to alleviate the backlogs in nursing home waiting lists. Those shortfalls are not going to be relieved by this measure, even if a few beds are opened up by sacrificing some of our citizens at their most vulnerable. Premier Doug Ford should find a better way.

letters

Don't be drinkin' and drivin'

M'Chigeeng man pens anti-drinking and driving song

To the Expositor:

Don't be drinkin' and drivin'

So don't you be drinkin' and drivin' while drivin' down the road.
Because you just might be thinkin' or the Grim Reaper might be
waitin' down that same road.

So before you get behind the wheel, think about that while you're
drivin' down the road with a heavy load.

And think about the Grim Reaper with the sickle and a black hat.
And death might just be waitin' down that road.

Chorus: Because you just might not be thinkin'
So don't you be drinkin' and drivin'.

So before you go walkin' into the liquor store,
Make sure you measure, what your consequence will be,
Or when you walk into the beer store,
If this is the place that you should be?

Because drinkin' and drivin' could cost you your life.
So think what the consequence can be or it could cost you your
family and your wife.

What drinkin' and drivin' could be.

Chorus: So before you go walkin' into the liquor store
or walkin' into the beer store

Think of the Grim Reaper

Because the Grim Reaper might be your Reaper

So consider the cost before you're forever lost.

Lyman Corbiere
M'Chigeeng



LOTS OF EMPTIES—M'Chigeeng's Lyman Corbiere collected this stash of empty beer cans and liquor bottles along Highway 540 between M'Chigeeng and Little Current during a single morning in early September. Concerned about drinking and driving, the poet was moved to write the accompanying poem on the topic.

Seasonal changes are in the air

September is a champion among months

To the Expositor:

It's different out there today. It's only 24 hours but the change is tangible. The sun is still warm to the skin. The grass could use a trim but some line has been crossed, it's not the same.

I would offer for your consideration that September 1 is one of the most significant days of the year. We all have various important days of the year. A mixture of the ordained traditional and personal moments of note that may have become ceremonious.

As an illustrative counterpoint, much is made of New Year's Day. Fireworks, libations and glorious lists of how one is going to get their shit together starting that day.

For me, and I daresay many others, it's a fairly anti-climatic day. I almost feel sorry for January 1. The poor thing has been over hyped and over sold. It's like waiting for an echo that never comes back. The grand accomplishment seems to be feeling all chuffed about yourself when you get the year correct when you date something.

September does not possess the wonderful advantage that it's spoiled kin of the previous few months gleefully employ of "hey it's summer—go for it." An all-encompassing justification of great seduction.

There is a perceptible shift in humanity the morning after August 31. Whether it be the imminent excitement of seeing your buddies back at school or if you're lucky, your buddies at work. Eating a popsicle, the height of fashion mere days ago, now just makes you look somewhat questionable.

Just the same, September is a champion. It has to take the stage after the fanfare and panoply of Triumph that August is gifted with. A seemingly insurmountable task. Though given a few days, its charms

become apparent while taking its place on the podium with grace and style.

September is like a pet that you were adamant against getting. But your family, cads that they are, conspired and plotted to ignore and overrule you. Soon enough your new buddy is up on the couch, with its head in your lap. As you scratch its ears, you wonder with idle amusement what everybody else was complaining about.

Douglas Miller
Sudbury

Television is total garbage

No wonder people become morons

To the Expositor:

Television is nothing but garbage anymore. All you ever see is commercials, repeats, or reality garbage. The rest is blood, guts and violence.

Since they started reality TV it has gotten a lot worse. Producers make one show, and 10 more feed off of it. No wonder people turn into morons watching this every day. I only watch news and weather now.

Thanks,

Jack Witty
Echo Bay

Manitoulin's blood feeders: Part I

Wherein we examine the various summer insects who are out to drink our blood

by Joe D. Shorthouse

MANITOULIN—Insects are the most abundant animals on Manitoulin Island. There are more kinds of insects here than all the other kinds of animals combined and our natural ecosystems would collapse without them.

Most kinds of Manitoulin insects are not even noticed as they spend their lives providing ecosystem services such as breaking down organic matter, eating other insects, or pollinating plants.

However, a few kinds cause us no end of grief because they eat our blood. These insects, and a few other kinds of small animals that also feed on blood, are the subject of this two-part series.

In Part I, mosquitoes, black flies, horse and deer flies are discussed. Centuries ago, all were feeding on the blood of deer, moose, snowshoe hares and birds, but once humans arrived, we quickly expanded their banquet choices.

In Part II, lice, fleas, bed bugs and ticks are discussed. Ticks are not insects, but since they are related arthropods, and of concern to residents of Manitoulin Island, they are included.

Although most of us become squeamish

bined.

Mosquitoes are both aquatic and terrestrial; however, they spend most of their lives in the aquatic stage. Eggs are laid in standing water and they hatch into mobile larvae called wrigglers which feed on algae and microscopic detritus floating in the water.

Larvae cannot breathe under water and must come to the surface where they use a breathing tube on their dorsal surface to get oxygen. The larval stage lasts from six days to two weeks depending on the species and water temperature.

Unlike most other insects, the pupal stage of mosquitoes actively swims, but it does not eat. It has a comma-shaped body and must also come to the surface to get oxygen.

Even though mosquitoes are delicate, they can fly long distances and have an uncanny ability to locate human hosts. Adults are about 6-8 mm in length, with long gangly legs.

Their heads have large eyes and a pair of long antennae. Antennae of the males are bushier than those of the females and contain auditory receptors to detect the characteristic whine made by wings of the



Horse fly ready to bite into an arm. Photograph captured from the internet.

clothing and feed on our blood without being noticed. They do not spread disease among humans, though their bites are painful, itchy, and slow to heal. Some people have an allergic reaction to their bites.

Black flies have short legs and antennae. There are 162 species in Canada and about 63 in Ontario and at least 40 on Manitoulin Island.

Like mosquitoes, they are both aquatic and terrestrial with most of their lives spent as larvae in fresh flowing waters of streams and rivers.

They have one generation per year. Their eggs are laid at the edge of streams and rivers in mid-summer. When the larvae hatch, they sink to the bottom where they attach themselves to rocks using hooks on the posterior end.

Larvae are shaped like little urns and bend in the direction of the current with the head downstream. Their mouthparts consist of foldable fans that expand when feeding to catch passing debris such as organic particles, algae and bacteria. The larva scrapes captured food into its mouth every few seconds.

The larvae develop into pupae, an inactive phase of development during which time they do not feed. The pupae develop into adults which float to the surface inside a bubble of air.

Adults are ready to fly when they emerge from the water and they immediately search for a blood meal. They can lay eggs soon after a blood meal. The average life span of an adult black fly is three weeks.

Mature adults can disperse tens or hundreds of kilometers from their breeding sites under their own power or assisted by prevailing winds, complicating control efforts.

Both males and females depend on nectar from plants for their flight energy whereas females require blood for egg development. Males are rarely seen and they do not feed on blood.

Females have specialized mouths with toothed "stylets" which they use for slicing into the skin to reveal blood vessels. Anticoagulants in the saliva also partially numbs the feeding site, reducing the host's awareness of being bitten and thereby extending the flies' feeding time.

Blood continues to pool at their feeding sites after the flies have left. Feeding often causes localized swelling and inflammation and the site becomes itchy. Intense feeding can cause "black fly fever," likely caused by the anticoagulant, resulting in headache, nausea, fever, swollen lymph nodes, and aching joints.

Black flies feed only during daylight hours and tend to zero in on areas of thinner skin, such as the nape of the neck or ears and ankles. Of interest, they will not feed on humans inside vehicles or houses. Black flies of Manitoulin Island do not spread disease.

Horse Flies and Deer Flies

Horse flies and deer flies are large, robust flies with prominent compound eyes. As their names imply, their main sources of food are the blood of large animals such as horses and deer. However, they will feed on any large mammal they can find such as cows, dogs and humans.

Deer flies will readily seek out human blood, whereas horse flies less commonly feed on people. Both flies are often found buzzing around stables and fields. Depending on the species, we can be bothered by horse flies and deer flies from May to September.

There are about 3,700 species of horse flies in the world with 144 found in Canada. There are about 44 species of deer flies found in Canada, with most likely found on

Manitoulin Island.

Horse flies and deer flies can be distinguished by their size. Horse flies are generally larger, black or dark brown, and can range in size from about 10 to 25 mm in length. Most deer flies are about 15 mm in length, or the size of a housefly.

The mouthparts of both types of flies are large and prominent, projecting downward and forward in front of the head. They have large, fan-shaped wings and are capable of rapid flight and flying long distances. The wings of horse flies are usually clear or uniformly cloudy whereas the wings of deer flies have dark bands or patches.

A stunning feature of horse and deer flies is their enormous compound eyes. Horse flies sport a psychedelic pattern of rainbow stripes whereas those of deer flies have spots or blotches. Eyes of horse flies are often green or purple with horizontal stripes.

Anyone out walking who has been attacked by these flies knows that they are persistent feeders. That is, they will quickly return to bite again if they are interrupted before they take a complete blood meal. They will even chase your car and can fly at speeds of up to 15 mph. However, unlike mosquitoes, female horse and deer flies will not enter buildings and will not feed on people indoors.

Female horse flies primarily feed on stationary hosts, and they typically bite the legs and body, rarely on the head. Deer flies prefer to attack moving animals and usually bite on the shoulders and head.

They commonly fly several kilometres away from their larval sites, and as fishermen will attest, they are often attack people in boats who are hundreds of metres from shore. Horse flies make a low-pitched humming noise when they fly. They aren't as noisy as mosquitoes, so you don't always hear them coming.

Only the females feed on blood. Males have similar mouthparts but they are weaker and incapable of slicing into skin. They feed only on nectar.

Bites by both types of flies are painful as their mouthparts consist of two pairs of cutting "blades" that lacerate the skin and cause the flow of blood from severed capillaries.

They then lap up the blood with the sponge-like region of their mouthparts. Bites from both types of flies take longer to heal than mosquito bites as they cut into the skin, rather than pierce it. There is often an allergic reaction to the salivary secretions which causes irritation and swelling.

The larvae of both kinds of flies are worm-like and live in muddy soils at the edge of ponds and streams. They are predators and feed on soft-bodied animals such as insect larvae and worms.

Larvae of some large species of horse flies feed on small vertebrates such as tadpoles, frogs, and toads. They lurk below the surface then impale their prey using fang-like mandibles dragging them underground to consume, like a scene from a horror movie.

Unfortunately for sun seekers, these flies are not inhibited by insect repellent, so the best way to prevent your day being ruined by painful bites is to cover up with layers of thick clothing. Deer flies are attracted to blue so wear clothing of a different colour.

Horse and deer flies are not known to be vectors of disease or capable of transmitting harmful disease-causing bacteria. Controlling them is nearly impossible. The use of insecticides to kill larvae is not an option because the vast majority of species develop in natural habitats where pesticides would cause environmental damage.



Black fly feeding on an arm.

photos by Dr. Douglas Currie, Royal Ontario Museum

at the thought of animals eating our blood, a few hours at the exhibit gave a new perspective as to the role blood feeders play in our environment and the amazing ways in which they are adapted to their way of life.

For the animals discussed in these two articles, blood is an energy and nutrient-rich source of food used to produce eggs. However, a problem for all feeders of vertebrate blood is that blood easily clogs in tiny mouthparts. To avoid this, blood feeders have evolved anticoagulants in their saliva.

Although anticoagulants solve a problem for the blood feeders, it is the saliva that is responsible for much of our discomfort when fed upon, and in many cases, it is the saliva that spreads disease.

There are two types of blood feeders—the so-called capillary feeders and pool feeders. Capillary feeders such as mosquitoes, bedbugs, lice and ticks have mouthparts modified to form two flexible tubes in which they seek out a blood meal from a vein below the surface of the skin.

In one tube they inject anticoagulants to stop the blood from coagulating, while in the other they suck up the blood meal. They can usually feed without alerting the host to their presence.

Pool feeders like horse flies, deer flies and blackflies cut a hole in the skin and wait for blood to flow freely and pool. They add anticoagulants to the droplet and lap up the blood that pools on the surface. The bite of most pool feeders is painful.

Mosquitoes

Adult mosquitoes are the flying insect people dislike the most. They buzz in our ears as we try to sleep, and their bites leave us itchy, spotty and swollen.

There are about 82 species of mosquitoes in Canada, and 67 in Ontario and likely about 50 species on Manitoulin Island. The appearance of the adults of each species is scattered over the season so there are mosquitoes to bother us during all the warm months.

Although delicate little flies, mosquitoes are the deadliest animal for humans on the planet because of the infectious diseases they spread. Mosquitoes kill hundreds of thousands more people in the world each year than all other deadly animals com-

binated. Mosquito wings beat 300 to 600 times per second.

Their large eyes allow them to see people several metres away and sensilla on their antennae to detect levels of CO2 and other compounds expelled as we breathe.

They can detect sweat and other body odours, along with body heat, and as a result, some people are more attractive than others. Mosquitoes can smell body odour and CO2 up to 20 metres away.

Adult mosquitoes can feed at any time of the day, depending on the species. Most species feed actively at dusk or dawn. Both females and males feed on nectar which they use for energy; however, only the females feed on blood which is used to produce eggs.

Most mosquitoes feed on warm-blooded mammals or birds. Mosquitoes that feed on birds transmit West Nile Virus.

Development from egg to adult takes about 40 days. Adults live one to two weeks. Most mosquitoes rest in a cool place during heat of the day and wait for the evenings before foraging for a meal, although they may still bite if disturbed.

Mosquitoes are some of the most adaptable and successful insects on Earth and are found in some extraordinary places. Virtually any natural or man-made collection of water can support mosquito larvae.

Mosquitoes have been discovered in mines nearly a kilometre below the surface, and on mountain peaks at 420 metres. Mosquitoes readily fly through open windows of vehicles and houses and seek human inhabitants upon which to feed.

Black Flies

Black flies are robust little flies (most are 5-8 mm in length), black or gray that are a scourge to people and livestock across Canada. They are most common beginning in about the middle of May, and can continue making us miserable well into June, or even July. They can bite at any time during the daylight hours, but do not feed at night. In contrast to mosquitoes, they are not delicate and are shaped more like small prairie buffalo, thus their other common name 'buffalo gnats.'

Black flies have a habit of swarming and are most annoying when they get under our

Fertilizer tariffs and emissions reduction targets concerning to farmers

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism
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MANITOULIN—As the current growing season winds down, farmers are already thinking about the next one. Soil health and crop yield are big concerns and both often involve the use of fertilizer and related best management practices. Two fertilizer issues currently facing farmers, around tariffs and emissions, are top of mind for many.

Tariffs imposed by the Canadian government earlier this year on fertilizer

sourced from Russia won't be coming off anytime soon as Russia's war on Ukraine continues. While economic sanctions against Russia are working, the sky high cost of fertilizer and the pressures from inflation and rising interest rates are just a few examples of the financial struggles farmers have faced this growing season and will likely face in 2023 as well, said Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) President Peggy Brekveld. "We are unlikely to see the removal of the tariffs but we are at OFA continuing to advocate on

the need for new federal funding to help farmers adjust to rising input costs and trying to find a way to bring the tariffs back to the industry which they have put in through tariffs."

Markets adjust to the current situation, Ms. Brekveld explained. The world market has risen with the cost of the tariff and even if sourced from other places, the cost in eastern Canada remains very high. "Farmers and the OFA have been working very hard to advocate for those needs," she said. "We are very aware of the challenges. There have been some loan programs offered so far but we know that those pressures are going to continue even when the time comes to pay for the loan."

Some of the higher cost will be passed down to consumers but not all. Fruit and vegetable growers struggle with the additional input costs, as do beef, pork and some other farmers, but don't have the ability to pass down those costs.

"There are many ways to support agriculture," said Ms. Brekveld. "Some of it is about buying local food, insuring shorter value chain lines by buying at the farm gate or the farmers market. Those are great places and ways to support your local economy and to support farmers."

Food prices will go up and while it costs more to fertilize the crops, it's not all because of fertilizer. Some of the increase will be due to the higher costs of transporting food to stores and operating stores. Much of it is due to inflation, she said.

Emissions reduction targets set by the federal government are another con-



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cern facing farmers. Canada has set a nitrous oxide emission reduction target of 30 percent below 2020 levels by 2030, which many equate with reducing fertilizer use. Canada's Agriculture Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau clarified the plan did not target fertilizer use but rather the emissions associated with fertilizer use.

"A nitrous oxide emission reduction is not the same as a fertilizer reduction," Ms. Brekveld said. "Nitrous oxide emissions come from several sources, but one source can be when plants don't take up all of the fertilizer and utilize it all it can evaporate into the air."

Farmers work very hard to ensure they use the right product at the right rate at the right time and in the right place, she said. "It's called the 4Rs. We also work to do other best management practices, as much as possible, using cover crops, etc. All of those things help reduce nitrous oxide emissions and help us on the farm to continue with soil health and plant health."

The Government launched this round of consultations in May, with August 31 as the last day for comments. In its announcement, Agriculture and

ernment is talking about measuring the emissions or calculating the emission reduction by how much fertilizer we use. We say that's probably not the best way to measure how much emissions have dropped because you could use the same amount of fertilizer but see higher production sometime or you can use less fertilizer because you can't afford fertilizer and you'll see poorer soil health and poorer plant health."

The OFA believes that measuring best management practices will be beneficial to the farmer and in reaching the government's goal of reducing emissions because the fertilizer used will be used well. "Fertilizer is a very, very expensive input and so already farmers only use what they have to," she pointed out.

"We're doing a lot of great things and farmers are always looking for ways to improve their farms and their production so best management practices are the way forward," said Ms. Brekveld. "You want to actually measure improvements."

Ms. Brekveld and OFA are advocating for best management practices to be acknowledged and to be measured. "We can also then get the early adopters," she said. "Then we can acknowledge those who have already started to do this kind of farming and there are many of them."

The conversations continue, said Ms. Brekveld. "We at OFA continue to support farmers in this conversation with government and again, we're pretty proud to farm. All of us are."

Law & Order

Two people charged for drug possession, trafficking

Two men have been charged after a drug warrant was executed by the police.

On August 26 at approximately 8 pm, the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), with the assistance of the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Anishnaabe Police Services (UCCM APS), executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act warrant at a residence on Maple Crescent in Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK) First Nation.

As a result, approximately \$15,000 in Canadian currency, over 50 grams of suspected Fentanyl, approximately 12 grams of suspected cocaine, other unknown substances, digital scales and edged weapons were seized. The estimated value of the drugs is approximately \$28,000.

The OPP's Community Street Crime Unit, Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau, Emergency Response Team, Canine Unit and uniform members were involved in the investigation.

Joel McGraw, 37, of AOK and Tyrell Power, 19, of Toronto were each charged with possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking, cocaine; possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking, opioid (other than heroin); possession of weapon for dangerous purpose; and possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000.

The accused persons appeared before the Ontario Court of Justice bail court in Gore Bay on August 27.



A sample of what police collected from the residence.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

The end of the summer season always makes us a bit more reflective. We start to ask some of the deep questions, like: if you cross a chicken with a cow, do you get roost beef? Is a pair of scissors one or two? Are painkillers just the 'mute notifications' option for our bodies? Do you suppose a librarian could be referred to as a bookkeeper? Would that make a referee a game warden? And a milkman a cowboy? What do you get when you cross a joke with a rhetorical question?

4elements living arts kicked off a series of Elemental Festival events with a concert by Georgia Hathaway at the Old Church on the Hill this past Thursday. Georgia shared her Manitoulin-inspired music with a very appreciative audience. Keep your eyes peeled for even more upcoming events in September and October!

The music continued Friday night as Chris Theijsmeijer led an evening of song as a fundraiser for the library. Thank you to Chris and the generous crowd for supporting the library.

This is it - your last chance to check out the amazing market in Kagawong! Wednesday is the final market of the 2022 season. Stop in for fresh veg, creative crafts, delicious food, amazing art, and a multitude of other fantastic goods. The market runs 10 am to 3 pm. It's never too soon to stock up on gifts for the holidays!

Happy birthday to a couple of amazing women: Susan S and Kim B both turned 29 recently. Remember, just because you remember dancing to the Macarena, doesn't mean you are old! Former Kagawongian Amanda G celebrated her 29th last week. Although technically she is no longer a local, she has many in the community who wish her well. Mandy, please know that although you may be far away, your birthday did not pass uncelebrated. In fact, your cake was delicious!

How do swimmers clean themselves? They wash up on shore! Having said that though, we have to keep our shores in ship shape, especially when it comes to the Kagawong River. A gentle reminder that altering the flow of the river

can be damaging to the fish who spawn at the falls. This includes (but is not limited to) building your own enclosed pool within the already existing, natural pool at the base of the falls.

Billings Township has put out the call for elections officials. Check out the town website (www.billingsstp.ca) for more information on the requirements for these paid positions. Application forms are available on the township website or at the township office during regular business hours. Completed application forms must be returned to Kathy McDonald at the town office by 12 pm on Friday, September 16th. While you're at it, make sure you're registered to vote! Election day is Monday, October 24.

While shopping for cars this week, Team Fergmeijer learned that "heated seats" are so named because "rear defroster" was already taken. Have a good week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

The boats are getting fewer but there have still been some really interesting ones at the dock. It is so enjoyable to drive or walk past and take a look at them. There have also been some campers but not as many as earlier in the year.

We do miss Bob's good cooking at the Inn but it is still open on weekends for the people who wish to stay overnight. If hungry, there are always hot dogs or sausages on a bun to be had at the store. They are planning more variety for next year.

We are really enjoying our new car and have made two trips to Silver Water this week for hamburgers. We went once to Randi's and once to Stop 540. Each time the food was great. At Randi's on her advice, we took our meal down to the gazebo near the water and ate it there. We enjoyed the lovely view, and it was very relaxing.

The last of the summer Monday night movies was last Monday and there will be no more for the season. A big thank you goes out to Reverend Janice Frame for organizing this for us. The work bees on the quilts and other disaster relief supplies are still going on.

Wednesday evening, we went to visit a good friend by the

water and watched the waves crashing in while we sipped hot tea. It was quite dramatic and beautiful.

We were invited to a corn roast and barbecue on Thursday night. There were old friends there and some people that I had not met before. It was a delightful evening. The food was delicious, and the company was great.

Have a great week and I hope that everyone's Labour Day weekend is enjoyable.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Murray and Gladys Duncanson had their granddaughters all visiting last weekend, Jamie, Jordan, Willow and Shelby all had a great time.

Blake Duncanson and Alysha McDonald went to Toronto for the weekend. The trip included attending a Blue Jays game on Saturday and a visit to his brother Clarke and his family in St. Catharines.

Randy and Lori Walker had their granddaughters, Kinley and Evely visiting last week.

The helicopter came back last week to Ray and Shawna Ethier's to pick up her mother Joan and sister Kim. It was flown by her niece MacKenzie. I understand it landed right in front of the house this time and was seen by lots of neighbours.

Albert had a videoconference with the surgeon in Sudbury on Wednesday last week. The doctor is happy with the progress, but the back brace is staying on for another three weeks. Then there will be another x-ray, another videoconference, and hopefully more good news.

Some of our summer residents are starting to head home for the rest of the year. We wish them safe travels and we look forward to seeing them next spring.

The Vianet technician was at my house on Thursday. He replaced the equipment on the outside of the house. The trees between my house and the tower on Jerry and Jeanette Martin's property have grown a lot in the last few years and were blocking the signal.

The recycle bins are open next Monday, September 12. The markets continue at my house every Saturday morning.



Holding our breath for activities!

Ok, nobody blink! Students are now back in school and we are all hoping for an uninterrupted season of invaluable, extra-curricular activities. Of course, we don't want another COVID shoe to drop, that could put off another school year of the necessary, hyper-cautious protocols to combat the scourge. Thusly, these activities, outside the regular school schedule, will help students be more well-rounded, even worldly, if you will.

I don't want to go on and on about these benefits to students because I think they have been well researched and demonstrated. However, some younger students, with a two year lapse, may not have even had the opportunity to participate in some of those life-long memories that have stayed with a lot of people in their own, adolescence.

Keep up the fight everyone! We want to limit COVID's effect this fall and transition back into what we can hope is the all-encompassing experience that it should be.

High level hockey!

Over the summer, Mindemoya's **Delaney Bridgeman** participated in the U18 division of the Sudbury and District Girls Hockey league's MK23 Memorial Tournament in Sudbury. This event is held in honour of **Melisa Kingsley**, an outstanding former Lady Wolves and Ottawa Gee Gees player who tragically lost a battle with cancer in 2018 at just 20 years old. The event allows the girls to form teams outside of their regular season affiliations and compete in the summer, with all proceeds from the event going to the Melisa Kingsley Scholarship fund.

Delaney ended up on what might be called a 'Goon Squad' with some 'AA' teammates, some SLW 'A' players and with a couple of girls and head coach from Barrie. The 'Goons' side soundly dispatched the MK23s 5-1, the Northern Chill 4-0 and the Sudbury Bears 5-0 through their first 3 games in the round robin. They then lost a squeaker to Meagan's Minions, a team with a majority of her U18 SLW 'AA' teammates. The Minions scored on their first shot, and despite playing the majority of the game in the MM end, the Goons gave up an empty netter to fall 2-0.

In the semis the Goons repeated their 5-0 score from round robin over the Sudbury Bears to set up a rematch against Meagan's Minions in the final. This time the Goons had a much better showing, defeating the Minions 4-1 finishing the tournament as U18 Champs and ending the tourney with an impressive 23 goals for and 4 against! It was an impactful weekend, so much so for Delaney, that she decided to give up her U18 AA spot to play with the girls she met and played with on the U18A team for the 2022-2023 season. Nice to see you back playing and happy, Delaney!

Providence and Spring Bay-ers are always active

Angela Johnston and her volunteers are planning to run a fall soccer session, but have not quite worked out the details yet. They plan to be in Prov on Saturdays, so stay tuned to the Providence Bay, Spring Bay Recreation Committee Facebook page or Eventbrite page. They will have it all figured out by next week though, so just be aware that they have another great, active session to sidle up to the hockey season.

Angela would also like to send kudos to Amber Wahl, who was the volunteer coach for this past spring/summer basketball session that finished up just a couple of weeks ago. Thanks from parents and players alike, Amber!

Dancing days are here again!

Candice Irwin, the director of Body Stories Dance Instruction has just announced her fall dance schedule and registration is open. She will be back teaching Tuesdays in Mindemoya, Wednesdays in Little Current and Thursdays in Manitowaning. Fall programming starts with two weeks of free drop-in classes (September 20 - 29), followed by a nine-week dance session and mini-performances to finish off the season.

This fall season includes some new classes including Creative Movement for ages 3-4 and a 'Creation and Performance' program that will perform at local community events in late November/December.

Their free seniors dance classes are also back in Manitowaning. The full, fall schedule and registration can be found on their website: www.bodystoriesdance.com. Folks can also email (bodystoriesdance@gmail.com) or call (647-213-1497) with questions.

Pickleball Place!

The August, "Introduction to Pickleball" was quite successful. Over the five sessions in August a total of 16 adults came out to participate on Tuesday evenings. The smaller ratio of new player to Instructor turned out to be quite popular as was the dedication of the Tuesday night for beginners was more inviting. Club organizers also noted that half of the participants were seasonal residents and therefore another reason to come to the beautiful Manitoulin Island.

The Manitowaning Pickleball Club will use this as important "learnings" for next year when they plan to run the sessions again. This past iteration, had six participants join the club and four other participants committed to join when they return to Manitoulin Island next summer.

Their daytime play schedule continues at the NEMI indoor courts in the curling rink on Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays from 10 am-12 pm. Their doors open by 9:30 am. Of course, members of the public are invited and will be given an "Introduction to Pickleball."

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Thirty-one riders took part in the McLean's 6 hour mountain bike relay on Saturday, September 3 amid sunny skies and warm conditions.

photos by Anastasia Rioux

McLean's six-hour mountain bike relay returns after two-year hiatus

by Anastasia Rioux

ASSIGNACK—The sun was shining for the annual McLean's six-hour mountain bike relay race as it returned this year after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic.

About 30 riders helped raise \$415 for Manitoulin Family Resources which offers shelter, counselling and food assistance for people in need.

The race held at McLean's Park off Highway 6 at New England Road offers about 6 kilometres of challenging but fun single-track riding and is located between Manitowaning and South Baymouth.

The team with the most laps was Paul Guenette, Marc Rioux and Joshua Rioux in a time of 5:46:55.

Race organizer Alex Anstice had the fastest lap of the day on the six-kilometer loop at McLean's Park. Anstice came in at a time of 21 minutes. The fastest male lap went to race organizer Alex Anstice with a time of 21 minutes. Stacey Greene of Sudbury had the fastest female lap in a time of 29 minutes.

Joshua Rioux was on the fastest team of the day with fellow riders Marc Rioux and Paul Guenette. All are members of Wolfpak Racing based out of the Walden Mountain Bike Club near Sudbury.

A special thanks to Breakaway Sports. The local bike shop offered prizes for top spots and door prizes.



Above: Stacey Greene of Sudbury was the fastest female of the day clocking a lap time of 29 minutes.

Right: Race organizer Alex Anstice had the fastest lap of the day on the 6 kilometer loop at McLean's Park. Mr. Anstice came in at a time of 21 minutes.

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Eye Van to visit Manitoulin communities later this month

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—The Vision Loss Rehabilitation Medical Mobile Eye Care Unit, known as the Eye Van, will soon visit Manitoulin Island on its annual tour. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the program.

“We are thrilled to be celebrating the Eye Van’s 50th birthday this year,” said Lisa O’Bonsawin, general manager of the Eye Van. “We’re so grateful to the many people, including dozens of dedicated ophthalmologists, who have helped keep the Eye Van going strong for all these years. In their own practice, having gone through the pandemic has been challenging, but they have always helped to provide the ongoing service in the North.”

“And we are grateful for all the people in the communities that continue to support the program from the health care providers, Lions Clubs, companies like Manitoulin Transport, and the many volunteers who help out every year. The fact that they are making a difference in the lives of others during these challenging times is overwhelming,” stated Ms. O’Bonsawin.

Operated by Vision Loss Rehabilitation Canada, the



The Vision Loss Rehabilitation Medical Mobile Eye Care Unit, known as the Eye Van, will be visiting several Manitoulin Island communities in late September and early October. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the program that delivers eye care in Northern Ontario communities where ophthalmology services aren’t readily available.

Eye Van is a mobile medical clinic that delivers eye care in Northern Ontario communities where ophthalmology services aren’t readily available. With the commitment of 25 participating ophthalmologists, and funding from the Ontario Ministry of Health, the Eye Van travels more than 6,000 kilometres every year to serve nearly 4,500 patients across Northern Ontario.

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

the Eye Van is a full-sized truck-trailer, equipped with the latest medical technology for performing in-depth eye exams and providing a wide array of treatments, including minor eye surgery. It’s also fully wheelchair accessible and outfitted with wi-fi access.

One thing that’s never changed is the goal of the Eye Van’s annual tour: to help people in Northern Ontario communities prevent vision loss and improve their eye health through early detection and treatment of eye conditions. In fact, nearly 90 percent of patients who visit the Eye Van continue to be monitored by Eye Van ophthalmologists for eye condi-

tions that could lead to around 75 percent of vision blindness, if left untreated. loss is preventable and “It’s estimated that many common eye diseases

can be treated if caught early,” said Ms. O’Bonsawin. “The Eye Van is a crucial pathway to vision health for people in communities across northern Ontario, where this kind of care simply isn’t readily accessible.”

Ms. O’Bonsawin said “we are encouraging people to visit their health care provider if they want a referral to the Eye Care Van to make appointments.”

The Eye Van tour will culminate in Little Current, October 5-7, and the Eye Van will also visit Wiikwemkoong from October 3-4 and will be in Gore Bay from September 26-30.

Mindemoya hospital to benefit from successful memorial golf tournament

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON—The Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) will benefit from the very successful Memorial Tournament, held at Manitoulin Golf in Gordon/Barrie Island.

“It was excellent, it was the best tournament we have had, everything went off without a hitch,” stated Brian Bainborough of Maple Ridge Farm who hosted the tournament and who is one of the main organizers of the tournament, along with Jack Clark and Allison Idle. “Everyone was happy and had a smile on their face.” He pointed out this year’s third annual tournament drew a lot of new people to participate.

“We had 75 people on hand, including those just for the dinner,” said Mr. Bainborough. “Cheryl Deeg, Manitoulin Golf clubhouse manager, did an outstanding job of putting on the dinner and hosting the event. Jane and Arthur Pummell came out to help out as well.”

The tournament was held August 20 at Manitoulin Golf. The proceeds from this fundraiser go to the MHC in Mindemoya. “We have a gem with the MHC and the hospital in Mindemoya, and that is the reason we hold the tournament every year. This site in particular has provided tremendous support and, in many cases, a lifeline for citizens of Western Manitoulin for so many years. This event is just a small opportunity for us to show appreciation and lend support to them and all they do for us.”

Mr. Bainborough pointed out the idea for the tournament had started with a suggestion by the late Merle Idle, an avid golfer, several years ago. “It all started in a conversation with Merle, who said we should be doing something for the hospital.” “This year’s tournament honoured the late Don Cotton,” said Mr. Bainborough who points out that 11 members of Mr. Cotton’s family were in attendance for dinner.

Meet the Espanola Paper Kings

ESPANOLA—The Espanola team in the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League is sporting a new name, the Paper Kings.

The new team’s name was announced by the Espanola franchise recently, for the 2022-2023 season.

“Coming out of COVID-19, we felt it was the right time for a fresh start and a rebrand for our organization,” offered Espanola president and head coach Jason Rapcewicz in a release. He explained the organization decided to change the team’s name to provide a greater depiction of the town and its main industry.

Mr. Rapcewicz said, “we as an organization felt that

it is time to represent more of what Espanola is. It has a rich history of being a town of paper makers, with multiple generations of families that have been employed making paper for over 100 years. We feel that our name change to the Espanola Paper Kings is more relatable and a greater representation of the Town of Espanola and its residents.”

Sporting a new look, the team colours will consist of white, blue, green and gold while its logo offers an innovative appearance.

Mr. Rapcewicz, the sole owner of the team, lives in Espanola, and aims to become a more community-oriented organization.

“We as a team would like

to become more integrated in the community and spend more time giving back to organizations such as the local food bank, seniors centres, schools and any local organization that can use some help,” said Mr. Rapcewicz.

Mr. Rapcewicz went on to state, “although we embraced the Express name, and the time we had under it, we are excited to be moving forward with the rebrand and are enthusiastic for the upcoming 2022-2023 season.”

Espanola is slated to begin their campaign Friday, September 9 as they host the Cochrane Crunch, in their home opener.

Denis Audette repeats as senior men’s open championship at Rainbow Ridge Golf Club

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—Denis Audette has repeated as the champion at the senior men’s open championship at Rainbow Ridge Golf Club.

Mr. Audette posted a score of three over par 75 to take the title for the second year in a row. There was a tie for second place with Pierre Trudeau and Warren Corbiere scoring 79 each over the 18 hole one-day tournament. Billy Biedermann was third with a score of 80, with Bruce Recollet fourth with a score of 81. Marcel Dupuis was fifth with a score of 83.

In the senior scramble division, the team of Robert Corbiere, Don Gilchrist, Roy Jones and Murray MacDonald shot 60 (12 under par) to take first place.



Denis Audette has won the senior men’s open championship at Rainbow Ridge Golf Course for the second consecutive year.

Jim Ramsey.

In the mixed division under 65, the winning team was made up of Allison Idle and Dave, and in the over 65 mixed division the winning team was Mike and Sharon Boyd.

There was one ladies’ division with the team of Nel Staalstra and Sharon MacDonald taking first place.

Manitoulin Golf annual senior champions tournament held

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON—Manitoulin Golf crowned its senior champions at the annual tournament held on August 17.

In the men’s over 65 division the winning team was made up of Bill Lloyd and Cam McLeod, while the men’s under 65 first place winners were Glen Duncanson and

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...Manitoulin woman vies for Green Party leadership

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"I'm a systems thinker and that's what brought me to the party. Greens come to the party in different ways for different reasons, and that was my area of particular interest."

She became critical of the direction the party took in ensuing years, towards celebrity-based messaging and putting all its faith in one person. "Over the years, our member-made policy process felt like it was going more and more into the shadows," she told The Expositor. "I was always the champion of that internally within the party. Where is our discussion forum?"

She disagreed with restrictions on the number of policies the party could make or on the wording that members get to put into party policies. "I just feel like it's my job to champion that now because the climate crisis requires a decentralized approach to the way we organize ourselves socially and we have to revolutionize that," she said. "Every Canadian needs to become a leader. We need community-based solutions for energy, for food resiliency, and the Greens have to lead on that organizational, structural revolution."

Ms. Baron has 17 years of experience within the Green Party, including acting as official agent for federal Green candidates and financial agent for provincial Green candidates. She was part of the party's Constitution Working Group and spent two years reading and reviewing the constitution. "My grounding in green political philosophy, my love of the party in general and my lifelong commitment to the international green movement, it just makes me the right person for the job," she said.

She holds a degree in politics and Indigenous studies from Trent University, graduating in 1996, and a

Bachelor of Education through the Indigenous People's Education Program at Kenjegin Teg, both of which have provided her with a solid understanding of Canada's shared treaty history with Indigenous nations. "My entire teaching career has been about transferring the knowledge that I have received gratefully from elders and knowledge keepers and transferring that to my students, most of whom have been Indigenous, particularly on the Island. I bring that to the national stage that I understand the human face of intergenerational traumatic response better than most non-Native politicians here. There are some Indigenous politicians here and I think I will find solidarity with them in our messaging. I've found that throughout my life my goal has been as a bridge between the cultures and within the party so far, that's been a role and I want to bring that to the national stage."

Ms. Baron's other area of expertise has been in investigating small modular nuclear reactors (SMRs). "The Liberal government, as well as the Conservative and even the NDP, are complicit in hoodwinking the Canadian populace," she said. "There has been no public debate and yet they are creating memorandums of understanding. The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission is approving experimental designs and they are giving these organizations, these private companies, tens, thousands of millions of dollars of taxpayer money and not in my Canada. I won't stand for it!"

This is not Ms. Baron's first foray into electoral campaigns. She was a candidate for the Green Party in 2006 in the Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasung riding



Sarah Gabrielle Baron, of Manitoulin, is running for the Green Party of Canada's top job.

and ran as an independent in Durham during the 2021 federal election. She started that campaign as a one issue candidate. "I wanted to talk to OPG (Ontario Power Generation) workers in Darlington and try to understand if they knew the true inside developments around SMRs and if they were concerned about this nation's nuclear waste problem," she said.

While she found many were shocked to hear the information she was sharing, it was also challenging. "I had some very difficult conversations with OPG workers, on their front doorsteps, and that was really galvanizing for me, to know that I could make change one Canadian at a time."

For Ms. Baron, it was about reaching the average Canadians, to one-by-one make a difference in protecting the environment and keeping people safe. She experienced an evolution when former Canadian Conservative Party leader and incumbent in the Durham race Erin O'Toole, "made his 'raise the flag' statement and it made me realize I had to add solidarity with Indigenous nations to my platform," she said. "That is a huge part of the Green's policy, especially in our most recent policy process."

Another aspect brought in during the Durham race was the need to champion the climate crisis from the perspective of youth.

"Because I'm a teacher and primarily a high school teacher, I see and hear their fear and their anxiety and their anger and I want to be the voice of that. Because they know that it's too late. They know that the climate crisis is their reality for the rest of their lives and their children's and their grandchildren's lives. It's just a matter of how bad."

Ms. Baron's platform is built around making infrastructure changes now so that the generations having to face the impacts of the climate crisis 100 years from now will have locally-based food security and local-based energy solutions. "From there, that green decentralized structural organization will make sure they have geopolitical stability and that's something that Greens provide locally, regionally, nationally and globally," she said. "We are a global movement."

Green Party members will vote for their new leader in a ranked ballot system over two rounds of voting that will take place in October and November. Ms. Baron wants to visit as many communities as possible during this campaign, even though it means she will be away from her home on Manitoulin. She's grateful to friends and colleagues and everybody on Manitoulin for the support they've given her.

"In politics, it's making those human connections that makes a difference," she said. "That's another reason that I'm doing this. I love the interpersonal aspects of politicking. I love door knocking. I love conversations about the systems that govern our lives and I do love debate."

Fundamentally, Ms. Baron stated, Greens stand for grassroots, citizen-led democracy. "That is transformative. Greens protect our water, our soil, our very air. Greens have the essential wisdom for urgent change. Greens are ready to lead. I am ready to lead."

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The new provision authorizes certain actions to be carried out without the consent of the patients or their families. The actions that will result from the implementation of Bill 7 include having a placement co-ordinator determine a patient's eligibility for a long-term care home, then select a home and authorize their admission to the home. The provisions also include having certain persons conduct assessments for the purpose of determining a patient's eligibility, requiring the licensee to admit the patient to the home when certain conditions have been met and allowing persons to collect, use and disclose personal health information, if it is necessary to carry out the actions.

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...MSS student to serve as trustee on Rainbow Board

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phone, volunteer tutor, MSS musical, vocal group, talent show performers, Halloween for Hunger organizer, Elementary School STEM Outreach, battery drive organizer and Grade 8 Day organizer. She will also contribute to the Burns Wharf Theatre Players Company and Stratford student advisory committee. In previous years, she participated in Legion public speaking and served as spy-master organizer."

Darcy Trudeau is the RDSB's first Indigenous student trustee, said Mr. Bourget. A Grade 12 student at Espanola High School, she is Anishnaabe/Ojibwe from Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation.

"Engaged in school life, Darcy Trudeau values the importance of student participation, noting that extra-curricular activities enrich the school experience," continued Mr. Bourget. "She helped to organize the water walk that took place at Espanola High

School last June. This past school year, she was the goalie for the Espanola High School girls' hockey team and played for the girls' co-ed softball teams. In 2022-2023, she hopes to continue playing hockey and softball. She also plans to help organize cultural events at Espanola High School."

"Darcy Trudeau has several goals as Indigenous student trustee," said Mr. Bourget. "She plans to be an advocate for students, encourage more Indigenous students to be more involved in school and the community, foster more Indigenous representation, and organize board-wide events."

"Involvement in school and school life is important to me because I believe that it shows that you are determined to make a difference in your school and it shows that you are a good role model and student," said Ms. Trudeau. "Being involved in the school will encourage more students to be involved throughout the school year. Student voice

matters because it is important for people to hear what students have to say. We make up the majority of the people in the schools. Also, it's important for the students' voices be heard in order to make change for the better."

"Student voice can transform the opportunities for future cohorts," agreed Ms. Kuntsi. "Having a forum to convey concerns that are not always visible to an external eye is crucial to making students feel heard and safe in their place of learning."

Ms. Kuntsi said the key to success for students is giving them a reason to want to be at school, whether it's through the curriculum, friends, sports, the arts or other extra-curricular activities. "When students are part of shaping the school culture, they can create events and clubs that make them feel invested in their school and, therefore, in their own education." "Being from Manitoulin Island, I know that it is hard to connect students from different schools

across the board simply due to distance," said Ms. Kuntsi. "However, I think that through social media and online meetings there is great potential for strengthening inter-school relationships."

"We look forward to working with both of you," said Mr. Bourget.

"I would like to wish a warm welcome to both of you," said Island trustee Margaret Stringer. "I look forward to working with both of you and hearing the student voice on the board."

"I'm so incredibly proud of both of these girls for standing up, speaking out on behalf of your school and fellow students," said Trustee Judy Hunda.

"I would like to join in welcoming our two new student trustees, and it is nice to see everyone back on the board for a new school year," said Trustee Doreen Dewar. "I continue to be amazed at the work our staff does all summer and during the school year. I look forward to this coming year."

Pandemic protocols in RDSB schools remain same as in June

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—The pandemic protocols that were in place at the end of the past school year will continue for the new school year for Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) schools.

"As part of the COVID-19 mandates from the province, the (health and safety) protocols in place last June will remain the same in September," stated Bruce Bourget, RDSB direction of education at a meeting last week. "On the advice of the chief medical officer of health, the Ministry of Education has confirmed that for the school year, most health and safety requirements remain in place from the previous provincial directions provided to school board partners at the end of the last school year."

"This means at the start of the year, there will be no mandatory masking, no mandatory cohorting, distancing, or confirmation of screening," said Mr. Bourget. "But we are encouraging students to screen for COVID-19 daily

using the COVID-19 screening tool." Schools will continue to have ministry-issued masks available for students, and staff will also have access to personal protective equipment. He said many people have continued to wear masks and everyone can continue to do so, if they choose to, pointing out as well enhanced cleaning of schools will continue.

"Ventilation in all our schools has been enhanced significantly," stated Mr. Bourget. There has been improvement made to existing ventilation systems, stand-alone HEPA filters (installed) and upgrades to school ventilation infrastructure, he said.

Rapid tests are available in all Rainbow schools, continued Mr. Bourget.

"Our key message remains the same," said Mr. Bourget. "If you're sick, stay home; if you're well, come to school; when it doubt, wait it out."

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patient to a long-term care home without their consent. Regulation-making powers are set out in relation to this new provision and the actions it authorizes."

The Act goes on to set out a general definition of personal health information that applies to the Act.

With Island long-term care homes experiencing significant waiting lists, Manitoulin Centennial Manor last reporting around 24 people on the list, for example, and other homes experiencing similar admission challenges, an Island patient could be transferred to an off-Island home under the Act.

"It's a devastating day for thousands of Ontarians and their loved ones," said NDP leader Peter Tabuns. "Think of how helpless the families sitting at dad or grandma's hospital bedside are feeling. Think of how scary it is, bracing for a call that will send your loved one to a long-term care home they don't want to go to. I shudder at the thought of people being coerced into the kind of for-profit long-term care homes where the military found cockroaches and seniors stranded in soiled diapers."

"What Doug Ford is doing is despicable," said Mr. Tabuns. "Mr. Ford is playing a cruel shell game,

shunting people from a badly understaffed hospital system into a badly understaffed long-term care system against their wishes. Mr. Ford admits he is bringing down a financial hammer on families if they won't move when and where they're told to—the only thing he won't say is how big that hammer be. Is he planning to crush families with an unacceptable, \$1,800-a-day fee?"

"It's never too late to rip up this legislation and save families the pain of having their loved ones forced into long-term care homes they don't want to go to," said Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha, vowing that the NDP will not relent in its opposition to Bill 7.

"After all that we have learned from the pandemic, it is appalling that this government continues to propose the wrong solutions at the wrong time," said interim Ontario Liberal leader John Fraser and Liberal critic for Long-Term Care Children, Community and Social Services. "Not only is their plan wrong for Ontarians and their families, but it's also wrong for our long-term care homes, which are under even greater staffing pressures than our hospitals and whose pleas to the Ford government for help have been ignored."

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...Dawn Madahbee Leach member of New Zealand delegation

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munities alike prosper when Indigenous jurisdiction and authority, and cultural values and languages, are affirmed and celebrated, when fair solutions to land-related claims are implemented, and when reliable community infrastructure is realized.”

“Sharing knowledge in partnership and increasing the participation of Indigenous people within the domestic economy and international trade will benefit all of Canada and New Zealand,” said Ms. Madahbee Leach. “The relationships we create and nourish today between the Indigenous peoples of Canada and the Maori of Aotearoa New Zealand will help ensure the wellness of our future generations.”

Minister Hajdu said, “Leading this delegation of incredible women has been inspiring, moving, and has helped to strengthen and build new relationships with the people of Aotearoa-New Zealand. Our meetings with Maori, government agencies and local communities taught us so much, and reaffirmed the need to continue our work to honour, respect, and uphold the rights of Indigenous Peoples. Our newly signed Indigenous Collaboration Agreement will create formal ways for our two countries to do this work together. Tena Koutou to all who welcomed us so warmly to Aotearoa-New Zealand, and to the Indigenous delegation who joined us on this trip. We have learned a lot from each other. Now we go forward to create better futures for the next generations.”

By developing relationships and supporting knowledge sharing practices, the Arrangement will also provide a consistent mechanism for collaboration and engagement. Additionally, it will enable information sharing between the two countries that will facilitate the development of culturally appropriate policies, programs and projects while affirming the rights of Indigenous Peoples in each country.

The visit builds on Minister Mahuta’s previous visit to Canada in November 2021, as well as the momentum of Canada and Aotearoa-New Zealand’s endorsement of the Indigenous Peoples Economic and Trade Cooperation Arrangement in December 2021.

Since 2020, government officials from Indigenous Services Canada, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs, and Te Puni Kokiri (Ministry of Maori Development) have been working together to draft the arrangement, in consultation with Indigenous partners in Canada and key Maori leaders and stakeholders. “The arrangement follows the signing of the Indigenous Peoples Economic and Trade Cooperation Arrangement (IPETCA) last year and is just another step in our shared journey of rec-

onciliation,” said Minister Hajdu.

“The Arrangement, unique to Canada and Aotearoa-New Zealand, builds on IPETCA and supports relationship-building, collaboration, and information exchange between Indigenous Peoples around economic, cultural, political, social, and environmental policy issues. Through the contributions of First Nations, Inuit, Metis and Maori, Indigenous ideals, aspirations, and worldviews are woven directly into the fabric of the arrangement, ensuring that it is Indigenous-led and government-enabled,” continued Minister Hajdu.

Minister Hajdu explained, “during the first year under this arrangement, we have committed to focus on promoting the recognition of Indigenous rights and collective responsibilities, and continuing our work to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, advancing self-determination by exchanging information and sharing initiatives and best practices, developing and delivering quality and timely services with, for and by Indigenous Peoples in core areas such as education, and services for families, children, youth, women and gender-diverse people, supporting the physical, emotional, spiritual and mental health and well-being of Indigenous Peoples and communities and sharing data with each other to improve the visibility of Indigenous Peoples in both Canada and Aotearoa-New Zealand.”

“Going forward, we will also continue supporting approaches to ensure Indigenous participation in the international space, including at the United Nations, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, and other related international initiatives,” said Minister Hajdu. “The signing of this arrangement is just one step, but with many more to come. Together, with Indigenous partners, leaders, and representatives, we will continue to advance the priorities and self-determination of Indigenous Peoples in both Canada and Aotearoa-New Zealand.”

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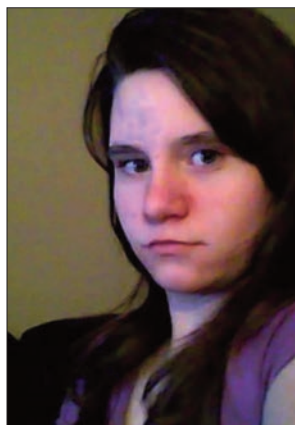
...Meagan Pilon was on her way to Manitoulin

...continued from page 1 hosting their first memorial walk Sunday, September 11 for missing persons in honour of Meagan Pilon.

"We were told that she (Meagan) was on her way to Espanola to stay for the night, and then would be travelling to Manitoulin Island to visit friends," said Ms. Charette. "I belong to the group Please Bring Me Home and she is one of the cases I have been investigating. Natasha Pickering and I worked on this case and we will be holding a memorial walk on Sunday, September 11 (in Sudbury) in honour of Meagan, who has been missing since September 11, 2013.

Each year, police record over 100,000 missing persons in Canada. Please Bring Me Home's mission is to solicit anonymous tips regarding cold case missing persons across Canada. "Our goal is to find the missing and bring them home to their family and friends," said Ms. Charette. "The group was founded in early 2018 by Nick Oldrieve, Matthew Nopper and Melissa Harwood although the history of the organization stretches back to early 2016."

"We hope by having this memorial walk on September 11 it would get the word out on Meagan and other missing persons. You never know, someone may have some information that they can share and maybe that one tip will lead to finding her, bringing her home and



Meagan Pilon was last seen on September 11, 2013 at age 15.

bringing closure to her family," said Ms. Charette. "We are holding the walk in honour of Meagan but we currently have 14 other cases of missing persons in Sudbury."

Ms. Charette noted she joined Please Bring Me Home as an investigation team researcher "two years ago. Natasha has been with them for seven years. We have assisted in locating 17 missing people, two that were deceased, and some that did not want to be found. The police services already have a lot to deal with," she said adding, "and we both have children

Meagan's age."

It had been reported in the Sudbury Star May 24 that tips continue to come in regarding the possible whereabouts of Meagan Pilon, but that there have been no significant leads to solve her disappearance. The group operates under the same assumption as police that she is dead. They are looking for her remains.

Meagan was last seen by her father on September 11, 2013. She was 15 years old.

While Please Bring Me Home accepts anonymous tips, members are also active in the field, speaking with family, friends and anyone who might hold the key to these disappearances. The group is not concerned with the criminality of the cases but only in locating the missing. Tips can be submitted to pleasebringmehome.com or by calling the tip hotline at 1-226-702-2728.

Meagan Pilon is described as 5'10", 140 pounds, with black hair and hazel eyes. She has a Playboy bunny tattoo on her left shoulder and a scar above the right side of her lip.

It's almost Smile Cookie time!

by Michael Erskine

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12:00 pm (Noon) on Friday, October 7, 2022

**Please submit all tenders to: Pam Cress, Municipal Clerk
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**Application for CONSENT
Under Section 53 of the Planning Act**
to be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022
at 7:00 pm via Electronic Meeting Zoom

File No: Con 2022-09
Applicant: 948220 Ontario Limited
Legal Description: Howland Concession 9, Lot 14, RP31R2416 Part 1
Official Plan: Shoreline Area
Zoning: Rural

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION
This is a request for an easement in favour of PIN 47121-0002 and 47121-0139.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:
The request is being made for access to newly created lot file #2022-08.

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

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Dated: September 7, 2022

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



**Application for CONSENT
Under Section 53 of the Planning Act**
to be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022
at 7:00 pm via Electronic Meeting Zoom

File No: Con 2022-08
Applicant: Bud Wilkin
Legal Description: Howland Concession 9, Lot 14, RP31R991 Part 1
Official Plan: Shoreline Area
Zoning: Rural

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION
This is a request to sever approximately 2.8 ha to create a lot addition to adjoining lot.

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

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...Osawamick Ranch an immersive land-based Anishnaabemowin learning camp

...continued from page 1 of Indigenous languages. Depending on the language, some Indigenous communities say they only have a limited number of speakers left. The census data suggests that among people 94 or older, the number of Indigenous-language speakers fell to 120 last year from 575 in 2016, while among the interwar generation of people aged 76 to 93, that number dropped to 9,230 from 14,120.

“It was said by an elder that we are not losing our language, our language is losing us,” stated Ms. Van Stone. “The number of language speakers is decreasing, while more people want to learn the language. The Osawamick ranch provides a place to learn the language and cultural teachings where people can feel at home and in a safe environment.”

The grand opening of the facility in late August is being welcomed by Aboriginal leaders. Barbara Nolan, language commissioner for the Anishinabek Nation (who is originally from Wiikwemkoong) says, “everything, all the activities in the house will be done in the language. People will be able to learn from experts in the language, while they learn the language and take part in cultural activities.”

“This school is huge for developing and greatly expanding the number of people who know the language, especially for younger children, that’s where we have to start with, with children,” said Ms.



The opening of the Osawamick G’Tigaaning, Anishnaabe Enji-Teg Osawamick Ranch Always in the Language school held its grand opening ribbon-cutting August 27 in Wiikwemkoong. Among those taking part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony was in photo left Liz Osawamick, Elizabeth (Osawamick) Debassige (sitting) and Beverley Naokwegijig.

Nolan. “It is a very good thing and I would like to think politicians everywhere should be keeping an eye on this,” said Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare. “We love our language, and our own language school has now been opened in the community, and it is our people that are doing it ourselves. And hopefully more will be opened across the province.”

“This place is awesome,” stated Chief Hare. “I hope the federal government comes up with funding support for these type of facilities.”

Osawamick G’Tigaaning, Anishnaabe Enji-Teg is a year-round immersion language, land-based learning

camp situated in Wiikwemkoong. It is the vision of Beverley Naokwegijig and is modeled similar to Mary Murray Culture Camp in Sugar Island, Michigan, where she worked for many years.

The efforts of Osawamick G’Tigaaning to create a safe space for immersion Anishnaabemowin learning and to bring the languages back to life along with a reconnection to culture will have a huge, positive impact on individuals, families and communities. Statistics and studies have shown the most effective and quickest way to healing is reconnection to language and culture.

Ms. Naokwegijig said that it has been her dream to

have such a language house built in Wiikwemkoong for many years. “In 2011 we started the Mary Murray Cultural Camp in Sugar Island, Michigan. My sister Pat and I cooked and my sister Barbara was one of a number of teachers teaching the language.”

“All those years at the camp I said ‘we should have something similar in Wiikwemkoong,’” said Ms. Naokwegijig. The newly renovated house and freshly built cabins were her dream. She inherited the property and some money from her uncle (Bernard Osawamick, who passed away in 2019) who had stayed with her family for many years.

Her uncle provided her some money when he



Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare addresses the crowd at the opening of the Osawamick G’Tigaaning, Anishnaabe Enji-Teg Osawamick Ranch Always in the Language school in Wiikwemkoong.

passed away. He did this, “probably because I told him all the time that I could fix that house and make it into a language learning house,” said Ms. Naokwegijig.

“Everyone it seemed said the house should be condemned,” said Ms. Van Stone. “But it is because of Bev, who is tenacious and knew what she wanted. She used the money her uncle had given her in his will and she used a lot more of her own money to renovate the house. The majority was due to Bev and she did it in his memory.”

Ms. Naokwegijig told The Expositor that extensive work had to be done on the house (and the cabins), such as new roofing and all new bathroom facilities.

Osawamick G’Tigaaning aims to connect people to the language and traditional culture. To provide cul-

tural and language preservation and revitalization and to create and provide a safe space to speak the language in an immersion setting with four- to five-day programs, including meals and accommodations, “to facilitate learning commitment and a feeling of accomplishment and advancement after your stay at the ranch.”

Ms. Van Stone said, “We have been conducting culture programs here since March, starting with the Sugar Bush cultural programs. We have held a women’s retreat, and there are children’s program held every Wednesday-Thursday, along with dream catcher making, moccasins, medicine pouches, ribbon skirts, and having medicine teachers here for instance,” said Ms. Van Stone. “We also hold traditional teachings and sweat lodges. There are a number of elders from Wiikwemkoong that come in and they speak or teachers come in to do the teachings.”

“There is also soup and scone available to everyone who would like to drop in from 10 am to 2 pm, every Sunday,” said Ms. Van Stone. “And we find for all our events lots of people come in, all with different language capabilities, from beginners to those who are fluent in the Anishnaabe language.”

“We are here to provide language and cultural teachings in a safe, comfortable learning environment,” added Ms. Van Stone.



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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.

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- National IRS Crisis Line (24/7): 1-866-925-4419

#67

We call upon the federal government to provide funding to the Canadian Museums Association to undertake, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, a national review of museum policies and best practices to determine the level of compliance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and to make recommendations.

#69

We call upon Library and Archives Canada to:

- Fully adopt and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the United Nations Joint-Orientlicher Principles, as related to Aboriginal peoples' inalienable right to know the truth about what happened and why, with regard to human rights violations committed against them in the residential schools.
- Ensure that its record holdings related to residential schools are accessible to the public.
- Commit more resources to its public education materials and programming on residential schools.

#71

We call upon all chief coroners and provincial vital statistics agencies that have not provided to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada their records on the deaths of Aboriginal children in the care of residential school authorities to make these documents available to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

#68

We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, and the Canadian Museums Association to mark the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation in 2017 by establishing a dedicated national funding program for commemoration projects on the theme of reconciliation.

#70

We call upon the federal government to provide funding to the Canadian Association of Archivists to undertake, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, a national review of archival policies and best practices to:

- Determine the level of compliance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the United Nations Joint-Orientlicher Principles, as related to Aboriginal peoples' inalienable right to know the truth about what happened and why, with regard to human rights violations committed against them in the residential schools.
- Produce a report with recommendations for full implementation of these international mechanisms as a reconciliation framework for Canadian archives.

#72

We call upon the federal government to allocate sufficient resources to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation to allow it to develop and maintain the National Residential School Student Death Register established by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

#73

We call upon the federal government to work with churches, Aboriginal communities, and former residential school students to establish and maintain an online registry of residential school cemeteries, including, where possible, plot maps showing the location of deceased residential school children.



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...Billings Township recognizes its 2022 'Citizens of the Year'

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 er egg with goodies is a very nice gesture." Councillor Barker presented the Citizen of the Year award to one of the two recipients in the age 18 and over category. "Thank you for all your efforts on the old/new outdoor rink to benefit the township," he said in presenting the award to Andrew Preyde.

Mr. Preyde's commitment to the maintenance of the outdoor rink has inspired many others within the community to assist in this worthwhile project. This community wide effort has resulted in the



Billings township recognized six members of the community with Citizen of the Year awards last week. Back row, from left, is Billings councillor Bryan Barker and award winners Andrew Preyde and Diane Larocque. In front row are David, Sarah, Tommy and Joshua Joyce, who were also recognized with Citizen of the Year awards by the township.

Barker in presenting a Citizen of the Year award to Diane Larocque.

Ms. Larocque has volunteered on several committees. Some of these include the rebranding committee, economic development, parks, recreation, and wellness committee and the museum and library board. She also takes part in decorating the village at Christmas as well as helping organize the annual Christmas in the Kagawong market. Diane volunteers with St. John's Anglican Church with its outreach program during the winter months, and volunteers at the annual yard sale and barbecue.

Each of the recipients received a bouquet of flowers and a Citizen of the Year award certificate on behalf of Billings Township.

...Maureen Armstrong for mayor

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tor of care. In 2009 she was injured in a car accident resulting in paraplegia that ended her career as a nurse. "I look forward to the chance to run for mayor to contribute to my community once again in a meaningful way."

Maureen Armstrong, former music teacher at Charles C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay told The Expositor last week that she has received numerous phone calls and inquiries as to running for mayor. "At first I found it funny, but as I received more inquiries it wasn't fun anymore. And I would not want someone to be voting for or not voting for Maureen Armstrong because they think it is me running. The bottom line is that it is nice to see the town is having an election for both mayor and councillor positions this fall. But I am not the Maureen Armstrong running for mayor."

...Victim Services Volunteer of the Year

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previous years (prior to the pandemic), enjoying games and catching up.

MNVS is a community-based response program that provides immediate, short-term crisis intervention services to persons affected by crime or tragic circumstance. Victim Services works alongside police services and community partners with the assistance of volunteers to provide practical assistance, emotional support, resources, and referrals. MNVS is made possible by funding from the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services.

...It's almost Smile Cookie time!

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of the monies raised going to those charities.

Since its opening, the Little Current Tim Horton's partnered with Good Food Box Manitoulin to participate in the Smile Cookie campaign and this year is no different.

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form found online will help you organize your order. The order form must be brought in at least 24 hours before picking up a large order.



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new outdoor rink that has been established in Kagawong.

"I would like to thank you on behalf of the township for all your efforts and contributions around the community," stated Councillor



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M'Chigeeng powwow signals community re-opening and revitalization

by Michael Erskine
M'CHIGEENG—Following the grand opening of the first Jiingtaamok (traditional powwow gathering) at the M'Chigeeng Powwow grounds since the advent of the pandemic, M'Chigeeng Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige delivered a message of hope, looking forward to the re-opening of the community and its social events.

Ogimaa-kwe Debassige began her remarks by acknowledging the recent passing of beloved community elder Kate Roy baa. "I have spoken with the family



Head dancers Tracy and Wes Cleland are introduced to the crowd following the opening ceremonies.

photos by Michael Erskine

been able to come together," she said. "Many of us have not been able to come together. Today we start to hope to re-open."

Ogimaa-kwe Debassige welcomed everyone to the community and to enjoy the opportunity to once again get together in celebration of community, traditions and culture.

The eagle staffs were brought into the arena under the watchful eye of Head Veteran Justin Debassige. MC Greg (The Goose) Sutherland noted that there were no flags being carried into the arena during this Jiingtaamok. "Today there are only the eagle staffs," he said. The M'Chigeeng staff was carried by Giideh Sergeant Justin Joseph Debassige, a Canadian Armed Forces veteran of 31 years who saw



Traditional medicines on display at the abour.

service with the United Nations in Egypt following the Egyptian-Israeli War, the Wiikwemkoong Warrior staff by Raymond Jackson and the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising was carried by Eli Fox.

Following the staffs were head dancers Stacey and Wes Cleland and youth

dancers Noah Hare and Scarlett Shogga, who led a procession of dancers into the dance arena that included M'Chigeeng Princess Kyra Bayer and Ms. Wiikwemkoong Niibishens Trudeau.

Following the posting of the eagle staffs, Head Elder Jean Debassige delivered an opening prayer to the Creator in Anishinaabe-



Handshakes all round following the posting of the eagle staffs.

mowin.

Saturday's skies were threatened with dark clouds on occasion but did little to dampen spirits as the powwow got underway and smiles soon brightened the skies. Sunday's celebration was held under sunny skies with near-perfect temperatures for dancing.



A shawl dancer provides a colourful vision for the audience.

Laughter and expressions of joy and greeting vibrated across the grounds as community members spotted familiar faces in the crowd.

There were plenty of ven-

dors on hand and the line-ups for food went swiftly as appreciative customers restocked their supplies of sweet grass and other medicines and picked up mementos of the occasion.



M'Chigeeng Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige addresses the gathering during the opening ceremonies.

and they have agreed that Kate baa would have wanted this celebration to continue," she said. "She was a great supporter of our traditions, language and culture."

Ogimaa-kwe Debassige called for the assembly to honour and acknowledge Ms. Roy. "She was an elder, fluent speaker and purveyor of our knowledge and traditions, a member of our community who helped build our community."

Ogimaa-kwe Debassige continued her opening remarks by acknowledging the vacuum the restrictions needed to deal with the pandemic had created in the community. "It has been many years since we have



MC Greg the Goose Sutherland and elder Jean Debassige prepare for the opening ceremonies.



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Stroll for Liver fundraising pulls largest number of participants

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Last year, he had his haired dyed green when members of the public donated \$500 by a set deadline. This year, Wayne Aelick (of Team Aelick), in fundraising for the Canadian Liver Foundation (CLF) pledged, and shaved off, both of his eyebrows if people donated \$500 by August 28 for the CLF. The third annual Stroll for Liver walk took place this past Sunday in Kagawong, with 25 people taking part, the most ever.

"I would like to thank everyone for coming out to walk with us and for the support we have received the other two years we have had the stroll, all the great comments, and sponsorship we have received," Mr. Aelick told the participants in the walk.

"All the money raised will go towards research for liver disease," said Mr. Aelick. He pointed out at the first of the 'Stroll,' that last year they raised \$15,503.93, the most raised by any team in Canada. "As of this morning, we have raised \$14,600 and there will be more money coming in after this walk. It's been great, and the money is going to a great cause."

Since he had a liver transplant a few years ago, Mr. Aelick has been looking at ways he can give back to the CLF. "After I had my liver transplant in May 2017, I had

been looking at a way to help support." It was on the CLF Facebook page where he found out about an annual 'Stroll for Liver' rally taking place. Participants can join by taking part themselves or as part of a team and going on a walk.

"This is the third year we have taken part in Stroll for Liver," Mr. Aelick said. "Our goal for this year was to raise \$20,000."

Mr. Aelick pointed out Orr's Valu-Mart in Little Current held a very successful barbecue fundraiser in June in partnership and support of Team Aelick's CLF fundraiser. "Andrew Orr is just a great guy. He holds these type of events for a lot of people and causes."

"Anna and I also had a big yard sale on July 2," said Wayne. "People donated a lot and it ended up being a good sale."

If you wish to join Team Aelick or make a donation to support the Canadian Liver Foundation on behalf of Team Aelick, you can do so online at: Stroll for Liver 2022, or send a cheque payable to Canadian Liver Foundation to Anna and Wayne Aelick, PO Box 149, Kagawong, ON POP IJO, or send an electronic funds transfer to: awaelick@hotmail.com.



The third annual Stroll for Liver Foundation walk took place in Kagawong this past Sunday. A total of 25 participants took part in the walk including organizers Wayne and Anna Aelick, which is a fundraiser for the Canadian Liver Foundation.

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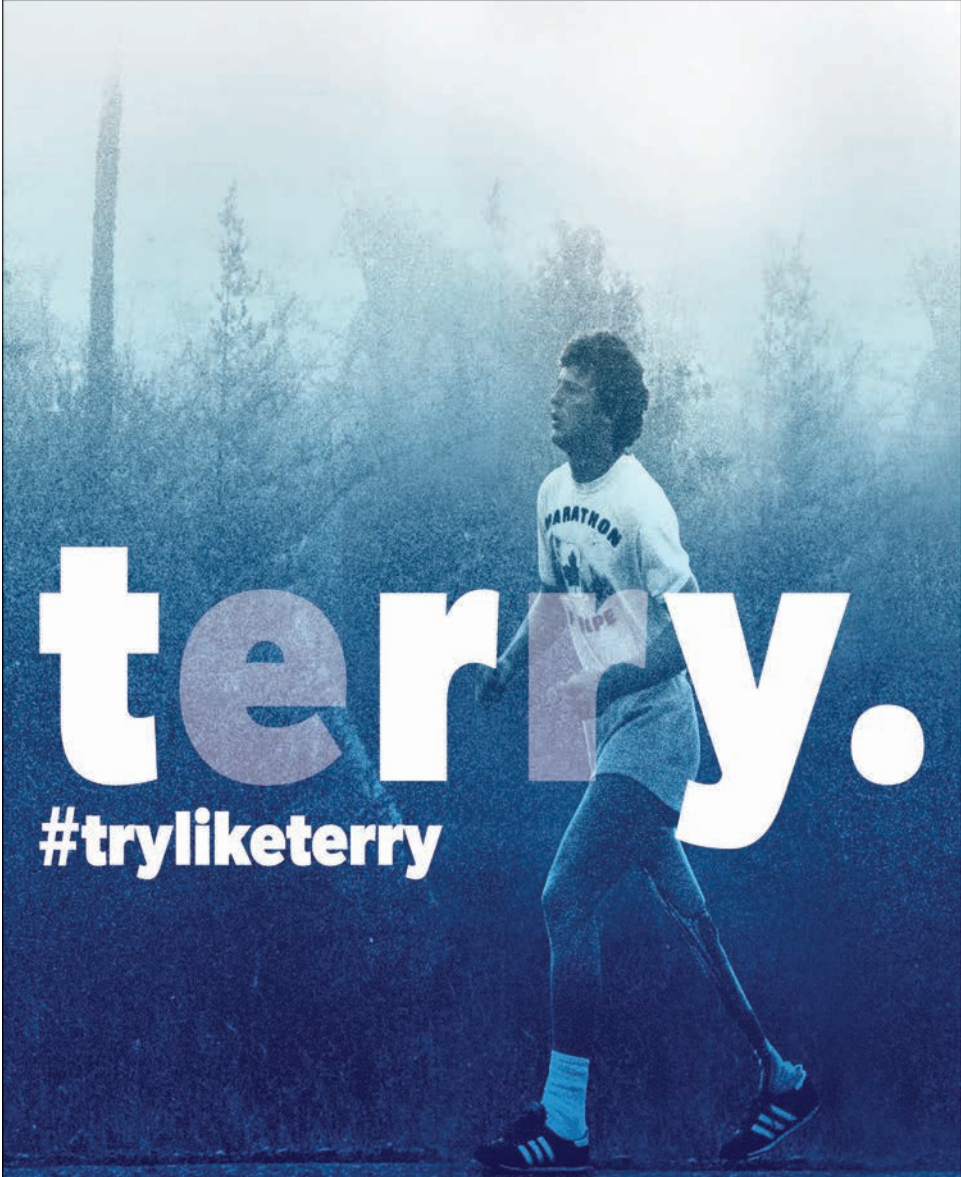
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Zhiibaahaasing First Nation welcomes everyone home for powwow

by Tom Sasvari

ZHIIBAAHAASING—The Zhiibaahaasing First Nation pow-wow certainly had a feeling of being welcomed home again, meeting up with family and friends in a celebration.

“It’s a beautiful...beautiful day,” stated Ogimaa-kwe Irene Kells on Saturday as she welcomed everyone to the 26th annual pow-wow in the community. Welcome everyone, it is so nice to see everyone again at the pow-wow in our community.”

“It is nice to see the pow-wow has come back to life,” continued Ogimaa-kwe Kells. She noted the pow-wow was held last year, but was scaled back to a one-



Youngsters and elders were all smiles as they danced at the 26th annual Zhiibaahaasing First Nation Powwow, held last weekend.



There were many youth on hand to dance as participants in the 26th annual Zhiibaahaasing First Nation Powwow last weekend.

day event with just family and friends on hand due to the pandemic.

“It’s great to see everyone dancing and smiling,” said Ogimaa-kwe Kells. “I was

are rich, all our homes and are community is surrounded by cedar trees.”

Ogimaa-Kwe Kells told the large gathering that she recently visited Birch Island and Killarney. “It



Head male and female dancers were Craig Fox and Gwemin Fox. Austin and Chelsey Antoine were the junior head dancers.

viding the music so we are able to dance again,” stated Ogimaa-kwe Kells. “Continue to enjoy, all its events. Have a good day.”

Head elder male and female dancers included Raymond Jackson and Ogimaa-kwe Irene Kells. Head veteran was Bill Antoine, while the head dancers included Craig Fox and Gwemin Fox. Austin and Chelsey Antoine were the junior



The vibrant colours of a grass dancer, left, and jingle dancer glisten in the dance arena under the bright late summer sun.



Wiikwemkoong elder Raymond Jackson squires a young grass dancer around the arena.

listening to elder Raymond Jackson from Wiikwemkoong speaking a few minutes ago (when he delivered the prayer at the grand opening ceremonies). “He said we have already been given the gifts in our language and he is so right.”

“He talked about the gifts that we already have, and all we need to do is to continue to use them,” continued Ogimaa-kwe Kells. “We

was so beautiful to see all their houses surrounded by trees, like it is here, not like big cities. We are rich. Everything is here that we need.”

The host drum for the two-day pow-wow was Black Bull Moose, with Red River being the co-host drum, along with Chigeezus drum group.

“My thanks goes out to the drums who came out to share the songs and pro-

head dancers.

Among the events that took place during the weekend was a Saturday feast, on site camping, a fish fry held Friday night for

dancers and drums as well as breakfast both Saturday and Sunday. Fireworks were held at dusk Saturday night.

And in the spirit of the

event, the weather was beautiful all weekend, hot and sunny, appropriate for the theme of this year’s pow-wow ‘Welcoming You Back Home.’



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'No mow zone' at MSS will create natural habitat for pollinators and small animals

by **Lori Thompson, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter**
M'CHIGEENG—Students and staff at Manitoulin Secondary School will be greeted by a new sign located on a small square of lawn as they return to classes this week. The sign proudly announces a new 'no mow' zone at the school, courtesy of members of the Share/Go Green team. The roughly 200 square metre plot is visible as you drive towards the school and is one of the ongoing activities that has helped earn the school platinum certification in the EcoSchools Canada certification program.

No mow zones are part of a recent trend towards allowing grassy areas or lawns to revert to more natural meadows and pollinator habitats by not mowing. "It's just sort of a simple thing to do," said Chris Theijsmeijer, a teacher at MSS and one of three staff members that were involved in the no mow project (the others being Yana Bauer and Paul Becks). "You set up the zone and basically, you do less work. You're saving energy because you're not mowing it continuously, but there are other benefits to it as well."

"The no mow zone supplies a small environment for insects like fireflies, dragonflies and many other insects," said Ezra Diebolt, who along with fellow student and eco-hero Anika Smith, were instrumental in the development of this

project. "Unmowed natural areas can be inviting to more than just insects as well. Sometimes, small animals go through said unmowed areas to find food, and because of the mini environment, they can actually find said food. That's how something as small as leaving an area unmowed can help the environment, at least a little

bit." "They made some nice signs to announce it so people realize it's not just us being lazy but there's an actual purpose to the no mow zone."

There were wildflower seeds leftover from an Earth Day event that had been donated by Mani-

add some native species so they can talk about some of the things that you wouldn't normally see in a lawn, Mr. Theijsmeijer said. "Sweetgrass, for example. Paul Becks has been involved in coming up with the design of what we might actually be putting there. We're going to be looking at putting in different species, and also providing the opportunity for different insects that may be able to come through the zone."

Mr. Becks works with the school apiary and while it's not likely the bees will be located in the no mow zone, there will still be a learning

and discussion point for observing the flowers that will grow there and how they attract the bees and other pollinators. A small stream borders the no mow zone so the area should have good drainage, allowing for more creative plantings that aren't just grass. "Right now it's not very exciting, but we're hoping that over the years it will develop into a more diverse ecosystem," Mr. Theijsmeijer said.

It was the end of May when he travelled with the tennis team to the provincial championships. "I think the whole City of Toronto had decided on

doing No Mow May, which is also a thing, to help promote biodiversity in the beginning of spring," said Mr. Theijsmeijer. "We saw when we were down there all the grass around the 401 on-ramps, off-ramps, along the sides of streets and even parks, hadn't been mowed yet. They're a few weeks ahead of us in growth so it was like a foot-long grass through a lot of spaces. The kids were very surprised to see that. It's something that's sort of gaining popularity in society now. Having a clean-cut lawn is not always the most environmentally friendly option."



People may be wondering about the area of long grass at Manitoulin Secondary School. New signs clearly define the school's new No Mow Zone, an effort to return the space to more natural habitat.

photo supplied by Chris Theijsmeijer

toulin Transport, so those were thrown out into the zone as well. "We thought that was a perfect use for them," he added. "Not many of them are coming up yet."

Long term plans include development of the area into a learning activity zone. They're hoping to

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Prepped Manitoulin holds open house in Little Current

by Tom Sasvari

LITTLE CURRENT—By providing pre-prepared healthy and delicious food that is ready to be reheated in just a few minutes, Prepped Manitoulin is hoping to make the lives of busy Islanders a little bit easier.

“That is what we have here for people who want to eat good food, but who have busy lives with work, taking kids to hockey or other things. When do you have time to cook?” said Jodie Elliott, owner-operator of Prepped Manitoulin, which held a sneak peak open house at its Little Current location over two days last week. “We all live busy lives, and what we are doing here is helping people to enjoy time with their family, friends and all the other activities that are part of their lives without having to spend time cooking.”

Everything is provided, from hearty meals for one person or for a family, kids lunches, a grab and go section, and even a bakery on hand in the 1,400 square foot Prepped Manitoulin building located on 13 Manitowaning Road in Little Current.

Ms. Elliott explained, “I owned Elliott’s Restaurant (in Little Current) for five years, with new owners taking over in November. When I was there, I realized there is a place for a meal preparation for people in their homes or for individuals who are busy with their life but also have to grocery shop and prepare meals. Our business provides for stress free meal preparation.”

“When I first mentioned opening the business my husband Jason said he would build a shop in our back yard,” said Ms. Elliott. “Then we started to design the shop and he said he was going to buy this property. We are no longer a little meal preparation business,” she said, noting her husband, who by trade is a heavy equipment operator, constructed the building.

“We are holding our open house today and yesterday, and we will be open to the public on September 23, with our first orders to go out on September 25,” said Ms. Elliott. “We received our first order last night.” Prepped Manitoulin, “will be offering a grab and go section in the store with items being available daily and changing daily. This will include items like deli sandwiches, grain bowls, homemade soup, macaroni and cheese, individual and family size lasagnas and much more.”

There will also be many freezer friendly frozen items available such as shepherd’s pie, homemade soup, chili, pot pies and much more.

“Carrie Green, a local baker, will be making baked goods daily, cookies, muffins, dinner rolls, peanut butter



Jodie Elliott, is the owner-operator of the new business, ‘Prepped Manitoulin,’ which will open to the public on September 23. A sneak peak open house was held at the business which is located in Little Current, last week.

on our website.”

“We will have 40 individual and family meal items available on a week-to-week basis, such as beef, pork, and chicken,” continued Ms. Elliott. “We do all the prep and cooking, so all a customer has to do is heat it and eat it.”

To choose your meal go to preppedmanitoulin.ca, and place your order by Thursday at 10 am. Then choose your pickup food date for Sunday or Wednesday. You can check out the new menu every week, which is posted every Thursday at 2 pm.

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The store is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, and Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm.

Ms. Elliott will have five other employees, Carrie Green in bakery, as well as a manager and three prep people.



Jodie Elliott displays a tray full of delicious baked goods that will be available at Prepped Manitoulin. Ms. Elliott is the owner-operator of the business which held an open house last week. The business is located on 13 Manitowaning Road in Little Current and will open on September 23.

photos by Tom Sasvari

cups, mini-cheesecakes and other items,” said Ms. Elliott. Kids’ lunches packed and ready to send to school with your little ones are also available.

“A lot of our menu items will be available gluten and dairy free, and/or plant based,” continued Ms. Elliott. “That’s just an alternative to our meat items. The options are all there.”

Ms. Elliott said, “I love to cook, and all the food that we will make here is the same food I make for my family (which includes two young children). Because we are so busy, all I do on Friday is cook everything for the week so I can enjoy my kids and family. I do it for myself. We all love convenience, and I knew there was space for our business locally.”

“We prepare all the food,” said Ms. Elliott. “All meals are ready to go into the microwave.” She pointed out, “we will do custom catering by request.”

“I love cooking,” said Ms. Elliott. “All the items we have on our menu are items that my family and I have all eaten.” She said that earlier this spring, “I made 237 meals in three months to take pictures of each of the meals to post

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Annual Penny Run participants take plenty of smiles for a ride

by Tom Sasvari
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“This is the first time I have attended (the Penny Run) and I can’t describe how great it is,” stated an emotional Adrienne Farquhar, executive director of Community Living Manitoulin (CLM), at the annual Penny Run held at Timberlane Rustic Lodges on Saturday. The event brings together CLM clients and

an amazing way. And the CLM staff, I am so honoured to be part of this.”

Rod Sellers, a member of the Brothers of the Wheel Motorcycle Club, who lives in West Virginia told The Expositor, “this is my 18th year coming to this event. It’s obvious why I come back every year, everything is so wonderful; we have great weather, a great place and to see the CLM clients. It’s just a great event.”

Bruce Arrowsmith, the main organizer of the event told all those in attendance, “I want to welcome all of you to the 32nd annual Pen-



Motorbiker Chris Crash and Community Living Manitoulin client Keith Noble are all smiles as they enjoy a ride on a motorbike at the annual Penny Run.

said Mr. Arrowsmith. He pointed out most of the bikers and their spouses (about 60 in total this year) come from southern Ontario, but also travelled from Ohio and West Virginia for the event.

“I would also like to thank all the people who worked so hard to put all of this together,” said Mr. Arrowsmith. “This Penny Run originally started on Manitoulin Island and expanded to southern Ontario as well.”

“Every year we ask the CLM group for a list of where their needs are and where they are having difficulty in getting funding from the government and other sources,” said Mr. Arrowsmith. The motorcyclists then raise funds through parties, dances and a collection pot at their club bases.

“Over the years we have raised over half a million dollars for CLM and Community Living Espanola and similar agencies in southern Ontario,” said Mr. Arrowsmith. This year the bikers presented \$3,652 dollars to CLM for the purchase of new metal picnic tables that are wheelchair accessible, and matching umbrellas.

The Brothers of the Blade provide medals to all clients of CLM, followed by each client being taken on rides on their motorcycles. The smiles on the faces of not only the CLM clients but the motorcyclists themselves is priceless.

Chris Crash stated at one



Bruce Van Horn, a client of Community Living Manitoulin is ready to take a motorcycle ride



Katie Dopson, a client of Community Living Manitoulin, is ready to take a motorcycle ride with one of the approximately 60 motorcyclists on hand at the annual Penny Run celebrations held at Timberlane Rustic Lodges on Saturday.

staff with the Brothers of the Blade and Brothers of the Wheel motorcycle clubs for a day of fun, laughter and good times for all. “It restores your faith in humanity to see this; two worlds coming together in

ny Run. You know one of our very special guests, CLM client Linda who has been at every Penny Run.”

“I thank all of you guys and gals from the two motorcycle clubs for coming back again this year,”



Bruce Arrowsmith, right, a member of the Brothers of the Blade Motorcycle Club and the main organizer of the annual Penny Run welcomes Linda, a Community Living Manitoulin client to the festivities.

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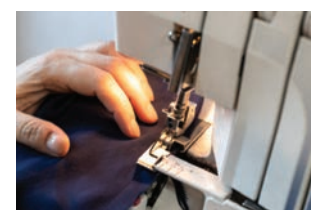
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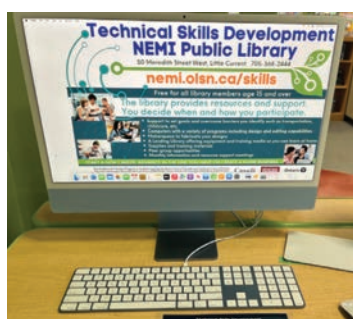
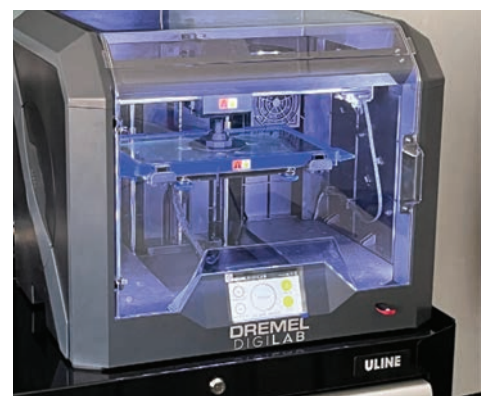


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Tfn

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

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

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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

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

Knox Rummage Sale in Manitowaning is closed for re-stocking until mid-September. 15-16p

coming events

Fish Supper
Rockville Hall
Saturday, September 10, 2022
5 PM - 7 PM



Sit-down dinner includes:
3 pieces of whitefish, tartar sauce, coleslaw, potatoes, garden salad, roll, strawberries and ice cream.

\$25/person | \$10/child (12 & under)

Take-out available at 4:30 PM (doesn't include salad)

Contact Linda to order ahead
705-368-2735

A Fundraiser for The Manitoulin Snowdusters

Country Line Dancing Classes
with
Island Time Dancing (Joe & Beth Arnold)

Starting the week of September 19

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- Assignack Arena (Atrium) on Wednesdays
- Little Current NEMI Centre on Thursdays

All classes from 7 - 9 p.m. Pre-registration is required.
Classes are filling up quickly, so call now.

Contact Joe Arnold to reserve your spot at:
joebeth.arnold@gmail.com or call/text 519-490-5586

Mini Farmers' Market from 9 am to ? at Beard's Farm, 39 Townline Road, Tehkummah (off Hwy 542). Weekly on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays (or whenever we are home). Organic produce in season. Also yard sale items and crafts. Everyone welcome! 705-859-2604. 7tfn

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

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

SAVE the DATE, Fall 'n Angels Dance, Saturday, October 1, 8 pm to 12 midnight. Angel Bus Fundraiser at Burpee Mills Community Hall. Licenced event with live band, food and silent auction. 16-17c

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. 7-16p

coming events

Legion Events

The Royal Canadian 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. Tfn

Legion Branch 177, Little Current presents live music with Mike Trudell and Band, Saturday, September 10 from 9 pm to 1 am. \$20 advance, \$25 at the door. For tickets call the Legion, 705-368-2661; Kari, 705-348-0850; Ruth, 249-997-0062; Leslie, 705-210-0135. Age of Majority only. A light lunch will be served. 7-16p

coming events

FALL EVENTS
in Manitowaning

Seniors Drop in
(Every Wednesday, 10 am - Noon)

Seniors Dance (free)

Line Dancing

Threads Club for Kids

Youth Dance (free)

Cooking Classes

Haunted House Tour (Oct 29)

For details and to register: assignack.ca under Events

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Part-time, Full-time

Job Qualifications:

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

Key responsibilities include:

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

Contact the Little Current Guardian pharmacy to apply.

help wanted



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Election Officials (7)

The Township of Billings is accepting applications for Election Officials for the 2022 Municipal Election on October 24, 2022.

Individuals interested in applying for these positions must demonstrate the following core competencies:

- Basic literacy (reading, writing and comprehension), mathematical and analytical skills
- Basic interpersonal skills, including the ability to exercise impartiality
- Ability to perform repetitive tasks
- Good attention to detail
- Ability to adhere to directions and standards
- Ability to learn in a short time frame

Individuals must also meet the following requirements for all positions:

- No partisan political involvement while acting in the capacity of an Election Official.
- Willing to work a ten (10) hour day, remaining at the counting location throughout the entire period.

Application forms are available on the Township website (www.billingstwp.ca) or at the Township Office during regular business hours.

15 Old Mill Road, Kagawong, ON POP 1J0

Successful applicants will be required to attend a mandatory training session on Thursday, October 13th at 4:00 p.m.

Completed application forms must be returned to Kathy McDonald, Returning Officer, by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 16th, 2022 at the above address or to kmcdonald@billingstwp.ca



Sheguiandah First Nation CASUAL ON-CALL JOB POSTING Position: Bus Driver

JOB PURPOSE

We have an immediate opening for a Casual/Part-Time School Bus Driver with a valid B license to transport children to and from school in the mornings and afternoons. The successful candidate will have experience driving a bus as well as working with children, and we're looking forward to talking with anyone who has transported grade school-aged kids to school in the past. Our Bus Drivers are an essential part in our educational system, and we value their contributions.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- High school diploma or GED preferred
- B license required
- Experience driving a school bus (training provided for the right candidate)
- Clean driving record (drivers abstract must be provided)
- Successful candidate must provide clear Vulnerable Sector Check/CPIC.
- Ability to carry out assigned route on time
- Excellent communication skills
- 3+ years' working with children preferred

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- Verify permissions for children who ride home with friends
- Maintain a clean and mechanically-sound bus at all times
- Obey all traffic laws
- Perform inspections of the bus before and after each route
- Ensure safety of all students
- Maintain a safe and healthy environment
- Attend safety meetings

We thank all applicants for their interest but advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Please submit applications via mail or in person to:

Kevin Mishibinjima, O&M Manager
Sheguiandah First Nation
142 Ogema Miikan
Sheguiandah, Ontario POP 1W0

Or by FAX to: 705-368-3697

DEADLINE TO APPLY: August 31, 2022 @ 12:00 P.M.
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The Manitoulin Expositor,
email: expositor@manitoulin.com
post: Box 369, Little Current, ON POP 1K0

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



Conseil des Services du District de
Manitoulin-Sudbury
District Services Board

210 boul Mead Blvd
Espanola, ON P5E 1R9
Telephone/Téléphone: (705) 862-7850
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<http://www.msdsb.net>

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The following Employment Opportunity is now available to anyone interested in joining our highly dedicated workforce.

Patient Transportation Attendant

Competition #2022-03-PTS

Closing date: September 12, 2022

For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers

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Personal Support Worker

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Quest Stone Quarries Inc., welcomes serious and qualified inquiries to the current available employment position. If you are interested in applying, please provide your name and contact information through our contact form on our **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES** page on our website:

www.queststone.ca

Ensure to include your full name, best means of contact and best time to contact you.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Water Operator Lead

The United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnising Tribal Council (UCCMM) was established in 1979 to support the First Nation communities of Mnídoo Mnising. The First Nation member communities are Aundeck Omni Kaning, M'Chigeeng, Sheguiandah, Sheshegwaning, Whitefish River and Zhiibaahaasing. Located in M'Chigeeng First Nation, UCCMM provides support and services ranging from Administrative, Finance, Justice, Technical, to Lands and Resources. The prime responsibility of this position is a shared responsibility and oversight for the day-to-day operations of the UCCMM's Water and Wastewater Hub System and it's First Nation Treatment Facilities.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide assistance to First Nations existing operators, work with UCCMM's Field Water Operator and UCCMM HUB staff to effectively provide support for all aspects of water and wastewater operations.
- Ensure that all process control decisions with the facility are made with accordance with regulatory requirements, operational manuals or standard operating procedures with the aim to protect human health and the natural environment.
- Ensure proper certification/licencing of facilities and operators are maintained to O.Reg. 128 and O.Reg 170 for operational parameters.
- Oversee, coordinate, and assist in daily activities of the water systems, distribution, sewer systems, at all UCCMM member communities within the First Nation's jurisdiction including efficient and effective use of staffing, equipment, and materials to ensure compliance with respective legislation, protocols and agreements, inclusive of the Protocol for Centralised and De-Centralised Water Systems in First Nations.
- Develop and maintain Maintenance Management Systems, Standard Operating Procedures, Standard Operating Guidelines and Source Water Protection initiatives.

REQUIREMENTS

- Water Treatment Qualification – Level 2
- Water Distribution Qualification – Level 2
- Wastewater Treatment Qualification – Level 2
- Wastewater Collection Qualification – Level 2
- Confined Space Entry, WHMIS
- Valid "G" or other Driver's Licence Designation
- Three (3) years' experience with a Membrane Treatment Facility
- Three (3) years' experience with a Slow Sand Conventional Facility
- Three (3) years' experience with a Facultative Lagoon Facility
- Knowledge and experience with SCADA computer system
- Knowledge of the Ojibwe culture, traditions and language
- Ability to work non-standard work hours
- Proficient in MS Office, Excel, data entry and reporting

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates must submit all the following documents 1) a cover letter addressing qualifications and skills, (2) a resume, (3) a copy of certificate(s), and current operator's licences (4) three years' work-related references. Only applications with all the required documents will be considered for an interview. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. All interview candidates must provide a current criminal reference check at time of the interview. The successful candidate must provide proof of vehicle, insurance and driver's abstract. Salary will commensurate with qualifications. Closing date for applications is Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 12 noon.

Mail To: UCCMM Water Operator Lead Application
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnising
P.O Box 275, M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0
Attn: Hazel Recollet, Chief Executive Officer
Or via email to hrecollet@uccmm.ca



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Indigenous Support Workers (Contract 2022/2023 School Year)

At Rainbow District School Board we are leaders in learning, inspiring success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts. Together, we prepare students to become lifelong learners, achieving their full potential as confident, caring members of society.

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Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for a **Anishinaabemowin Teachers and Instructors.**

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Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for a **permanent Cleaner at Jean Hanson Public School.**

For more information about this employment opportunity, please visit www.rainbowschools.ca/join-our-team.

Interested candidates should apply by **3 pm Wednesday September 14, 2022** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

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Bruce Bourget
Director of Education

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Cockburn Island marina will boast new breakwall, safer road

by Tom Sasvari

COCKBURN ISLAND—What started out as a major project to fix and improve the safety of a potentially dangerous road on Cockburn Island has seen township officials undertake a second project that will help guarantee the future of the marina on the Island.

“Prior to the pandemic we were approved for a significant government financial grant of about \$850,000,” said Brent St. Denis, clerk-treasurer for Cockburn Island township. He explained, “we were provided this funding to do work on a road, which is a dangerous intersection near the village, which includes a blind curve and hill on the 12th concession and 15th sideroad. Then we realized that we had rock being taken out of a hill as part of the project that would be perfect for another project. So, at the suggestion of one of the councillors we expanded this to a second project, we are using the rock we are taking out of the hill from the road project to fix the break wall at the marina.”

“We will use the rock to fix the break wall to protect our marina which is wide open from the North Channel which is especially problematic in the winter,” continued Mr. St. Denis. “We needed a lot more rock for the break wall, and huge monster rocks for this project, the same as was used for instance on the town of

Gore Bay break wall. Our road project is providing perfect rocks for that.” “Could you imagine the cost if we had to haul in rocks from say Manitoulin

years.” Mr. St. Denis pointed out, “it was one of our council members who came up with the idea of using the rock from the road project for

recycling project, by recycling rock as we are, the project is costing us a fraction, probably one-third to one-quarter of what it would normally. This rock

road project.”

“With the breakwater project to be done next year, it will add 100 years or an indefinite lifespan for our marina,” stated Mr. St. Denis. “And by doing the road project we are also probably saving lives by fixing a dangerous road.”

He explained the job was tendered out by Cockburn’s engineer Tulloch, to JI

Enterprises. “They will turn this opportunity that was presented to us into a real success story.”

“The road project will be completed this fall,” said Mr. St. Denis. The road will be opened probably by mid-September and the break wall project will commence next summer.



A growing rock pile at the Cockburn Island waterfront stands ready for use in a new marina break wall project next year. Cockburn Island had originally received funding for a project to fix and improve the safety of a potentially dangerous road in the community which will be completed this fall. As part of a second project, the township is using wasted rock from the road project to protect its marina from the North Channel winter ice, with the break wall project. The latter will take place next summer.

Island or the North Shore for the break wall project?” said Mr. St. Denis. “And if we don’t do work on the break wall, let’s face it—the future of the marina and dock would be in jeopardy and it’s going to get worse. With the rising Great Lakes water levels, if we don’t protect our harbour, we might lose our marina in 20

the break wall. So we asked our engineer, Tulloch Engineers, to look at the rock waste and what we need for the break wall and see if there was a match.”

“If we did the break wall project separate it would probably cost the township a couple million dollars,” continued Mr. St. Denis. “This is also a really neat

would usually go to the waste pile. Our contractor has been very cooperative, by hauling the big rock to the marina area, from the

New principal appointed to CMPS

MINDEMOYA—A new principal has been appointed to Central Manitoulin Public School (CMPS) in Mindemoya.

Melissa Brandon is a graduate of Lakehead University. Prior to joining the Rainbow District School Board in 2016 she taught at Montessori, as well as the York Region District School Board, Algoma District School Board and Wiikwemkoong Board of Education.

Since 2016, Ms. Brandon has held a vari-

ety of roles including “Ojibwe Through the Arts” teacher at Little Current Public School, and an itinerant teacher in the applied behaviour analysis program. She also taught at Little Current Public School before her appointment to vice-principal in 2021.

Melissa Brandon looks forward to working with the entire Central Manitoulin Public School community.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION - LAKEVIEW SCHOOL URGENT - OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Three (3) Full-time Teachers
Salary Based on Years of Teaching Experience | Health and Group Benefits included
*Member with OTTP

M'Chigeeng First Nation is seeking enthusiastic and driven educators - teachers who are looking for an enriched experience and want to be part of student success. Teachers will be responsible for supporting and developing MFN students, while focusing on the delivery of exceptional educational methods to the students.

Qualifications & Requirements

- Bachelor's Degree with 1-2 years' teaching experience and a valid Ontario College of Teachers Certificate
- Qualifications for Primary/Junior/Intermediate Levels
- Must have knowledge and understanding of the Anishinaabe culture, tradition, and history
- Understanding of the Ojibwe language is an asset or must have the willingness to learn

1 - Full-time - Anishinaabemowin Teacher

Salary Based on Years of Teaching Experience | Health and Group Benefits included
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The students' ability to speak, write, and read the Anishinaabemowin and make cultural connections to Ojibwe traditions are strengthened by the instruction associated with this role within the school. The Anishinaabemowin Teacher is responsible for effective instruction and evaluation of the progress students are making in the language.

Qualifications & Requirements:

- Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Bachelor of Education, Program of Teacher Education
- Prior teaching experience instructing in the language and understanding and fluency in the Ojibwe Language
- Valid Ontario College of Teachers Certificate
- Qualifications for Primary/Junior/Intermediate Levels
- Great understanding and experience with the culture, tradition, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe people

Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT REFERENCES and applicable certifications and diplomas addressed to:

CONFIDENTIAL: "INDICATE POSITION"
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
employment@mchigeeng.ca

For detailed job descriptions, please email andream@mchigeeng.ca.



Town of Gore Bay MUNICIPAL ELECTION STAFF 2022

The Town of Gore Bay is currently seeking applications from individuals interested in serving as Municipal Election Staff on the following dates;

Advance Poll: Saturday, October 15, 2022
Election Day: Monday, October 24, 2022

Interested parties should submit a letter of intent to the Municipal Office.

Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 16, 2022 at the Municipal Office, 15 Water Street, Gore Bay.

Stasia Carr, CAO/Clerk
Returning Officer



GWEKWAADZIWIN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Finance Manager Full Time Position

Position Description:

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

Responsibilities and Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

Salary: \$ Commensurate with qualifications

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

To Apply: Please complete the application online at gwek.bamboohr.com/jobs

Contact mmaracle@gwek.ca with any questions.

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – MULTIPLE POSTINGS
Gwekwaadziwin Miikan – Seven Grandfathers Program



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

Please visit gwek.bamboohr.com/jobs or email mmaracle@gwek.ca for details.

Program Description	
The Gwekwaadziwin Miikan program provides a person-centered model of mental health and addiction treatment for youth and young adults. It supports a community of healthy young people working towards wellness, education, and economic prosperity for First Nations individuals and communities. Gwekwaadziwin Miikan meets program participants on the spectrum of care, from stabilization through treatment, live-in aftercare, outpatient aftercare and transition back into community. The Seven Grandfathers program is designed for young adults aged 19+ and consists of three phases: Land Based Treatment, Live-in Aftercare, and Community Aftercare.	
Position Descriptions	
Land Based Counsellors (Multiple Contract Positions)	The Land Based Treatment Counselor is a unique position that combines the skills of an outdoor experiential learning leader with that of a treatment counselor. Staff in this position will be living and working in outdoor settings with participants and will have a three-week rotational schedule. Staff in this position will be responsible for delivering a holistic treatment program with a significant focus on Anishinaabek culture and land-based learning.
Aftercare Support Workers (Casual)	A part-time position responsible for assisting in the implementation of participant treatment plans, monitoring the facility, facilitating group, and to assist with other facets of the Gwekwaadziwin Miikan programming. Opportunity for shifts in the land-based treatment program.

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications **Closing Date:** Open until filled

To Apply: Please complete the application online at gwek.bamboohr.com/jobs

Incomplete packages will not be accepted.

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

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Job Description available at www.tehkummah.ca.

References and current criminal record check are required for interview.

APPLY BY: Friday, September 30, 2022 at 3:00 pm

MAIL or DELIVER TO: Township of Tehkummah
 456 Hwy 542A, PO Box 24
 Tehkummah, ON
 P0P 2C0

EMAIL: clerk.administrator@tehkummah.ca

FAX: 705-859-2605

All applicants are thanked for their interest but only those persons who are selected for an interview will be contacted.



United Chiefs and Councils of Mniidoo Mnising
COMMUNITY JUSTICE WORKER

Location: United Chiefs and Councils of Mniidoo Mnising Tribal Council
 – M'Chigeeng First Nation

Duration: Full-time pending funding (3 month probation period)

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

RESPONSIBILITIES

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

QUALIFICATIONS

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

Remuneration: \$50,000 + benefits

Closing Date: Open until filled

To Apply:

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

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

Incomplete, emailed or late packages will not be considered. Thank you for applying, but only those candidates who are selected for an interview will be contacted.

Mark "Confidential-CJW" to:

Hazel Recollet, Chief Executive Officer
 United Chiefs and Councils of Mniidoo Mnising
 Box 275
 M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0

notice notice notice

MANITOULIN PLANNING BOARD
TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS
TOWNSHIP OF GORDON-BARRIE ISLAND
TOWN OF GORE BAY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
NEW COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW

TAKE NOTICE that Public Meetings for the purposes of receiving public comments and considering the adoption of the proposed new Zoning By-laws will be held by the Manitoulin Planning Board and the following municipalities.

MANITOULIN PLANNING BOARD (Unincorporated Townships of Dawson and Robinson)	DATE: Wednesday September 28, 2022 TIME: 2pm PLACE: Silverwater Community Centre Silverwater, ON P0P 1Y0
MUNICIPALITY OF GORDON-BARRIE ISLAND	DATE: Wednesday September 28, 2022 TIME: 7pm PLACE: Gordon Community Centre 29 Noble Side Road Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0
TOWN OF GORE BAY	DATE: Thursday September 29, 2022 TIME: 7pm PLACE: Town of Gore Bay Council Chambers 15 Water Street, Gore Bay, P0P 1H0
TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS	DATE: Wednesday October 5 th , 2022 TIME: 7pm PLACE: This meeting will be held virtually. Please contact the Kathy McDonald, Clerk/CAO of the Township of Billings for the Meeting link. Phone: 705-282-2611 ext. 223 Email: kmcdonald@billingswp.ca Address: 15 Mill Rd, Kagawong, ON, P0P 1J0

Section 26(9) of the *Planning Act* requires that a planning authority or municipality update its Zoning By-law following approval of a new Official Plan. The District of Manitoulin Official Plan was approved in 2018. The new Zoning By-laws will update zone boundaries, permitted uses, and regulations to ensure conformity with the Official Plan and to address recent land use planning issues.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the decision of the Planning Board and/or municipality on the proposed zoning by-law, you must make a written request to the Planning Board and/or municipality.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Planning Board and/or municipality to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Planning Board and/or municipality before the proposed zoning by-law is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Planning Board and/or municipality before the proposed zoning by-law is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION and the draft Zoning By-laws are available at the Manitoulin Planning Board or at each local municipal office.

DATED at the Town of Gore Bay this 7th day of September 2022.

Theresa Carlisle Secretary-Treasurer Manitoulin Planning Board 40 Water Street, Unit 1 Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0 mpbcarlisle@bellnet.ca Tel: (705) 282-2237	Carrie Lewis Clerk Municipality of Gordon- Barrie Island PO Box 680 Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0 clerk@gordonbarrieisland.ca Tel: (705) 282-2702	Stasia Carr Clerk Town of Gore Bay PO Box 590 Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0 scarr@gorebay.ca Tel: (705) 282-2420	Kathy McDonald Clerk Township of Billings and Allan East PO Box 34 Kagawong, ON P0P 1J0 kmcdonald@billingswp.ca Tel: (705) 282-2611 ext. 223
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...Assiginack resident denied lot severance

...continued from page 3 of 300 metres from the aggregate site for a new residential (sensitive) use.”

“The subject land is entirely within the 300 metres buffer,” the MPB letter noted. “Policies of our Official Plan for the District of Manitoulin and the Provincial Policy Statement 2020 do not support new sensitive uses within an aggregate resource area. If the licence is rescinded, or if a report can be obtained supporting the new residential use, there may be a possibility to process with an application to sever.”

At the MPB May and June meetings pending comments from the municipality, Alton Hobbs, CAO of Assiginack informed the MPB in July council opted to have the planning board make its decision and then the township would evaluate its next steps.

At the July MPB meeting Ms. Carlisle informed the board that she had confirmed the property containing the licenced aggregate site has been listed for sale with the description that there is a licenced quarry on the property. She explained that as the MPB is the approval authority for the consent to sever application, they are required to make a decision under the Planning Act in conformity with the Official Plan and the provincial policy statement.

“This application has been before us twice previously,” said Lee Hayden, MPB chair. “The quarry is the question. Under the act we are not supposed to approve this as is.”

Board member Doug Head had missed the June board meeting. But he indicated board member “Ken Noland was extremely opposed to this application being approved. I consulted

...144th Fall Fair

...continued from page 11 removal of exhibits will take place at the arena along with the silent auction draw will be held.

Ms. Pennie acknowledged, “at this point we don’t have a lot of entries on hand for the heritage homestead display, that will be displayed at the exhibit hall in the arena. However, we have a few entries including a grandfather and grandson who are working on displays to compete against each other.”

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a couple of people who have knowledge on this issue and they both said that we should let Mr. Banger appeal to the province on this.”

“The aggregate licence is provincial,” said Rob Brown. “Someone has to ask the province. Why not go to the root cause? I think you should go to the ministry to voice your concerns with policies and see what they come up with.”

“I’d like to see the gentleman be able to go ahead, but I don’t think we can approve the application,” said Mr. Head.

Board member Dave McDowell said “it is like the chicken and the egg situation. There needs to be a mechanism in place to clear up this type of situation. This isn’t a crushing pit on this property, but it has the same rules as a big pit. We want to support and help him, but the problem is that rules are in place, mostly for southern Ontario. I can understand why we would have to turn down the application, but there is still the need to find a mechanism in place to find a solution, from the province.”

The board was informed that the municipality of Assiginack currently has eight aggregate licences, one is class A (operating) while the rest are class B (non-operating) and it is affecting many farms in the municipality.

“There are 68 current aggregate licences on Manitoulin Island,” said Mr. Banger. How many are not being operated and not being developed on, he questioned.

“I figure it would be best that we say no to this application,” said Mr. Head. “And for you, Mr. Banger, to appeal to the ministry. I would like to help you but if you take this to the province it may help.”

Mr. Brown said the MPB has to follow the provincial policy statement.

The MPB turned down the severance application request.

Mr. Banger said, “I will be appealing the decision, it probably won’t do any

good but I am looking for answers.”

“It will probably be a landmark decision that will affect many others,” said Mr. Brown. “Meanwhile it has already cost me \$90,000 in loss of sale of the property.”

† in memoriam

McQUARRIE—In loving memory of Lorne McQuarrie, 1955 – 1984.

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The McQuarrie family 16c

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48 Hillside Rd, Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
Little Current, ON P0P1K0

Tel: (705) 368-0083
Fax: (705) 368-3922
info@noojowin-teg.ca
www.noojowin-teg.ca

Noojowin Teg Health Centre is accepting quotes for material and labour of a roof replacement at the Noojowin Teg lower shed located at 48 Hillside Rd, Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation.

We are inviting experienced and interested parties to submit a tender for the following work:

- Removal of existing roofing material
- Installation of new roofing paper, waterproof membrane, and shingles across approximately 1310 sq ft
- Replacement of vents (if necessary)
- Disposal of old roofing material and cleanup of work site

If you are interested in a site viewing, please contact Josh McGregor by email at joshua.mcgregor@noojowin-teg.ca

Please submit tenders in a sealed envelope 2022 to the following:

Debbie Francis
Noojowin Teg Health Centre
Postal Bag 2002, Hwy 540
48 Hillside Rd, Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
Or by email to: info@noojowin-teg.ca

Deadline for submission is September 9th, 2022 at 4pm



**TOWNSHIP OF TEHKUMMAH
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
2022-004
JOHN BUDD PARK and
BOWERMAN TRAIL UPGRADES**

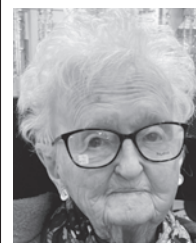
The Corporation of the Township of TehkummaH invites interested parties to submit proposals for the following: John Budd Park & Bowerman Trails Upgrades at 3 Church Street in South Baymouth to perform duties and responsibilities as indicated on the RFP guideline document.

- Sealed RFPs will be received until 3:00 pm on Monday, September 19, 2022 local time
- Lowest or any submission not necessarily accepted
- Faxed or e-mailed RFPs are not acceptable
- RFP Guidelines are available at the Township Office and online at <https://tehkummaH.ca/notices/>

For further details please contact:
Township of TehkummaH
456 Hwy 542A
PO Box 24
TehkummaH, ON P0P 2C0
705-859-3293

Death Notices

GERALDINE ROBINSON



Geraldine Robinson passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Saturday, August 27, 2022 in her 96th year. Beloved mother of Judy (Garry) Middaugh, James (Bonnie), Jack (Darlene), Janice (Don) Kutschke and Jeff (Doris). Cherished grandmother to Tara Bailey, Becky Gilmore, Kelly Robinson, Cassie Robinson, Taylor Kutschke, Brooke Tremblay, Laiken Robinson, Reid Robinson, Tammy Mason, Brandie White, and great-grandmother to Derek, Mallory, Zachary, Brittney, Kyle, Payton, A.J., Georgia, Summer, Everett, Waylon, Ryett, Kyson and Saylor. Predeceased by her parents Tom and Hilda (Bell) Harper, her husband Robert, step-son Gary Morrison and grandson Jimmy Bacon. Geraldine (Jean) had a sense of humour and was an adventurer. She loved bingo, baking, quilting, travelling, reading, the Massey Fair, puzzles and the casino. She was especially proud of her flowers and the patio gardens she maintained. Visitation was held at the Simpson Funeral Home on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 from 7 to 9 pm, where the funeral service was held on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at 11 am. Interment was at Gordon Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Angel Bus as expressions of sympathy, and may be made through www.simpsonfuneralhome.ca.

STELLA (MAY) HUCKLE (nee Hussy)



It is with deep sorrow that the family announces the passing of Stella (May) Huckle (nee Hussy) on Sunday, August 21, 2022 in her 91st year at Little Current Hospital. Stella was married to Alfred Milliner until his passing in 1964. Stella married Beverley Huckle a few years later, until his passing in 2002. She was the proud mother of Bonnie (predeceased), Stephen (Judy) of Kagawong and Beth (Bob) of Vancouver. Grandmother to Cameron, Tracy, Alfred, Elizabeth, Kristy and Katrina. Great-grandmother to Vivian, Jocelyn, Jada and Edmund. Stella owned Norm's Resort Park in Kagawong on Manitoulin Island. She was a hard worker and spent many hours baking fantastic pies for the campers. Stella enjoyed euchre and cribbage with dear friend Don Curry. Stella was the last surviving of four siblings. She was born in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. Stella will always be in our hearts. At the family's request, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Cremation has taken place. Stella will be laid to rest in St. Mary's, Ontario with Alfred. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society, and may be made through www.simpsonfuneralhome.ca.

SANDRA ROBERTA LEA PEGELO (nee Sagle)

September 14, 1958 - August 29, 2022



In loving memory of Sandra Roberta Lea Pegelo (nee Sagle) who passed away peacefully at Health Sciences North on Monday, August 29, 2022. Loving daughter of Lealand (predeceased) and Elnora (nee Skuse) Sagle. Loving wife of Grant E. Pegelo for 44 years, Sandra and Grant were blessed to have four children. Loving mother to Christopher (Mary), Karen (Dominique), Patrick (Autumn) and Emma. Loving grandmother to Helena, Dominic, Jaydyn, Kyla, Ashlyn, Michael, Henri, Juniper and Logan. Sandra is survived by siblings Elwood (Sherry), Eddy (Merle), Jamie, Merlin and Lucy. Friends and family gathered at Island Funeral Home on Sunday, September 4, 2022 from 11 am to 1 pm. Funeral service at 1 pm, burial to follow in Hilly Grove Cemetery. Donations in memory of Sandra can be made to Diabetes Canada, 1300-522 University Ave, Toronto, Ontario M5G 2R5 or www.diabetes.ca or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, 2300 Young Street, Suite 1200, Box 2414, Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca.

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

Pride Manitoulin medicine walk offers insight into relationships

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

SHEGUIANDAH—Mnaamodzawin Health Services wants to be known as a safe space for the 2SLGBTQ community. They participated in Shesheganwaning's first annual Pride parade in June and other local events. They've hosted events, too, including a magic show, staff training days and an annual 2SLGBTQ conference. For Manitoulin Pride, event organizer Rebecca Milne, allied health manager for Mnaamodzawin decided to do something a little more traditional, with a medicine walk in Sheguiandah led by Joe Pitawanakwat.

"When you think medicine walk, who else are you going to call other than Joe Pitawanakwat?" she asked.

Mr. Pitawanakwat is the founder of Creators Garden. He's originally from Wiikwemkoong but lives in Peterborough now with his wife and daughter. He started learning about medicines about 13 years ago, when he and his wife were spending time with his grandmother, listening to her stories. "I was just listening to stories," he said. "I didn't know I was learning."

Listening became seeking, leading to more learning and which ultimately led to being known as the plant guy. Now Mr. Pitawanakwat is the storyteller, and a very entertaining one. Each person who attended the medicine walk left with a smile on their face.

He led the group of more than 30 supporters from Sheguiandah's Roundhouse to an area near the water's edge, surrounded by a cattail marsh on one side and a field of tall grasses and wildflowers on the other. What he didn't do is immediately pick a plant and name its



Joe Pitawanakwat, formerly of Wiikwemkoong, led an entertaining and informative medicine walk in honour of Pride Manitoulin late last month on the shores of Sheguiandah Bay.

attributes.

He told a story instead. Because every plant has a story and that story becomes their identity. "It's kind of funny. I was talking to my wife and I said, 'who am I?' My daughter right away said 'Joe.' That doesn't make sense. It's just a bunch of noise. I'm not Joe. We got into this really existential conversation."

When you start thinking about who you really are, then what you begin to uncover is all of your gifts, he explained. "When somebody asks you who you are, you say 'I'm Joe.' But the second thing you ask is where did you go to school? What did you go to school for? Where do you work? What's your job? What's your gift? What are you an expert in? What do you love doing? This is what we do in any conversation with anybody. Sure, you can ask

them what their name is and you can learn a lot about somebody just from their name, but the very next thing we do is try to uncover who this person really is. What's your gift? What do you have to offer?"

If they don't have anything to offer that you want you'll probably forget about them, but if they have something to offer you that you want you will listen to their story, he said. "You'll listen to their gift, their expertise and then what you will do is you will tell them all of your gifts, your expertise, everything that you love doing in the hope that they need you too because if they need you then you can get what you want."

It's the same thing with plants, Mr. Pitawanakwat said. "We ask what is its gift? What can it offer me? It's very important to

answer ourselves and ask how we can help it. You can be engaged in a relationship and just like when you want anything from anybody, you make yourself necessary to them."

We have to understand our responsibility to all of these relationships, he



Pride medicine walk participants learned the stories about the plants and what their special gifts are.

photos by Lori Thompson

said.

"When you start spending so much time with plants, you develop an intimate familiarity with it. I think one of the most important things to realize is how different everything is. Everything is different. So different."

The most powerful way to learn about a plant is to spend time with the plant, he said. "You don't need me holding your hand. Most of your learning is just going to happen between you and the plant itself."

"Every single plant has a

story that it's telling you and I want to teach all of you how to listen to plants, how to understand what their story is so you can understand what their identity is, what gift they have to give you and then your responsibility then to that plant. The more of these responsibilities that you have, the more of these relationships that you have, the healthier you are going to be but the healthier they are going to be too. Everywhere that we go and everything that we interact with will become better."



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I grew up on a farm, I love animals as well as the outdoors. I played hockey as a child and transitioned to football as I got older. In my free time I enjoy playing and volunteering as a coach for the local football teams. I am very excited to provide competent and professional service to all my clients!

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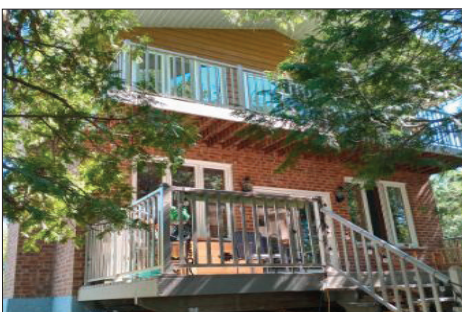
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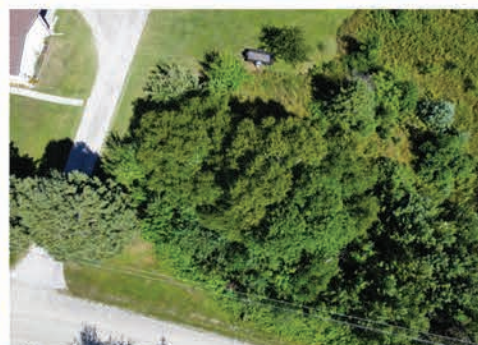
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