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**A WINNING STYLE**—Julia Masangkay of Hanover shows her winning form in the haybale tossing contest at the Young Street Festival celebrations held in Kagawong this past weekend. Her winning toss of nine feet, eight inches secured top honours. See story and photos on Page 14.

photo by Tom Sasvari

## Ontario institutes vaccination certificate

*Finds favour with most citizens, but not for all*

by Michael Erskine

ONTARIO—After resisting calls for instituting a vaccine passport system for several months, on September 1 Premier Doug Ford announced that the province will institute a “vaccine certificate” policy that will be required to access several non-essential serv-

ices in the province. The certificate is slated for implementation on September 22, two days after the federal general election.

“After in-depth discussions with our medical experts, we’ve landed on a vaccine certificate policy that is based on evidence and the best advice,” Premier Ford informed a

press conference. “We have two options here. We either do this or we risk shutting down the economy, which would even be worse, having our hospital capacity maxed out and at the brink, having our kids stay at home, our college and university kids going back online. That is what we are trying to avoid.”

Those eligible for the vaccine certificate must have received two doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine. The certificate will allow holders to visit casinos, concert venues, theatres, cinemas, sporting facilities and events, banquet halls, bingo halls, convention centres, nightclubs and to eat at indoor food and drink establishments.

However, the vaccine certificate will not be necessary for retail shopping, salons and barber-shops, banks, places of worship,

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## Island arenas set protocols, get ready to install winter ice

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—It’s September and that means the ice can’t be far behind—arena ice that is. At its August 31 meeting, Northeast Town council passed a COVID-19 protocol for use of the recreation centre’s ice surface and accompanying change rooms. CAO Dave Williamson explained to council that the protocols are designed to safely use the arena, making note of the fourth wave and Delta variant on the horizon.

Mr. Williamson explained that use of the rec centre will be restricted to the three main user groups: Manitoulin Panthers, minor hockey and Skate Canada Manitoulin. There will be no public skating, rentals or canteen for the foreseeable future.

Requirements for the user groups are that arena staff must be given a completed form that includes all the players and parents’ names, including their full vaccination date or proof of a negative COVID-19 test in the past

24 hours as well as the signature and contact information of that user group’s coordinator. Those children under the age of 12 who cannot be vaccinated will not be required to show proof of vaccination or a negative test result.

Masks must be worn in the dressing rooms, stands and the lobby, but are not required to trav-

## AOK women rally, call for community drug trafficking action

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
 AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation (AOK) member Paula Kakekagumick wants to raise her children in a safe community and she says has had enough of illicit drug trafficking in AOK. She put out a call to mothers and grandmothers to participate in a peaceful demonstration on August 31. A group of approximately 25 supporters met at the Elders Centre parking lot at 1 pm, with 15 continuing on a small march from the band office to the fire department and back.

“There are known dealers in the community who are not band members but who are living here and selling drugs out of band member homes,” explained Ms. Kakekagumick. “This is more or less what told me to do the rally. I’m saying, what can we do?”

She questioned why the residency bylaw was not being enforced.

It’s complicated, said Ogimaa Patsy Corbiere, who participated in the rally. There are trespassing laws that apply and processes to follow. “What Paula was doing was trying to increase awareness in our own community of what is actually coming here. There are people coming here and there is crack selling and cocaine selling. We’ve got opioids and crystal meth here. The issue is trying to make people aware that this is a problem.”

Ogimaa Corbiere has been dealing with the issue since she became chief but the issues are becoming harder to deal with, she said. “We’re getting younger and younger people on these types of drugs. Not cannabis, it’s the opiates and the other pills they’re on. It has become a tragedy. Look around the Island and see how many people have actually died. There’s also alcohol addiction. It’s not something to be proud of but Manitoulin Island has the highest

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## Northeast council moves motion encouraging Ontario to settle Robinson-Huron annuities issue

by Alicia McCutcheon

NORTHEAST TOWN—Council for the Northeast Town received a letter from Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund representative Chief Dean Sayers at its August 31 meeting, seeking support in its ongoing negotiations with both the Crown and the province of Ontario.

“The Robinson-Huron Treaty recognizes the political and economic relationship between the

First Nations signatories and the Crown, including the sharing of revenues of any resource development on the lands involved in the treaty, which covers approximately 35,700 square miles of territory, primarily in Northeastern Ontario,” Chief Sayers writes. “The Crown has not acted honourably in maintaining its promises set out in the treaty and the Robinson-Huron Treaty chiefs, successors of the original signatories, are acting on their responsibility to ensure that the terms of the treaty are honoured.”

As has been reported previously, several Indigenous peoples located north of Lake Huron, including on Manitoulin Island, signed the treaty more than 170 years ago. The Robinson-Huron Treaty allowed the British Crown and its people to access resources from the land, in exchange for compensation to members of the First Nations whose representatives signed the treaty. There are 21 present-day First Nations that represent original signatories to the treaty.

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## Wiikwemkoong COVID-19 outbreak is over

WIKWEMKOONG—The pandemic outbreak in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory has now been declared over. Acting Ogimaa Tim Ominika, the pandemic team and public health made this declaration as of September 1. With that announcement, schools in the community have reopened this week.

Acting Ogimaa Tim Ominika announced on September 1, “the current outbreak that had been declared for Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, is declared over as of today. All 14 cases connected to the original outbreak have been resolved. However, we do have one positive case to announce. This person is currently in self-isolation and was deemed that there was no risk of

community spread. Our thoughts and prayers are with this community member.”

“Community programming may continue following all COVID safety protocols, and all band members are encouraged to reach out to their immediate supervisor to find out about work arrangements,” wrote Ogimaa Ominika.

Michael Staruck, director of education for the Wikwemikong Board of Education (WBE) said in a letter to students, parents/caregivers and WBE staff September 2, “the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory pandemic response team, via Ogimaa Tim Ominika and public health have declared the COVID-19 out-



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# Manitoulin Votes ~~2021~~

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Each week for the past three weeks, The Expositor has posed a question to five of the candidates running for election in Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing that is of concern to the people of Manitoulin Island. The candidates' responses follow below.

Island municipalities recently drafted Community Safety and Well-Being Plans. The highest priority risk for Manitoulin Island was identified as mental health and addictions. Local data indicated that all partnering communities (First Nations as well) have been experiencing crisis occurrences as a result of mental health and addictions to some degree. Over the last five years, OPP calls for service from the Espanola-Manitoulin detachment area indicate that approximately 43 per-

cent of calls for service were directly associated with the Mental Health Act. Within the same five-year period, approximately 50 percent of calls were drug and alcohol related offences.

The Expositor supplement, 'Out of the Shadows,' published June 23, 2021 took an in-depth look at Manitoulin's opioid crisis: "According to coroner records, seven people died on Manitoulin Island last year from opioid related causes. That's nearly four times higher than in 2018 and 2019. In the Sudbury and Manitoulin areas over the past year, there were nearly four times more drug-related deaths than those from COVID-19."

Paramedics are responding to an increasing number of suspected opioid overdoses, from five in 2018 to 48 in

2020. In the first four months of 2021, paramedics had already attended to 19 suspected opioid overdoses in the District of Manitoulin. Island paramedics have administered naloxone, the overdose reversal drug, 13 times since 2018.

While the provincial government is responsible for funding and coordinating mental health and addiction supports, all levels of government have a role to play in addressing the opioid crisis. What steps would you take to develop and implement a coordinated national response that includes all levels of government? How would you integrate this with the intertwined issues of homelessness and mental health?

**Clarence Baarda,**  
Christian Heritage



Thank you for raising this short but loaded question. The tragedy of the opioid crisis is of great concern to me. Early in our marriage our first son was born but then it was over for us. After a difficult birth my wife, Ann, couldn't conceive any more. We decided to adopt our second son who was born just a few months prior to abortions becoming legal.

Next we wanted a daughter, more difficult now because fewer children were available. The prime function of the Children's Aid Society back then was to find adoptive parents. We received a call that a little girl was available, but she was an Indigenous child and had an older brother. We weren't racist and didn't want to break up the brother and sister bond so we adopted both. We're a happy, mixed race family of four children who love each other. The problem for them began when they came to adulthood.

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**Carol Hughes,**  
NDP incumbent



Opioids have ripped through communities and families across the country, and Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing is no exception. In a short time, the variety of opioids and ease of distribution have created an ever-growing problem. With all levels of government involved in the efforts to help those struggling with dependency and to keep communities safe, there is clearly a role for the federal government to play in coordination. This includes funding for issues that contribute to the opioid epidemic, and in a legal capacity.

Because our struggle with opioids cannot be viewed in isolation from contributing factors, any solutions will reflect numerous ways people become vulnerable, such as a lack of mental health supports, and homelessness which stems from a growing lack of affordable housing. Both of those have strong correlations

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**Duke Peltier,**  
Liberal candidate



While we have been living the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has also been and continues to be another 'pandemic' - increased addictions and mental health challenges.

And with this we have seen a crisis emerge with deaths caused by overdose; one of the biggest threats being opioid overdoses.

The Liberal government recognizes that the opioid overdose epidemic has worsened during the COVID-19 pandemic. Tragically, in 2020, there were 6,214 opioid overdose deaths in Canada.

It's a reality plaguing communities across Canada and our Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing communities are not immune.

It was alarming to read in The Manitoulin Expositor's 'Out of the Shadows' supplement that coroner records showed seven people died on Manitoulin Island last year from opioid related causes which was approximately four

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**John Sagman,**  
Conservative candidate



Firstly, we need to recognize this crisis by accepting mental health is health. The Conservatives have compiled "Canada's Recovery Plan" that includes a focus on a mental health initiative.

When I'm out in the communities I'm hearing that there are many people and extended families that have been touched by the opioid crisis. This is a real problem throughout our riding, and it is multi-faceted, as The Expositor's supplement has pointed out.

In the Conservative's mental health plan, we have recognized that one in five Canadians have suffered from depression, anxiety, or post-traumatic stress disorder. In addition, a company I have worked with noted that 500,000 people across our nation miss work every week due to mental health challenges.

We are also recognizing the reality regarding the opioid cri-

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**Stephen Zimmermann,**  
Green candidate



For some communities in Northern Ontario, the opioid crisis has been a greater health crisis than COVID-19.

The statistics quoted for Sudbury and Manitoulin are similar to those in the Algoma and Porcupine Health Units. It's an epidemic that has been under way for years. COVID only made it worse. While opioids are especially destructive, I would include the wider abuse of drugs as part of the problem.

Many readers will have been touched by addiction issues, either personally or through someone close to them. I have watched close friends struggle with addiction their entire lives; I have lost friends. As a teacher, I am aware of students who have lost family members. I check the obituaries for names of my former students. Lives are lost or destroyed. Substance abuse can often lead to anti-social behaviour

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## The Manitoulin *West* Recorder

### Retired Gore Bay paramedic feted for his service and dedication to the community

**by Tom Sasvari**  
GORE BAY—When he received a page to respond to a (very serious) code four incident, Gore Bay paramedic John Allison (with the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board Emergency Medical Services) was bemoaning the fact that this would be one heck of a tough way to end his 25-year career as a paramedic.

"I was all ready to go into retirement, I just wanted to walk away with no hoopla. Then we received a page for a code four serious incident. They blindsided me," Mr. Allison quipped on Tuesday of last week. Paramedic "Jessica Churchill had set up the whole thing." The code four was actually to receive congratulations from paramedic staff members and administration on his retirement.

"I feel honoured to be working with you on your last shift," stated fellow paramedic Jessica Churchill on the Facebook post-video, on Mr. Allison's last shift August 29. "And I thank you for all that you taught me and making this the best trip I have made."

"It's hard to let go," Mr. Allison admitted to The Expositor, noting he had turned 65 years young on August 15. "I started as a paramedic on May 8, 1995, with the Gore Bay Ambulance Service (which was later purchased by Dave Hill and turned into Rainbow North Ambulance Service, and from there the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board EMS)."

"When I started the paramedic ambulance service was a volunteer service based out of Gore Bay," said Mr. Allison. "For me, I sort of fell into it. When we moved up to Gore Bay, I worked at Manitoulin Transport for 12 years (29 and a half years in total with the

company as a truck driver having also worked for Listowel Transport)."

"Marie Clarke got me involved in the business, and when I started there were people like Hans Dittmar, Connie Harrison, Rita Hall I worked with," said Mr. Allison. When he decided to take a career as a full-time paramedic, "I had to go back to school for EMS training at Cambrian College in 2003. It was mostly an online 18-month course, but every few weeks I would have to go to Sudbury for practical training."

Jennifer Tasse, deputy chief paramedic with MSDSB EMS, who is from Manitoulin Island,

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Road conditions are making it very difficult for emergency service vehicles like fire trucks to travel on the Little Lake Huron road in a timely fashion to a fire, the Manitoulin Planning Board was informed at a recent meeting.

### Road in Robinson Township still proves very difficult for emergency vehicles to travel on

**by Tom Sasvari**  
GORE BAY—Before further development applications are accepted by the Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) for work on Little

Lake Huron Estates Road in the Township of Robinson, a discussion will take place with the fire chief for the township to discuss the difficulties firefighters have in terms of accessing properties on the road, due to its condition, in an emergency situation.

"This issue was brought to the board because of the development applications that were passed (by the board) at the July meeting," said Theresa Carlisle, secretary-treasurer of MPB at a meeting in August. "The road is in poor condition in some parts, and I understand an organization is being looked at to seek support from landowners to put money toward having gravel and some repairs done to the road."

"I think the board should invite (Robinson Township) Fire Chief

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# One Manitowaning Road

opinion

## editorial

### Name-calling and intimidation of others is wrong—full stop

Fear is a powerful motivator. Human beings (along with most of creation's other creatures) share automatic impulses designed to protect and preserve us from the many dangers with whom we share the globe. But sometimes fear can cause us to do terrible things, things we would not consider doing under different circumstances.

Fear has been harnessed by demagogues and charlatans throughout history, and by none more so than politicians of all stripes, shapes and sizes, to herd people down paths upon which they normally would not tread. Small wonder then that distrust of government has risen generally across the globe.

It was fear that led the civilized and staid burgers of the Weimer Republic to turn their backs on reason and humanity to elect a monster into a position of power. Once harnessed, that fear helped plunge the world into several years of darkness from which 12 million innocent people would not return. That darkness would go on to cost thousands of lives—all because (legitimate) fear prevented decent people from stepping up and speaking out.

In the current context of the COVID-19 pandemic fear is once again at work, bringing with it both positive and negative consequences and reactions.

On the positive side of the ledger, much of the success of the current vaccination efforts (with more than 83 percent of the nation stepping up for the jab) can be traced to a healthy fear of the deadly consequences of contracting the virus. Canadians, traditionally more trusting of their government and health officials to the south of us, have rolled up their sleeves to take part in the battle to wrestle this pernicious virus and its variants to the ground—and despite the rising numbers of the fourth wave, our nation is winning that battle.

But on the negative side of the ledger many among us have turned our fears on those who are not willing to accept the word of politicians and the medical establishment (Oxycontin wasn't addictive according to many of the latter and in normal times the former are trusted less than your average used car salesman) and join the vaccinated on the barricades of this war.

Involuntary medical procedures have a long, storied and incredibly horrid history in this country—particularly for Indigenous peoples. Yet there are those among us who would gladly see those imposed

upon their recalcitrant neighbours.

Also on the negative side of the fear ledger are those who oppose the voluntary vaccinations of others. It is hard to comprehend the motivation of the small handful of protestors who are mobilizing at the vaccination clinics—screaming vitriol and derision upon those who, voluntarily, are stepping up to do their bit to help crush the virus. But not all of those who oppose vaccination fall into that odious category; it is important to listen and understand another's point of view.

Neither those who shame and name-call those who express fears of the vaccines or the loss of rights and freedoms they see as inherent in vaccination passports and travel restrictions, nor those who deride and name-call those who express fears of the non-vaccinated have right on their side—even though they passionately believe they do. Both sides are convinced that God and country are with them—we cannot purport to speak for the former, but we can assert categorically that the latter is not onside with either camp, despite those fears.

Passion can be a good thing, but like fear, passion can travel too far down the road to intolerance. Name calling, shaming, intimidation, bullying and other forms of coercion should never be considered tolerable in a free and democratic society. Those who pile on the anti-vaxers in digital forums, at work or on the street and those who pile derision and vitriol on those who express concerns over the need for more people to be vaccinated have opinions that differ from our own are two sides of a very bad penny.

Very few friends are won on the playground by calling names. Instead, positions become hardened and fears accelerate into paranoia—all of which are injurious to mental health at a time when stress and anxiety have ascended to almost unprecedented levels in our nation.

Reasoned debate is the very lifeblood of a just and civil society. It is not necessary to scroll by a position different than our own, in fact understanding another's point of view is critical to finding some middle ground upon which we might stand together in this fight—but uncivil responses should remain beyond the pale.

Do not let fear lead us into unreason and hatred—history has shown us such paths do not work out in the end.

## letters

### Gratitude expressed for Old School 100th coverage

*Thanks to the nearly 300 supporters who came to the event*

#### To the Expositor:

'A good time was had by all!' Truer words were never spoken. The 100th birthday bash for the Mindemoya Old School was a resounding success and FOMOS would like to thank Tom at The Expositor for such great coverage of this historic event.

The weather cooperated and we registered over 130 people. An amazing crew of volunteers helped make everything run smoothly.

The show of support from the Manitoulin community, politicians and the Ontario Historical Society was overwhelming. It was heartwarming to see so many young people not only enjoy the day but also buy memberships to show their support.

For many people, it had been a long time since they had been anywhere near the school and it was an eye-opening experience for them to see such a sturdy, beautiful building firsthand. Lots of memories were

shared.

FOMOS (Friends of the Mindemoya Old School) is hoping that people will continue to voice their support for our efforts to save the building from demolition.

If ownership of the school changes, tax dollars will not be used to maintain the school. The responsibility for taxes would be solely that of FOMOS.

We hope to repurpose this grand old school so that it will be a vibrant addition to the Central Manitoulin area and to Manitoulin in general.

Thanks to our almost 300 members and to all who came out to share in such a historic event.

We hope to be able to host more in the future!

Lynn Quesnel  
on behalf of FOMOS

### Harvest Glory Days have returned—time to show your community pride

MANITOULIN—It's less than two weeks to the official first day of the fall season but nature has her own schedule and, on Manitoulin, many maple trees are already beginning to sport their autumn colours.

That means it's also time for Manitoulin's communities, and the individual homeowners, businesspeople and local institutions that comprise these communities, to start working on their seasonal displays for The Expositor Office's annual Harvest Glory Days friendly inter-community competition.

This is the eighth year for Harvest Glory Days where the Island communities in three categories (large towns, mid-sized towns and small towns) decorate in the fall harvest theme.

And, in this case, size matters; quantity, at any rate, as the communities in Manitoulin's First Nations and municipalities that show the most decorating efforts and initiative are rewarded by a large highway sign that attests to their community spirit, with lots of space on the signs for further recognition in future years.

Last year, for example, Mindemoya made a breakthrough in the



Norma Hughson, left, and Christina Jones take a moment last Sunday to update the sign in Sheguiandah that indicates that community was, once again last year, a winner in the Harvest Glory Days fall-theme decorating friendly inter-community rivalry on Manitoulin.

large town category and has the sign, mounted to the town's official welcome sign at the Highway 551 entrance, proudly announcing this fact.

The year before, Gore Bay was also acknowledged in this category and kept up its great decorating habits again in 2020 so a new leaf is being added to its sign.

Manitowaning was the inaugural winner in this category and volunteers and homeowners there have maintained the tradition through seven years.

In the mid-sized town category, volunteers in Sheguiandah have ensured their community shows off fall decorations in a winning way for the past three years.

In the small community category, Silver Water has been hard to beat as virtually every residence in town decorates and the sign there is nearly full of annual acknowledgments.

What The Expositor wants from you is the address of your decorated property and we need this by 4 pm on Friday, October 1

so we can publish your coordinates in the Wednesday, October 6 issue of The Expositor and also on our website, Manitoulin.com, in the week before Thanksgiving Weekend.

We want to encourage Island people and visitors alike to enjoy a drive around our Island and take in the decorating efforts.

This also helps the Harvest Glory Days judges to make their choices about best decorated communities in the Harvest Glory Days theme. The Expositor Office looks forward to awarding a sign to a new deserving community and to adding 'leaves' to ones that have maintained their winning ways.

Please register your home or business online at manitoulin.com/hgd or call Debbie at 705-368-2744. Our fax machine still works too, 705-368-3822. You can also email services@manitoulin.com.

As usual, we will have an online gallery of many decorated homes/businesses/institutions, groups by community.

Questions? Call or email The Expositor at the contacts shown above.

# A New Yorker's perspective on 911 after 20 years

by Bonnie Kogos

September 11 started for me with a phone call from Sudbury. I smiled, hearing my friend Brenda from Garson.

"What do I owe this honour?" I laughed. "I'm just finishing a newspaper column about Manitoulin before I go to work."

She shouted, "Are you okay? One of the Twin Towers has just been bombed; I saw it on TV!"

"What?" Sickened, I turned on the TV. Oh God, I was hoping Jonathan was not home. My dear cousin, accomplished, charming, tall, handsome Jonathan Uman, 33, who worked for Cantor Fitzgerald on the 102nd floor, was still on vacation with his family. Phew.

I immediately called his mother, Susan, who sobbed, "Bonnie, they came home a day early. Got back last night. Jon drove his new sports car into work early this morning, exercised, and went to his office!"

Thus began the excruciating torment, felt by our country, Canada and Europe as the news roared around the world.

Ten minutes later, the second tower blew up. I was able to phone my office: "Stay there. Do not move. The city is on lockdown."

Crying, I sat in front of the TV with my thoughts of Jon, his dear wife and two young children, his mother, our family. As our nation sat numb and in disbelief, ambulances and firetrucks began to scream, roaring past my home near Park Avenue. All day.

An hour later, I was startled to receive a phone call from someone at CBC Radio in Sudbury. They knew me because I'd been writing for years the Window Seat column for The Sudbury Star; about the joys of constantly discovering more about Sudbury and especially on Manitoulin, where I had lived for a brief time in Kagawong. I loved Manitoulin and as a city gal, had kept making mistakes like putting my pickup in a frozen ditch on Boxing Day, constant learning how to live here as a former New York City-based travel agent and writer.

Also, since writing the column, I'd been interviewed often by dear Markus Schwabe on CBC, so they had my New York City phone number.

"Bonnie, you're our New Yorker who often visits Sudbury. Are you safe, and can we talk?"

It was pitiful as I continued to share, intermittently through the terrifying day, as we waited and watched billowing smoke darken our sunlit skies. On TV, we watched the fallen buildings with their now ugly girders and columns. Everyone, who could, rushed down to help.

Just the night before, my friend Susan, who'd been to a fancy dinner the night before at Windows on The World was mortified...

Two miles away, in Murray Hill, away from "Ground Zero," I simply shared the anguish hitting us, deepening my association with my cherished readers in Sudbury and on Manitoulin.

In the late afternoon, I couldn't stay in. I had to move, walking out to Park Avenue to



Manitoulin-Manhattan's Bonnie Kogos with her niece Brighten Kaufman in front of Ms. Kogo's apartment building in New York.

watch hundreds of people miserably trudge by, all in disbelief, many with shoes in their hands, since the subways had closed down. And the sun was shining.

The next day I stood in line in front of the hospital, waiting to file a missing person's report for Jon. As if that would help. Relatives of other families, numbering in the thousands, lined up as well.

A woman in front of me told me her daughter phoned, as the smoke filled her office, and the phone went dead. We cried together.

The misery, not knowing, and the terror, did not abate for days. We heard nothing. Everything seemed to stop. New York City was tortured, and we were still living.

More moments of deep misery; the excellent travel agency I was associated with had just issued 200 tickets for a meeting the following week in Arizona for our cherished clients, the very staff of Cantor Fitzgerald, who were on the 101 and 102nd floors. Loreta, the agent, sat crying, as she voided out each ticket.

Later, Jon's body was identified. Loved by so many, at his funeral at home in Connecticut, 100 people showed up to honour him. He had played guitar in a band and there was music for him.

I dreamt of him often and still do. The terror he must have felt that day is beyond my wildest imagination.

A week later my cousin, Lisa, flew in from California; we were able to walk down to the site, looking up at wretchedly torn steel girders and columns above and grey powder everywhere. Policemen kindly said, "Please move along, folks..."

The city stopped, peculiarly quiet, hopeless and numb. Everyone was in mourning, even with store windows reflecting this. Our busy travel business simply stopped. It was a time of waiting,

pure desolation, and utter sadness.

It seemed everyone had family or a friend who had died that day. It was worse than the way I've written this.

Yet our tragedy-stricken country pulled together beautifully. No division. People stood together, helped each other, and we loved America.

I pulled many photographs of Jon, remembering his sunny smile and gracious ways.

Even now, 20 years later, deep grieving and mourning resides inside every single New Yorker who was here, and lived. And it is a loss that tragically binds many nations. Canadians were wonderful, coming to help.

A few weeks ago, I and my dear nephew, Eric Beckman, who looked up to his cousin Jon, visited the incredible, extensive Ground Zero Memorial, where thousands of artifacts were brilliantly displayed. We remembered everything, and gazed at Jon's cheerful picture, among the thousands who perished that day.

"Aunt Bonnie, everybody has a memory; it is seared into all of us," Eric said brilliantly.

We were there for hours, allowing in the pain and disbelief again. Standing by the reflecting pool, looking up, we again realized the huge perspective, how massive these buildings were.

It's still impossible to imagine the thousands of people that perished that day as we stood quietly, down in the museum, realizing the huge footprint of both buildings and the areas.

NYC put up bright new buildings and sites, allowing downtown NYC to flourish again, with respectful visitors and residents always congregating here. When my friends from Sudbury and Manitoulin visit me, we find ourselves here.

With September 11th, the dull pain of remembering always returns. Allowing us to acknowledge and honour the firefighters, police, and volunteers who worked tirelessly, endlessly, and how we all pulled together. The heroic stories of people helping others to survive are still with us.

We're all aware how much NYC and the world has changed, drastically; culture, political division, the pandemic and the unceasing and endless conflict in the world.

Our Mayor Di Blasio said, "There's no way to understand this, unless you're in it."

This September's intense sadness is deepened with the heaviness of the new waves of the global pandemic that New Yorkers feel, the recent torrential rains around our country, and the fires in the west. And with political issues, admittedly, things are tough everywhere.

Everything seems instant these days, with cell phones, computers, television news, and Zoom. An elder business friend, whom I respect, told me how successful and relevant he felt as a busy engineer, until 2018. Now grumpy, he asserts, "These days, what is the real world and how do we live in it? Not phony movies, Tik-Tok, or stupid games to fill the time."

I recall a comment made by Albert Ein-

stein; "I fear the day that technology will surpass our human interaction. The world may have a generation of idiots."

And if our electrical power dies, how do we function in our ever-changing world?

How can we Americans bring our country together? Even gladly visiting Manitoulin this week, I keep asking how do we stay "safe" anywhere, existing in a more difficult world?

Our American leaders constantly speak on TV to those in our population who have not been immunized.

I've been in NYC since the beginning of the pandemic, getting my two shots, amassing face masks and gloves. Early on, when I bought groceries, I washed them in the bathtub, yet gave that up as the months went on.

"New York City's lost its shine," mourned my friend Rita, visiting two weeks ago from her home in Florida. "All the empty store fronts, and homeless on the streets. The US is polarized, and the global economy struggles."

Many Americans grapple with what we were raised to believe—we were proud to be from the US of A. That pride carried us in our travels around the world and helped us navigate the challenges we faced as a country.

The "Manhattan-Manitoulin me," who lived in that timeworn Kagawong farmhouse so long ago, and who has visited Sudbury and Manitoulin every summer for 30 years (except for 2020), is grateful to be here at this writing.

And happy to report that Jon's daughter and son have grown up, leading their



Bonnie Kogos' nephew Jonathan J. Uman was lost on 911.

lives. They have bloomed.

We Americans and Canadians are tough and resilient, as we work, strive for health, and well-being.

Now to be respectful, civil, and grateful for all the good and blessings we have.

I'm going to walk the path around Bridal Veil Falls.

Our Bonnie's first book, 'Manitoulin Adventures: I Was Mistaken for a Rich, Red, Ripe Tomato,' was published in 2001. Her second novel, *Manhattan, Manitoulin*, published by Scrivener Press, and her third, *The Boat That Brings You Home*, begins on the dock in Gore Bay. Find her at [BonniKogos@gmail.com](mailto:BonniKogos@gmail.com)

## obituary

# Marilyn Moggy, October 4, 1934-August 31, 2021

## Community mourns beloved Kindergarten teacher, community-minded person

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—She was not only a beloved Kindergarten teacher, but a community minded person that will no doubt be missed. Marilyn Moggy, of Manitowaning, passed away August 31 at the age of 86.

"She was a very special lady who gave a lot of young lives a great start," was one of the comments posted on the Assiginack Township Facebook page last week.

"Condolences to her family, she was an amazing lady, always wanting to help out when she could," said another friend of Mrs. Moggy.

J. David Smith wrote in part, "honouring a fantastic lady who has given so much for the betterment of the community. Our thoughts and prayers are with you."

On September 1, the Township of Assiginack released a press release that read, "the Township of Assiginack would like to extend its heartfelt condolences to Councilor Hugh Moggy and his family. Marilyn was such an integral part of our community. Residents still talk about having Mrs. Moggy as their Kindergarten teacher and



The late Marilyn Moggy

always have a smile and funny story to go along with that memory."

"From being a member of the library board, museum board, agriculture society, and horticultural society, she knew the meaning of volunteering and what was involved in making a community thrive," the release read. "St. Paul's Church was so lucky to have her and all the numerous

roles she played in her outreach efforts to make the world a better place. Marilyn will be missed, but she will leave a strong legacy of what a difference an individual can make in a community by simply stepping up to help. To Hugh, Dianne, Jane, Delbert, David and family members, our hearts are with you."

Mrs. Moggy was the beloved wife of Hugh Moggy. Cherished mother of Dianne (David Shilman) Moggy and Jane (Delbert Sousa) Moggy. Sister of David (Sally) Golding, Helen Golding and Paul Golding (predeceased) (Robin Russell). Sister-in-law of Norma (Don) Hembruff (both predeceased), Rae (John) Skippen, Glenn (predeceased) (Marilyn) Moggy and Bill Moggy. Marilyn will be missed by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Marilyn was born in Thamesford, Ontario, but spent her early summers at Cedarden Lodge on South Bay, which was operated by her parents Earl and Dorothy Golding. She met her future husband Hugh at a dance in the Orange Hall in Manitowaning, beginning a romance that

marked their 63rd wedding anniversary on August 30.

Family was the love of her life and her daughters, Dianne and Jane, and their husbands were her cornerstones. Her second family, the children she taught throughout her career, provided her with an additional opportunity to share her belief in the importance of being kind to one another, to respect each other, to learn and to have fun. In return, Marilyn was often referred to as their "beloved Mrs. Moggy."

The Moggy family posted on the Township of Assiginack Facebook page "please join us on Thursday, September 2 in saying goodbye to Marilyn Moggy, one of Assiginack Township's most beloved Kindergarten teachers." The Manitowaning procession followed Queen Street from Hugh and Marilyn's residence with a loop past the school and back down Queen Street to Arthur Street and out to Highway 6. A private service followed at the Hilly Grove Cemetery with a celebration for family and friends planned for the summer of 2022."

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## ...Clarence Baarda, Christian Heritage

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The stories I hear from them are heart-breaking for us. I communicate often with our daughter who lives in Victoria, BC where they experience the same or worse crisis we face. We can learn from children because they don't look at skin colour. Racism is a huge factor leading to the opioid crisis, mental illness and the broken families we're facing today and it's only getting worse. Money alone won't solve the problem and to think that getting help from any of the leading political powers is futile. Further, we have families, particularly First Nations, being torn apart through the incursion of government into family life. While residential schools no longer exist,

the breaking up of families continues. There is still a disproportionate number of Indigenous children removed from their parental homes and placed into foster homes. What is different? Who can care better for their children with the love and discipline they deserve than their own parents?

A Christian Heritage Party (CHP) government will seek to restore the family to its rightful place as part of the foundation of a healthy society. Government incursion into the home has damaged effective child-rearing. This must stop! Except in cases of demonstrable abuse, the government should not interfere in the home life of any Canadian. Restoring loving discipline for

childhood infractions will benefit society by restoring the right of parents to set healthy parameters for their children. Thus restoring the expectation of increasingly responsible behaviour as children mature.

There is hope for the homeless and those who have given up all hope and turned instead to drug use to relieve the pain of suffering. Except for CHP, all parties add more to the problem by promoting deaths from abortions, euthanasia, medical assistance in dying and other acts that are total in conflict with traditional family values. How can you expect help from any government that themselves promote death as the solution to broken family relations, drug use and overdose deaths?

A CHP government would assist communities with healing families. Help should be provided for families in crisis but healthy family units must not face the government's stripping the family of its authority and structure. The current government has ceased functioning in its assigned role and stripped us of our freedoms. A CHP government would restore to Canadians their Charter guarantees, God-given freedoms.

I run on a platform of life, family and freedom. Restoration of a healthy society with these rights will give to us what we all want and need, a recognition of our value, the support of strong healthy families and the freedom to live our life free of government intervention.

## ...Carol Hughes, New Democratic Party

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with opioid dependency and offer pathways to build community resilience against dependency.

New Democrats believe that there is much more we can do to save lives and support those struggling with opioids. In government, we will declare a public health emergency and commit to working with all levels of government, health experts and Canadians to end the criminalization and stigma of drug addiction, so that people struggling with addiction can get the help they need without fear of arrest. At the same time, we will get tough on the real criminals—those who traffic in and profit from illegal drugs. We'll work with the provinces and health professionals to create a safe supply of medically regulated alternatives to toxic street drugs, support overdose prevention sites and expand access to treatment on demand for people

struggling with addiction. We will also launch an investigation into the role drug companies may have played in fueling the opioid crisis and seek meaningful financial compensation from them for the public costs of this crisis.

But nothing stands in isolation and more must be done to support individuals so they can avoid well known pathways to opioid dependency. This includes the links between mental health, housing and addiction.

A major part of the long-term solution to homelessness is to ensure that more affordable rental units are built across the country. That's why a New Democrat government will create at least 500,000 units of quality, affordable housing in the next 10 years, with half of that done within five years. This will be achieved with the right mix of effective measures that work in partnership with provinces and municipalities, build capacity for social, community

and affordable housing providers, to deliver rental support for co-ops and meet environmental energy efficiency goals.

These measures will help address the housing crisis at the source, but we also need to make sure that families and individuals who need help, get help now, especially during the pandemic. That's why we'll provide immediate relief for families that are struggling to afford rent in otherwise suitable housing, while we bring forward long-term solutions to the housing affordability crisis.

In addition to housing proposals, New Democrats believe that we need to work towards health care that covers us from head to toe. The pandemic took a tremendous toll on Canadians' mental health. This is especially true for young people who are reporting high levels of depression and anxiety. Mental health care should be available at no cost for people who need it. This is why a New Democrat government would

bring in mental health care for uninsured Canadians so that people with no coverage for mental health services can gain access to these supports without worrying about the cost. Our comprehensive pharmacare plan will also mean that prescription medication for mental health care will now be available free of cost to Canadians. We will work with provinces and territories to build on these initiatives and put in place a truly comprehensive approach to mental health services.

In terms of progress, opioids, and drug use in general, are now viewed as health issues rather than ones that can be dealt with by law enforcement alone. Now, as we better understand the nature of addiction, we must be careful that old stereotypes and opinions don't influence our decision making and maintain a focus on those most vulnerable as the priority in our efforts.

## ...Duke Peltier, Liberal candidate

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times higher than in 2018 and 2019.

Furthermore, an article published this past July in The Expositor also highlighted that these past five years have seen close to 43 percent of calls to the Ontario Provincial Police Manitoulin detachment area being associated with the Mental Health Act; with about 50 percent being drug and alcohol related offences. The article also noted that paramedics are responding to an increasing number of suspected opioid overdoses, from five in 2018 to 48 in 2020.

I am aware of the collective discussions and planning that have been ongoing on Manitoulin Island with the creation of the draft Community Safety and Well-being plan. This is a necessary and positive step forward engaging health care, social/com-

munity services, education, children/youth and police services and most importantly, citizens.

Discussions among agencies is critical in helping identify factors that may be associated with addictions. Throughout my leadership in Northern Ontario, I have been part of planning tables that have addressed priority issues like mental health and homelessness, which are known to have links to substance abuse.

Planning, and implementation of these plans, must be a commitment of all levels of government.

A re-elected Liberal government will continue to be a part of this process.

Our platform lays out commitments that will help ensure mental health care is treated as a full and equal part of Canada's uni-

versal public health care system. This will be accomplished by working with provinces through strategic measures like establishing a new federal transfer to provinces and territories to assist jurisdictions in expanding the delivery of high-quality, accessible, and free mental health services. We also commit to permanent, ongoing funding for mental health services under the Canada Mental Health Transfer, with an initial investment of \$4.5 billion over five years; adding on to what's already invested.

Furthermore, we are well aware of the challenges of affordable housing which can lead to homelessness. There are too many people suffering from lack of or unaffordable housing. We will help change that.

A re-elected Liberal government will

appoint a new federal housing advocate within the first 100 days of a new mandate to ensure the federal government's work toward eliminating chronic homelessness, as well as other housing commitments, are fulfilled.

We have a housing plan that will include the building of more than 20,000 units of new affordable rental housing and ensuring 130,000 units are revitalized from a state critical disrepair.

My years as a leader in the North has given me direct insight into how society's challenges like mental health and housing/homelessness can lead toward the path to addictions. These are challenges that need to be tackled—and tackled together at the local, provincial and federal levels.

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## Friends and Neighbours

### Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

The nice weather has continued into September and Team Fergmeijer is hoping for a beautiful fall season. We truly love the outdoors.

A very happy birthday goes out to Kim B, who is turning 29 this weekend. On their birthdays, some people see the glass as half empty, and others see the glass as half full. We say, just drink as many glasses as you want on your big day!

The township is hiring! Billings Township is looking for a Full-Time Financial / Administrative Support Worker. Check out the township website (<http://billingswp.ca>) for more information. The deadline to apply is September 8th at 12noon.

Last weekend was the amazing Young Street Festival! At least, we are assuming it was amazing - we had to write our column on Thursday because of the holiday. Given that it had artisans, musicians, contests and games for all ages, as well as the Carver Kings... well, how could it not be amazing!

If the Young Street Festival whetted your appetite for fun, frolic and fantasy, then good news - Billings' next big event is almost here! The 4elements Living Arts Elemental Festival is set for September 25-26 right here in Kagawong. Kagawong River stories, live music, and storytelling... oh my! It's going to be a fabulous event. Follow 4elements on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/4elementslivingarts>) for more details.

Our Manitoulin mom just found out that we replaced her bed with a trampoline. Man, did she ever hit the roof! While we are all greatly enjoying our smooth new roads and sidewalks through the centre of Kagawong, construction's not quite done yet! Hard surfacing will begin in the next few weeks on Range A Sideroad, Monument Road, and Old Mill Road (from the bridge to the bottom of Graham Hill). Stay tuned for more information on dates! With an eye towards branching out into a more international audience, yours truly has been making an effort to stay up on current events around the world. Did you know that Sweden elected the CEO of IKEA as president?! Word is he's still assembling his cabinet.

Have you picked up your copy of "How It All Began"? The third edition of the beloved local history book is available for purchase (\$30) at the library and the Heritage Centre.

Don't forget, the library has officially returned to regular hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 4-7 pm; Saturday, 10 am - 1 pm. Come in and browse the stacks and check out our new book shelves.

Last week, our mechanic was throwing free car parts to people, but we weren't able to grab what we needed. We just can't seem to catch a brake. Have a great week!

### Silver Water Karen Noble

I had my first swim off of Cook's dock August 31, joined by Gwen Binsfeld. The water was not nearly as cold as expected. Jim Strain had two grandsons with him fishing while we were there.

I went for training in Little Current on Friday to work the election on September 20.

Stop 540 held a customer appreciation BBQ on Saturday, September 4.

Happy 25th birthday on September 3 to Jordan Duncanson. She visited her grandparents Murray and Gladys Duncanson for a few days last week, with her sister, Jamie, and her cousins, Willow and Shelby Duncanson.

A BBQ lunch fundraiser is being held September 12 at noon at the Silver Water Community Hall.

There will be an election meeting for the Local Services Board of Robinson on Sunday, September 12 at 2 pm at the Silver Water Community Hall. Please wear a mask and bring your own pens. Residents are encouraged to come out to vote and / or join the board.

The outdoor mini market will continue on Saturday mornings from 9 am to noon at 20563 Hwy 540 as long as the weather allows.

Anyone interested in helping me knit up pneumonia vests to donate to charity in December, please let me know.

Happy back to school for all the students, teachers, bus drivers and other staff next week. Two of my nieces are out of the nest and off to university. Stay safe.



**Ice Chips to Canoe Quips**  
by Larry and André Leblanc

**Important ride for remembrance!**

The Ontario Provincial Police has partnered with the **Hovingh family** and the Manitoulin Island communities to memorialize Marc's life and his unwavering service to his community and the Province of Ontario.

A cycling event has been planned and will take place on September 18 to create a legacy of Marc's life.

Marc was committed to his family and his community through his work, his church and his desire to help those in need. In the spirit of how Marc lived his life, the ride will be raising awareness and funds for The Ontario Provincial Police Youth Foundation, an organization that mirrors what Marc's life displayed, providing for those in need of assistance.

You can choose one of the three designated riding routes below or plan your own and ride where you live. Either way, please register your ride by visiting the Canadahelps.org website. And see the ad on Page 14.

**Rainbow Ridge Two-Manitowaning Tourney!**

The first Wiikwemkoong Two-Man Open Championship tournament took place this past weekend with a who's-who of local golfers and familiar off-Island names. The top team, with an impressive -11 score over the two days were **Craig and Anthony Rogerson** with steady 66 and 67 Saturday and Sunday tallies to end up with a stellar 133 over the weekend. The winners of the first flight was the duo of **Stewart McLeod and Blair Morrison** who shot an even 70 - 70 for a 140 score. The second-flight co-winners were **Robert Trudeau and Ronald Manitowabi** with their 70-69 for a 139 (-5) and **RJ Pantan and Joseph Kremer** 71 - 68 for a 139 score (-5). Incidentally, although the pairs of Pantan/Kremer and Trudeau/Manitowabi had a lower total score (139) than the first flight winners at 140, the format put them in the first flight because of their first day tallies. The third flight winner with 72 - 72 for 144 included course record holder **Scott Madahbee and Jason Abotossaway**. The fourth flight winners with their 77 - 73 and a 150 (+6) were **Sterling Innes and Mike Debbert**. Congratulations to all and stay tuned the Rainbow Ridge website for more competitions and activities.

**Youth fishing derby!**

The Wiikwemkoong Anglers and Buzwah Variety is proud to announce an upcoming Youth Fish 'Back to School Derby' via video submission. Every kid just needs to register because every child/youth will win something! The current child/youth cash pot is at \$300. Thanks to donations by the Wiikwemkoong Youth Centre, Hillside Variety and the Wikwemkoong Junior Anglers. The club is working out the details but essentially parents are to record the video of their children reeling in their fish while saying a few words to qualify.

The Anglers would also like to remind fishers of their Virtual Pike Derby for this Saturday, September 11. The club has a very successful and fair format that has teams required to video their catch being caught, measured and then released while saying the code given to them upon registration. For more information and to register please call: **Lorne Agawa** at 705-665-8139 or **Angela Peltier** at 705-282-7384.

**Karate is back. Kiieeey!**

Shihan **Dan Fletcher** of the Manitoulin School of Martial Arts is excited to return to his (in-person classes for every fitness studio) close-to-normal arrangements. Their encouraging yet temporary schedule begins with a session at September 15 at 6:30 pm at the Mindemoya community centre. If you are interested, please contact Shihan Dan for information at: 705-348-0455.

**Dance Class opportunities!**

Body Stories Dance Instruction has announced that their fall dance registration is finally open! Classes will be happening in Mindemoya, Little Current and Manitowaning! Instructor **Candace Irwin** has classes in ballet, creative movement, contemporary and jazz for ages 4 and up. Their first six-week session starts September 14.

If there are current students wanting to register in Mindemoya and Little Current they can email them at: [bodystoriesdance@gmail.com](mailto:bodystoriesdance@gmail.com). New students are asked to fill out our registration form also accessible through that address. For your convenience, all students in Manitowaning can register through the Township of Assiginack website.

**A good sport is good for sports.**  
[chipstoquips@gmail.com](mailto:chipstoquips@gmail.com)

**\$109K Ontario Trillium grant breathes new life into Assiginack Curling Club**

MANITOWANING— In 2019, the Assiginack Curling Club received a \$109,500 capital grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) to make significant improvements to its hall. The improvements ranged from a new roof to buying an upgraded HVAC system, to the installation and outfitting of a new fitness centre and replacing old lighting with new LED lighting. The project was completed this month and will give area residents improved access to programs and events at the club for years to come.

"I am extremely pleased with the strong funding support shown by OTF for the Assiginack Curling Club's extensive renovation project," said Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha. "OTF understands the importance of supporting projects that will allow our communities to broaden the potential of existing facilities. They are ensuring that any barriers that have limited easy access for people with impairments or disabilities are eliminated." Mr. Mantha concluded that by making community facilities welcoming and safe, "we are building a stronger more inclusive society and thus improving overall mental and physical health."

The club is used by a variety of community organizations for meetings, celebrations and fundraisers. And thanks to the \$109,500 grant from the OTF, people of all abilities will be gain easier access the ice surface and hall areas of building.

"The impact of this OTF grant cannot be underestimated," said Peter Bond, president of the Assiginack Curling Club. "This grant has allowed needed



Some of the exercise equipment featured in the new fitness centre in Assiginack.

renovations to be made. Our hall is completely accessible, and we can now accommodate everyone with mobility issues and serve our community better. In addition, our new fitness centre will provide a modestly priced facility for our community to stay fit and active"

The Assiginack Curling Club is committed to preserving this space and ensuring that it remains accessible for many community activities over the course of the year. If you wish to enquire about using the space for your meeting or hosting an event, please contact Denise McKenzie-Shawana at (705) 918-2751 or email [dmckenzie63@hotmail.com](mailto:dmckenzie63@hotmail.com).

**Local business, groups donate funds towards new ballfield maintenance group in Mindemoya**

MINDEMOYA—With the support of user groups and a local business, a newly formed user group has been created with the aim of putting an organized and proactive effort into ongoing maintenance of the Mindemoya ballfields in the municipality of Central Manitoulin.

"We're organizing ourselves, all user groups, and want to encourage everyone to participate," said Greg Lockeyer (of the Pearson Cup/kids ball tournament), who spearheaded the formation of the committee with the intent to bring the field back up to standards for the 2022 season, after two seasons of minimal use because of COVID-19 restrictions and to address ongoing future costs associated with operating the fields.

The user groups have never had to contribute (financially) in the past towards the maintenance of the ball fields, this has always been carried on by the Pearson Cup committee, said Mr. Lockeyer. "This way everyone pitches in."

The current user groups who are donating up to \$100 each in funds are the Pearson Cup committee, Central Manitoulin Lions Club, youth spring baseball, kids' ball tournament and Manitoulin Special Olympics, with other groups expected to join once the newly formed group has successfully recruited representatives from them.

Abel Enterprises-Documents and Process Serving, operated by Frank and Janice Abbott of Mindemoya, have also donated \$500 towards the proposed work.

Mr. Abbott told The Expositor, "We wanted to give back to the community. We don't have kids that would use the ball fields, but the community has been good to us, and we wanted to give something back."

A volunteer workday has been held to fill up the infields where the grass has significantly encroached and established as well as spreading a

load of topsoil provided by the municipality in some low spots in and around the fields. The first meeting was attended by Mr. Lockeyer (Pearson Cup/Kids Ball Tournament), Karlene Scott (Pearson Cup), Sandy Graham (Special Olympics) Reid Taylor (youth baseball), Dale Scott (municipality/Lions Club), Marcus Mohr (municipality/Lions Club).

"It has been two years since the fields were used and the grass has crept up onto the field," said Mr. Lockeyer. "It was felt that if we waited until next year to carry work out on the fields this would just get worse."

Mr. Lockeyer said the new field maintenance user group will continue on in years to come. "We might not use all the money in the kitty, but our fields are used."

Although the committee is not a municipal committee, the municipality will also have representation through the user group, with property committee chair and Councillor Dale Scott with community development and outreach coordinator Marcus Mohr, offering a small 2021 contribution for the field COVID-19 related work through economic development special projects. A trust account has been set up at the municipality and anyone wanting to donate to the project can contact Mr. Mohr at [central-cdev@amtelecom.net](mailto:central-cdev@amtelecom.net) or 705-377-5726. Volunteers can also contact this information or one of the user group members.

The ballfields in Mindemoya get a lot of use, as noted in a chart put together by Mr. Lockeyer. This includes the kids' spring ball starting in May and ending in June, men's fastball from mid-May until the start of September, Manitoulin Special Olympics, Pearson Cup, kids tournament, Lions fastball tournament homecoming weekend, a Manitoulin Special Olympics tournament in August, and the Central Manitoulin Public School tournament.

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## ...Retired Gore Bay paramedic feted for his service

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told The Expositor, "John is a great guy. I met John in 2005 and he was my ambulance partner in Gore Bay. When two new positions were created John and I were hired for this when DSB took over the paramedic ambulance services."

"I was his ambulance partner, and later his direct supervisor," said Ms. Tasse. "One of the reasons everyone loves John is his compassion for his profession, and he immerses himself in his community. He has a true dedication to serve, and he has been a mentor to many."

"I'm not an emotional person, but when I watched the video on Facebook of the end of John's last shift, I cried," said Ms. Tasse. "It was so nice. John has been a paramedic for 25 years and has done his job very well. John will say, 'I'm just doing my job,' but for paramedics like him it is all about community. I know that he and fellow paramedic Aaron Wright in Gore Bay on days off have brought people home when they have been discharged from the hospital. John is community based. He's dedicated and has served his community with compassion."

Fern Dominelli, CEO of MSDSB told The Expositor,

"John is so humble, and has been a dedicated employee long term. When we took over the ambulance paramedic service in 2004 he joined as well. He's been a very loyal employee, and any recognition he receives is well deserved."

"To me, I just did my job," stated Mr. Allison. "It is a difficult job at times, but I've been fortunate to meet a lot of great people and had good times and hard times over the years." He is among the four percent of paramedics who retire at the age of 65 and pointed out he is still in good shape.

"In this position you have to rely on your work partner and make sure you have their back," said Mr. Allison. "I've been fortunate to have worked with many good partners over the years. And I've had a great support system at home with my wife Johanna and the kids."

The final call out to Mr. Allison on his last shift was taped and played on Facebook. After this was posted he received literally hundreds of congratulatory comments on Facebook and Instagram from local and off-Island residents, dispatchers and fellow paramedics he has worked with over the years.

## ...Road in Robinson Township still proves very difficult

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Doug Wismer to our (MPB) next meeting to comment

### ...Irene Kells

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New to council will be William Bell, who received 19 votes.

Other candidates for council included, in alphabetical order, Carl Antoine who received nine votes, Christine Bigras with 17 votes, Malcolm Blue who garnered 16 votes, Charlene Sagon with 16 votes, Daisy Sagon with four votes and Crystal Sagon who received 14 votes.

A total of 51 voters took part in the election, 23 online and 28 in person, said electoral officer Robert Beaudin. He explained the OneFeather voting system (replacing the mail-in vote process) was used in the election.

Ogimaa-kwe Chief Kells and the members of council were sworn in immediately following the election.

### ...MHC 50/50

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four early bird prizes of \$250 September 30, October 22, November 19, and December 17.

Funds raised from the 50/50 draw will be used towards the renovation and expansion of the Mindemoya Emergency Department as part of the MHC 'Let's Emerg Together' campaign. Additional funds will be used towards the purchase of medical equipment and general hospital operations.

"We're thrilled to finally announce the kick-off of our 50/50 campaign," said Mr. Vine. "We are hoping that the funds raised through this campaign will help with our fundraising gap for the Mindemoya emergency department and the medical equipment that our hospital needs each year that is not funded by the ministry of health." The 50/50 campaign will run monthly.

Mr. Vine said, "our fundraising committee has done an excellent job getting us close to our \$2.5 million mark to fundraise for half of the project costs for our emergency department expansion. The 50/50 draw will be a win/win for everyone-the

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on the condition of the road," said MPB member Tim Mackinlay. "He has an opinion. In my opinion the road is in very poor condition and it would take a long time to get our fire-fighting equipment in to respond to a fire call."

However, Mr. Mackinlay said, "I would like to invite and encourage the group trying to repair the road to provide a report, but to bring the road up to standard would cost a lot. Going forward if an association is formed to look at improving the road, keep up the good work. But I think we need to invite Mr. Wismer to our next meeting."

"For emergency vehicles the road is not very good," Mr. Wismer told The Expositor after the MPB meeting. "If you're driving a car or a

pickup truck the road is not too bad, and if you're travelling about 20 kilometres per hour. But for emergency vehicles, like fire trucks, it's not good and more work needs to be done to improve the road."

Mr. Wismer noted, "and as more properties are developed on that road, the higher the chance an emergency will need to be responded to. I know a guy who lives down that road, he has been back to his cottage since 1996. He said the road is definitely not as good as it was even then."

MPB member Doug Head stated that he has travelled the road recently and has been doing so for over 20 years. He said the road is getting worse each year and needs repair in some areas.

"So, we will put this on


our agenda to contact the fire chief to attend our next meeting," said MPB Chair Richard Stephens at the August planning board meeting.

On Thursday of last week, Mr. Mackinlay (who is a member of the Robinson Township Fire Department) told The Expositor, "I just came back from taking the fire truck down the Little Lake Huron Estates Road. It's tough to get an emergency vehicle down there. The first few metres of the road are in better shape than they were last spring, but it gets rougher as you travel down the road, and the foliage in many areas needs to be cut back. It would take at least 40 minutes to get down the entire road."


Manitoulin Secondary School

## PLAYER PROFILE


by Aspen Debassige



### CONGRATULATIONS, DELANEY!



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**DELANEY BRIDGEMAN**

Delaney Bridgeman is a young athlete who is passionate about all sports but she especially enjoys playing hockey and training to be better at it. Delaney is an Grade 11 student ready to get back to "in-person" learning at Manitoulin Secondary School. Like so many of our athletes, she is even more excited to start playing sports again.

Delaney lives in Mindemoya where she attended Central Manitoulin Public School (CMPS). Throughout her years there, she played volleyball, soccer, basketball, baseball and flag football. Her volleyball and basketball team won multiple school tournaments and exhibition games. She has also participated in track and field for running and jumping events.

Before she became a Mustang (in Grade 8) she was asked to play at a Grade 9 invitational volleyball tournament where she fit into the team very well. Prior to the pandemic, in Grades 9 and 10, Delaney played on the junior basketball and volleyball teams where the Mustangs won several games. She was also a part of the MSS Mustangs hockey team.

Delaney excels in plenty of sports, but she has been a super star when it comes to hockey since she was young. Delaney has played with the Manitoulin Panthers since she was ten. She started in first year atom with the Panthers and played with them for about three years after that. She then made the Sudbury Lady Wolves team in first year bantam and has been playing with them ever since.

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions her 2020-2021 hockey season was not possible. This has been hard for many athletes as they have had to come up with their own workout regimens. To keep in shape during the pandemic Delaney regularly worked out at home. She improvised by doing plyometrics to improve her explosiveness. She also used free weights and participated in a regular running routine. Delaney has a natural ability to do gymnastics as can be seen from her self-taught tumbling and flipping videos. This skill is usually reserved for specially trained gymnastics athletes and undoubtedly contributes to her balance and power movements.


Recently, Delaney has made the AA Midget Sudbury Lady Wolves team and will be playing with them in the coming season. Delaney has won many tournaments and games while playing competitive hockey. One thing that Delaney has learned from being on the Panthers team is that it is alright to lose. She said they lost an important tournament and she realized it was not the end of the world. This is one of the most important lessons to learn in sports and life in general. A good rule of thumb is that before you can win, you first have to learn how to lose.

Aside from her passion for competition, Delaney's favourite part about most sports is the teamwork aspect. Which is why this quote inspires her, "A team isn't a bunch of kids out to win. A team is something you belong to. Something you feel. Something you have to earn." D2: The Mighty Ducks. She finds that this relates a lot to her hockey career, and she says that this is how you make a good team. Someone else who inspires Delaney is her former hockey coach from her first year of Manitoulin Panthers, Dean Hare. "He inspires me because he always pushed me to be better and try harder even when I didn't want to," Delaney notes.

When Delaney isn't in the arena or on the court she enjoys swimming on hot days and riding her bicycle with her sister Sadie. She likes playing volleyball for fun with her family and playing uncompetitive golf as well. You can find Delaney working at the Foodland grocery store in Mindemoya during the summer months. For volunteer experience she has been helping with special Olympic baseball. Delaney has a five-year old boxer they adopted named Mia. Delaney and Mia can often be seen going on long walks together. Delaney is excited about this coming year and we are excited to see her in action!


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

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# Final clinic held at MSS, access to vaccines continues

by Tom Sasvari with files from Lori Thompson, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MANITOULIN—Tuesday, August 30 was the last vaccination clinic held at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS). Co-executive officers of the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Tim Vine and Paul Fields were on hand for the final MSS clinic. “Paula and I attended to say thanks to the volunteers with a card and a gift card to the many numbers of people for their efforts and their dedication. This program would not run without volunteers, and it is a testament to the Island as to how many people across Manitoulin Island came together to benefit everyone,” Mr. Vine said.



MHC officials congratulated and presented volunteers of the Island’s mass vaccination clinics with gifts for all their efforts, at a clinic held at Manitoulin Secondary School last week. From left to right is volunteers Bruce McCullagh, Kelly O’Hare, MHC co-CEO Tim Vine, volunteer Tom Ondrejicka and MHC co-CEO Paula Fields.

Island FHTs to determine how vaccine services can be safely provided at FHTs. There are contracts as well as transportation and storage logistics to consider that are quite different from flu shot clinics held at FHTs. Whether there will be smaller mass clinics on the Island or vaccine clinics at FHTs has not yet been confirmed.

“After six months of giving the vaccine, we’ve learned that it’s not that simple,” said Ms. Pennie. “We want to do it in the safest manner and we will have to follow public health guidelines that are still being developed. Talks are still ongoing but the FHTs are glad to work together with public health.”

The vaccine bus was at two locations last Friday and will continue to come to Manitoulin, Ms. Pennie said. There will be third doses to administer for those vulnerable populations as well as vaccinations for 12- to 17-year-olds and those who have not yet received first or second doses. It’s important to note that walk-ins are available at the vaccine buses, she noted. “We found that Island people liked the option of just showing up without pre-booking an appointment. We were lucky when we had the doses they would always send extra for walk-in capacity. That’s also available at the buses.”

Vaccines offered through public health at their Mindemoya office are available by appointment only at this time. Appointments can be booked through the online portal at covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/ or by phone at 1-800-708-2505. Scheduled dates are Mondays: September 13, September 20 and September 27.

Alternatively, Island pharmacies continue to offer doses of the vaccine. Please contact your local pharmacy for details and appointments.

A post on the MHC Facebook page last Wednesday read, “This past Tuesday was the last mass vaccination clinic on Manitoulin Island. We couldn’t be prouder of Family Health Teams and volunteers that supported them. The rate of first vaccinations across the province as of September 1 is 74.4 percent. As a result of the hard work of the Family Health Teams (FHT), the dedicated volunteers and commitment of our community, Manitoulin Island finished out the clinics with a first dose rate of 88 percent. And congratulations to our Indigenous partners for their successful vaccination clinics.”

The mass clinics were run by primary care personnel from FHTs in Assiginack, Northeastern Manitoulin and the Manitoulin Central in Mindemoya. It was a bitter-sweet realization for the volunteers who had manned the clinics at MSS, the Missionary Church in Mindemoya and the recreation centre in Little Current, said Sandra Pennie, executive director of Assiginack FHT and team leader for the Island vaccine clinics. “We’re very thankful to everyone for helping and supporting us in this, and I want to include Ogimaa Linda Debassige and M’Chigeeng First Nation. Having those spaces enabled us to do the 900 dose clinics. That’s how we got through all the people. It’s not really over though, it’s just going to be different.”

“We’re hoping that moving forward, we still have all that support and I’m sure we will,” said Ms. Pennie. “With kids returning to school, it was necessary to wind down the vaccination clinics at MSS. Public health will be offering vaccines out of their office in Mindemoya with the support of volunteers and probably family health team members until we figure out the best and safest way to run FHT clinics and vaccine clinics at the same time.”

Meetings are ongoing between public health and

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hospital and our ticket buyers.”

“We hope that this sustainable funding will be in addition to the wonderful support that has been provided by our two hospital auxiliaries, in Mindemoya and Little Current, and the hard work that they have been doing for decades,” said Mr. Vine.

Residents across Ontario over the age of 18 can purchase MHC 50/50 draw tickets online for their chance to win.

All tickets will be sold online at mhc5050.com. The jackpot will be updated online in real time for each month’s draw and will continue to grow as more people participate. The first and second draw will feature guaranteed prize draws of \$2,000 or one-half of the ticket sales should they exceed \$4,000. Draw three will feature a guaranteed prize draw of \$2,500 or one-half of the ticket sales should they exceed \$5,000. Every draw after will be for one-half of the jackpot with the raffle ending September 9, 2022.

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# ...Ontario institutes vaccination certificate

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essential services, workplaces or patios and other outdoor spaces.

"The venues that we have chosen are responsive to the risk that we have found in Ontario," Ontario's Medical Officer of Health Dr. Kieran Moore said during the media briefing. "If the risk increases in other venues, we can add and implement additional measures to protect Ontarians."

The new rules announced by the province will not apply to children under the age of 12 and people with medical exemptions. Early reports indicate a significant rise in applications for exemptions citing dubious evidence.

While waiting on the new digital document to be finalized and put in place, expected some time in October, the province has said people will be able to use the vaccine receipts available in PDF format on the provincial portal. For those still utilizing the red-and-white health cards, a call to the vaccine booking line in order to access a copy of their receipt.

Before entering a listed business, patrons will need to present that receipt alongside government-issued photo identification, which will be visually verified by the venues and organizations—for the time being.

The province is establishing personalized QR codes for vaccinated individuals. Once ready (sometime around October 22), people will be able to either print or store that QR code on their phone—but it will still be necessary to produce government-issued photo ID.

The province is developing an app that businesses will use to scan and verify the contents of the QR code, which will also be ready in October. The app will show businesses a checkmark or an 'X' to confirm vaccination status.

Proof of a negative COVID-19 test or a recent infection will not stand in for a vaccine certificate and there will be a limited time exception for funerals and weddings that take place between September 22 and October 12. In that case, a negative test taken within 48 hours will

enable a person to enter even if not fully vaccinated.

Although recent polls indicate that acceptance of vaccine passports reaches north of 80 percent across Canada, a small but vocal group of individuals are pushing back citing government overreach and the erosion of rights and freedoms have come under increasing fire in online forums, vilified and derided for their concerns.

Steve Arthurs, an active community volunteer in Island sports communities, has been vocal about his opposition to the concept of vaccine passports and says he has come under extreme ridicule for daring to voice his concerns and beliefs.

"I am not anti-vaccine," Mr. Arthurs declares at the start of The Expositor interview. "It's all about personal choice." Mr. Arthurs pointed to the vaccine passports and vaccination requirements for employment in certain sectors as "strong arming of this government" and said he, and those expressing like sentiments, have been the subject of bullying and harassment due to their opposition.

"It's not about whether you get the vaccine or not," he said. "It's all about the choice over your charter of rights and your own body." Mr. Arthurs backed his position up by quoting the first principle of the Nuremberg Charter: "The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential. This means that the person involved should have legal capacity to give consent; should be so situated as to be able to exercise free power of choice, without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, over-reaching, or other ulterior form of constraint or coercion;

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"Whatever happened to no discrimination?" he asked. "In schools they talk about bullying and enforce no discrimination against anybody—but that is all we get, that's all we see (when he expresses his point of view). With the bullying, I am going to say 'us,' because it isn't just me. We get called 'idiots,' people say we are killing them, they call us 'second class citizens'."

That last bit really has Mr. Arthurs steamed.

"In my opinion, a second class citizen is a criminal," he said, "someone who has broken the law and hurt someone intentionally." He said that he is being labeled as a second class citizen just for "fighting for our cultural rights—and for some of us our religious rights as well."

Mr. Arthurs said that his beliefs are "if you don't go

out and hurt people, do bad things, and you live your life as a good person, I don't feel I should be discriminated against for this."

Mr. Arthurs emphasizes that he is not among those who do not believe the COVID-19 virus is real. "It's real," he said. "I wear a mask, I disinfect, I take precautions to make sure I don't spread the virus. I don't give anyone a hard time about taking the vac-

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## ...John Sagman, Conservative candidate

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sis. The Conservatives are proposing a more holistic wrap-around approach to the opioid crisis. The goal of the Conservative Party is to provide every person struggling with addiction the opportunity to recover.

Federally, there are many supports we can put in place, with the provinces, to provide these opportunities and to save lives. Firstly, we recognize that many people do not have access to employment assistance programs, therefore, we would create a nationwide three-digit suicide prevention hotline as an immediate stopgap measure to address the high-rate of suicides associated with mental health and addictions. For those with health plans, we will encourage employers to add mental health coverage with a 25 percent tax credit for three years.

Secondly, we would boost federal transfer payments to the provinces by an historic six percent. Some of these additional payments would be earmarked for mental health services including an investment of \$1 billion over five years for culturally appropriate Indigenous mental health and drug treatment programs. We would see these programs developed and managed by the Indigenous communities. I would champion the pilot projects by the Island's First Nations that are offering wrap-around serv-

ices of mental health support that includes family healing and traditional medicines.

Access to services is a critical component, so we will create 50 recovery centres across the country and 1,000 residential drug treatment beds. As your Member of Parliament, I would work tirelessly to ensure our riding receives these support programs. We understand that we need programs longer than 21-30 days in order to secure a path to wellness, so I would explore opportunities to make this happen.

Further, I would encourage prevention as a key component to fighting this crisis. The Conservatives are supporting this prevention agenda by providing \$150 million in grants to charities that deliver mental health and wellness programming.

We also recognize that in many cases homelessness and mental health go hand-in-hand. So, we would re-implement the housing first approach, which has been watered down by the current federal government, to aid in the fight against Canada's addictions crisis.

It's important to make sure our policies reflect our outcomes, so we would also revise the federal government's substance abuse policy framework to make recovery its overarching goal.

## ...Stephen Zimmermann, Green candidate

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and a rise in harmful crimes against others, with users committing theft to pay for drugs. Addiction issues affect everyone. The causes of this scourge are not simple, nor is the solution.

Why are people engaging in unhealthy behaviours which are harmful to them and to those around them? Addiction, and substance abuse generally, are often difficult to separate from other issues, such as homelessness, poverty or mental health issues. It's hard to address one without tackling the others. The best approach to this issue is to treat it as a public health crisis and a national emergency. Providing adequate treatment for addiction, and in some cases a safe supply, provision of overdose response drugs, safe housing and improved mental health supports would address some of the problems. This is a

national issue, with local aspects. While a national, broad-based approach is needed to tackle it overall, it is clear that a 'one-size-fits-all' strategy won't be very successful.

For instance, what might be effective in Algoma might not be in Vancouver. The response to the drug crisis needs to take into account local factors, be tailored to the local context and involve local agencies who know the local community. The primary responsibility for health care administration rests with provincial governments. The federal government can help coordinate the response to this emergency through funding and other resources. The Green Party proposes a model of collaborative governance, where the levels of government would work together to create solutions that would work for each community affected.

## ...Duke Peltier, Liberal candidate

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We've already seen the impacts of various agencies working together for a collective voice to create plans. These plans for better health and wellbeing need to get done.

Government needs to listen to what our North has to say; what is right for us in AMK.

The Liberal Party understands that

more is needed and I support that mandate.

It is high time that we have a new voice from Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing at the table for you.

I vow to be that voice. We must have a new, strong and empowered presence in Ottawa if we want to fulfill our plans for our people of AMK.

## Central Manitoulin council makes local donations

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—The August 26 meeting of Central Manitoulin council saw a number of donations being made, including a whopping \$20,000 to the Let's Emerg Together capital campaign for the Mindemoya site of the Manitoulin Health Centre's emergency department renovations and expansion.

The motion to donate \$20,000 to the hospital was moved by Councillor Dale Scott and seconded by Councillor Rose Diebolt. That motion also included the release of \$3,000 to Central Manitoulin Lions Club for the Mindemoya ball fields for the Mindemoya ball field food booth held in trust by the municipality on behalf of the Mindemoya Euchre Group.

"I have been to a quite a few euchre events," said Councillor Derek Stephens. "It is a remarkable accomplishment to raise that kind of money. Over the years they have contributed more than that amount of money to the Mindemoya hall for upgrades to the kitchen, curtains and chairs."

In a second motion, moved by Councillor Al Tribinevicius and seconded by Councillor Rose Diebolt, council approved the donation of \$1,000 to the 20th annual Manitoulin Hospital Bike Tour (with donations going to the Mindemoya Auxiliary to help fund the Let's Emerg Together expansion).

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## ...Island arenas set protocols, install winter ice

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el from the dressing room to the ice surface (and vice versa) or on the ice surface. The dressing rooms and high touch areas will be sanitized regularly by staff and one-way travel in the building will be implemented with specific entry and exist points. Facility capacities will be based on provincial rules at the time and a contact tracing log must be completed by users.

Councillor Al Boyd asked if the user groups were aware that ice use could be shut down with a moment's notice at any time based on the ever-changing public health

advice, to which Mr. Williamson said 'yes.'

The ice-making process began this week in Little Current.

In Central Manitoulin, the ice in Mindemoya's JH Burt Memorial Arena will go in on October 8 while in Providence Bay, the ice will go in during the third weekend in November.

"Provincial COVID-19 protocols have been fluid and will likely be changing before the start of the season based on provincial case counts, vaccination rates, variants, etc. and we will just adjust and adapt to those as they are announced," explained Marcus Mohr, community

development/outreach coordinator. Mr. Mohr said he was unsure if staff would have detailed protocols ready by the September 14 property committee meeting, where these items will be discussed. "It also depends on what Hockey Canada and the other associations recommend."

In Wiikwemkoong, arena manager Mike Wabano said planning for ice is underway, but that it would rely on COVID-19 guidelines from public health.

In Gore Bay, clerk Stasia Carr said the arena's guidelines for use are always in flux, depending

on the latest edicts from public health, but that the municipality intends to have the ice in play at its usual time in mid-fall. Unlike the Northeast Town, events like public skating will continue, but spots must be booked in advance as there are rules as to how many are permitted in the facility at any time. It also the town's hope to have the canteen opened.

The Expositor reached out to both Assiginack and M'Chigeeng regarding their ice schedules, but did not hear back as of press time Monday.

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## ...Ontario institutes vaccination certificate

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cine, that's their choice, it's their body. But I don't think I should be discriminated against because I didn't take an experimental drug."

He points to the short turnaround time in the development of the various vaccines and compares that to the time it took to produce safe vaccines against other deadly diseases. That disparity does not instill confidence in him.

Mr. Arthurs notes that paedophiles, those who sexually abuse children, do not have to carry a paper to be out and about in the world. "Nobody knows who they are," he said. "But we need a paper because we didn't take an experimental drug?"

As for the vaccine passport, Mr. Arthurs sees that move as being a slippery slope. "The more rights you give up as a society, the more will be taken away from you," he said, "until the only opinion we have left is what the government gives us."

With the ongoing debate on booster shots, Mr. Arthurs asks, "where will it all end?" He cites a credible source as proposing that booster shots will be needed in the months and years ahead. "Eight? Ten? Twelve? When you finally get to the point where you say 'this is enough' will your 'passport' no longer be any good? People call us 'conspiracy theorists,' but it is a simple question of where does it all end?"

The debate has taken a deep personal toll on Mr. Arthurs, who said he is finding it stressful to even go out in public these days

because of the abuse and derision he comes under.

"People are being threatened if they don't get this they will lose their jobs," he said. The debate has even opened rifts within his own family, something he said is also taking a huge toll on his mental state.

As of September 22, Ontarians will need to be fully vaccinated (two doses plus 14 days) and provide their proof of vaccination along with photo ID to access certain public settings and facilities. This approach focuses on higher-risk indoor public settings where face coverings cannot always be worn and includes: restaurants and bars (excluding outdoor patios, as well as delivery and takeout); nightclubs (including outdoor areas of the establishment); meeting and event spaces, such as banquet halls and conference/convention centres; facilities used for sports and fitness activities and personal fitness training, such as gyms, fitness and recreational facilities with the exception of youth recreational sport; sporting events; casinos, bingo halls and gaming establishments; concerts, music festivals, theatres and cinemas; strip clubs, bathhouses and sex clubs; and racing venues (e.g., horse racing).

The mandatory requirements outlined by the province would not apply to outdoor settings with the exception of outdoor nightclub spaces or to settings where people receive medical care, food from grocery stores, medical supplies and similar products and services.

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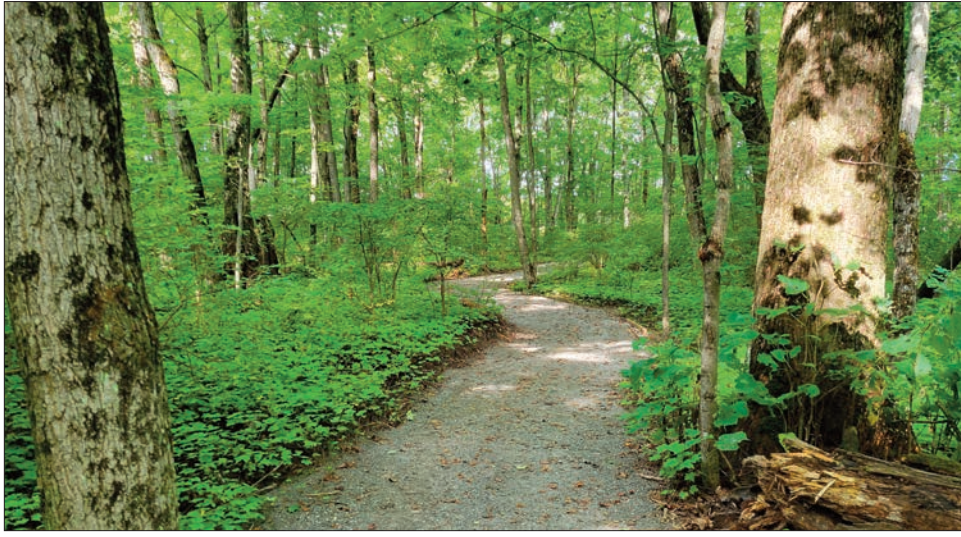
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A glimpse of the scenic new Wagg's Park Trail in Mindemoya.

photo by Andre Leblanc

## Wagg's Park makeover unveiled and ready to welcome the public

by Andre Leblanc  
 MINDEMOYA—Wagg's Park has been getting some positive play over the last number of weeks, and for good reason. This 42-acre parcel, of immeasurable value, that was donated by the late A. J. Wagg (in the early 1900s) has been going through a great transformation.

My connection to the park has been as a teacher. Over the years the park has been a regular Earth Day clean-up project for students at nearby Central Manitoulin Public School and every year, unfortunately, it can use it. Students have found everything from a car hood to a bed frame and, regrettably, everything in between. It is such a shame because students have also found a threatened Blanding's turtle, salamanders, deer, fossils, land-locked fish, etc. They also use the park for phys ed and for an outdoor classroom where there is learning to be had under every rock! Although an extremely important clientele, students are just one segment of the users of the grounds.

Thankfully, Central Manitoulin has decided to return the park to a welcoming place for everything! The municipality applied for an up to \$25,000 grant through the Farm Credit Canada Agri-Spirit Fund for sustainable trail development, signage and amenities like bike racks, garbage cans. Current donations have come from:

Wayne Legge of Manitoulin Chrysler; Basil Panamick of Finn's Gas Bar; Dr. Dale Scott and Holly Scott; Steve Fisher and Dr. Johanne Paquet of Island Animal Hospital; Adam and Erin Smith of Jakes Home Centre; Gail Meehan and Madeline Wagg Becks; Hal Love; two loads of screenings from an anonymous donor; Taylor's Sawmill; and James Millette Forestry. Central Manitoulin anticipates they have over \$10,000 in donations so far, which of course doesn't include volunteer labour.

The municipality has been able to attract new volunteers on just this project alone. The new volunteers are David Kains, Lesley Phillips, Ted Williamson, Dale Scott, Marcel Beneteau, John Diebolt, Al Tribinevicius, and even me. The trail committee members—Dale Scott, John Diebolt, Marcel Beneteau, Al Tribinevicius, Wendy Wiggins and Katie Gilcrest—have been very active with planning and trail building. The township and one of the main spearheads of the trail's planning and building, Marcus Mohr, community development/outreach coordinator, would like to extend thanks on their behalf.

A new trail head is located at the corner of Forest and Thorne streets in Mindemoya. There is also a designated 10 car parking lot right there at the end of Thorne Street. Additionally, the roads department

has installed a 10-foot-wide culvert and ditch crossing. Putting the new trail head to the south of the creek makes the park more accessible to all users, as the current trail head between Manitoulin Chrysler and the Island Animal Hospital had to cross the creek bed. The seasonal creek bed has long been a barrier to enhancement and promotion of the park. A bridge that would cover the creek and its seasonal flood plain has been deemed impractical and too cost prohibitive.

During trail construction the park had to be closed for about three weeks, however the wait was worth it and half of the eventual trails

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# Younge Street Festival brings community together with live music and events

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—It was the type of weekend many local residents needed, one with fantastic weather, opportunities to shop from vendors, and tons of fun and entertainment. The first annual Kagawong Younge Street Festival certainly fit the bill for all of that.

“Welcome to the first annual Younge Street Festival. This was a labour of love to put together,” said Sandi Hurcomb, of Sugar Bush Canadian Coffee House, who along Susie Harrison and Bare Naked Beauty, provided their property for the event, and were two of the many sponsors for the event stated Friday evening. “We are so pleased that everyone could join us this weekend.”

“I would like to thank our group of volunteers who have stuck with us through the process of getting to this point, and for all their work this weekend,” said Ms. Hurcomb.

Originally the event was slated to take place in May, but the pandemic put an end to that. “The intent of this whole festival was to bring the community together for music and fun. I can’t express how much I

have needed to hear live music again,” said Ms. Hurcomb.

And to say that the music throughout the weekend was fantastic would be a huge understatement. On Friday evening Jory Nash and Andrea Florian took to the stage. On Saturday afternoon Patrick Therrien entertained the crowd while the well-known Mimi O’Bonsawin, who is very familiar to the Kagawong music stage, and Manitoulin’s own Kevin Closs put on a fantastic performance Saturday evening. A large crowd gathered under tents to view the two singers’ performances despite the heavy rains for most of the evening.

And on Sunday, Everett Morrison of Wiikwemkoong and Aiyana Louis of M’Chigeeng continued the great music enjoyed by all festival goers.

During the weekend, about a dozen vendors were on hand to display and sell their wares. There was also a ‘Show Off Your Shoes’ silent auction held, with proceeds raised going to the Haven House.

The father/son sculpting team (Paul

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Singer-songwriter Mimi O’Bonsawin, who has spent part of her summer at a family camp at Birch Island, was one of the featured musicians who performed Saturday night, as part of the Younge Street Festival held in Kagawong.



Paul Frenette, one half of the Carver Kings, demonstrated his chainsaw carving skills at the Younge Street Festival this weekend.

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In the spirit of how Marc lived his life, the ride will be raising awareness and funds for The Ontario Provincial Police Youth Foundation, an organization that mirrors what Marc’s life displayed, providing for those in need of assistance.

# Second annual fishing derby brings smiles to Manitoulin Lodge residents

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Judging by the smiling faces of residents, staff and volunteers, the annual Manitoulin Lodge fishing derby held recently was a huge success!

“This was our second annual fish derby,” stated Gloria Hall, life enrichment employee at Manitoulin Lodge, who along with Nicky Middleton organized the derby. “We had 17 residents take part in the derby, and everyone had a great time.”

Prizes were handed out to four derby winners. They included Ron Hughson, who caught a rainbow trout weighing four pounds two ounces; James Connell, with a catch of three pounds 15 ounces; Doreen Taylor with a catch of three pounds 14 ounces; and Millie Fair whose rainbow trout caught was three pounds 13 ounces in size.

Ms. Hall explained that Mike Meeker of Meeker’s Aquaculture in Evansville had donated the fishpond and fish for the derby. “Mike (Meeker) donated 25 fish for the derby. And these same fish he had donated were cooked in the fish fry held the next day. So, the (Lodge) residents caught the fish, and residents, staff and volunteers had the chance to enjoy eating them the next day.”

Along with the rainbow trout, French fries, corn on the cob (which was donated by Elias and Mary Kuepfer) and coleslaw were served. The corn was donated by a



Happiness is catching a huge fish! Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home resident Dawson Brohart was thrilled to catch this rainbow trout in the second annual fish derby held at the lodge.

local family.

Ms. Hall, Nicky Middleton, Ron Chatzissavas and Charlie Turner filleted all the fish for the fish fry

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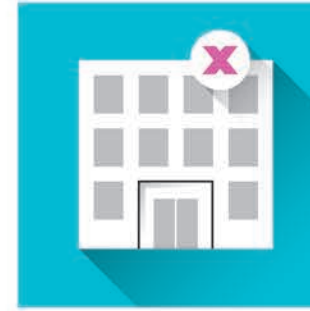
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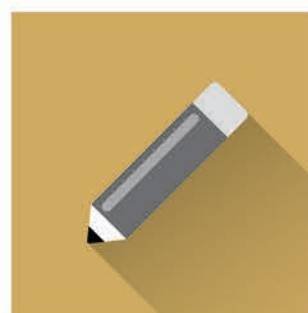


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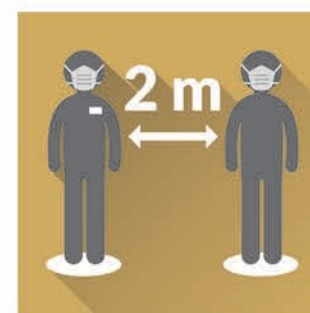
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# ...Younge Street Festival brings community together with live music and events

...continued from page 14 and Jacob Frenette) of HGTV's Carver Kings were on hand all weekend to demonstrate and display their incredible work.

And there was a lot of fun to be had in the form of games for participants to take part in throughout the weekend. On Saturday, a log bowling competition took place, with a playoff having to be held to determine the winners. Winning the prize for first place in this competition was the Hardheads team.

In the hay bale toss held Saturday afternoon, four people showed off their strength and skill to win one of four divisions. In the men's division, Ted Kil-

patrick led the way with a throw of 26 feet 10 inches; the boys' division saw Bentley Boucher win with a toss of five foot nine inches; Kirsten Hoba took first prize in the ladies' division, with a throw of 14 feet four inches; and the girls' division was won by Julia Masangkay with a throw of nine feet eight inches.

A teenie weenie greenie float your boat contest was held, with participants creating a miniature boat under 12 inches entirely out of natural materials. The boats were launched in the canal beside the festival grounds with the winner being the first to float 50 metres unattended. Marilyn Farquhar's salad

themed creation was the winner.

A log nailing contest was also held.

Volunteers on hand for the weekend could be seen wearing orange t-shirts, with a heart on the front left of the shirt with the numbers 215 within it. And on the back of the shirt bore the number of 1,646. Both represented the numbers of First Nation children whose unmarked graves so far have been discovered at residential schools within Canada. "Our intentions are to keep the dialect going on this issue," said Ms. Hurcomb.



The log bowling event proved popular amongst participants at the Younge Street Festival.



A nail driving contest was held at the festival. The winner was the fastest to hammer a four-inch nail into a stack of 2x4s. The winners included Rebecca and Alex. Volunteers Candy Tracy and Sandy Cook participated in a bonus nail off, with Candy Tracy getting the win.

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# ...Wagg's Park makeover unveiled and ready to welcome the public

...continued from page 13 are now open to the public. The main 'Accessibility' trail is nearly half a kilometre of wide and smoothly-graded beauty that even those with mobility issues can access. It features a gently sloped and winding path with places to rest and turn around wheelchairs and scooters. The Fossil Trail is also open and follows a treasure trove of ancient fossils from the Silurian Period of the Paleozoic Era (thanks, rock star William Scott!). This amazing walk (all except spring run-off time) shows an exposed fossilized creek-bed. These fossils, as they are all across Manitoulin, are some of the earliest fossils to be studied and date back some 440 million years ago. Dinosaurs,

by comparison, are their far-future relatives as they occurred much more recently at 150 million years ago! Of course they are a finite resource for everyone to discover and it is encouraged that you only take pictures or even the old-school pencil rubbings.

The Escarpment Trail and Alvar Trail are still under construction. Mr. Mohr thanks everyone for their continued patience. He is thinking that this is more of a "soft" opening because he and the team is planning a grand opening for the new trail sections in the near future. Along with that they are hoping to have some proper signage in place and maybe even another section of trail called the Escarpment

Trail, to open this fall. The Escarpment Trail traverses a plateau of the first and second level of the escarpment. Its difficulty level is a bit harder than the Accessibility and Fossil Trail but is sure to offer new, exciting views and adventures for the park.

Mr. Mohr then reveals that, "The next enhancement is the Alvar Trail, which will be a giant loop around the upper two thirds of the large parcel. Interpretive signage identifying plants, animals and geological features is also being developed. They have identified 63 herbaceous and other ground vegetation and 27 tree species and tall shrubs so far. The final jewel in the crown of the park will be the tentative plans

for a viewing tower at the top of the escarpment. The tower will be a destination and get visitors over the lower-level canopy, offering long views of Lake Minde-moya, Treasure Island and beyond. It will surely be a beautiful backdrop for many photos and memories. There are obviously a lot of logistics to be worked out but there is a clear vision and a strong will to complete the project."

This story has been in progress for over the last months and now the breaking news, that the Escarpment trail had just opened and it allows people to experience an ancient, sedimentary formation as you ascend the bluff. There are many interesting things to discover. It is always amaz-

ing that life, vegetation (especially) can still flourish in this harsh, ancient, environment.

It is great to see the community at large coming together to support such a

cherished spot. There is always a need for more volunteers and donations. If you have help with either, please contact Central Manitoulin.

## Work begins on new outdoor rink in Billings Township

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—It may be warm out now, but all of us who live in Northern Ontario know that it won't be long before we see a significant drop in temperature and snow and ice all around us; good news for the new outdoor ice rink taking shape in Kagawong.

Andrew Preyde, a member of the Billings township parks, recreation and wellness committee told The Expositor last week, "the old boards at the rink have been taken down, and H and R Noble Construction will be starting to put in rock retaining wall (this week)."

"We are anticipating that the professional-type boards will be here, and that Nobles will be able to install the boards around September 24, or possibly even earlier," said Mr. Preyde.

Mr. Preyde also told The Expositor, "two local kids, Elizabeth and Robert Douglas, manned a fundraising table for the past three weeks at the weekly Wednesday farmers' market held in Kagawong. There is an outdoor rink donation jar there, and several local people have donated things that we could put on the table, such as bicycles and antiques that people want to get rid of, and visitors can take these items for a donation to the out-

door rink." He added the committee is hopeful that everyone will honour their pledges to the outdoor rink. "We have about \$6,000 so far," he added.



Elizabeth Douglas and Robert Douglas manned the Kagawong outdoor rink table for several weeks at the Kagawong Farmers' Market weekly event this summer.



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# ...AOK women rally, call for community drug trafficking action

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percentage of alcohol use in Ontario. That's not something to brag about."

"I work with the police directly every day," Ogimaa Corbiere said. "The same as (M'Chigeeng First Nation) Ogimaa Linda Debassige. We want to stop the drug problem and the drug ring that's going on. UCCM Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police and the OPP are partnering. They're looking at how they're going to tackle the drug problem because the same guys we're dealing with in the UCCM Police service area are in the other communities. It's getting to be a success with more collaboration."

What doesn't help is calling the band office instead of police to report incidents. There have been a lot more calls coming into the band office related to increased drug and other illegal activity, said Ogimaa Corbiere. "A lot of people don't want to get involved by reporting something to the police."

A community newsletter was sent out that explained how to report a crime. "If you're going to call and say someone is doing drugs or selling drugs in your house, the police are going to ask 'what kind of drugs? How do you know?' They're going to ask questions so we laid it out a little bit." All council members signed the flyer, "because the onus on protecting the band is coming through the whole council," she said.

The community notice was one thing Ms. Kakekagumick had asked council to do. "Let the people in the community know what's happening here. Because of our request to hold the rally, they sent out their notice. It lists all the information you're supposed to collect to submit to police. Police tell us to submit tips but unless you see it first hand, it's just hearsay. The plea has to go out to the neighbours of the drug dealers when something is happening, because they're the ones who see the people coming and going."

At the rally, a community member who asked to remain unnamed said she had



Standing together in unity, a group of Aundeck Omni Kaning grandmothers, mothers and children take a stand against illicit drug trafficking in their community.

photo by Lori Thompson

some lived experience. "It destroys," she said. "It's surprising how quickly you can go down. I've almost been there myself." She supported the rally and hoped that the people who are using drugs "turn around before it's too late."

She said calling police is a hard decision to make. "To be honest, if I was in that situation, it's the fear of being hurt or someone coming after your family members." Ms. Kakekagumick agreed. "That's what I felt when I first started planning this." Some people even refused to participate in the rally because they were afraid of being seen doing so.

There have been drug awareness and other programs offered to youth and community members, said Ms. Kakekagumick. "AOK is very advanced in health and other programming. I don't think there's a lack in awareness or programming. We're not underfunded. It's defining who can live here and doing something about it."

"We have seen an increase in people stealing and can't leave anything outside

anymore because it goes missing," said Jenny McGraw, who helped coordinate the rally. She runs AOK's Youth Alcohol and Drug program. Her catchment group actually reaches up to the mid-fifties age group. She thinks the opioid crisis and the pandemic are walking hand in hand and blames the government for what is happening, with Canada Emergency Wage Benefit (CERB) having a "big hand" in what is happening in First Nations communities. She believes the drug problem has escalated in the past year, since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and in particular with the start of the CERB benefit. Assaults are increasing and more property is being stolen, she said.

"They made CERB available and people could apply just like that and get the money. A handful of our community members collected the CERB and became addicted because they had so much free money."

It's frustrating for her. She said people in other communities have seen the same thing happening. "Not only are these folks

addicted, but now they're going to have to pay back money that they never should have gotten in the first place. They were already people that were on the poverty line. It's horrible. It's a vicious cycle."

Ms. McGraw said events like the rally are positive because they create awareness. "It lets other people know that some of us are not okay with this. We are not happy with the status quo. We're not just turning a blind eye to what's going on."

AOK is fortunate in that it has not yet had a death of a band member, she said. "We've had a death of an associated person. We've had plenty of overdoses. Plenty. It's just a matter of time. Every time it's welfare day or child tax benefit day, when my phone rings on those mornings, it's my greatest fear that I'll hear we've lost a community member."

Sadly, she does not feel that a death would have much of an impact. "Addiction is addiction. You have people that are stealing from their friends and have no qualms about it. The other thing is they really do think they're invincible. They have Narcan, but how are they going to use it if they're not with anybody?"

"I really don't know what the answer is going to be," said Ms. McGraw. "But I know that these drugs are not from here. They're being brought here."

Ogimaa Corbiere pointed out the rally was held on Overdose Awareness Day. "In AOK we're lucky that we haven't really had any. The issue is the potential. This is becoming a major problem but we stand together with all our First Nation communities and the municipalities to address it. We have people coming from other urban centres bringing drugs into the community and we're in the midst of COVID on top of that."

The important thing is the future of the children, she added. "Kids as young as 12 are using drugs. That's the problem. What can we do better to help these people? We're not going to give up on anybody."

# ...Wiikwemkoong declares COVID-19 outbreak in the community is over

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break to be over in our community the evening of September 1. During the outbreak, for health and safety reasons, we were not able to have educators onsite to prepare the classrooms for our students. Under normal circumstances the educators would have been preparing their classrooms from Monday to Friday this week to receive their students."

"Our senior administration team has consulted with principals and educators and refocused on a plan that will have our students onsite in their classrooms sooner than September 13," wrote Mr. Staruck. "The onsite classroom start dates for our students will be Wiikwemkoong High School, Wednesday, September 8, and Wiikwemkoong Junior and Pontiac School, Thursday, September 9."

"There will not be remote digital learning for students on either Tuesday or Wednesday," said Mr. Staruck. "Educators will be exclusively focused on planning and preparations to accelerate the date students will be able to return onsite to the classroom."

"As we prepare for a return to school, it is extremely important we continue to follow the health and safety protocols that have been put in place since last year in our schools to keep students and staff healthy and safe," wrote Mr. Staruck. "We will continue to reinforce the use of masks and hand hygiene as well and physical distancing with students and staff. All students

and staff will continue to conduct a daily screening for symptoms of COVID-19 every day before attending school using the screening form that can be picked up at your child's school or on our website. As always, any students or staff who do not feel well should not attend school, and should call the health centre."

"Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory remains under state of emergency, so we ask that you continue to adhere to the travel advisory which states that we avoid non-essential travel. As we have stated before, the safety and well-being of our students is our priority," continued Mr. Staruck. "We are still navigating through a worldwide pandemic. We want to ensure you that all our staff will strive to make your child's school year a positive one."

"I would like to remind our community that as we are still in a pandemic, we ask that all our community members stay at home and only leave for essential purposes," wrote acting Ogimaa Ominika. "If you are experiencing any symptoms, please self-isolate immediately and call our community nurses for assessment at 705-859-3164."

"The mobile vaccination clinic continues for our community," continued acting Ogimaa Ominika. "Naandwechige-Gamig Wikwemikong Health Centre and public health are holding a mobile vaccination clinic at the Wiikwemkoong arena, Friday September 10, 3:30 to 6:30 pm. No appointment is necessary."

"Chi-miigwech to our

health centre staff, the pandemic team, Ontario Works staff, public works staff, and rental property management staff for the tremendous work you have done during this challenging time. Wiikwemkoong appreciates your work for continuing to keep our community safe," he continued.

"Chi-miigwech to our community for doing their part in following the recommended health guidelines during this time, keeping Wiikwemkoong safe," the acting ogimaa added. "The past 16 months have been hard on all of us. If you feel the need to speak to someone, the crisis team is available 24/7 for our community members. You can call them at 705-348-1937."

"We are going to get through this as a community, we are all in this together. Be smart. Be safe," he added.

The M'Chigeeng First Nation provided an education update on September 3. "As a result of a potential exposure of COVID-19 at Lakeview School and based on recommendations and advice from health professionals, and the priority of the wellbeing of the children, staff and community, the council supported the delay of the start of the school year to Monday, September 13," the release states. "This will allow time for Lakeview staff and any identified close contacts to be tested again as a precautionary measure. Lakeview School has revised the 2021-2022 school calendar to reflect the changes in the school year start date as well as the

school year end date. A copy of the new school calendar is available on the M'Chigeeng website."

"M'Chigeeng Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs Early Years Learning Centre (Daycare) will reopen as planned for Tuesday, September 7. The staff will continue to practice stringent measures as approved by the leadership and legislated by the ministry of education as a provincially licenced daycare," the release continues. "In addition, the morning and after-school program will temporarily be hosted at the Day Care. We would like to thank the Healthy Babies program for collaborating with edu-

cation to ensure our working parents continue to be supported as we navigate our new reality during the pandemic.

We want to thank parents, guardians and students for continuing to be flexible and understanding as we take the necessary measures to ensure a safe start to our school year. We also want to thank the community at large for respecting the protocols in place in order to protect our vulnerable children, families and members of the community. We ask that you please continue to follow the COVID-19 safety protocols: wear a mask when in public, social distance,

wash/sanitize your hands as often as you can, stay home if you are showing any COVID symptoms which include headache, sore throat, runny nose, cough, fever, fatigue, vomiting, abdominal pain, muscle or body aches, chills, loss of smell or taste or just generally feeling unwell."

"On behalf of the chief and council, Health Services Department and Education Department we thank you again for your patience and continued support to our community's efforts in keeping safe during this unprecedented time," the M'Chigeeng statement concludes.

# ...Northeast council encourages Ontario to settle

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In 1850, the Crown agreed to pay each Robinson-Huron Treaty Indigenous person \$2 in exchange for the privilege of accessing the natural resources of present-day Ontario. That number had grown to \$4 per person per year by 1874 but it has not increased since that time.

The annuities case is split into three components: first, to determine if the treaty required the Crown to manage the lands and act in the best interests of the First Nations in a way that was unique to this agreement; second, to listen to arguments from the Crown about why it feels it should not have to increase the annuity or compensate signatories for prior years if the annuity is deemed to have been too low; and third, to determine how much is owed, what obligations exist for each of Ontario and Canada, and at what level the annuities should be set for the future.

"Canada's mandate to resolve this claim comes with the requirement that the Province of Ontario be party to the negotiations and settlement, given the shared responsibility for the diligent implementation of the Robinson-Huron Treaty between the provincial and federal Crowns," Chief Sayers states. "We write

to you today to ask you to call upon Ontario to come to the table and enter into good faith negotiations to resolve this ongoing dispute."

Chief Sayers reminded mayor and council that when the First Nations communities of Manitoulin benefit, everyone benefits, adding "we shop in the same stores and restaurants in Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands as you and we want to support the local economy."

"Tell Ontario to come to the table and enter into good faith negotiations to resolve this ongoing dispute, ask your constituents to lend their support and uphold your responsibilities that come with living on this land."

A motion of support was made by Councillor Michael Erskine and seconded by Councillor Bill Koehler.

"I've been following this whole thing rather closely since its start," said Councillor Erskine, who noted the costs and challenges involved in navigating the court system. "Mediation makes more sense. We need to encourage the province to sit down and find a mediated settlement for this."

The motion of support, to be sent on to the province, was passed unanimously.

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

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

**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, 705-377-4892/705-377-5138.

Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Anglican Church, 213 Tudhope Street, Espanola, 705-869-6595.

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**services**

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**Grief Share**, safe-based non-denominational support group to help and encourage after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend starting Thursday, September 9 until December 9, 2021, 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Spring Bay Pentecostal Church, 9351 Hwy 542, Spring Bay.

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**wanted**

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

**Wanted:** Used gas golf cart, 705-790-5340.

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**Respectful small goose** hunting party looking for land owner permission. Prefer in the Gore Bay area but will travel and pay if necessary. Please call 705-919-3035.

**Legion Events**

**Royal Canadian Legion** Branch 177 Wing Night, Thursday, September 9, 4 to 8 pm. Wings, \$1 each (sauces for wings: salt and pepper, sweet chili, sweet and sour, honey garlic, first, second and third degree, parmesan cheese and pepper and Cajun); cheese balls, two for \$1; Jalapeno poppers, \$1 each; cheese sticks, \$1 each; mushroom caps, nine for \$3. Take-out only, pick up at the Legion. To pre-order call or text 705-348-0123. Delivery within town limits, Little Current.

**coming events**

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**coming events**

**Everything is free** at the Knox Church Rummage Sale in Manitowaning up until 3 pm on Saturday, September 11. Then the rummage sale will be closed from September 13th to 25th and will re-open on Monday, September 27th with fall/winter clothing, household and miscellaneous. Hours are Mondays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY NOOKOMISNAANG SHELTER CASUAL COUNSELLORS

### Summary

Responsible for planning and facilitating safe therapeutic counselling; ensuring care management duties are completed according to minimal standards; preparing and maintaining administrative duties, promoting a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment.

### Responsibilities

- Plan and facilitate safe therapeutic counselling to individuals and/or families by providing:
  - Accurate and complete intake packages
  - Orientation to the environment and counselling process
  - Complete comprehensive assessments, circle of life self-assessment and healing journey plan of care
- In accordance to the minimal standards, ensure case management responsibilities are current and accurate by:
  - Submitting documentation for feedback, revision and approval
  - Updating client contact sheets and case management tracking sheets
  - Identifying and developing safety plans for high risk situations
- Prepare, conduct and maintain administrative duties by:
  - Adhering to and abiding by the contents of the Shelter Service Operations Manual
  - Completing and submitting weekly time sheets and appropriate leave forms
  - Completing and submitting monthly reports
- Promote a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment by:
  - Working cooperatively and in coordination with all staff members
  - Communicating concerns will all staff members in a sensitive and direct manner to promote understanding and resolution
  - Providing compassion/nurturance to those involved with the Shelter who are experiencing death/tragedy e.g. cooking

### Qualifications

- Post-Secondary graduate in Social Work or relevant discipline or a minimum of three years' equivalent combination of work and volunteer experience in the provision of services regarding violence and other relevant disciplines
- Understanding of the impact of family violence on the individual family, clan, nation and community

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

**Casual Counsellor**  
**Attention: Melissa Roy**  
 NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
 P.O. Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive  
 Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
 Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

**Posted: June 20, 2021**

**Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Abstract, Accreditations and Driver's Licence. DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE.**

We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted.  
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**ALL INTERESTED AND QUALIFIED CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.**



## Employment Opportunity ACCREDITATION COORDINATOR

Under the direction of the Associate Director, the Accreditation Coordinator will support the overall goal of the organization toward achieving formal accreditation with the Canadian Accreditation Council (CAC). The organization seeks to enhance our health services' efficiencies and standardize practices by aligning with the accreditation process. The successful candidate will be supported by senior administration and an Accreditation committee comprised of organizational staff, with the responsibility for the review, implementation and maintenance of systems and processes to ensure compliance with Accreditation standards.

### Responsibilities

- Coordinate, edit, and/or write organizational policies to align with Accreditation standards.
- Gather administration and health data and information from all NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre programs.
- Input data and compile reports to CAC.
- Align organizations processes with CAC standards and requirements carried out through a comprehensive work plan.
- Plan and document internal and public meetings as required through the Accreditation process.
- Develop surveys and other correspondence as required for the Accreditation process.
- Complete reports to administration and funders as required.
- Promote and disseminate information to support awareness of the Accreditation process.
- Ensure ongoing maintenance and requirements of Accreditation after Accreditation designation is received.
- Other duties as required.

### Qualifications

- Minimum college diploma in Business Administration, Commerce; Information Science; Library Science, Computer Science, Health Sciences or Social Sciences or Community Development, or related discipline.
- Minimum 2 years' experience working with Indigenous people or in research.
- Excellent interpersonal, written and oral communications skills.
- Good organizational, time management and prioritizing skills.
- Knowledge of Anishinaabe culture, value and beliefs.
- Ability to work both independently and as part of a collaborative team.
- Ability to travel.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copy of accreditations, and contact information of two work-related references, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

**Accreditation Coordinator**  
 Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant  
 NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
 P.O. Box 101, 16A Complex Drive  
 Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
 Telephone: 705.859.3164  
 Fax: 705.859.3300  
 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

**Deadline: September 24, 2021 @ 4:00pm**

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We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted.  
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## Employment Opportunity COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM WORKER - ENVIRONMENT

### Summary

Community Health Program Worker - Environment will be responsible for the support, education and advocacy of health and healthcare within the community with a focus on environmental issues.

### Responsibilities

- Organize and lead community outreach activities.
- Coordinate agency health promotion activities with other organizations/groups, i.e. health fairs, screening clinics).
- Provide healthcare and prevention education within the community including schools, community centres and patient homes.
- Adhere to reporting procedures for accidents and incidents.
- Maintain a high level of confidentiality in all interactions, at all times.
- Monitors the environment and investigates sources of pollution by performing laboratory and field tests (water testing).
- May involve fieldwork which involves taking soil samples or water samples from rivers, lakes and streams.
- Collection of water samples from households with holding tanks.
- Prepare and maintain necessary reports and records as required.
- Work closely with the Indigenous Services Canada Environmental Officer.
- Conduct bacteriological or other tests related to research in environmental or pollution control activity.
- Participate and contribute to Emergency Preparedness.

### Qualifications

- Diploma and/or certificate in community health, health education, environment health or related field.
- Three - five years' experience related to community health education.
- Knowledge of the priorities affecting Indigenous health.
- Ability to present information in group settings.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

**Community Health Program Worker - Environment**  
 Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant  
 NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
 P.O. Box 101, 16A - Complex Drive  
 Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
 Telephone: 705.859.3164  
 Fax: 705.859.3300  
 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

**Deadline: Until Filled**

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## Sheguiandah First Nation PART-TIME JOB POSTING Position: Bus Driver

**JOB PURPOSE:** We have an opening for a Part-Time School Bus Driver with a valid B licence to transport children/youth to and from school in the mornings and afternoons. The successful candidate will have experience driving a bus as well as working with children/youth. We're looking forward to talking with anyone who has transported elementary and secondary students 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 licence required
- Experience driving a school bus
- Clean driving record (drivers abstract must be provided)
- Successful candidate must provide clear Vulnerable Sector Check/CRC
- Ability to carry out assigned route on time
- Excellent communication skills
- 3+ years' working with children preferred

### OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- Verify students on route ensure pick up and appropriate drop off
- 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
- Participate in Orientation and Health and Safety sessions

We thank all applicants for their interest but advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please submit applications Marked "CONFIDENTIAL" via mail, fax or in person to:  
 Attn: Kevin Mishibinjima, O&M Manager  
 Sheguiandah First Nation  
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 Sheguiandah, Ontario  
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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT  
1 YEAR CONTRACT - MATERNITY LEAVE**

NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre requires a motivated, energetic and career-minded Occupational Therapy Assistant in our Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojinihik Program serving the communities of Wiikwemkoong, M'Chigeeng, Whitefish River First Nation and Sagamok Anishnawbek.

**Summary**

The Occupational Therapy Assistant will act as a team player operating in a collaborative and interdisciplinary environment, with a focus on enabling occupational performance in the areas of self-care and productivity within the school environment. As an effective communicator, the Occupational Therapy Assistant will have demonstrated skills in group settings and one-on-one situations, and work well both independently and in collaboration with others. He/she will provide occupational therapy treatment to students and complete associated documentation.

**Responsibilities**

- Utilize specialized occupational therapy knowledge and skills to encourage/facilitate activity of daily living skills and productivity;
- Provide individualized intervention, consultation and education as part of an interdisciplinary team either in-person or through virtual means (telephone, email, videoconferencing);
- Consult to define, monitor and adapt the appropriate plan of action of the specific individual's case;
- Provide on-going monitoring of individual's progress towards identified goals;
- Document pertinent information as it relates to the delivery of occupational therapy services;
- Understand and comply with the legal requirements of licensure, legislation, scope of practice, and policies and procedures of the program;
- Respect the individual's beliefs and values and protect their right to confidentiality, privacy and dignity.

**Qualifications**

- Diploma from a college-level Occupational Therapy Assistant and Physiotherapy Assistant program preferred. Other college-level diplomas and university degrees in combination with relevant experience will be considered;
- Employment or fieldwork placement experience in pediatric occupational therapy settings preferred, with school health experience considered an asset;
- Ability to function within an interdisciplinary team (including education and healthcare professionals);
- Demonstrated ability to work independently;
- Ability to adapt to and work effectively within a variety of situations, and with various individuals or groups;
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with pediatric clients and their families and with colleagues using a variety of formats;
- Ability to recognize individual learning styles and adapt communication and therapeutic approach accordingly;
- Demonstrated ability in problem-solving and critical thinking.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

**Occupational Therapy Assistant**  
**Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant**  
 NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
 P.O. Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive  
 Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
 Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

**Deadline: Until Filled**



**Employment Opportunity  
FOOT CARE  
REGISTERED PRACTICAL NURSE (RPN)**

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is currently recruiting an experienced and skilled Foot Care RPN with advance foot care training in the Primary Care Program. This nurse will work to provide basic (non-diabetic) & advanced diabetic foot care assessments and treatment services to Wikwemikong community members in a clinic setting.

**Responsibilities**

- Accountable for own foot care nursing practice and professional growth with reflection, evidence-based practice and available resources and guidelines;
- Builds a positive personal interpersonal, group, community and professional relationship to foster improved health for client experiencing issues of care in order to promote optimum health and reduction of lower limb complications;
- Practices Infection Control as defined within guidelines and regulations;
- Practices in keeping with his/her role and scope of practice, the standards for nursing Practice and Code of Ethics of CNO.

**Qualifications**

- Currently registered with College of Nurses of Ontario;
- RPNAO with general liability insurance;
- Advanced Foot Care Certification with Diabetes Foot Care;
- Valid CPR;
- Demonstrated analytical, evaluation and problem solving skills;
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills;
- Demonstrated excellence in organizational skills;
- Capable of working independently;
- Maintain client confidentiality, safety and comfort;
- Ability to manage own schedule;
- Compassionate;
- Responsibility.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copy of accreditations, and contact information of two work-related references, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

**RPN - Foot Care**  
 Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant  
 NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
 P.O. Box 101, 16A Complex Drive  
 Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
 Telephone: 705.859.3164  
 Fax: 705.859.3300  
 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

**Posted: May 26, 2021**

**Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Abstract, Accreditations, and Driver's Licence. DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE.**



**Community Living Manitoulin**

Community Living Manitoulin has immediate openings for permanent part-time and casual staff to work in our homes. Personal Support Workers and/or Developmental Service Worker diploma are the preferred minimum qualification for these positions.

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Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to the attention of Mrs. Megan Wickett; Operations Manager by regular mail to:

Community Living Manitoulin  
 PO Box 152  
 Mindemoya, Ontario POP 1S0  
 or by email to mwickett@clmanitoulin.com  
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**Psychologist, Psychometrist, Temporary Speech and Language Pathologist and Communicative Disorder Assistants.**

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For more information about this employment opportunity, please visit [www.rainbowschools.ca/about/employment](http://www.rainbowschools.ca/about/employment).

Interested candidates should apply by **3 pm Wednesday September 22, 2021** and submit a covering letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

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**Sheguiandah First Nation**

**Director of Operations**

**Three (3) Month Contract with opportunity to a permanent position**

Sheguiandah First Nation is seeking an experienced individual who is eager in making a difference in the community that they serve. Under the direction of the Chief and Council, the Director of Operations is responsible for the overall successful leadership and management of Sheguiandah First Nation organization and to oversee its administrative and fiduciary responsibilities are executed according to the vision, objectives and strategic directions set by Council.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Prepares and submits required financial reporting to the various funding agencies;
- Ability to work with financial management to meet annual audit obligations;
- Oversees management of payroll processes, and conducts and assesses Human Resources procedures are met in accordance to federal and provincial guidelines;
- Ensures services are effectively and efficiently coordinated throughout each planning period with other relevant community-based services and external partners;
- Ensures effective day-to-day operations and transparency of First Nation governance are met in a professional manner;
- Oversees all operations for Sheguiandah First Nations Administration Offices are met as required;
- Liaising with Senior Management to facilitate effective and transparent governance decisions for operational activities and strategic goals;
- Participate in ensuring that culturally appropriate methods of delivery of financial and developmental assistance are identified and/or developed and are incorporated into service delivery to community members where appropriate and as requested;
- Assists or acts on behalf of the First Nation in relevant to financial resource and policy negotiations with the Sheguiandah First Nation's funding agents as required, as well as in respect to developmental opportunities in the social assistance and health services area;
- Attend and participate meetings and training as required by Sheguiandah First Nation.

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Will be thoroughly familiar with the relevant Federal and Provincial policies, legislation, regulations and guidelines that are relevant to funding agreements, management and delivery of services;
- Will have thorough knowledge of the range of relevant community-based and external programs and services available to community, as well as the significant characteristics of health, child welfare and social structure;
- Work and relate effectively with management and external agencies;
- Communicate effectively both verbal and written, with management, colleagues, community members and other programs agencies;
- Knowledge of cultural awareness and sensitivity;
- Demonstrate ability to work independently and as part of a team;
- Must have valid Class G driver's licence and access to reliable vehicle;
- Must provide clean Driver's Abstract, Criminal Reference Check (CRC) and Vulnerable Sector Report upon hire;
- Ability to maintain confidentiality; flexible and manage multiple priorities.

**ACADEMIC AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

- University degree or Post Secondary College diploma in Business Administration or a related field in conjunction with at least ten (10) years' related work experience of which a minimum of five (5) years must be managerial experience at a senior level preferably within a First Nation, Municipal or non-profit organization;
- Professional affiliations in Business, Law, Finance, Human Resources or other related fields are desirable;
- Excellent management and administrative skills in Conflict Management, Public Relations, Human Resources, Project and Proposal Management, Financial, Advocacy, Negotiation and Mediation are essential;
- Experience in the operation and management of Sage ACCPAC, EasyPay and Microsoft applications are an asset.

**RATE OF PAY:** Salary Negotiable

Interested applicants must submit your cover letter, resume and three (3) work-related reference letters, marked confidential by:

**Deadline:** Friday, September 10, 2021 at 12:00 pm

**By Fax:** 705-368-3697

**By mail to:** CONFIDENTIAL "Director of Operations"

Attention: Chief Andrew Aguonie  
Sheguiandah First Nation, 142 Ogema Miiikan, Sheguiandah, ON POP 1W0

Applicants are encouraged to request a copy of the full job description prior to submitting resume by calling 705-368-2781 or email at [andrew.aguonie@sheguiandahfn.ca](mailto:andrew.aguonie@sheguiandahfn.ca).

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



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER (PSW)  
CASUAL**

**Summary**

The PSW will be required to work in a homecare setting and see assigned clients on a regular basis. You will work collaboratively with other healthcare providers in providing holistic care that focuses on achieving and maintaining optimal health for clients.

**Responsibilities**

1. To assist persons with the activities of daily living and/or personal care and to contribute to their quality of life by promoting their independence, dignity, social/emotional/physical well-being, mobility, personal appearance, comfort and safety.
2. To provide light household management services to clients.
3. To observe and report any changes in client service or environment to the supervisor.
4. Able to react to change productively and handle any other essential tasks as assigned.
5. Bilingual/fluent to communicate with clients in their language of preference/comfort.

**Qualifications**

- Be able to understand and speak the language
- Valid First Aid, CPR
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation Communities and their culture
- Personal Support Worker Certificate/Health Care Aide
- Secondary School Graduation Diploma

**All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and 2 work-related reference contacts marked CONFIDENTIAL to:**

**Personal Support Worker**

Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant  
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
P.O. Box 101, 16A - Complex Drive  
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0

Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: [mroy@wikyhealth.ca](mailto:mroy@wikyhealth.ca)

**Deadline: Until Filled**

Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Licence & Abstract, DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE.

We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. No return of submissions. ALL INTERESTED AND QUALIFIED CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.



**Wii-ni n'guch-tood Labour Market Services (WLMS)  
Employment Opportunity  
Finance Administrator**

**Reports to:** ASETA Manager

**Primary Function:** To administer program finances for Wii-ni n'guch-tood Labour Market Services (WLMS) consistent with the rules of generally accepted accounting principles. This position is intended to provide for the planning, organization and direction of the financial program for Wii-ni n'guch-tood LMS.

**SALARY RANGE:** 47,000 – 54,000 per annum commensurate with experience.

**Key Job Functions/Major Responsibilities:**

- Develop and maintain appropriate accounting procedures and records according to Service Canada requirements and the requirements of other funding agencies where applicable;
- Implement the WDC Financial Policies & Procedures and provide recommendations for continuous improvement;
- Supervise the billing and collection of monies for Wii-ni n'guch-tood Labour Market Services rendered and verify all monies received are deposited. Prepare the account receivables and all other invoices and forward to the finance unit for entry into the accounting system on a regularly scheduled basis;
- Verify and process payment claims, cheque requisitions, expenditures, budgets, inventories, journal entries, accounts receivable, accounts payable and other specialized activities for employees engaged in the preparation and maintenance of financial records;
- Review monthly general ledger listings with team members to verify the accuracy of recorded financial transactions and prepare journal entries as required. Ensure all necessary documentation is forwarded to the finance unit for data entry in order to receive accurate and timely reports, (i.e., monthly financial statements and the bank reconciliation);
- Use the financial statements produced by the accounting system to assist in program management, such as, the monitoring of program expenditures, including payroll, purchasing of supplies and equipment, cash flow and the updating of budget sheets to monitor budget commitments and project statistics;
- Prepare for and participate in the annual audit and audit requirements of Service Canada;
- Perform additional duties as assigned that fall within the reasonable scope of this position such as to assist other team members during peak work periods;
- Oversee the flow of cash and financial instruments;
- Communicate with Board of Directors, Management, WUIR Finance Department and other financial institutes;
- Review expenditure reports to determine the status of expenditures and the amounts of outstanding balances.

**Qualifications and Relevant Skill Level:**

- Post-secondary certification in Financial Administration;
- Three years' experience in budgeting accounting, payroll, and accounts receivable and payable;
- Good knowledge of accounting principles and standards; ability to monitor and analyze financial statements and budgets; ability to provide recommendations and problem-solving in these areas;
- Possession of a valid Class G Driver's Licence required and access to vehicle;
- Work flexible hours (evening and weekend included);
- Ability to use Microsoft Office Suite software as well as Accounting software;
- Knowledge and appreciation of Anishinaabe culture, language and heritage.

Please submit application to:

**Applications: Finance Administrator**

Wii-ni n'guch-tood LMS  
2102 Wikwemikong Way  
Wikwemikong, Ontario  
POP 2J0

Please submit covering letter, resume, photocopies of diploma and pertinent certificates and 3 work references. (The successful applicant will be required to submit a criminal reference check upon offer of employment).

For more information and/or job description, contact Colleen Wassegijig-Migwans, WLMS Manager at 705-859-3001, ext. 222

**Deadline: until filled**



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CUSTODIAN CASUAL

### Summary

The Custodian will be required to work under the direct supervision of the Maintenance Coordinator. The individual will work 7.5 hours per day, providing cleaning and disinfected appropriately of the NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre, Amikook, Youth Services Centre, Home Care, Children's Services and Nookomisnaang.

### Responsibilities

- Wash all floors daily.
- Wash and disinfect washrooms daily.
- Collect all garbage and store in the garbage shed daily and disinfect garbage cans.
- Make sure that all entrances are swept, clean and safe on a daily basis.
- Wash and disinfect medical examination rooms daily.
- Fill all dispensers when needed.
- Wash, wax and strip the floors as required.
- Wash windows inside & outside as required.
- Polish floors as required.
- Make sure all windows and doors are locked on a daily basis.
- Maintain all equipment.
- Report concerns with building to Maintenance Coordinator.

### Qualifications

- Grade 12 Diploma or equivalent.
- Driver's Licence.
- Previous experience working as a Custodian would be considered an asset.
- Good communication skills.
- Be in good physical condition.
- Must be trustworthy, reliable and able to perform a variety of tasks.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and 2 work-related reference contacts. Marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

**Custodian**  
Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant  
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
P.O. Box 101, 16A - Complex Drive  
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

**Deadline: Until Filled**

Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Abstract, Accreditations, and Driver's Licence. DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COUNSELLOR

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre – Nookomisnaang Shelter Program is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of Family Counsellors.

### Summary

Responsible for planning and facilitating safe therapeutic counselling; ensuring care management duties are completed according to minimal standards, preparing and maintaining administrative duties, promoting a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment.

### Responsibilities

1. Plan and facilitate safe therapeutic counselling to individuals and/or families by providing:
  - Accurate and complete intake packages
  - Orientation to the environment and counselling process
2. In accordance to the minimal standards, ensure case management responsibilities are current and accurate by:
  - Submit documentation for feedback, revision and approval
  - Update client contact sheets and case management tracking sheets
3. Prepare, conduct and maintain administrative duties by:
  - Adhere to and abide by the contents of the Shelter Service Operations Manual
  - Complete and submit weekly time sheets and appropriate leave forms
4. Promote a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment by:
  - Work co-operatively and in co-ordination with all staff members
  - Communicate concerns with all staff members in a sensitive and direct manner to promote understanding and resolution

### Qualifications

- Post-Secondary graduate in Social Work or relevant discipline.
- Minimum of two years of work and/or volunteer experience in the provision of services regarding family violence
- Understanding of the impact of family violence on the individual family, clan, nation and community

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

**Nookomisnaang Shelter**  
Attention: Melissa Roy  
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
P.O. Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive  
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

**Deadline: Until filled**

Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Abstract, Accreditations and Driver's Licence. DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE.

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## AUNDECK OMNI KANING FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY BAND ADMINISTRATOR

The Band Administrator is responsible for the overall efficient and effective administrative and financial management of the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Band government, its infrastructure, program areas and services, and for keeping Chief and Council informed on all matters relating to the business of the First Nation.

### JOB DUTIES:

- Provide leadership, supervision, and direction to all Program Coordinators for the effective and efficient administration of the programs and services of the First Nation, to ensure achievement of annual goals and objectives and compliance with program budgets.
- Maintain direct verbal and written contact with Chief and Council. Provide monthly written reports and financial statements to Chief and Council on Band operations, programs and services.
- Communicate effectively with Chief and Council, Program Coordinators, Council Committees and community members to identify, plan and provide for the current and future needs of the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation.
- Ensure that adequate financial controls, policies and procedures are in place and followed to enable reliable and accurate financial reporting and effective and secure management of Band funds and resources.
- Oversee and direct the infrastructure resources and systems of the First Nation. Ensure the annual preparation of a five-year capital plan and budget for review and approval by Chief and Council.
- Be informed and able to communicate regarding the First Nation's programs and services, government policies and regulations.
- Implement Council decisions and policy; ensure Council motions, directions and resolutions are carried out in a timely, efficient, and professional manner. Provide follow-up reports to Council.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- University degree or college diploma in public administration, business administration or a related field.
- Minimum of five (5) years' work experience in administration at a senior management level, with leadership experience.
- Experience working for a First Nation government or organization.

### APPLICATION TO INCLUDE:

1. Cover letter with contact information.
2. Resume listing education and work experience.
3. At least two (2) work-related letters of reference with contact information.

Please forward applications marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation  
c/o Chief Patsy Corbiere  
13 Hill Street  
Little Current, ON POP 1K0

Complete job description is available at the Band Office reception desk. Deadline for applications is **September 10, 2021 @ 12:00 NOON**. The successful candidate must provide an acceptable Police Record Check (C.P.I.C.).



## Wii-ni n'guch-tood Labour Market Services (WLMS) Employment Opportunity Employment, Training & Special Projects Officer

Reporting to: ASETA Manager and/or LMS Operations Supervisor

**Primary Function:** Provide employment counselling and support to clients in their training or return-to-work action plans. Employment supports may involve assessment, action plan development, group facilitation, one-to-one counselling and online/distance supports and case management. This position will assist Enaadmaagehjik in the development areas of Light Manufacturing, Energy, Agriculture/Aquaculture.

**Salary Range: 41K to 48K per annum, commensurate with experience**

### Key Job Functions/Major Responsibilities:

- Deliver employment, apprenticeship and training services as authorized by the Wii-ni n'guch-tood Labour Market Services, (WLMS);
- Project/client file management in accordance with WLMS procedures;
- Determine proper client counselling and referral processes take place for clients through referral to internal/external community resources and as appropriate to client needs and employment goals;
- Assist clients with a return-to-work action plan that is based on realistic and achievable career goals;
- Provide advocacy on behalf of clients by participating in community networking and establishing support links with other agencies - social and educational, and employers;
- Liaise with employers, on/off reserve and other federal/provincial employment and training agencies, Ministry of Labour, Skills Development and Training, and post-secondary institutes;
- Write proposals to secure funds to support targeted or specialized training;
- Participate with and provide recommendations to the Enaadmaagehjik Board of Directors regarding specific labour market issues;
- Coordinate, facilitate, and/or participate in labour market presentations to explain the priorities and objectives of the Enaadmaagehjik and WLMS Programs to potential partners.

### Qualifications and Relevant Skill Level:

- Post-secondary certification in career counselling or human resource planning
- Previous experience in a career facilitation/employment counselling setting
- Experience in case management filing is an asset
- Excellent problem-solving, communication (written and oral) and interpersonal skills
- Demonstrated ability to "think outside of the box"
- Comfort with providing public presentations
- Possession of a valid Class G Driver's Licence required and access to a vehicle
- Work flexible hours (evening and weekend included)
- Knowledge and appreciation of Anishinaabe culture, language and heritage
- Successful candidate requires clear criminal record

Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

**Deadline: until filled**

Please submit a covering letter, resume and 3 recent work reference letters to:  
Applications: Employment, Training & Special Projects Officer  
Wii-ni n'guch-tood LMS  
2102 Wikwemikong Way  
Wikwemikong, ON POP 2J0

For information and/or job description, please contact Colleen Wassegijig-Migwans at 705-859-3001



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Elementary School Teacher



Sheshegwaning First Nation is currently accepting applications for an Elementary School Teacher.

**Essential Duties:**

- Work under the supervision of the Principal.
- Prepare and deliver lessons to the students according to the approved curriculum.
- Implement and deliver culturally appropriate Anishnabe teachings within the school and community setting.
- Teach students using a systematic plan of lessons, discussion, audio-visual presentations, field trips, hands-on activities to promote their physical, mental, and social development and their school readiness.
- Develop and implement long range plans.
- Prepare and administer assessments.
- Evaluate the progress of students and discuss results with students, parents, and school officials.
- Identify children's learning styles and needs.
- Prepare and implement remedial programs for children requiring extra help.
- Participate in staff meetings, teacher training workshops, professional development days and other school functions.
- May supervise teacher assistants and student teachers.
- Knowledgeable in literacy and numeracy practices.

**Qualifications/Requirements:**

- Must hold a valid Ontario Teaching Certificate.
- Must have a Bachelor of Education or ATEP.
- Must have knowledge and/or experience of the culture, tradition, history and customs of the Anishnabe.
- Understanding and fluency of Odawa or Ojibwe language is an asset or must be willing to learn the language.
- CRC/CPIC and Vulnerable Sector Screening.

**Location:** Sheshegwaning First Nation St. Josephs Anishnabe School

**Salary Range:** Negotiable

**Deadline to Apply:** September 17, 2021 (NOON)

Interested applicants may forward their resume and three written reference marked confidential to:

**Jessica Sampson**  
Human Resources Director  
Sheshegwaning First Nation  
1079A Sheshegwaning Road  
Sheshegwaning First Nation, ON  
POP 1X0

Jessica@sheshegwaning.org

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



Rainbow District School Board, with schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island, is accepting applications from qualified teachers for the following permanent assignment for September 13, 2021:

**Posting #183-05 Full Time Permanent Elementary Teacher in Manitoulin  
1.0 Primary 3**

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, proof of qualifications, recent performance evaluations and/or practice teaching reports, the names of three professional references by 3:00 p.m. **Thursday, September 9, 2021** to:

**Human Resources**  
Rainbow District School Board  
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury, ON P3E 1P2  
email: [HRT@rainbowschools.ca](mailto:HRT@rainbowschools.ca)

Rainbow District School Board thanks all applicants for their interest in the public school system. Only those applicants who are selected for an interview will be contacted. The candidate selected for the position will be required to provide a criminal record check.

*In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is being collected under the authority of the Education Act and will be used for employee recruitment purposes. Questions should be directed to the above.*

Rainbow District School Board complies with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). If you require accommodation for a disability during any stage of the recruitment process, please contact the HR Manager at 705-674-3171.

The Rainbow District School Board is an equal opportunity employer.

**Doreen Dewar**  
Board Chair

**Bruce Bourget**  
Director of Education

[rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca)



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMUNICATIVE DISORDER ASSISTANT (CDA)

**Job Summary**

The CDA will report to SHSS Manager and work under the direction and clinical supervision of the contracted Speech Language Pathologist (SLP).

The CDA will provide direct one-on-one therapy sessions to individuals and small groups of children ranging from two to 21 years old in schools on Manitoulin Island, the Northshore and surrounding areas, under the supervision of the contracted Speech Language Pathologist. The qualifying CDA will need to drive between schools and home base office.

**Responsibilities**

1. Plan and carry out treatment sessions based on specific therapy goals established by the supervising SLP;
2. Collect and record client data;
3. Report on client progress and any related issues to the supervising SLP and SHSS Manager;
4. Provide Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) support for students; create low-tech communication aids; set up and program high tech voice output devices; assist with the training of students, teachers, Early Childhood Educators and Educational Assistants in the use of the devices;
5. Implement individual and group communication, speech and language programs for eligible students; prepare lesson plans, activities and materials; document student performance, comfortable with play-based individual and group therapy.

**Qualifications**

- Graduate from an accredited CDA Program; Member of the CDAAC or equivalent.
- Excellent and written communication skills.
- Good computer skills and knowledge of MS Office applications.
- Training and experience related to: child development and childhood exceptionality, specific articulation and language development, speech and language disorders, treatments and interventions used.
- Set up and use of augmentative communication systems and technology, i.e. Proloquo2go, PECS.
- Assistive listening equipment, i.e. FM systems.
- Evidence of effective customer service, organizational, interpersonal, communication, judgment and decision-making skills.
- Able to work independently in carrying out communication screens and given therapy programs.
- Flexible, self-directed and able to work effectively with minimal supervision.
- This position requires travel to schools with the contracted First Nations Reserves, and therefore, the successful candidate must have a reliable vehicle and a valid driver's licence.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

**CDA**  
**Attention: Melissa Roy**  
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
P.O. Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive  
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: [mroy@wikyhealth.ca](mailto:mroy@wikyhealth.ca)

**Deadline: Until filled**

**Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Licence and Abstract. DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE.**

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### Employment Opportunity HEALTHY BABIES HEALTHY CHILDREN WORKER

**Summary**

The HBHC Family Home Visitor is responsible for working with families to build on their strengths, assist parents in developing their parenting skills, help them connect with resources in the community, and promote healthy babies and children by encouraging safety, growth and learning.

**Responsibilities**

1. Client-based activities.
2. Maintain a caseload of clientele by providing home visiting services to high-risk families starting at postpartum and into the family unit.
3. Participant-based activities.
4. Networking/Integrated Activities.
5. Communicate with Manager on a regular and on-going basis with respect to clients and work items.
6. Communicate with the Children's Services Team at regular Staff Meetings in a positive and constructive manner.
7. As assigned by the Manager, the HBHC Family Home Visitor assists in the development of the annual Program Work plan.
8. In conjunction with the Manager and the CSP team, to review past statistics in determining and forecasting client needs.
9. As appropriate for Budget preparation, Quarterly submissions of relevant statistics as assigned by Manager.

**Qualifications**

- 2 years' work experience working with children and families.
- Knowledge of traditional teaching is an asset.
- Post-secondary diploma or certificate in health or social services field considered an asset.
- An experienced parent with knowledge of parenting skills.
- Knowledge in child/growth development.
- Ability to collaborate with other Service Providers.
- Set-up of information booths / displays to promote the program within the community.
- Computer skills (MS Word, Excel, Publisher, PowerPoint, EMR).
- Input of data via electronic reporting to funding agencies.
- Able to work with high-risk families.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copy of accreditations, and contact information of two work-related references, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

**HBHC Worker**  
Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant  
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
P.O. Box 101, 16A Complex Drive  
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
Telephone: 705.859.3164  
Fax: 705.859.3300  
Email: [mroy@wikyhealth.ca](mailto:mroy@wikyhealth.ca)

**Deadline: September 24, 2021 @ 4:00pm**

**Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Licence & Abstract. DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE.**

*We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Incomplete submission will not be accepted. No return of submissions.*

## Death Notices

### MARILYN ELIZABETH MOGGY

(nee Golding)

October 4, 1934 - August 31, 2021



Marilyn passed away peacefully surrounded by her family's love at her home in Manitowaning on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at the age of 86. Beloved wife of Hugh Moggy. Cherished mother of Dianne (David Shilman) Moggy and Jane (Delbert Sousa) Moggy. Sister of David (Sally) Golding, Helen Golding and Paul Golding (predeceased) (Robin Russell). Sister-in-law of Norma (Don) Hembruff (both predeceased),

Rae (John) Skippen, Glenn (predeceased) (Marilyn) Moggy and Bill Moggy. Marilyn will be missed by many nieces, nephews and friends. Marilyn was born in Thamesford, Ontario but spent her early summers at Cedarden Lodge on South Bay, which was operated by her parents Earl and Dorothy Golding. She met her future husband Hugh at a dance in the Orange Hall in Manitowaning, beginning a romance that marked their 63rd wedding anniversary on August 30th. Family was the love of her life and her daughters, Dianne and Jane, and their husbands were her cornerstones. Her second family, the children she taught throughout her career, provided her with an additional opportunity to share her belief in the importance of being kind to one another, to respect each other, to learn and to have fun. In return, Marilyn was often referred to as their "beloved Mrs. Moggy."

Community service was also important to Marilyn and she was an active volunteer on the Assiginack Library Board, Historical (sometimes lovingly referred to as the Hysterical) Society, Agricultural and Horticultural Societies. A member of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Marilyn focused her efforts on initiatives to help make the world a better place. Her famous "penny table" fundraisers at church luncheons were often the highlights of the event, raising funds to support SCAW, Sleeping Children Around the World. Marilyn's ever-present smile signalled her love of life and the fact she was game for any adventure, whether it involved travel, shopping (particularly for her one of her many collections) or taking the wrong turn on any crop tour. She loved to perform as "Madame Zelda," reading fortunes at various Manitowaning events. And, of course, all of those she taught, will remember the hundreds of pairs of different earrings she loved to wear. A private family service was held at Hilly Grove Cemetery. A Celebration of Marilyn's Life will be held in summer of 2022. Donations in memory of Marilyn can be made by sending a cheque to St. Paul's Anglican Church c/o Chris Prosser, P.O. Box 374, Manitowaning, Ontario P0P 1N0 to be donated to Sleeping Children Around the World or donate online at Scaw.org or to a charity of your choice. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

### JEAN LENNON

(nee Lewis)

March 30, 1929 – August 31, 2021



Jean Lennon passed away peacefully at Sunnybrook Hospital, on August 31, 2021 at the age of 92. Born in Spring Bay, on Manitoulin Island, Ontario to the late David and Grace (Buie) Lewis. She moved to Toronto as a young woman, married and raised a family. Hardworking, both inside and outside of the family home, she balanced her life with travel to Ireland, bus trips within Canada and the USA, and was an enthusiastic supporter of her favourite Toronto baseball and hockey teams.

Beloved wife of the late Thomas Lennon for 63 years. Mother of Brian (Laura), Michael, John, and daughter Sheila. Grandmother to Kelsey (James), and Sera. She is survived by one sister, Wilhemine, and is predeceased by her sisters Hilda, Geraldine, Velma, Elda, and brother Leslie. A visitation was held at Morley Bedford Funeral home, 159 Eglinton Ave. West, Toronto, Ontario on Monday, September 6, 2021 from 2 to 4 pm. A funeral mass was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at St. Monica's Catholic Church, 44 Broadway Ave., Toronto, Ontario at 11 am.

### LACHLAN ALEXANDER MUIR

March 17, 1934 - August 28, 2021



Lachlan Alexander Muir, born in Leith (Edinburgh) Scotland to parents Alexander Muir and Margaret (Bradwell). Siblings Greta, John of Edinburgh and Norman of Hartlepool, England – all predeceased. Lachlan completed his final flight departure from this realm in London, Ontario on Saturday, August 28, 2021. Serving in the R.A.F. for 12 years, he was the electronics expert on the Vulcan Bomber stationed at various bases around the world. Lachlan serviced Canberras, Hunters and Shackleton bombers – becoming a Sergeant Technician in charge of a complete squadron of Vulcans. During his last year in the R.A.F. he was "headhunted" by Avro in England to be their electrical instructor for purchasers of aircraft. In 1966 taking a leap of faith, he emigrated to Canada with his then wife and children. Lachlan was employed by a Swedish company as their Canada wide Technical Manager, once again involving constant travel. Deciding to form his own company – "Advance Temp Controls" he obtained an exclusive dealership with an American company in temperature control for Northern Ontario based out of Sudbury, Ontario. Five years later, Lachlan and his wife Mary-Jean retired to Manitoulin Island, where he oversaw the building of their dream home. Health concerns resulted in relocating to London, Ontario in 2007. Lachlan leaves his wife Mary-Jean (Bowman), his sons Dr. Ian Muir (Susan Miller) of Deep River, Ontario, Andrew Muir (Kathleen Lucas) of Mississauga, Ontario and step-sons Jordan Toole (Stephanie Miller) and the late Mark Toole. Grandfather to Will Muir, step-grandfather of Sydney and Mitchell Toole. A special thank you to the Alzheimers Art Program, Salvation Army and McCormick Day Programs, the incredible staff at Westmount Gardens, you were a caring environment. Cremation has taken place. Those wishing to make donations in memory of Lachlan are asked to consider the Alzheimer Society of London, Ontario AlzheimerLondon.ca or The Salvation Army Adult Day Program SalvationArmyVillage.ca. Messages of condolence may be left for the family at LondonCremation.com.

### WALLACE "WALLY" FREDERICK

JOHN PARCHEWSKI

April 16, 1940 - August 17, 2021

Wallace "Wally" Frederick John Parchewski, 81, of West Carrollton, Ohio passed away Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at home. He was born April 16, 1940 in Ruion, Quebec, the son of the late Walter "Wally" and Thora (Harding) Parchewski. Wally grew up on the Manitoulin Island, Ontario. As a young man he worked with his parents at their service station, Wally's. He spent his adult working career as a tool and die worker and retired from Toolcraft Products Inc. Wally enjoyed vacationing at his camp on the Manitoulin Island. He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 61 years, Trudy Parchewski; daughter, Deborah (Brian) Lorton; as well as his grandson, Lukas Lorton. A gathering of family and friends was held from 10 to 11 am on Saturday, September 4, 2021 at Bethel Baptist Church, West Carrollton, Ohio. Funeral services followed at 11 am with Pastor Jim Shihady officiating. Burial followed at Highland Memorial Cemetery, Miamisburg, Ohio. Services are entrusted to Gebhart-Schmidt-Parramore Funeral Home, Miamisburg, Ohio. Condolences may be expressed to the family at GebhartSchmidtParramore.com.

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

### BETTY LAURA KATHLEEN

DEARING

(nee James)



Betty Laura Kathleen Dearing (nee James) passed away peacefully at the age of 90, at her home on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, surrounded by her loving family. She was born and raised on her beloved Manitoulin Island and moved to Sarnia, Ontario, where she lived for over 50 years. She was very independent and stayed in her apartment until she passed. Our family is extremely grateful for the care and services of her friends and home support workers. Betty was predeceased by her husbands Robert Dearing and Bill Forbes, son Roger Dearing and grandchildren Christina Tucci, Daniel Tucci and Scotty Breen. Loving mother of Robert Dearing (Sharon), Sharan Setterington (Fred), Pat Cole (Joe) and Roger Dearing (Debbie). Cherished grandmother of Anne Marie Boothe, Richard Boothe, Mike Dearing, Chantelle Dearing, Debbie Tucci, the late Daniel Tucci, the late Christina Tucci, Frederick Setterington, Tamara Ramirez, Ann Pickering, Laura Berenz, Yvette Thomas-Godin, the late Scotty Breen, Amanda Dearing-Carr and Sherri Nichols. Dear great-grandmother of Brandon Boothe, Austin Munro, Ashlynn Munro, Daniel Luttamus, Hope Setterington, Nathaniel Setterington, Annabelle Ramirez, Victoria Ramirez, Marcus Ramirez, Matthew Hoyland, Daniel Pickering, Chelsea Pickering, Megan Pickering, Jarid Godin, Libby Godin, Rowan Godin and one great-great-granddaughter Alora Germain. Cremation has taken place. Visitation was held in Sarnia and interment services at Gordon Cemetery, on Manitoulin Island. Gone from this world, but always in our hearts. We miss you dearly mom, rest in peace.

### JOHN ALBERT BOWERMAN

December 22, 1945 - August 28, 2021

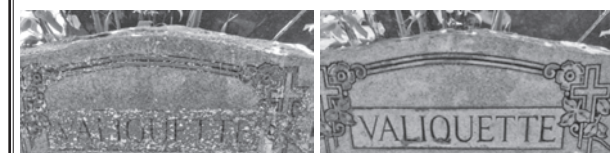


It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of John Bowerman, a son, brother, father, grandfather and friend, who passed away on Saturday, August 28, 2021, at the age of 75. Beloved father of Jackie (Darren Shawanda), Chad Bowerman, Adam Bowerman and Emilly (Nathan) Girodat. Papa to Niomi, Noah, Benjamin, Chloe, Gracie and Penelope. He will be sadly missed by his siblings Andy (Linda) Bowerman, Paul (Barb) Bowerman and Mary (Jim) Robinson. John was a loving, kind and gentle father to his children and grandchildren. He took great pride in being a father and Papa. John was a resident of Sheguiandah for over 45 years. His brilliant smile and kind generous heart set him apart. He was a dependable neighbour and would do anything for his friends and family. He loved the outdoors and hunting, antique cars and tractors and spending quality time with friends and family. Dad, we love you and miss you so very much, but we know you will always be with us. This isn't goodbye. Until we meet again. The family would like to thank Little Current hospital staff for their exceptional care.

A Come and Go Celebration of Life was held from 1 to 4 pm on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 13 Limit St., Sheguiandah. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society and may be made through IslandFuneralHome.ca.

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After

It's official! The school year has begun! Welcome to all Grade 9 students and to any new Mustangs! Also a huge welcome back to any students returning to in-person learning who spent last year's classes online.

I would like to introduce the MSS 2021-2022 Student Council members: Jocelyn Kuntsi, Lane Phillips, Eliza Ermilova, Katie Chapman, McKenna Barnes and myself, Rachael Orford.

To help get everyone back in the school spirit, the student council, with the help of staff, is holding WOW Week. WOW stands for 'Week of Welcome.' The first day of school and of WOW Week, Tuesday, September 7, was fairly quiet allowing for an easy transition for the Grade 9 students. Music was set up in the cafeteria, the student council welcomed everyone and gave a



short introduction to the school year, and Stangley, the mascot, made his first appearance of the year. Today, Wednesday, September 8, there will be a Kahoot! playing in the cafeteria over both lunch periods. Students will be able to play the trivia game for a chance to win a pizza lunch prize! There will be activities tomorrow, September 9 and Friday, September 10, but I don't want to spoil them quite yet.

To go along with WOW week and the other back-to-school activities, a four day scavenger hunt has been set up. Each day, there

is one letter of the word GOLD to find somewhere in the school. The Grade 9 and 10s have a different set of letters and clues to find than the Grade 11 and 12s. Students must take a picture of their designated letter on a device. Then on Friday students can show the four pictures to student council members who will be sitting at a table in the cafeteria for a chance to win a prize through a draw. Here are yesterday's clues as some examples. Grade 9 and 10: Avoid hitting roque bottom in a quiet sanctuary. Grade 11 and 12: Bread and potatoes make a

hearty meal, although that's not how some may feel.

A scavenger hunt joke for you: Have you heard about the coffin scavenger hunt? Remains to be found.

This Friday, September 10 is the first black and gold day of the school year! I hope to see all Mustangs showing off school colours and spirit! Just a note: every Friday will be a black and gold spirit day unless another spirit day is planned.

Joke of the week: What did the student say to the teacher after he missed the first day of school? No, ma'am. I didn't miss it at all.

Upcoming events include the rest of the school year! Let's go, Mustangs!

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

**thank you**

It is with grateful hearts that we thank everyone for their kindness following the loss of our husband and dad, Willis. The wonderful care that Willis received at the Mindemoya Hospital and the third floor ICU at HSN was kind and compassionate. Thank you. The expressions of sympathy with cards, food, flowers, donations and visits are so appreciated. The kindness of our family, friends and community will not be forgotten. He was simply the best!

Sincerely, Cathy Hallett, Nicole and Travis

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**notice**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS**

All claims against the Estate of Marvin Beverly Guy, late of the Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island in the Province of Ontario must be filled with the undersigned personal representative on or before the 30th day of September 2021, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the Administrator then shall have notice.

Dated at the Town of Gore Bay, this 23rd day of August, 2021.

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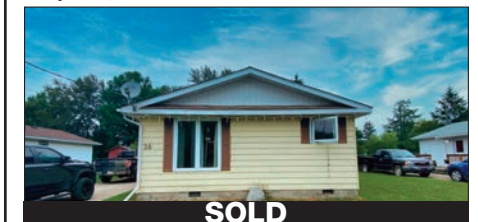
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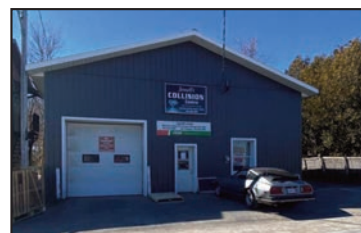


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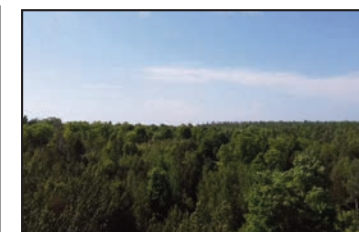


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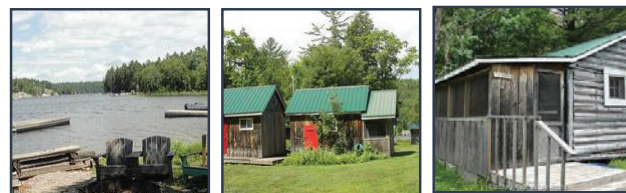


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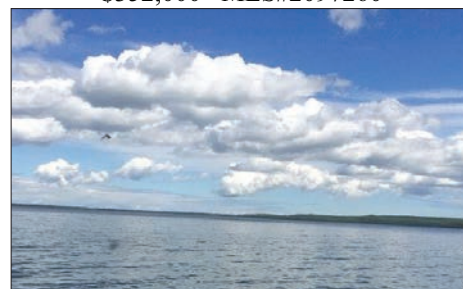
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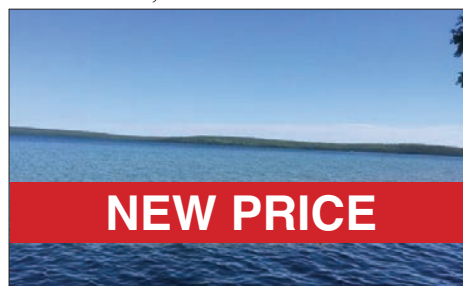


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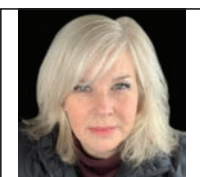


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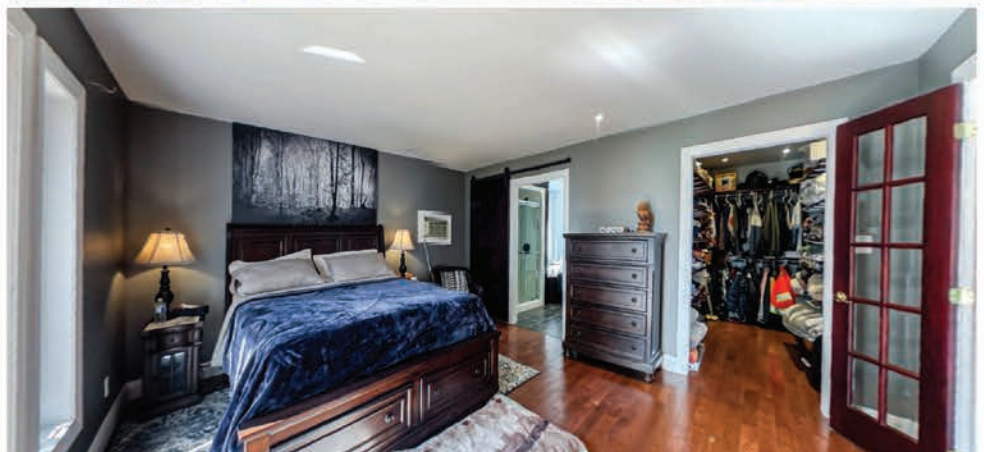


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