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SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT—Volunteers with the Sheguiandah Fall Fair committee dressed up as crows and scarecrows to add to the ambiance of this year's fair at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah. In photo from left are Cindy Tarr, Carol Sheppard, committee chair Linda Erskine and Norma Hughson. **SEE MORE FALL FAIR FUN ON PAGE 13.**

Get decorating!

Harvest Glory Days 'competition' in full swing

MANITOULIN—Maple trees all around Manitoulin Island are suddenly heralding the change of season with poplar, ash and tamarack and others soon to follow suit.

This means that the Manito-

lin Expositor is once again encouraging individuals, families, businesses, churches, community halls, homeowners, farmers and fishermen to deck out their homes/businesses/institutions in honour of the season.

The event is Harvest Glory Days and communities all around the Island are encouraged to decorate for the season, with champions selected according to larger communities (like Gore Bay, Mindemoya, Wiikwemkoong, Little Current, M'Chigeeng, etc.), mid-size communities (Providence Bay, Kagawong, Aundeck Omni, Kagawong, etc.) and small communities (Sheguiandah, Spring Bay, Silver Water, Sheguiandah First Nation, Sheshegwaning etc.)

Championship communities receive a big, bright Harvest Glory Days sign to announce their communities' spirit to the world and, if they already have been awarded a sign in a previous year, a leaf indicating they remain a player.

Perennial winners include Manitowaning (right from the start of this event, now entering its second decade) and the village of Sheguiandah. Last year, after a decade-long hiatus, Spring Bay once again took up

the challenge, and received a new leaf for the sign they had been awarded over a decade previously.

A newcomer (for the past two years) is Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation and Gore Bay and Mindemoya have also risen to

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Which communities will be named Harvest Glory Days champions?

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Sudbury-Manitoulin region posts double provincial rate for opioid intervention

Triple number of deaths/100,000 citizens

by **Jacqueline M. St.Pierre**,
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
MANITOULIN—The Community Drug Strategy has released the latest opioid surveillance data, highlighting the ongoing impact of opioid use and the broader toxic drug crisis in the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts. While opioids were involved in 74 percent of all drug poisoning deaths in the region in 2023 (preliminary data), it is important to note that this crisis also involves a variety of non-opioid substances. To better inform the public, the Community Drug Strategy provides accessible and accurate

information on opioid-related incidents, confirmed overdoses, and regional responses to the crisis.

Rise in suspected opioid-related incidents

From January to July 2024, Greater Sudbury Paramedic Services responded to 384 suspected opioid-related incidents, showing a slight increase compared to the 376 incidents reported during the same period in 2023. By the end of 2023, a total of 650 incidents were recorded, slightly down from 747 in 2022.

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Agnew Lake hazardous waste disposal on hold pending consults

by **Jacqueline M. St.Pierre**,
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
LAKE AGNEW—The Townships of Nairn and Hyman, located west of Sudbury, recently held a public meeting to discuss a contentious plan to transport naturally occurring radioactive material to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTM). This follows a previous meeting on August 19, where council members first learned about the proposal to ship truckloads of contaminated soil from Nipissing First Nation, near North Bay, to the Agnew Lake area near Nairn Centre, a distance of roughly 160 kilometres.

As it stands, no firm deadline has been set for transporting

the hazardous waste and the project remains on hold until further consultation with affected communities.

A key concern raised by the municipal council members was the lack of prior consultation with Nairn and Hyman Townships or the nearby Baldwin Township. In a joint statement, the local municipalities said, "This decision, which carries significant risks for our environment, public health, and the safety of our communities, was made without any consultation with our municipalities or those bordering Agnew Lake." They criticized the lack of transparency as a "grave breach of trust" and a disregard

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Wikwemikong Development Commission at 50 years

Celebrating five decades of steady growth of community businesses

by **Michael Erskine**

WIKWEMKOONG—For over half a century, Endaadmaagehjik (or the Wikwemkoong Development Commission [WDC] as it was known for most of its existence) has been building economic capacity on Manitoulin and the organization now has a host of companies under its wing.

From its humble beginnings in 1970 as a vision of Ogimaa John Wakegijig baa and band councillors Arthur Jacko baa, Antoine Gabow baa, Henry Hill baa, Onezime Bebamikawe baa and Henry Peltier baa, and de-

spite the loss of three of the proponents in a tragic accident in 1971, the project came to fruition in 1973 under the hand of Ogimaa Wakegijig's son

Ron baa, who also became chief of WUT. The first board of directors were the eight band councillors of the day.

Following a hiatus of five years, WDC was reconstituted by Ogimaa Wakegijig and, thanks to the steady management of general manager Clayton Shawana baa, the organization rose phoenix-like to meet the community's

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Women from nine United Churches across Manitoulin and beyond were represented at the 'United Church Women (UCW) and Friends' reunion hosted by Lyons Memorial UCW last week. The fall event was an annual event but had not taken place since before the pandemic.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Lyons Memorial hosts Island-wide 'United Church Women and Friends' reunion

by Alicia McCutcheon

GORE BAY—The sanctuary at Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay was filled with members of various United Church Women (UCW) units from across the Island last Wednesday, there to resurrect a tradition of meeting annually in the spirit of being the "hands and feet" of the church.

According to the United Church of Canada website, "In 1962 the UCW was created as the successor to the Woman's Missionary Society, a world mission-oriented service and study group that supported almost 100 active missionaries around the world. The Woman's Association (WA), at that time, focused on work in the local church and community. Guilds and Ladies' Aids were the WA's forerunners. In the early years, these units went unrecorded, just doing what needed to be done, spiritually, financially and socially."

The Canadian social fabric is undoubtedly changing, and so are the demographics that make up Canada's largest protestant denomination. Upon its inception in 1962, there were over 300,000 UCW charter members. That number has dwindled significantly due to church, and UCW unit, closures.

Maureen Armstrong and Heather Patterson,

both members of the Lyons Memorial UCW, decided to take on bringing back the sense of community the UCW holds so dear after a prompt from Mindemoya's Trinity United UCW.

"Welcome to, we hope, our first annual UCW fall meeting," Ms. Armstrong said to the women, both UCW members and "friends of," gathered in the sanctuary. She noted there were women from Silver Water, Gore Bay, Mindemoya, Kagawong, Little Current, Sheguiandah, Manitowaning and even Flesherton and the Eastern Townships in Quebec.

"Hopefully, this will be the start of getting us back together, especially as some church's UCWs have disbanded," Ms. Armstrong added.

The meeting began with the reading of the UCW mission statement—"to love God; foster Christian commitment, faithfulness and spirituality; and promote respect and love for all God's creation"—followed by devotions offered by Judy Land who was Zooming in from her summer home in the Eastern Townships.

Ms. Land presented an overarching land acknowledgment that focused on the importance of mending relations with Indigenous neighbours.

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NorthWords 2024 and Elemental Festival announce 'A Passion for Pollinators'

Co-festivals this weekend in Kagawong

by Michael Erskine

KAGAWONG—4elements Living Arts and the Billings Public Library have announced the NorthWords and Elemental Festival 2024 collaboration will be held September 20-21 at the Park Centre in Kagawong with the theme of 'A Passion for Pollinators.'

NorthWords Festival of Words and Elemental Festival, a celebration of land-based arts, have come together to "offer events suitable for diverse interests and audiences." To that end, all events, other than the ticketed Book & Brew being held at Split Rail Brewing in Gore Bay, are free to attend and open to all.

The festival is part of Ontario Culture Days, for which 4elements Living Arts is the hub organization on Manitoulin Island. Ontario Culture Days is a celebration of arts and culture in communities across Ontario.

The Book & Brew event at Split Rail Brewing in Gore Bay takes place on Friday, September 20 from 8 pm where attendees will hear readings from Coltrane Seesequais, Mike Strobel and Vera Constantineau, along with live music by Elora Miller and Jon Best as well as partake in delicious autumn harvest snacks. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the door or by contacting northwordsfest@gmail.com.

On Friday afternoon, from 1-4 pm, artist Gwen MacGregor will lead participants in learning



Take part in a 'painting on silk' workshop this weekend in Kagawong!

how to crochet a three-dimensional tree, drawing on the inspiration of the fertile ground along the Kagawong River Trail. On Saturday morning, participants will photograph their trees in locations around the river then Ms. MacGregor will guide participants as they consider our re-

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Ontario Realty remediating old Little Current OPP detachment

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The old OPP headquarters building in Little Current was a hive of activity recently, with giant plastic tanks and vacuum trucks joining a massive excavator on-site as workers dug out around the building.

The Expositor reached out to the Infrastructure Ontario/Ontario Realty Corporation (IO), the government agency that oversees provincial government properties to discover more about what is taking place at the building and also enlisted Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha's office to dig a little deeper.

"Thank you for contacting us regarding the property at 12 Campbell Street East in Little Current," replied the realty

corporation. "The property is not currently available for sale. Infrastructure Ontario is implementing standard property due diligence work to enable future disposition of the site."

That due diligence included digging out soil contaminated by a small leak in the oil tanks at the building. The giant plastic tank that is most visible at the site is a container being utilized by Milestone Environmental Contracting (a Mississauga of the Credit First Nation company specializing in property remediation) to collect contaminated water. The size of the tank turned out to be a bit of overkill, but was brought in to ensure it could contain enough volume as the distance to the company's yard would have in-

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First year Island STEM student in running for major engineering prize

by Michael Erskine

HAMILTON—Jocelyn Kuntsi is no stranger to readers of The Expositor as this newspaper has chronicled her accomplishments over the years. This year the newspaper is proud to announce Ms. Kuntsi and a team of her colleagues built an application, 'WheelBeats,' which was awarded first place and the James Dyson Foundation Most Innovative Solution Award at the 2024 McMaster Engineering 1P13 Design showcase.

"It's really, really exciting," admitted Ms. Kuntsi when contacted by The Expositor following her win. The former Manitoulin Secondary School student has just finished her first year at the Hamilton university. She explained that the engineering program in which she is enrolled has a series of different design projects and WheelBeats was the last of those projects she and her team completed for the year.

Asked about the inspiration for the project, Ms. Kuntsi explained that, "Our client Tiffany, a concert lover with spina bifida (spina bifida is a condition that occurs when the spine and spinal cord don't form properly most often leading to severe mobility issues) and hydrocephalus (an affliction that puts pressure on the brain), shared her frustration with the extensive planning required for concerts."

"The process is made difficult due to the limited, often hidden and poorly presented accessible information available for venues," Ms. Kuntsi noted. "Inadequate seating options have even forced Tiffany to use her phone camera to see

the stage, hindering her experience. Music is universal, but enjoying it is not always accessible. Our team aims to simplify this process by providing a single platform where crucial accessibility information is easily accessible, allowing us-

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Wiikwemkoong marks Every Child Matters Week with a lineup of events

by Jacqueline St.Pierre,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter WIKWEMKOONG—Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory is marking Every Child Matters Week with a number of events.

Starting on Monday, September 23 there will also be a community art show with the 'Every Child Matters' theme featuring the work of Wiikwemkoong artists at the arena from 9 am to 3 pm.

On Wednesday, September 25, families are encouraged to decorate their strollers, wagons, wheelchairs and walkers (no bicycles or motorized vehicles, please) for a family lights parade at 7:30 pm at Thunderbird Park. Please meet at the horse pull arena.

On Friday, September 27 there is an Every Child Matters Dance with music by DJ Claw from 7 to 9 pm at the Wikwemikong Arena.

On Saturday, September 28

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opinion

editorial

Island communities' collaborations are outstanding

A recent decision by the Municipality of Central Manitoulin to enter into a memorandum of understanding that would allow neighbouring M'Chigeeng First Nation to utilize the municipality's waste treatment facilities should an overflow situation be imminent is yet another example of neighbours helping neighbours that is a hallmark of Island life.

This is just the latest example of Island municipalities working together for the common good. In the case of the Central Manitoulin/M'Chigeeng MOU, the two communities are putting in place the protocols that would be necessary to protect the shared resource of Lake Mindemoya—from which Central Manitoulin draws its drinking water supplies.

But there is also the Northeast Town's ongoing agreement with neighbouring Sheguiandah First Nation on the use of the town's landfill site and the temporary agreement that allowed Aundeck Omni Kaning to use the landfill while putting in place its own transfer station.

Other examples include the Manitoulin Mutual Aid agreement that sees fire departments across Manitoulin lending aid to its neighbours.

In a world where it seems we are being endlessly polarized and divided by political gamesmanship, Manitoulin communities stand as shining examples of how people of good will can work together to their mutual benefit.

Too often the world is focused on that which divides us, bent on endlessly nurturing past grievances or shortcomings and the diplomatic failures of national leaders to resolve conflicts. The result leads to an endless cycle of wars—despite the very clear evidence that working together actually benefits us all.

Currently, struggles for world domination are herding us all down the tariff rabbit hole, and one of the current candidates for leader of the most powerful nation on earth even has the weaponization of tariffs as one of the central tenants of his election platform.

Globalization has been blamed for the hollowing out of American industry, despite the mountains of data showing that free trade has

improved the North American lifestyle.

The bilateral free trade in automobile manufacturing of the historic US-Canada Auto Pact led the way to the establishment of the North American Free Trade Agreement and then the expanded Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement, were all measures that improved lives on both sides of the borders between our nations.

The continuing economic reverberations of the global pandemic, the shortfalls of provincial domestic policies that have largely contributed to the current housing shortages and the rampant inflation that is just now coming under control have made of us meaner and angrier citizens looking to settle blame—and as per usual foreigners make for an easy target.

Populist politicians take advantage of that for short term political gain—but there is danger in that demonization that history points out to us only too clearly should we only deign to look.

The Baby Boom bulge has been looming on the retirement horizon for decades, with economists warning of the challenges that lie ahead when too small a fraction of the population is of working age. That future has arrived and the short-term solution was to encourage more immigration in order to stave off the pain.

There are many boogymen to blame for our current challenges, but nearly all of them can be found in home grown and short-sighted political leaders more focused on gaining or keeping power and not enough on providing sustainable solutions. Our national lack of productivity has far more to do with inflation and poor economic performance than the levels of immigration. But immigration is an easy target.

We are a country built largely on immigration—a settler nation if you will, as are our neighbours to the south—and our immense successes have their roots in the open doors we have offered the world.

Working together is a far more sensible approach to the challenges facing the globe—unfortunately it isn't always the easy road to office.

Thankfully, here on Manitoulin, as rural people tend to do, we work together for the common good. Let's keep it up.

letters

Out with the old, in with the new

The trouble older job seekers face

To the Expositor:

I am an older worker and have not worked in a government job, nor have I worked for an organization that offered me a defined pension. What does that mean for me now that I am looking for a job? It may mean that I have a hard time finding a job at this stage in my life.

For a variety of reasons, people over the age of 55 are looking for jobs. Forced retirement, business closures, redundancy, or just plain job dissatisfaction lead workers to be in the job market. However, when their resume lists prior employment dating back 20 years or if the education section of their CV says that they graduated from post-secondary education 25 years ago, employers may look at these facts and pass them over for a younger worker. According to the Ontario Human Rights Commission, "older workers face significant barriers in finding employment. These can take the form of overt discrimination, such as not hiring someone simply because of [their] age, or more subtle or systemic discrimination, such as eliminating someone because of a perception [they] lack "career potential."

There are persistent stereotypes about older workers that preclude finding a job as easily as it has been in the past. Retention, absenteeism, resistance to change, productivity, and inflexibility are all aspects that are considered to negatively impact the organization when hiring an older worker. However, all of these considerations are false, bar none. The lack of empirical evidence does not alleviate the difficulties that older workers confront when they are qualified and eager for a certain job.

The facts are that older workers will stay in a job for as long as younger workers and health issues requiring time off are exactly the same for any age of worker. The median length of time employees stay with a company is 4.1 years, according to 2022 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Younger workers actually take more personal/sick days than older workers and on-the-job experience helps older workers manage changes to their working environment. Furthermore, changes in our societal norms have changed work ethics today, meaning that workers 55 or older have a different attitude toward their work-life balance.

Our work ethic has been changing since the Industrial Revolution, so it is only natural that workers at different stages of their employment would have different work ethics. However, in our current capitalist society, the importance of punctuality, atten-

dance, and flexibility is alive and well.

What's more, while workers may have the same education, older workers bring not only real work experience they bring the nuanced experience of navigating the workplace. Universally, older workers bring a level of experience, critical thinking and sheer knowledge that cannot be taught.

In addition, the perceived technology gap is going away. Older workers today have come of age in an environment of change. They may have started with pen and paper, but the period they have moved through has forced them to pick up technology in its infancy. We know why a process was computerized for example and we can work our way through the processes from beginning to end.

Even more restrictive is the persistence of ageism when it comes to the "face" of the organization. Does the organization want to present itself as young and vibrant and if so, older workers won't fit into their image? While Hollywood stars like Meryl Streep and George Clooney have been debunking the idea that their age does not work against them, the "real" working world is a different story. In fact, society's unconscious bias probably landed journalist Lisa LaFlamme on the unemployment line, albeit not for long.

Changes in social skills may be advantages that older workers naturally have. While progression through technology has changed the way we interact with one another through emails and chats, actually calling a client to discuss concerns about their bill may build a relationship that favours the business, for example.

Change is afoot. Our view of older workers is informed by individual, organizational, and societal biases according to the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Ministers Responsible for Seniors. For example, the hiring manager's own age may inform their idea of the best fit for a job, the organization had a bad experience with an older worker and society's agist attitude can all negatively affect the outcome of an older person seeking a job.

The Ontario Human Rights Code prohibits ageism but to deny that it happens is futile. If we firmly believe that knowledge is power, and when we know better, we do better, change will happen. But, as the need for an experienced educated workforce persists, we can hope that employers really will be blind to discrimination of all types and hire workers that are the best for the organization.

**Heather Wilson
Espanola**

Central Manitoulin council lowers village speed limits

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Responding to requests from residents, council of the Town of Central Manitoulin has reduced the speed on municipal roads in the municipality's hamlets (villages) to 40 kilometres an hour and is sending a request to the province to do the same for highways going through those communities. The move

came after a recommendation was received by council from the roads committee.

The motion calls for the speed limit in the municipal "hamlets" of Providence Bay and Mindemoya be posted at 40 kilometres per hour—and further that staff send a request to the Ministry of Transportation that the highway corridors through these hamlets also be lowered to a posted 40 kilome-

ters per hour.

Following the passage of the motion, Councillor Derek Stephens asked if the changes would require another bylaw to come to council. CAO Denise Deforge noted that the motion will be issued in as changes to the existing roads bylaw.

Part II of a series

Robinson Huron Treaty Gathering marks historic settlement

Sets the stage for future annuity settlement negotiations

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Robinson-Huron Treaty celebrated the 174th anniversary of its signing recently at an event hosted by the Sudbury-area First Nations. This series will examine and present the highlights of the large gathering.*

by **Jacqueline M. St.Pierre,**

Local Journalism Initiative reporter
ROBINSON HURON TREATY TERRITORY—On September 9, the Robinson Huron Treaty Gathering held at the Anderson Farm Museum in Lively was a historic occasion that not only commemorated the signing of the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850 but also celebrated the recent resolution of a long-standing legal battle. The event saw hundreds of community members come together to mark the distribution of a \$10 billion settlement to the 21 Robinson Huron Treaty (RHT) First Nations.

The Robinson Huron Treaty, signed over 170 years ago, was an agreement in which the Anishinaabe ceded large portions of their traditional territory to the Crown in exchange for annual payments. For decades, the Crown failed to adjust these payments according to the wealth generated from the land, as required by the Treaty. This breach led to a prolonged legal struggle, culminating in the Supreme Court of Canada's landmark Restoule decision, which condemned the Crown for its failure to honour the Treaty's Augmentation Promise.

The Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (RHTLF), established by the 21 RHT First Nations in 2012, spearheaded legal action against Canada and Ontario for violating this promise. The litigation sought to address the Crown's failure to augment the annuity, a commitment that was last fulfilled in 1874, setting the annuity at \$4 per person per year. The legal battle saw victories in the Ontario



Aundeck Omni Kaning Chief Patsy Corbiere

Superior Court and the Ontario Court of Appeal, leading to the announcement of a historic \$10 billion settlement on June 17, 2023.

The gathering's ceremony was a poignant reflection of the journey towards justice. Chief Patsy Corbiere of Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation spoke on behalf of Assembly of First Nations National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Ne-pinak and Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Linda Debassige, providing insights into the significance of the settlement.

Chief Patsy Corbiere, one of the original litigants in the landmark case and member of the RHTLF, addressed these concerns during the gathering. She emphasized that negotiations for the go-forward annuity are still in the early stages and details are confidential due to ongoing legal processes.

Chief Corbiere highlighted that these

negotiations would build upon the historical context of the Robinson Huron Treaty. The current discussions are expected to revisit some of the issues raised during the distribution of past annuities, such as the complexities surrounding the status of annuitants—individuals entitled to annual payments under the Treaty. Bureaucratic challenges often complicate the determination of who qualifies for these benefits.

Chief Corbiere pointed out that within her own community, only a portion of members are recognized as annuitants, creating complexities and discrepancies. "The system sometimes creates division among our people over who receives benefits," she said. "We need to address these issues comprehensively to ensure fairness for all members."

Reflecting on the lengthy process required to reach the settlement for past annuities, which spanned over a decade, Chief Corbiere expressed cautious optimism about the future negotiations. "The pace of progress will depend on the commitment of the government teams involved," she noted. "The previous teams demonstrated a willingness to see the case through and we hope that this momentum will continue. However, based on my extensive experience with land claims and Treaty issues, I anticipate that the process will be slow."

Due to confidentiality agreements, specific details about these negotiations are not yet public. However, Chief Corbiere stressed that these discussions will build on the historical context established by the Robinson Huron Treaty and address issues that arose during the past settlement distribution.

Mike Restoule, chair of the RHTLF, emphasized the historic nature of the settlement: "Yesterday's celebration of

the Robinson Huron Treaty settlement marks a significant chapter in our history. It ensures that the Treaty obligations agreed upon with the Crown are upheld. We are grateful to our supporters and neighboring communities who stood with us throughout this journey. The distribution of these funds will provide opportunities for our Nations to strengthen our economies, cultures, and future generations."

Duke Peltier, of Wiikwemkoong, also of the RHTLF, spoke about the importance of continuing efforts to renew and strengthen the treaty relationship: "As we celebrate the signing and distribution of the annuities settlement, we honour the commitment of our Elders, leaders, legal team and community members who stood firm for justice. However, much work lies ahead to renew and strengthen our treaty relationship. We are optimistic that, through continued negotiation, we can work with the Governments of Canada and Ontario in the spirit of reconciliation, respect and true partnership."

The Supreme Court's Restoule decision urged the Crown to "return to the Council Fire" and restore the treaty relationship with the Anishinaabe. The RHTLF is now calling on Canada and Ontario to engage in renewed negotiations to address the go-forward implementation of the Augmentation Promise.

The Robinson Huron Treaty Gathering underscored both the progress made and the challenges that remain in achieving full justice and reconciliation. As Anishinaabe communities continue to navigate these complex issues, the outcomes of this gathering will play a crucial role in shaping their future and ensuring that the principles of the Robinson Huron Treaty are fully honoured.

Manitoulin Nature Club hosts the Ontario Nature Northern fall regional meeting

by **Margery Frisch**

KAGAWONG—The Manitoulin Nature Club was proud to host a three-day event at the Hide-away Lodge in Kagawong for the Ontario Nature Northern Fall Regional Meeting, Friday to Sunday, September 13 to 15.

There were seven nature organizations from across Northern Ontario present at the event: Penokean Hills Field Naturalists (Elliot Lake), Sault Naturalists, Junction Creek Stewardship Committee (Sudbury), Sudbury Naturalists, Nipissing Naturalists Club (North Bay), Manitoulin Nature Club, Friends of Misery Bay and the overall umbrella organization, Ontario Nature.

The attendees were kept busy with many field trips and hikes throughout the weekend. There were guided hikes at Misery Bay Provincial Park, Waggs Woods Trail, Providence Bay and Carter Bay, and an informative presentation on owl and hawk banding by Garth Baker on Friday evening.

Saturday's agenda included two presentations, afternoon and evening speakers with a barbecue in between. Megan Bonenfant of the Nature Conservancy of Canada spoke on the 'Bats of Ontario.'

John Diebolt, Ontario Nature's Northern regional director, introduced Megan Bonenfant and in his introduction, he said, "After more than a decade in the provincial and municipal government sectors, Megan joined the Nature Conservancy of Canada in 2021 as their lead conservation biologist of the Manitoulin Island archipelago." He added, "Megan is a lifelong nature nerd with a soft spot for maligned species (batty about bats)."

Due to illness, Ms. Bonenfant was not present at the Hide-



away Lodge in Kagawong, but a group photo of the members of the seven nature organizations from across Northern Ontario that gathered for a regional meeting in Kagawong Friday, September 13 to Sunday, September 15.

photo by Margery Frisch

joined the group by Zoom. Her presentation, no doubt, would have been all the more impressive had she been able to stand before the group, instead of delivering her talk over the internet, but her facts and figures and her delivery, on a topic she is so passionate about, suffered little. She began her talk with the land acknowledgements for Mnídoo Mnising. Then introduced herself further by saying, "I am very privileged to call this place home. It's a very special place, as we all know. I am equally grateful for the responsibility that comes with that privilege." Throughout her talk, Ms. Bonenfant frequently spoke of the responsibility we all share in making this planet safer and healthier for all be-

ings, most especially the endangered species, as so many bat populations are now.

Her first goal was to dispel the many rumours that continue to plague these poor creatures to this day.

"Bats are not actually blind," Ms. Bonenfant stated emphatically. "True, they use echolocation to help them navigate and hunt, but their eyesight is perfectly fine. Bats do not get caught in your hair." Another myth is that most bats will drink blood—incorrect. "There are three species of vampire bats in the world, they live in South Central America, they're quite small and they feast primarily on livestock—chickens and cattle. That's not to say, if you're on your yacht near South Central America, sleep-

ing out on your open deck, you just might want to put a mosquito net up. But humans are not their primary target prey."

Ms. Bonenfant spoke for an hour, giving her audience fascinating facts about bats in general and, more specifically, the eight different species of bats found in Ontario, of which Manitoulin has been home to seven of these species. She spoke of the mating practices of five of the eight species, because little is known of how the silver-haired bat, the hoary bat or the eastern red bat mate, the others congregate in large groups, around mid-August in what is called swarming sites, usually abandoned caves. Because female bats can store sperm in their reproductive tract during hibernation, they won't give birth

till the next spring, usually early June.

She explained how tree bats will migrate to warmer climates when winter comes, while cave bats will hibernate, finding a spot that will remain above freezing, and entering an inactive state known as torpor. It's important that these hibernating bats are not disturbed; that they do not wake up in the winter months, causing them to burn stored energy required to get them through the hibernation period.

Other amazing facts: a newborn bat weighs 25 percent of its mother's weight, and she carries that baby for weeks while she hunts for food. White nose syndrome, a fungus infecting the nose, ears and wings, has decimated bat populations in several of the species. Bats, in early spring and summer can eat an insect every two seconds, increasing their body weight by about 25 percent in just 30 minutes. Addressing the declining population, caused by white nose syndrome, the location of some wind turbines adversely affecting them, and the decrease in the insect population, which they feed upon, Ms. Bonenfant ended with positive ways in which everyone can help to improve the health and safety of bats: protect and maintain wetlands; embrace and encourage insect diversity; leave standing dead trees; install bat boxes, and support research. Simple yet effective ways to help these important creatures in our eco-system.

Ms. Bonenfant's passion became everyone's interest by the end of her presentation. And though perhaps not batty, those formerly fearful of these little creatures, had gained a new and abiding respect for bats.

Friends and Neighbours

PROVIDENCE BAY — Alexia Hannigan

Alexia here with your friendly barn fly. Harvest Glory Days countdown is on! We have put our scarecrow family and giant crows out front and I am happy to report they have to date, survived a few thunder storms. In fact this morning I woke to the sound of my daughter coughing and of a couple of live crows on my lawn vocalizing and “cawing” at my not-scared crows. If they are crow worthy, then that’s good enough for me. I can’t wait to see what everyone does this year. Let’s get our creative spirit in high gear and decorate the daylight hours of every corner, block, sign, landmark and lawn with your hay bales and hawberry harvest people. Decorate to win either the small community or large community spirit award sign! You can be your community’s champion by coordinating citizens, businesses, local governments and public institutions. So, start planning to decorate your corner of beautiful Manitoulin in the Harvest Glory Days Theme! The more corners that are decorated, the more Island pride there is for visitors to see! For any further information, please contact The Expositor Office by email at services@manitoulin.com or call 705-368-2744. This event is organized as a public service by The Manitoulin Expositor. Judging will take place the week before Thanksgiving. Deadline for entries is October 4. As we enter the season of gratitude and giving we count our blessings big and small, enjoy the bounty of our harvests and enjoy the gift of making holiday memories with family, community and friends.

Here’s what’s happening:

Providence Bay Arena and Fairgrounds: Family Rec Nite continues Friday night from 7 to 9 pm through September. Drop-in and join the fun! Drop in to play pickleball, badminton, basketball, cornhole, ping pong and air hockey with friends, family and neighbours.

Fall Market: Central Manitoulin Markets invites you to the Fall Market at the Providence Bay Arena on Saturday, October 19 from 10 am to 3 pm. Over 60 vendors all under one roof! Will be awesome!

Providence Bay Hall: Exercise class on Fridays, adults age 55+, 10:30 to 11:30 am. September 20 start, it is a 12-week program. For information contact Alison at 705-377-5726 or by email, asloss@centralmanitoulin.ca.

Manitoulin Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Program continues for youth and teens ages 12 to 18 on Mondays from 6:15 to 9 pm at Manitoulin Secondary. For more information and to register visit: 348sea@cadets.gc.ca.

Spring Bay Hall: Yoga continues at the Spring Bay Hall on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:15 pm.

Spring Bay/Providence Bay Lions Club is hosting the Lions Club Golf Tournament and Fundraiser, 50-50 draw, silent auction, contests and prizes! Dinner, golf and fun all for a great cause. It is Saturday, September 21 at the Brookwood Brae Golf Course (tee-off at 8:30 am) for more information contact chris_bryan84@outlook.com or 705-348-0493. Good Luck to all the teams - have fun!

Lions Bottle Drive: Drop off your empties next to the arena for a good cause, this helps keep our township clean and helps us give back to the community.

Providence Bay Community of Christ Church: Sunday Service at 10:30 am. Youth Group Meet Ups Wednesdays at 6 pm as of Wednesday, September 18.

Providence Bay Curling Club: Interested in learning about ice maintenance? Visit <https://curling-ontario.ca> and sign up for the Ice Tech Assistant Course on Saturday, October 26 from 8 am to 4 pm at the Espanola Curling Club.

The Heavens: Yesterday’s full harvest supermoon ushers in the autumn equinox of September 22. Equinox marks the start of the fall season in the Northern Hemisphere. Comet Tsuchinshan-ATLAS will reach perihelion and visit the inner Solar System, it’s closest to the Sun at 36 million miles (58m Kms) on Friday, September 27 followed by its closest approach to Earth on Saturday, October 12. So, keep your eye to the sky.

Providence Bay Boardwalk and Discovery Centre: Huron Island Time will remain open through the early fall season. Be sure to drop by for a smoothie, ice cream, sweet and savoury food and Island souvenirs! Stroll along the beach and boardwalk, enjoy the spectacular views along Lake Huron and the Mindemoya River. Lake Huron Fish and Chips and Co. had an epic and super busy season, way to go Matt and crew. Thanks for all the great food and good company! The Mutchmor Peace Café is open Friday/Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm all September! Congratulations on another busy and fun filled season of exhibits and gallery events. Be sure to grab a selfie in front of the Bear and Owl Mural by Shalak Attack, her sister Fiya Bruxa and Bruno Smoky across from the town Square.

Providence Bay Tent and Trailer Park, yes! They’re still open until mid-October to boot. Check out their on-site store for sundry items, pharmacy must haves and more or just pop over 5466 Hwy 551 for a selfie in front of Maxim’s butterfly and mural.

Don’t forget to hashtag your mural photos “#iheart-provbaypark” and tag the Artist @maximgruninart.

Mentions: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and Shonagh Payette and family; to Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan and Ashley Corbiere and family; Happy Birthday wishes to Wally Friesen, Morgen McDermid, Kathy Warner, Josey and to all you wonderful September babies. Remembering Mona Bryan with love in our hearts.

Reminders: Looking for cool costumes for Halloween and Harvest Glory Days Scarecrows? Check out Treasures in Mindemoya, local yard sales, Facebook Marketplace or the Providence Bay Transfer Station at 4077 Government Road. Hours: Thursday and Saturday 1 to 5 pm (September long weekend to May long weekend).

When the shadows lengthen
And burn away the past
They will fly me like an angel to
A place where I can rest
When this begins I’ll let you in
September when it comes
Songwriters: Rosanne Cash / John B. Leventhal
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KAGAWONG — Team Fergmeijer

Sometimes even notable luminaries like yours truly can start to feel overwhelmed with all the stuff coming at us in the modern world. We find the big issue with stuff is that so much of it happens so often. And don’t even get us started on things. Seriously, history is just one thing after another. Of course, some people will claim it is issues and sometimes even events that are the things you should be worried about. As well, there’s a whole school of thought that it’s really just the circumstances that you have to watch out for. And just when you think you have a handle on all of that, poof! Up pops a decision. It’s a lot.

Flutter on into Kagawong this weekend for NorthWords and 4e’s Elemental Festival - there is fun for the whole family! Friday has workshops in the afternoon for adults and kids, and in the evening the popular ‘Book & Brew’ is back at Split Rail Brewery in Gore Bay. Enjoy live music, complimentary snacks, purchase a drink (including non-alcoholic options), and get up close and personal with featured authors Coltrane Seesequasis, Mike Strobel, and poet Vera Constantineau. Book & Brew tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased at Billings Library or at the door.

Carol Pasternak, the “Monarch Crusader”, is this year’s festival keynote speaker (Saturday at 1 pm). She has authored multiple books on the iconic local pollinators. Saturday also has workshops galore with family-friendly sessions in the morning (including children’s author Sahar Golshan), and author-led writing workshops for adults in the afternoon. Saturday evening, come out to experience Melody Johnson’s dramatic reading of her fantastic show, “Person of Interest” (admission by donation). Check out the festival ad in this edition of the Expositor for full details of all events, as well as online ([Fb.com/NorthWordsFest](https://fb.com/NorthWordsFest) and [Facebook.com/4eelementalfestival](https://facebook.com/4eelementalfestival)), or you can email NorthWordsFest@gmail.com for more information. Pre-registration for workshops is recommended but not required.

The library has officially returned to its regular ‘winter’ hours (Tuesday and Thursday from 4 to 7 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm).

The landfill continues with its summer hours until the end of October (Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 6 pm; Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm).

Big congratulations go out to Billings’ own Sophie Anne Edwards, whose soon-to-be published book, “Conversations With the Kagawong River” is on the CBC list of most anticipated poetry collections! Well done, and we can’t wait to pick up a copy in October!

Do you have a friend or family member you would like to honour (or embarrass) with a mention in the column? Birthday coming up? Anniversary? Birth announcement? New power tool to celebrate? Got out of the grocery store with only the things on their list? Reach out to fergmeijer@gmail.com and we will make sure they feel extra special.

Did you know? You can catch up on all past Team Fergmeijer columns at <http://teamfergmeijer.blogspot.com/>. That’s right - all the punfoolery in one spot.

A wise person once said, laugh and the whole world laughs with you. Here at Team Fergmeijer, we tend to go with something like, cackle like a mad swamp witch and people back away slowly. Either way, have a great week!

BARRIE ISLAND — Enid Runnalls

Hello from beautiful Barrie Island!

There is a little free library box at the corner of East Line Road and 5th Side Road. It was built and installed by Sandy and Jim Miller, the box is filled with books for you to take home and read! And if you

have a book that you don’t mind donating, please just leave it in the box. Currently there are books by popular authors such as, Clive Cussler, Friederich Bachman, Alexander McCall Smith, F Scott Fitzgerald, etc.

Also, a very sweet little stray cat has been visiting the cottages on Runnalls Crescent all summer. It is a medium haired grey tabby with white markings on its face and chest. The adorable kitty needs a home soon before winter and we were wondering if anyone knows to whom it belongs or even if there is someone out there who would like to adopt it. Please contact me on FaceBook messenger for more details.

This week we had a few visitors: Shirley McAllister and her daughter Janet of Bayfield and London visited at the home of Barb and Oliver Runnalls. Shirley and her late husband Ian are University of Guelph classmates of Barb and Oliver, they shared many happy memories.

Christine Brunt of Waterloo was on the Island visiting with Scott and Enid Runnalls. Also, earlier this summer they hosted Helen Scott for a few days.

Sandy and Jim Miller entertained Viv and Ron Hanson of Oakville for a few days.

SILVER WATER — Karen Noble

I am writing this news with two giant cats in front of the keyboard. Sylvester and Koala Bear are brothers I adopted over five years ago and love attention.

Albert Meijer and I went to Little Current on Friday to take more liquor containers to the Beer Store. We got enough money to reach our \$1,000 goal for the food bank and it was sent later that day. The fundraising will continue for the food bank in Mindemoya for the rest of this year.

We ended up in Espanola for lunch as the restaurants in Little Current were closed due to a water outage.

On Friday evening I took several ladies to Meldrum Bay for euchre. On the way home, I took Dorothy Antoine home to Zhiibaahaasing. It was a nice drive in the dark with no wildlife out.

On Saturday morning there was a vendor market in our yard. I have started to put out some yarn for sale if anyone is interested. The weather was very cold and reminded us that fall is approaching.

Saturday afternoon, Albert and I went to the Snowdusters’ Fish Dinner in Rockville. We arrived before 5 pm and the hall was already full with people, sitting inside eating their dinner. There was soon enough other people waiting for a second sitting. Thanks to everyone who attended and to all the workers.

On Sunday there were several carloads of euchre players who travelled to Tehkummah for the afternoon. Myra Duncanson and I had a lucky day for a change and won the high score.

Monday the recycle bins were open in the afternoon and we had lots of people out.

Monday night was the last euchre game at G.G.’s. September 16 was at the Burpee Complex.

On Wednesday there was an Island Wide UCW gathering at the Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay. There were around 50 ladies. Two ladies were on ZOOM to do part of the service. Then lunch was served to everyone. After lunch, Kaitlyn Sorbara and her boss, Carly, did a presentation on a new program that is in the trial phase to help with mobile wellness needs of people on the Island. Before we left, there was a door prize draw. I would like to thank Carolyn Lane Rock for drawing my number. It was for a beautiful wreath made by Paulie Nodecker.

On Thursday we made a batch of tomato sauce and five apple pies.

Paul and Dianne McCallum are at their cottage for a few weeks.

Sharon Beaton and her mother have returned home.

Jim and Julie Edwards have returned to Indiana for the winter.

Debbie Addison Brawn is here working at her parents’ house.

Albert mentioned that we had an extra pet in the house one day last week. I guessed mouse, bird, squirrel but none of those were correct. He found a small milk snake on the stairs to the basement. It is now living outside and I hope it stays there.

The UCW hosts a fashion show on September 21 starting at 2 pm at the Silver Water Hall.

There will be a luncheon at 12 noon followed by a euchre tournament starting at 1 pm on September 29 at the Silver Water Hall.

There will be a Silver Water Recreation Centre meeting including an election on October 2.

The Local Roads Board meeting will be Monday, October 7 at the Silver Water Hall.

Condolences to the family of Sheila Fogal.

...Wiwikwemikong Development Corporation at 50 years

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economic needs and has never looked back (well, except for honouring its founders and staff over the years).

The Expositor was recently invited on a tour of the organization and its many progenies and sat down with WDC general manager Mary Lynn Odjig to talk history, the present and future plans for development of the Island's largest community.

"I can't believe it," said Ms. Odjig. "It just seemed like a little while ago we celebrated the 35th." In fact, this is actually the organization's 51st year as of Monday, September 9. "We're going to celebrate again—the board especially," said Ms. Odjig. "We couldn't do it last year—our actual 50th—because we were too busy, so it's still the 50th year."

The staff at Endaadmaagehjik planned the celebrations which were aimed at the Wiikwemkoong community members, she said. "They wanted to make sure it was a community event, so we didn't employ a lot of people, dignitaries or anybody, we just kept it focused on local."

The result, said Ms. Odjig, was a fun event focused on community members. "So that's where we had the kids' fun room, bingo for the elders (they really enjoyed that) and then the music." It provided a great opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the band entities, businesses and enterprises like Rainbow Ridge and Wiky Tourism." That list of enterprises is considerable. They include Wii-n' guch-tood Labour Market Services (28 years old), Rainbow Ridge Golf Course (22 years old), FirstTel (21 years old), Wiikwemkoong Tourism (16 years old), Your Dollar Store (10 years old), and Point Grondine Park (eight years old).

Ms. Odjig explains that the WDC is also mandated to provide training needs of the community and delivers a number of training programs.

"Our mandate is to create employment and generate our own source revenue through economic development," she said. Plans are in play to build a training centre to be located in one of the buildings that will soon be replaced (a school and the current nursing home).

Other developments include a strip mall (since expanded with plans in play for even more) and wood pellet distribution and supply business.

"The one big project right now is the wood pellet manufacturing plant in Nairn Centre," noted Ms. Odjig. Former WDC business development advisor Nicki Manitowabi was in charge of the project before she moved to become WUT financial policy advisor. "When she went, she asked the band if she could take the wood pellet manufacturing file with her," said Ms. Odjig. "So, she's still working on it. I'm so happy because she has so



Stop by Your Dollar Store With More and you just might find the smiling faces of manager Debbie Gravelle and assistant Sage Eshkawkogan.

photos by Michael Erskine



Wiwikwemikong Development Commission employment and training manager Lorraine Fox is overjoyed to help entrepreneurs.



Meanwhile, over at the Wiikwemkoong Tourism branch, Jason Manitowabi and Kiera Jacko are at the ready to help visitors plan an unforgettable cultural experience.



Joe Corbiere makes sure things run smoothly as communications manager of FirstTel, formerly WikyTV5.



Labour Market Assessment officer Colleen Wassegijig Migwans keeps her eyes on the statistics.

much information she's holding in her head." Ms. Odjig noted that, although the business plan was a huge tome, Ms. Manitowabi has the details pretty much in her head. "She understands everything," said Ms. Odjig. "I had other files, like the industrial park and Point Grondine, so I couldn't handle that as well."

"We were looking for property all over the place

including the Highway 536 corridor up north, where the forest is."

The beauty of the Nairn Centre property is not only the access to wood "waste" nearby, but also the close proximity of the highway and rail service—even water.

"It was the perfect location," she said. "The property was owned by Ted Bell (T-Bell). "The band purchased it."

WDC was contemplating building a new hotel on property beside WUT, "it was sort of the priority, then the wind farm came up. So, they decided to put it into wind."

But the so-called Halliday property is still there and goes all the way to Clover Valley Road, and the current thinking is to build market rent accommodations on the site.

"Accommodations are really needed on the Island," said Ms. Odjig. "There is a lot of land there and so, we're looking at market-based housing such as condos of some kind—we're looking at a model. There's a need for housing even on our First Nations and a lot of employed people here that would be willing to live in Manitowaning. It's not that far away. That's the next big thing we are going to be starting to work on."

"The band is actually providing mortgages to band members to build their own, purchase a house, or renovate their house," noted Ms. Odjig. WDC administers the Home Ownership Investment Fund program on behalf of the band. Another major ongoing project is the Point Grondine Eco Park.

Wiikwemkoong Tourism manager Luke Wassegijig is currently spending a great deal of his time on that site. Ms. Odjig noted that it is important to maintain a presence on that land to ensure those resources are not being accessed without permission from WUT.

Like just about everyone else, WDC's plans were heavily impacted by COVID and the concurrent jump in construction costs.

"That's been a really challenge, to build, because of COVID—the pricing was crazy," she said. "I had the building going in phases, so the trail system is in, half of the campgrounds are in. We have one cabin we're leasing and then we have the administration building and the gate host. We couldn't build a building, so we're using a trailer right now. So, we're still building in phases."

The park shows great promise as the demand has been strong. "Killarney is full up all the time," said Ms. Odjig. "They have to turn people away." In order to ensure the band's workers do not have to travel the considerable amount of distance to the park and back, WDC is renting an apartment "for our guys to stay and then go up to the park every day. It's

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involved additional costs. The work on the building will be wrapped up shortly.

Numerous interested individuals have contacted The Expositor seeking information on what is happening with the property.

Once the property has been brought to standard property levels the property will enter the provincial divestment stream.

According to the IO website, "If no provincial government need is identified, the property is considered surplus

and is circulated concurrently to other levels of government, registered eligible not-for-profit corporations, public colleges and universities, school boards and eligible indigenous communities. If any of these entities express interest in the property, IO may proceed to negotiate with the interested party for a sale at market value. This is called a direct sale."

"Government of Ontario approval is required before any property is sold. This approval is obtained by an Order In Council" (aka the minister must sign off on the sale).

"As of April 1, 2013, eligible not-for-profit corporations that provide a public benefit are included in the circulation of surplus government real estate. To gain access to the circulation, not-for-profit corporations must meet established eligibility criteria and apply to the Ontario Nonprofit Network, which is responsible for maintaining the registry of eligible not-for-profit corporations. Eligible not-for-profit corporations that demonstrate financial and organizational capacity may express an interest in purchasing surplus government prop-



Environmental engineers were overseeing remediation work at the former OPP detachment in Little Current for upwards of a week earlier this month.

erty owner could take place—this is called a Direct Sale."

Further, "If a property is no longer required by the province, and no other level of government, eligible not-for-profit organization, public college or university, school board or indigenous community has expressed an interest in acquiring it through the circulation process, the property may be marketed to the public by an external real estate broker, through an open and competitive process—this is called an Open Market Sale."

The "due diligence" requirements cited by the IO "may include, but are not limited to, the following activities: market value appraisals; title opinions; environmental site assessments; archaeological reports; survey; planning reports; heritage studies of the land and building; and a duty to consult with First Nations."

Finally, "properties that are identified as Open Market Sales are listed for sale on IO's website and are generally marketed for at least 30 days prior to accepting any offers. You can contact the property's broker directly or the IO sales manager for information on the property you may have an interest in."

Properties listed with the IO can be researched online at: infrastructure-ontario.ca.

photo by Michael Erskine

erty at market value prior to the property being placed on the open market for sale. Refer to the Ontario Nonprofit Network website for further information."

The IO site further notes that "Occasionally, properties in the provincial portfolio that are no longer required for the

delivery of government programs and services are non-viable parcels of land that are for example land-locked or cannot be developed on their own. In these cases, the abutting property owners may be interested in these specific parcels. In such circumstances, a sale at market value to the abut-

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there is an Every Child Matters mini powwow at Thunderbird Park from 1 to 4 pm. Grand entry is 1 pm. There will be food and craft vendors, a craft workshop, corn soup demonstration and a community feast. Please wear your orange shirts.

The following day, Sunday, September 29, there will be a 5K Fun Run and a 2K walk starting at 10:15 at the Wikwemikong Health Centre. Head to Thunderbird Park after your walk or run for an hour of old time games from 1 to 2 pm. No prizes, no awards, just fun!

On Sunday, September 29 there will be a "Light Up

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Kagawong Park Centre

1:00 - 4:00 pm

“Treelines - Crochet a Tree” with Gwen MacGregor

4:00 - 5:30 pm

“Flower Feelings” with Jenn Mezei & Candice Irwin

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Kagawong Park Centre

1:00 pm

*Opening remarks; M’Chigeeng Lady Drummers
With Carol Pasternak “The Monarch Crusader”*

WORKSHOPS

Kagawong

10:30 am

“So Loud! Stories from the Sounds from My Trip Outside”
with children’s author Sahar Golshan | RiverBend Stage

11:45 am

“Be Your Own Wild Robot”
Youth Workshop with Jenn Mezei | Park Centre, lower

2:30 pm

“Writing: finding your recipe for success”
with Coltrane Seesequasis | Billings Library

2:30 pm

“Writing the Rhu” *Turning a Manitoulin tragedy into a book
with Mike Strobel | Park Centre, lower*

2:30 pm

“Monarch Workshop” *with Carol Pasternak | Park Centre, upper*

PERFORMANCE

Kagawong Park Centre | Admission by donation

7:00 pm

“Person of Interest” *a dramatic reading by Melody Johnson*

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS

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Our Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday and Thursday of the month. For a full copy of the agenda, please visit our website at: www.townofnemi.on.ca

Welcome to Autumn

September 22nd marks the first day of Autumn, time to start putting things away and getting ready for the winter season ahead.

Here are a few friendly reminders:

1. Drain all water hoses
2. Clean your furnace, chimney and pipes
3. Inspect trees and branches around your property
4. Insulate exposed pipes
5. Inspect your home emergency kit
6. Check your Smoke and CO2 detectors

Tender Opportunity

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is issuing a tender for the construction of a permanent, seasonal washroom, including two gender neutral washrooms and a mechanical room. All engineered drawings and tender requirements are available on our website www.townofnemi.on.ca

Tenders must be received at the NEMI Municipal Office, located at 14 Water Street E. in Little Current by October 10th at 12:00 (NOON). Late tender submissions will not be accepted. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Tender Opportunity

RECYCLING PICKUP

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is issuing a tender for the collection of Residential Recycling in the Town of Little Current and Landfill Recycling Pickup

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Line Dancing is Back!

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After-School Youth Drop-In

Ages 8 to 13
Wednesday, September 25th, 3:15-5:00 pm
Upstairs at the NEMI Rec Centre

Phone Scam Presentation

Tuesday October 1st, at 1:00 pm
OPP Community Officer John Hill
Learn about phone scams while enjoying the lunch provided.
Lions Den at the NEMI Rec Centre

...NorthWords and Elemental Festival

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relationship to the land and location. No experience is necessary for this amazing educational and fun experience as instruction and materials will be provided. This workshop is suitable for adults. Pre-registration is requested by contacting northwordsfest@gmail.com.

Although the preceding events are geared to adults, the festival also features plenty of events suitable for kids and families.

On Friday, after school from 4 pm to 5:30 pm, movers and makers of all ages are invited to join Jenn Mezei of Rainbow Farms North and Candice Irwin of Body Stories Dance in some dancing and art making inspired by flowers. Ms. Mezei will share knowledge about the symbiotic relationships between pollinators, plants and colour while Ms. Irwin will invite participants to reflect on the colours, shapes and textures of blooms and notice if any of these qualities impact

their emotions.

On Saturday, September 21 at 10:30 am Sahar Golshan, author of the children's picture book 'So Loud!' will bring children into appreciation of the sounds around them in a workshop. 'So Loud! Stories from the sounds from my trip outside' was just named by CBC Books as a children's book to check out this spring. Ms. Golshan has facilitated arts-based programming for children and adults with the Regent Park Film Festival, the Toronto Public Library and the University of Guelph. A winner of the Marina Nemat Award for Creative Writing in Non-Fiction and a recipient of the Air Canada Short Film Award her workshop will be a must.

On Saturday, September 21, from 11:45 am to 1 pm, the all-ages fun continues with 'Be Your Own Wild Robot.' Artist-farmer Ms. Mezei will guide attendees as they build their own wild robot.

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...Wiikwemkoong Every Child Matters Week

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the Night Kayak Paddle" at 7 pm at the Wikwemikong Bay Marina. This event is part of a national movement to honour the Indigenous children who were forced to attend residential schools, to remember those who never made it home, and to support survivors, their families and communities still healing from this painful legacy.

Bring your own kayak, paddle board, or canoe and decorate it with lights, glow sticks, and other luminous decorations to light up the water in a stunning show of remembrance and unity. Safety is a top priority, so life jackets are mandatory for all participants. All are welcome to join in this beautiful and meaningful evening.

In addition to lighting up the night, attendees are encouraged to bring a stuffed animal or doll as a donation. These donations will be given to the children of

Wiikwemkoong during the community walk on Monday, September 30 as a symbol of love, care, and support. Your contribution helps ensure that the children of today know they are cherished, valued and matter.

On Monday, September 30 jingle dress dancers are invited to the Holy Cross Mission and Ruins for a ceremony and jingle dress healing dance at 11 am followed by a residential school memorial statue project launch at 11:30 am. There will also be mini tikinagan making and orange shirt pin workshops at Thunderbird park from 1 to 3 pm.

Every Child Matters Week is a time for reflection, education and community-building. It serves as a reminder of the ongoing work toward truth and reconciliation and the importance of acknowledging the impact of the residential school system on Indigenous communities.

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...region posts double provincial rate for opioid intervention

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Confirmed opioid overdose ER visits continue to surge

The number of confirmed opioid overdoses remains significantly high. In the first half of 2024, there were 206 emergency department visits for opioid overdoses in the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts. This reflects an alarming annualized rate of 162.1 visits per 100,000 population—more than double the Ontario-wide rate of 71.5 visits per 100,000.

In the same period of 2023, there were 219 visits, leading to an annualized rate of 176.3 per 100,000, also much higher than the

provincial rate of 86.9. For the entirety of 2023, there were 411 overdose-related visits, compared to 472 in 2022. This persistent trend underscores the need for continuous community interventions and support.

Opioid-related deaths remain high

From January to April 2024, 32 residents of the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts died from opioid-related overdoses. This resulted in an annualized mortality rate of 44.2 deaths per 100,000 population, almost triple the Ontario average of 15.4 deaths per 100,000. During the same peri-

od in 2023, there were 29 deaths, translating to an annualized rate of 41.0 per 100,000, again significantly exceeding the provincial average.

In total, 98 residents died due to opioid overdoses in 2023, a slight decrease from 113 deaths in 2022. Despite the decline, the region's mortality rate remains alarmingly high, reinforcing the need for urgent action and sustained support.

Distribution of naloxone in the community

In efforts to combat the crisis, naloxone—a medication that can temporarily reverse an opioid overdose—has been wide-

ly distributed across the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts. Between January and July 2024, 18,162 doses of naloxone were distributed, though some pharmacy data is still pending. In comparison, 20,224 doses were distributed during the same period in 2023. Throughout 2023, a total of 36,672 doses were distributed, an increase from 27,843 doses in 2022, reflecting ongoing efforts to make this life-saving medication accessible.

Policy changes and their impact

The opioid crisis in Ontario is further complicated by recent policy changes. The province has announced a ban on supervised drug consumption sites within 200 meters of schools and child-care centers. As a result, 10 existing facilities across Ontario will be forced to stop providing safe consumption services by March 2025. These facilities are given the option to transition into "treatment hubs."

Ontario has allocated \$378 million for the development of 19 new Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs. If the old consumption sites choose to apply to become a HART Hub, they will be "prioritized" by the province.

Minister of Health Sylvia Jones has defended the new policy, stating,

"Continuing to enable people to use drugs is not a pathway to treatment." Minister Jones emphasizes that the plan aims to encourage more people to seek treatment rather than "enabling drug use."

However, this approach has sparked controversy among public health advocates and harm reduction organizations, who argue that supervised consumption sites play a crucial role in preventing overdose deaths and providing support services for individuals struggling with addiction. The shift in policy has raised concerns about the potential loss of safe spaces for drug consumption, which have been instrumental in reducing harm and offering critical interventions.

A call for community response and support

The latest data from the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts underscores the urgency of the toxic drug crisis. The Community Drug Strategy continues to advocate for accessible information, harm reduction measures and support services to address the opioid crisis. Free naloxone kits are available without a prescription or Ontario health card through pharmacies, the Réseau ACCESS Network, Public Health Sudbury and Districts and other partners in the region.

As the community navigates the challenges posed by both the ongoing crisis and recent policy changes, it remains crucial to explore comprehensive strategies that prioritize harm reduction and treatment accessibility.

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the challenge in recent years.

There is an advertisement on page 18 of this newspaper that gives some, but not all of the details.

The Expositor asks everyone decorating to register their street/civic address by emailing them to services@manitoulin.com.

The deadline this year to entries is Friday, October 4 and the following week's paper, Wednesday, October 9, will have a feature presentation of representative decorations and the announcement of the 2024 best decorated communities.

For those who want to wonder the Island Thanksgiving Weekend (which follows the October 9 issue) The Expositor will also show the decorated addresses on our website, www.manitoulin.com (just click on the Harvest Glory Days link on the home page.)

Get decorating!



Please join us for the Manitoulin Addiction RECOVERY BREAKFAST

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WHERE: NEMI Recreation Centre
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Expositor Correction

The page 1 story "UK reality TV adventure series brings tourist to Island: British couple saw Manitoulin on 'Race Around the World'" (September 11, 2024) incorrectly identifies the name of the popular UK television program. It is correctly 'Race Across the World'. In fact, the story's writer reported it correctly but a search for a logo to accompany the article produced an image for an Australian program. That image was used and the story was changed to match the logo. The Expositor regrets the error, the result of a last-minute decision to search for accompanying artwork.

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Sheguiandah Fall Fair back under sunny skies

by Michael Erskine
SHEGUIANDAH—The scarecrows were out in full force for the annual Sheguiandah Fall Fair held at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah over the past weekend. The Sheguiandah Fall Fair committee dressed up as scarecrows (and crows) to bring a bit of harvest ambience to the proceedings.

In addition to the usual fall fair exhibits, of which there were plenty, music and a barbecue were provided throughout the event, the music being



Student Casey Bowerman was ably assisting with the photo judging at the Sheguiandah Fall Fair.



Some of the fine flower entries at the fair added colour.

courtesy of Cole Hughson (and George Williamson who played a few songs to close the day), much to the delight of audience member Rosemary Lavallee who was there with Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes. "He's playing songs with Rosemary in the lyrics," smiled Ms. Hughes. "It's been a great turnout," said Sheguiandah Fall Fair committee chair Linda Erskine. "We have

lots of vendors and great weather, everyone seems to be enjoying themselves. You couldn't have asked for a better day."

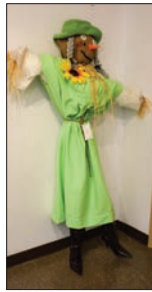
Winner of the Adult Category at this year's fair was Carol Sheppard while winners of the youth categories were Ada Nicholls and Elwood Nicholls.

From beading and quilting demonstrations to old-fashioned ice cream making and a kids' zone hosted by Early ON, there

photos by Michael Erskine was plenty of activities to keep attendees of every age entertained.

A group of teenaged volunteers joined veteran judges on Friday evening's evaluation of the entries, ably helping to score and record the fall fair exhibits.

"Fall fairs are an important part of our rural heritage," said Ms. Erskine. "Our fall fair committee members and volunteers met and overcame all kinds of challenges to make the Sheguiandah Fall Fair and barbecue another great success. We could not do it without them."



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...Agnew Lake hazardous waste disposal on hold pending consults

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for the well-being of local residents.

Whitefish River First Nation Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow has been adamant that the duty to consult his community (downriver from the Agnew Lake site) has been ignored.

The public meeting on September 11 at the Nairn Community Centre featured a panel of experts from various ministries and environmental groups. This session aimed to provide more information and allow residents and stakeholders to voice their concerns. One of the focal points was the niobium cleanup project at Nipissing First Nation, which involves rocky tailings left behind from a niobium mine that operated in the 1950s on an island in Lake Nipissing.

Questions were raised about the risks associated with niobium. An explainer document provided by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and a technical report from the United States Geological Survey (USGS) indicated that niobium is generally biologically inert and poses minimal health risks under most natural conditions. However, concerns persist about land disruptions, waste material disposal and the radioactivity of some tailings.

The plan to transport 34,000 tonnes of niobium

tailings and backfill material from Nipissing First Nation to the ALTMA faced considerable push-back during a follow-up meeting on September 11. Residents from Nairn and Hyman Townships,



The Agnew Lake watershed flows into the North Channel.

Baldwin Township and leaders from local First Nations attended, with many expressing their anxiety over the lack of prior consultation.

While the project has been under consideration for nearly a decade, detailed information was only made available to the public in recent months. This delay sparked concern among community leaders and residents, particularly cottage and camp owners at Agnew Lake. The connection to Agnew Lake is significant, as it was once the site of a uranium mine managed by the Ontario Ministry of Northern

Development and Mines (MNDM) since the 1990s.

During the September 12 meeting, Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow of Whitefish River First Nation voiced his discontent,

stating that Nairn Centre is “in the heart of our traditional territory” and that his community was not informed of the niobium disposal plan. “I, for one, was kind of blind-

sided by this,” he said, adding that he did not consent to the delivery of radioactive material waste to the location. His remarks were met with applause from the crowd.

Chief Nahwegahbow’s statement was particularly significant because the Ontario Ministry of Transportation had consulted with some Indig-

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Central Manitoulin and M'Chigeeng to negotiate sewage MOU

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin passed a motion authorizing the negotiation of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with neighbouring M'Chigeeng First Nation to allow the community to utilize the municipality's waste treatment facilities in the case of an overflow emergency at the First Nation's sewage lagoons.

The request for the MOU came in the form of a letter from the band to Central Manitoulin mayor and council that outlined the need to protect the shared resource of Lake Mindemoya. The town of Mindemoya

draws its drinking water supply from the lake.

During debate on the motion, Mayor Richard Stephens noted that the lagoon agreement was only for emergency situations and subject to approval from the province.

It was questioned whether the Ministry of the Environment would approve the plan, as it had not received other requests favourably, but CAO Denise Deforge noted that the plan was only to be implemented in the case of emergency, and given the nature of the request she felt there was not likely to be any objection.

It was made clear during the debate that the ma-

terials being moved would only be liquid 'poo' and not solids. It was noted that M'Chigeeng is currently dredging its lagoons but that material will not be going into the Central Manitoulin system.

"This is only in case of emergency," reiterated Mayor Stephens. "This rehabilitation at their own (sewage lagoons) is to get to the bottom to clean out what's there. They will take that material someplace else. I think it's a friendly thing to do for our neighbours and we never know when we're going to have a reciprocal situation."

The motion passed without dissent.

...Manitoulin Island-wide 'United Church Women and Friends' reunion

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Following scripture readings by Kathy Mutch, Ms. Land returned to the screen for a reflection on the significance of the meeting being held at this time of year, one of new beginnings be it school, UCW meetings or volunteerism in general. She said there is much to learn from our friends in Kindergarten, basic tenets that serve us well throughout life, such as share everything, don't hit people, don't take anything that is not yours, say sorry, wash your hands and if you're heading out into the busy street, hold hands, to name but a few.

"No matter how old, how new, if we're first generation Canadians or seventh generation Canadians, it's best to go out into the world and hold hands and stick together," Ms. Land said.

The women then sang 'It Only Takes a Spark,' accompanied by Ms. Armstrong on organ.



'United Church Women and Friends' attendees take part in the singing of a hymn during the official proceedings of their fall meeting.

Dawn Monroe gave greetings via Zoom from UCW regional council and national council in her capacity as past president of the Canadian Shield UCW.

Ms. Armstrong gave a brief history of the UCW leading to its formation in 1962. In 1925, when the United Church of Canada

was formed, there were two women's groups: The Women's Association and the Women's Missionary Society. In 1953 a committee was struck by the United Church to study the work of women in the church. By 1960, the findings were released and it was decided that all women would work to

the same common goal of the church. It was at this same time that women were included in church boards, too.

"Times are changing quickly in our world, but the resolve of women continues," Ms. Armstrong said. "We have today called it 'UCW and friends' because we couldn't do it without friends. We're celebrating those storied women before us and our friends today."

Ms. Monroe also shared with the group that if one's UCW has disbanded, there is still a way to be a UCW member associated with the Canadian Shield UCW. The cost is just \$7 a year and members will get national newsletters as well as any regional ones.

The women then retired to the hall for a potluck lunch and camaraderie.

Elsie Christian of Trinity United said the UCW was always part of her life and was thankful that, as a family that moved a lot, she could always count

on her new community's UCW to be a guiding light in her new surroundings.

Gail Cronin of the former Sheguiandah UCW said she recalled going to meetings at her aunt's house in Bobcaygeon with her mother from a young age and always looked forward to the delicious lunches that would be served. A highlight of the year was the popular UCW food booth at the Bobcaygeon fair.

Marian Sloss of Mindemoya too recalled the lunches from her childhood when she also attended meetings with her mother.

Mary White, now of Providence Bay, had her start at the Sheguiandah UCW and recalled the women getting together and creating a fundraising cookbook. She also noted the popular turkey dinners and strawberry suppers held by the UCW. Ms. Cronin noted that the annual cattle auction in Little Current had its canteen organized by the She-

guiandah UCW.

Katie Brown told the group that, while not a UCW member, her fondest memories of the UCW are how welcoming they have always been.

Jane Pummel shared the story of a meeting 35 years ago at her Barrie Island cottage. "Sheila Slomke and Bernadette Walker drove their huge car down my laneway and got stuck," she recalled, shaking her head. "All the UCW got together and pushed them out. I expected maybe 10 for the meeting but got 40. The road was just jammed with these ladies that didn't turn around very well," she added to chuckles from the group.

Following a potluck lunch, the women were treated to a guest presentation from Noojmowin Teg on the mobile wellness van. The audience had plenty of questions for the team and the presentation was well received.

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Recognition of 2024 Graduates:

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South East Technological University, Ireland

Olivia Mae Legendre — June 2024
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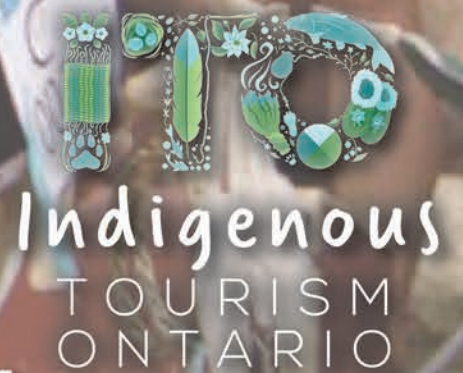
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...Island STEM student in running for major engineering prize

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ers to enjoy live events without barriers.”

Having an impairment disability makes event attendance stressful due to the lack of clear accessibility accommodations from venues, so WheelBeats tackles the issue by “consolidating and clarifying mobility access details” thereby re-

moving those significant barriers.

WheelBeats does this by integrating accessibility into the event-planning process and thereby “empowering users to feel more in control of their experiences.” To make that happen, the app provides “detailed, user-friendly accessibility information about event venues in Ontario,

sourced from venue websites and direct communication with venues to ensure comprehensive coverage.”

Ms. Kuntsi notes that only three percent of the internet is fully accessible, so WheelBeats structures a database and presents the resulting information using accessible web standards.

Using the app, individ-



Jocelyn Kuntsi

uals can search for specific venues, browse all available venues, or view real-time updates on upcoming events extracted from Ticketmaster.

“By incorporating accessibility data from the outset, we reduce the stress of accessibility concerns and enhance user enjoyment,” she adds. “Our platform also supports form-based user

feedback, fostering a continuously improving database. This approach ensures that accessibility is not an afterthought but a fundamental part of the event experience. Individuals can currently use accessibility information available on venue websites; however, these are often hard to navigate, outdated, and unclear, making event attendance discouraging.”

What makes the team’s win even more gratifying is that it comes from a group of students just entering their post-secondary journey. “We are all first-year engineering students,” she said. Winning projects in the 2024 McMaster Engineering 1P13 Design showcase are usually in the upper years of the program.

That, and as Ms. Kuntsi notes, it is gratifying to be able to use the engineering and design skills she is learning to improve someone’s life.

The journey for WheelBeats is far from over. As a runner-up they go on as finalists in the James Dyson Foundation competition and the team has realized that the app they have developed can be expanded to assist others in a wide range of ways.

The WheelBeats team included Maria Akhtar, Ms. Kuntsi, Cate Prince and Shayaha Jeyaseelan.

...NorthWords, Elemental Festival announce ‘A Passion for Pollinators’

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The story of ‘The Wild Robot’ by Peter Brown provides inspiration and insight around the juxtaposition of tech and nature. Each participant will be invited to create a robot head utilizing upcycled cardboard and other found objects, combined with nature bits attendees can collect in the woods together. They will also plant some seeds for “growth and supporting the biodiversity that nature and humans need to thrive.”

The festival’s focus on pollinators takes flight at 1 pm on Saturday, with opening remarks, a welcome song by the M’Chigeeng Lady Drummers and the keynote talk ‘Drama in the Butterfly Garden—How discovering the creatures close to home will inspire you to save them.’

Through detailed macro photography and graphic videos, attendees will see insects hatching, eating each other, transforming, parasitizing, fighting for territory, courting and even farming! Butterfly expert and best-selling author Carol Pasternak will highlight the often-unseen wild-life around that surrounds us,

emphasizing the importance and joy of our collective land stewardship. This event is suitable for all ages.

Those whose interests lie in writing, the creative process or insects can join one of three workshops on Saturday at 2:30 pm. Coltrane Seesequasis, author of ‘Secrets of Stone,’ hosts a writing workshop for aspiring writers on ‘Finding your recipe for success.’ Mr. Seesequasis is a young fantasy writer of Indigenous heritage who grew up in Gatineau, Quebec. His debut novel, ‘Secrets of Stone,’ is the first book of a planned series that follows a young wolf called Silver-song in a fantasy world similar to our own. Inspired by a love of nature as well as myths and folklore that challenge the limits of creativity, Mr. Seesequasis adds his voice to the immersive genre of fantasy.

Mike Strobel, well-known Kagawong-based author and journalist, will explore ‘Writing the Rhu: Turning a Manitoulin tragedy into a book.’ “This is an incredible story of heartache, tragedy, struggle, sorrow, guilt, and redemption,” said Mr. Stro-

bel, a former Toronto Sun columnist who discovered the story’s details and will engage participants in building the story of the wreck of the boat ‘Rhu’ in 1965.

Ms. Pasternak, aka the Monarch Crusader, will offer an interactive workshop: ‘Insects Up Close and Personal’ wherein participants can be among the select group that gets to participate in the tagging and release of a migrating monarch butterfly. “Feel its sharp feet, watch it extend its proboscis (feeding tube) to drink and learn how and why to apply a tag.” Participants will also likely cut open a cocoon with a live moth pupa inside, without causing it any harm. This is an event any insect lover will enjoy and provide an interaction they may never experience again—suitable for ages eight and up.

On Saturday, September 21 at 7 pm at the Kagawong Park Centre, Melody Johnson presents ‘Person of Interest,’ a topical tale about a good, law-abiding citizen who hoped to volunteer and so applied for a police background check. It was at that point when she discovered she was a ‘Person of Interest,’ courtesy of some

bad neighbours next door. It was their final act of retaliation. Debuting in 2018, ‘Person of Interest’ has been delighting audiences across the country. Think an “edgy, comic tale” in the stand-alone storytelling tradition of CBC’s Vinyl Café.

Throughout Saturday, there will be exhibits of artwork by Gwen MacGregor and ‘Treelines’ workshop participants, and by The Expositor’s own Jacqueline St. Pierre and her silk painting workshop participants. These workshops are supported by 4elements Living Arts and the Ontario Trillium Foundation and provide an opportunity for artists to engage in land-based work together with community participants.

On Saturday throughout the lunch hour, Chef Angel Martinez from Xoctli Latino Street Food, will be offering delicious food for purchase.

The full schedule for NorthWords/Elemental Festival 2024 programming can be found on Facebook under NorthWords and the ad on Page 9 of this newspaper.



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...Wikwemikong Development Corporation at 50 years

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a real big challenge, but the reason why we're out there is chief and council wanted a presence."

"So those are the three big projects—but we are still doing other projects.

Ms. Odjig introduced The Expositor to the staff at WDC before heading out on a tour of the businesses and projects WDC have put in place and are working on.

First off is Wiikwemkoong Tourism where a vibrant crew of dedicated individuals have been assisting visitors arriving by bus, both land and cruise ship tours, in learning about WUT and what it has to offer.

Then it's on to FirstTel, the home of Wiky TV5 and a host of telecommunication services that are offered to consumers all over Ontario. Manager Joe Corbiere explains that the band has installed fibre optic lines up to the water tower (and subdivision) on the hills above the village of Wikwemikong and points proudly to a series of cell towers that serve the community. "We are a reseller



Wikwemikong Development Commission operations manager Mary Lynn Odjig has been with the organization for almost four decades.



Kirby Pitawanakwat shows off a handful of carbonized wood pellets that WDC are experimenting with. These new pellets, similar to charcoal, are touted to be more efficient than standard wood pellets.

dertakings of the WDC and this year the 18-hole golf course is seeing one of its best years ever. Fabled Wiikwemkoong elder Scotty Fisher baa was one of the driving forces in the course's initial founding.

Currently, WDC operates as a property manager overseeing commercial leases for two 9,000 square-foot strip malls housing 15 business tenants and in 2022 WDC constructed a wood pellet distribution centre—currently supply wood pellets for heat to seven community buildings and 107 residential homes.

One of the most popular stops in Wiikwemkoong for both residents and visitors is Your Dollar Store With More—well stocked and serviced by helpful friendly staff, the store is seeing a rapid growth in its customer base.

Current WDC board members include: Adam Kaboni, Jean Oshkabe-wisens, Kerry Assiniwe, Lloyd McGregor and Lawrence Enosse—while the previous board members read like a virtual who's who of the movers and shakers in the community.

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coming events

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Calling all quilters to our new season of quilting for 2024 - 2025. We are looking forward to welcoming you to our meeting at the Mindemoya Community Centre on Thursday, September 19 starting at 7 pm. If you are a seasoned quilter or a beginner, young or not so young, we look forward to meeting you and sharing in all our group has to offer. Membership is only \$30 for the year. Lots of fun and interesting topics. Call 705-368-1826 for more information.

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The Robinson Township Local Roads Board will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday, October 7 at 7 pm in the Silver Water Community Hall. All ratepayers are invited and welcome to attend.

18-20c


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16-18c

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17-20p

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17-18c

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Legion events

Little Current Legion Branch 177, Wing Night from 5:30 to 10 pm on: Thursday, September 26; Call 705-368-2661 after 4 pm to place your order. Take-out is available. Serving wings and mozza sticks, six for \$9 or 12 for \$18; cheeseballs, 12 for \$9 or 24 for \$18. Choices of sauces are honey garlic, 1st, 2nd, 3rd degree, sweet chill heat, sweet and sour, parm and pepper, salt and pepper, barbecue and Frank's dry rub. Ranch or blue cheese sides.

18p

Come celebrate Legion Week with Branch 177! They have some exciting events occurring during this week. Wednesday, September 18 is Pool Night starting at 7 pm downstairs; Thursday, September 19 is Wing Night starting at 5 pm downstairs. This is the final wing night for the season; Friday, September 20 is Euchre starting at 7 pm downstairs.

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services

Are you a cancer patient undergoing or recovering from treatment? Are you a cancer survivor, a family caregiver or supporting someone with cancer? The Manitoulin Cancer Support Group may provide you with resources and opportunities to share experiences as well as give or receive support with others who have travelled this similar cancer journey. This group is open to anyone with any type of cancer, is free to join and will be rotated to different parts of the Island. This group will alternate meetings on weekdays and weekends. The schedule is as follows: Wednesday, September 25, Mindemoya Town Chambers from 2 to 4 pm; Sunday, October 27, Gore Bay Legion from 2 to 4 pm; Wednesday, November 27, Mindemoya Council Chambers from 2 to 4 pm; Sunday, December 15, Manitowaning Family Health Team from 2 to 4 pm. For more information please contact: Terry Mackenzie, 705-507-0433, tandjmackenzie@hotmail.com; Bonnie Young, 705-377-4998; Ann Cranston, 705-282-7531, bnann@gmail.com.

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Christian Counselling: Alcohol, addiction, anxiety, children, depression, drugs, faith, grief, illness, marriage, PTSD, salvation, sin, etc. Free and confidential. King James Bible Church, 705-885-8951, cc.manitoulin@gmail.com.

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17-18p

services

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wanted

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

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rental

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17-19c

yard sale

Fall yard sale at the Little Current United Church on Friday, September 27 from 9 am to 4 pm and Saturday, September 28 from 8 am to 12 noon.

18-19p

Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay is holding a fall colours rummage sale on Friday, September 27 from 9 am to 1 pm and Saturday, September 28 from 9 am to 12 noon. This sale will include all our winter clothing, so a good time to start thinking about cooler days! We are clearing out the shed so will have everything out for sale. Something for everyone, linens, books, houseware, yard stuff and more. Donations will be accepted at the back of the church Monday through Wednesday, during sale week, between 9 am and 12 noon. As always, we thank the many terrific supporters who drop off their donations. Proceeds go toward our Community Outreach Programs. Come out for our Fall Colours, join the fun and pick up some nice items. See you at the sale!

18-19p

Yard sale on Saturday, September 21 from 9 am to 2 pm at 794 Slash Road, Tehkummah.

WANT TO SHARE AN OPINION OR A COMMENT?
Share it in a letter to the Editor!
Emails received at editor@manitoulin.com



thank you

The family of the late Judy Garbutt would like to thank all our relatives and friends for their support and kindness at the loss of our beloved sister, sister-in-law and aunt. Special thanks to Dr. Poenn, Dr. McDonald and staff of Manitoulin Heath Centre for their care of Judy in the past and the at the time of her passing. Also, special thanks to the Manitoulin Centennial Manor staff for the wonderful care they gave Judy over the past five years. Thank you to the staff of the Island Funeral Home for their care and compassion, to Father Louis Martin for his comforting words and a beautiful mass; to Pauline and Jennifer for the bible readings; to her nephews Glen, Terry, Cory, Sean and Jordan and our cousin Steve who acted as pallbearers, and finally a big thank you to the Sheguiandah Seniors for the lovely luncheon after the service. Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the Sheguiandah Seniors Hall in Judy's name. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

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The family of Ches Witty wishes to thank everyone most sincerely for their expressions of kindness and sympathy. The cards, flowers, food and shared memories have been of great comfort and we are truly grateful.

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To our amazing community on Manitoulin Island, I wanted to extend a very heartfelt thank you. At the end of July, our 6-year-old Sadie was diagnosed with leukemia. Once the word had gotten out, we started receiving an overwhelming bout of love and support from not only family and friends, but members of our wonderful community, some of whom we have never even met before. We have only lived on the Island for a mere four years now, but as soon as we showed up, we were welcomed with open arms and we knew we were home. We have built a wonderful life on Manitoulin, Sadie and I just can't wait to get back there. We just received the best news yesterday that Sadie's first round of treatment put her into remission! We still have three rounds of treatment to go through, but it seems as though the worst is behind us. On behalf of myself, Rob, Raylan and especially Sadie, we want to thank all of our family, friends, and the incredible community, for all of your support, donations, well wishes, cards, gifts, etc. A big thank you also to Nikki Middleton, Deanna Hardy and the Gore Bay and Burpee Mills fire departments for putting on amazing fundraisers in support of our Sadie. It has all been so helpful while we have been living out every parent's worst nightmare. This family is eternally grateful to each and every one of you.

With love and gratitude,
The Graham family

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spirituality

PUBLISHER'S NOTE—The following paid advertisement contains statements some readers may find offensive. The contents do not reflect the views of this publication.

1 THES. 4:16 "The Lord Himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the call of the Archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First all the Christians who have died will rise from their graves. 17, then, together with them, we (Christians) who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the cloud to meet the Lord in the air and remain with Him forever." This event of meeting the Lord in the air is commonly called the rapture. Because of biblical symbolism and typology, I believe that the rapture will take place on a future Day of Atonement (10th day of the biblical 7th month). This year the Day of Atonement falls on October 12, 2024 and because all the other signs of Jesus' soon return are already in place, I think it is a likely possibility that the rapture will take place this year, but that is not: "thus saith the Lord." One of the conditions for being in the rapture and being the millennium of REV. 20 is the sanctifying of the Sabbath from Friday sunset till Saturday sunset. All Christians who do not sanctify God's sabbaths but keep Satan's substitute rest on Sundays are in mystery Babylon. I call all Sunday Christians to confess that not sanctifying God's Sabbath from Friday sunset till Saturday sunset is sin, and to come out of mystery Babylon. This may very well be your last opportunity to heed this warning. Sunday is not God's Sabbath! Conflict on doctrine is God's way to guide you into truth. God wants you to investigate whenever there is conflict on doctrine and God wants you to look at the pertinent facts so you yourself can make an intelligent informed decision. I explain these points and many others in my book "The Keys to the Kingdom" which is available from Amazon or by writing me. Please, please, please don't wait, soon it may be too late to repent, REV. 9:20 + 21, 16:8 + 11. Hank Reckman Prophet of Manitoulin Search for Truth Biblical Ministries Box 210 M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0

services

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.

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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: Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Anglican Church, 213 Tudhope Street, Espanola, 705-869-6595. For more information call 1-888-4Al-Anon (1-888-425-2666, M-F, 8 am - 6 pm ET) <http://www.al-anon.org>. For meetings including electronic in Northern Ontario go to OntarioNorthAl-Anon.com. Please note the only Alateen meetings available in Northern Ontario are on a mobile app. Look for the app under Al-Anon Family Groups.

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Auction Sale
September 21st, 10:30 START
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For Gerry and Perry Bond

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Death Notices

THOMAS EDWARD SCOTT

December 16, 1943 - August 23, 2024



Thomas Edward Scott, 80, of Westlock, AB, passed away August 23, 2024, at the Westlock Continuing Care Centre. Tom was born December 16, 1943 in Mindemoya, ON to Ted and Marie Scott (Galbraith) of Spring Bay, ON. He married Terrill Dennis on June 15, 1968 in Parry Sound and had

two children, Matthew Thomas and Sara Sidney. Tom had many adventures in his life, doing a stint in the Canadian Army, owner/operator truck driver, had a riding stable, and was the Town Foreman of Little Current, ON before moving his family to Westlock in 1979. He was a truck driver most of his life, but his passion was hunting and fishing and owned his own guiding business for a time. Tom is survived by his daughter Sara; two brothers Herb (Sharon deceased) and Donald (Paula); his grandchildren Steven, Cordell, Sherington, Jayla and Cassandra; as well as his aunts Margaret Scott (Fred) and Nola Haner. He was preceded by his parents; brother David; son Matthew; wife Terri; and sister Damaris (Darren). As per Tom's wishes there will be no funeral. He requested his ashes be spread on Manitoulin Island. Many thanks to the Smithfield staff and Westlock Continuing Care for the excellent care Tom received the last couple of years. A very special thank you to Dr. M. Benard who went over and above and treated him as a family member. Donations may be made in Tom's name to the charity of one's choice. Expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.westlockfunerhome.com.

ELIZABETH (BESSIE) BUDGE

(nee Fox)



Elizabeth (Bessie) Budge (nee Fox) of Espanola, passed away on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at the age of 85. Bessie is survived by her children Lori Budge of Toronto, Leslie Kozachanko (Tony) of Espanola and Craig Budge (Tracy) of Ottawa; grandmother to Emily Kozachanko (Alex)

of Sudbury, Taylor Kozachanko-Moroz (Andrew) of Espanola, and Corinne and Dawson Budge of Ottawa; great-grandmother to Miller and Remi Moroz. Bessie is predeceased by her loving husband Albert (Junior) Budge; parents Henry Fox and Rosalie Fox (nee King) of Wiikwemkoong; and sister Mary-Lou Fox-Radulovich (Steven) of Kagawong. Bessie had many nieces, nephews, friends and former students who were near and dear to her. She was the most loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and teacher. With her larger than life personality and her ability to make everyone feel special, Bessie had an impact on all who knew her and will be greatly missed. Visitation was held at the Bourcier Funeral Home on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 from 2 to 4 pm and 6 to 8 pm. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 10 am at St. Jude Parish with cremation to follow. Our family would like say a special thanks to Delma Toulouse, Corine Bow, Sue Snowden and Tammy Jones for your dedication, compassion and friendship throughout this past year. Without your constant love and caring we would have never been able to keep our mother in the home she loved, feeling safe and cherished. She loved you very much. We would also like to thank the staff of the Espanola General Hospital for your compassion, guidance and kindness. Corinne and Christine, you are truly amazing! You will never know the impact you have had on our family. We will forever be grateful. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd, Espanola.

HILDA "BERNICE" LEWIS

(nee Fogal)

August 11, 1935 - August 31, 2024



In loving memory of Hilda "Bernice" Lewis (nee Fogal). Loving wife of her cherished husband Elwood Lewis (predeceased January 2024), spending nearly 70 years as partners in life's fun, adventurous and challenging times. Proud mother and life-long role model of her three daughters Brenda (Gary)

Smith, Marilyn (Dan) Proulx and Leanne Lewis (Jus Labelle). Most loved grandmother of Darren (Pauline), Dayna (Billy), Deanna, Janelle (Andrew), Lucas (Julia), Devin (Kennedy) and Justin (Makenna and Easton). Great-grandmother to Hunter (Brenna), Madison, Noah, Mason and Ella. She was excited to know she would be a great-grandmother again in February 2025. Special mother figure to Nancy Collins-Smith. Bernice was born in Spring Bay to parents Della (Legge) and Wesley Fogal. She was well protected by brothers Arden, Andy, Garnet and Arthur (all predeceased). She is survived by in-laws Betty Fogal, Grant (Evelyn) Lewis and Laurine (Charlie) Smith. She was a special aunt and great-aunt to several nieces and nephews. Bernice left us peacefully and unexpectedly in her 90th year. She grew up on the family farm near Spring Bay and was married there in 1954. She and Elwood bought their own farm in Grimesthorpe and started farming on their own in 1959. They raised their three girls on the farm, working hard but always making time for socializing and having fun. They had many friends on Manitoulin Island and Tara and cherished time spent with them all. Bernice worked as a caretaker for several American and Canadian cottage owners, becoming close friends with them all. She worked diligently on the farm, but also spent several years working at Patterson's Store/Post Office and with the Manitoulin Home Care Program as a caregiver. She enjoyed her volunteer positions with the Providence Bay Agriculture Society, the Campbell Horticultural Society, the Providence Bay Curling Club and the Manitoulin Family Resources clothing depot well into her 80s. She had a knack for flower arranging and had a green thumb for growing flowers and vegetables. Never being one to waste anything, she used her produce wisely in preserving and pickling. At Christmas, each family member received the pie of their choice even if it meant making 10 pies. She was well known for her 'Manitoulin Potato Salad' and Aunt Evelyn's chocolate cake. She loved time spent at their hunt camp in Long Bay. She was an avid ball player and enjoyed broomball when younger, and spent many years on and off the ice enjoying the sport of curling. She and Elwood enjoyed many musical events and loved to sing and entertain. She loved finding a bargain and family members only had to mention something they were in need of once and she was sure to find it promptly. She regularly shared her bargains and masterpieces from the kitchen. She loved shopping trips to Espanola. Her favourite time was spent with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and she loved being included in all their lives. She dealt with many adversities in her life but remained positive, resilient and cheerful. The family is at peace knowing Bernice and Elwood will be together once again to celebrate their 70th anniversary together on September 7, 2024. Family and close friends of Bernice gathered at Simpson Funeral Home, Gore Bay for a visitation on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 from 11 am to 1 pm. Interment will take place in the Grimesthorpe Cemetery. Reception followed, all were welcome. Donations may be made to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.simpsonfuneralhome.ca



CATHRINE "SHEILA" ANNE FOGAL

(née Breathat)

1940 - 2024

It is with sadness that the family of Sheila Fogal announce her passing in Sudbury on Monday, September 9, 2024 at the age of 83 years. Loving wife of the late Graham Fogal; daughter of the late Thomas Breathat and Isabella (Ferguson) Breathat; dear mother of Darren and David (Shari); she will also be missed and lovingly remembered by her three grandchildren, Joshua, Breanna and Caleb.; dear sister of Marlene Laidley (late Ab), as well as the late Gerald, the late Doug (late Merilda) and the late Alden. A funeral service will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church in Mindemoya on Saturday, September 21 at 11 am. Donations can be made in her name to the St. Francis Tower Fund, or a charity of your choice. Cremation services provided by Simple Wishes of the North, Sudbury.

Celebration of Life

MARGARET WITTY



The family of Margaret Witty invite you to join them for the gravesite Celebration of Life and Eastern Star service at the Gordon Cemetery on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 11:30 am. In case of rain and storm, the service will be held at the Gordon Barrie Island Municipal building at 29 Noble Sideroad.

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, POP 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Fundraising or Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 10 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, POP 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0.

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church services
King James Bible Church, Providence Bay worships every Saturday Sabbath, 10 am to 12 noon. For more information call 705-348-2229.

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KJV Bible Study, every Monday night, 7 to 9 pm in Providence Bay. For more information, call 705-348-2229 or email kjc.manitoulin@gmail.com. All welcome.

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Central Manitoulin hosts first public works and farm show

by Margery Frisch
MINDEMOYA—On Friday, September 13, the Municipality of Central Manitoulin presented a show to the public that was new and different. Set up at the arena, the Municipal Public Works and Farm Show was a first-time ever presentation for the community.

Though Alison Sloss, Central Manitoulin events coordinator, was quick to give credit to Ron Klingsberg, the municipality's road superintendent, for coming up with the idea, he was quick to dismiss the notion.

"I wouldn't say it was all my idea," Mr. Klingsberg said. Though he did want to set up an opportunity for everyone to come out and "see some of the equipment available - new stuff, new technology and what's out there to be purchased now," he explained. Mr. Klingsberg was pleased with the turnout. "We've had a bunch of municipalities and local people come out, lots of children from the school as well."

Dave Hillyard was on hand, looking after the maintenance inside the building. "We've had visitors from Blind River, Thessalon, Massey and Espanola," he said, "most of them municipal workers, but also farmers."



'Touch a Truck' allowed the kids to get up close and personal with some heavy machinery.



Though the food donation part of the event was not well advertised, many who came to the show left and returned with food to donate.

Out front and inside the arena were vendors with which the municipality frequently interacts. The market crosses over from municipalities to farms, with the larger excavation equipment, different sizes of backhoes and excavators. All the large equipment vendors—Robert's Farm Equipment, Huron Tractor, Brandt, JJ Poleline, Gincor, Toromont Cat, Cubex—were lined up outside, with tractors and plows in various


shapes and sizes. Inside the arena were Manitoulin Chrysler, Hart Strong Rentals, Beacon Lite, Spears Seeds, Jones Feed Mill, Rylan's Clothing, along with complimentary organizations such as LAMBAC, Dairy Farmers of Ontario and Manitoulin Streams (both popular with the school age set). There was a steady stream of visitors with a genuine interest in all that was available.

The 'Touch a Truck'

part of the show was indeed Mr. Klingsberg's idea. "This is our rubber tire equipment," he said, indicating the row of enormous machinery out behind the arena. "Because we're set up on the ball diamond, we didn't want to tear up the lawn with our steel tracks, but we wanted to give a flavour of the type of equipment that we use every day." In the line of equipment was the ice resurfacing machine, the sidewalk plow, some fire trucks and all stood open

and ready, allowing the kids an opportunity to get up close and personal—also a popular aspect of the event for the Central Manitoulin Public School students. "It's not something we plan to do every year,"

Alison Sloss said, "maybe every other or every three years." She too was pleased with the turnout. "It's been steady," she said, and deemed the first-time event a success.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Providence Bay Beach Maintenance

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin has been issued a Permit Under Clause 17(2)(c) of the Endangered Species Act, 2007 by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. This is specific to the Providence Bay beach and boardwalk maintenance. The work is part of ongoing restoration of the beach that assists the natural ecosystem. These actions are expected to improve the area for the enjoyment of visitors and enhance the protected habitat, the dune, for species at risk.

The Municipality will begin activities the week of September 30, 2024, for approximately one week, these include:

- Removal of all shrub-sized willow, including roots, scotch pines and poplar by the Municipality, along the foredune of the Habitat Enhancement Area and Activity Area of the permit, from the playground for the length of the boardwalk and ending at the on-leash dog area.

For your safety, please do not enter the site while work is being conducted.

The Permit sets out conditions that allow the Municipality to conduct specific activities. Action by the general public is not permitted.

For more information contact Marcus Mohr
Community Development and Outreach Coordinator
Municipality of Central Manitoulin
phone 705-377-5726
email mmohr@centralmanitoulin.ca.

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enous groups, including Nipissing First Nation, Atikameksheng Anishnawbek First Nation, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation and Serpent River First Nation. However, it was revealed that these consulted First Nations did not share the information with other First Nations in the area, leading to a breakdown in communication and a sense of exclusion among other communities.

Chief Patsy Corbiere of Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation also spoke out, expressing her concern over the lack of consultation. "None of the chiefs of other First Nations were talking about the project, and I wondered why no information was forthcoming," she said. Chief Corbiere emphasized the need for greater transparency and communication, especially since several First Nations chiefs had recently met to discuss ongoing projects, yet this issue was never raised.

As the meeting ran past 10 pm, many questions remained unanswered, with promises of follow-up emails to address community concerns. Meanwhile, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation emphasized that no firm deadline has been set for shipping the niobium materials. The project remains on hold until further consultation and community engagement can occur.



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SNOW REMOVAL TENDER



To supply all equipment and services necessary to provide snow removal in the parking areas at the Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc. and Noojmowin Teg Health Centre location at 48A&B Hillside, in Aundeck Omni Kaning.

Interested parties can tender for one or all locations. Contractor must quote on a "per call" basis for snow removal and sanding as well as a "lump sum" basis for snow removal and sanding for the seasons commencing fall of 2024/25 and 2025/26.

Snow removal requirements are available upon request: Interested parties must possess a valid Ontario driver's licence and carry liability insurance. Tender can be faxed or mailed to:

Tracy Tooley, Operations Manager
Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc.
Postal Bag 2003 – 48A Hillside
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
(Telephone) 705-368-2182 Ext. 214
(Fax) 705-368-2229

Quotations to be submitted no later than 12:00 noon September 27th, 2024.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.



notice

Gore Bay United Church Food Cupboard is open every Thursday from 12 noon to 3 pm. Come to the church side door (facing McQuarrie Motors). You will be invited into the Food Cupboard to choose your food items. If you don't have a bag, there are some available. If you have any questions, please call 705-282-2011. Messages are checked daily. Everyone is welcome.

Tfn

Knox United Church Rummage Sale in Manitowaning is open Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Clothing, shoes, household, books and miscellaneous.

17-24p

Boat storage available in Providence Bay. Call 705-665-5923.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS UNDER SECTION 53 OF THE PLANNING ACT TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024 AT 7:00 PM NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

File No.: Con 2024-11
Applicant: Daniel and David Love
Legal Description: Sheguiandah Township, Concession 13, Lot 16

Civic Address: 296 Pepper Point Road
Official Plan: Shoreline Area and Rural Area
Zoning: Shoreline Residential, Rural with Deer Wintering Yard

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION
This is a request for four severances and one retained lot. The acreage is owned by two brothers who would like to separate the property for future planning purposes.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:
The request is being made for two consents and one retained lot. All of which will be accessed from Pepper Point Road and meet the lot size requirements of the zoning by-law.

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

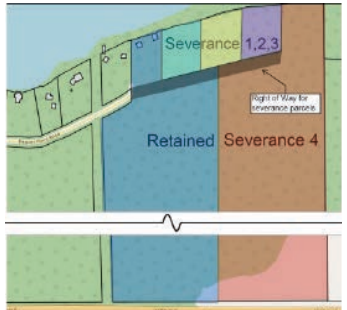
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application is available to the public for viewing at the Municipal Office between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday to Friday; or you may contact Ms. Pam Myers, Clerk and Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority, at (705) 368-3500 ext. 228.

Dated: September 18, 2024
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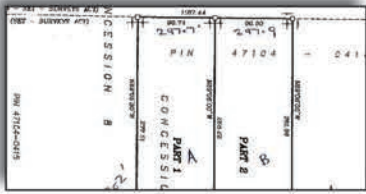


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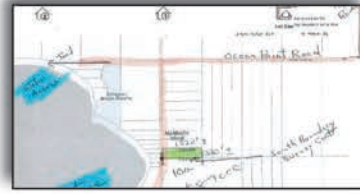
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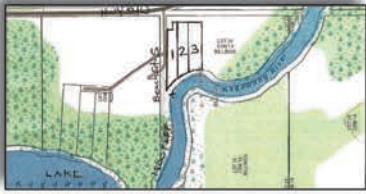
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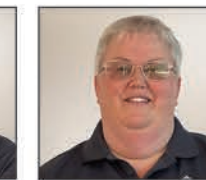
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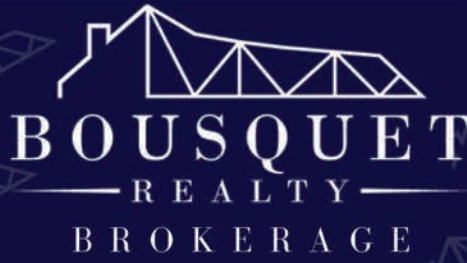


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Debajehmujig Creation Centre hosts 'Circus Gothic' a phenomenal one-woman show

by Margery Frisch

MANITOWANING—The house was packed at Debajehmujig Creation Centre on Friday evening, August 16. Jan Kudelka had been invited to come and perform her one-woman show, *Circus Gothic*, for one night only. As well as performing in this work of art, Ms. Kudelka wrote the play based on an actual, lived experience. "Fifty years ago, right now, actually," she said, following her performance.

The stage was starkly set—a chair, a table, a lower table she stood on as a platform, some props of hats, scarves and shirts hung here and there within easy reach. It recalled Thornton Wild-

tion brought on by constant breakdowns, violent storms, general equipment failure and events never going according to plan. Some situations and characters were amusing, but all were tinged with a depressing shade of reality which Ms. Kudelka painted so well, sometimes softly, sometimes with boisterous song, but always with great energy. Her lyrical prose had the audience laughing out loud one minute and wiping away tears a heartbeat later.

Eddie Rauls stoned 'daredevil' of the high wire. Or is that high wire only five feet off the ground? And is that zebra not a painted donkey? When the generator



Jan Kudelka is a devotee of the Richard Pochinko school of clown--a far cry from the more familiar North American style.

photos by Margery Frisch

er's 'Our Town,' and like the stage manager in 'Our Town,' Ms. Kudelka set the scene and instructed Sunny Osawabine to dim or bring up the lights at various intervals. But then Jan Kudelka became her cast of characters, one after another, in rapid succession, like 'Our Town' on speed, leaving her audience breathless.

Ms. Kudelka first led her audience into the clown world of Richard Pochinko, teacher of a more European style of clowning than that of the North American circus fare. She then set the scene for the rest of her story. It was the early '70s and a group of 28 Canadian student clowns, under Mr. Pochinko's mentorship, joined up with the Royal Brothers Circus to tour the Maritimes. Their sophisticated clowning, delving into personalities through masks, rather than using the good-for-a-laugh slapstick clowning the circus was used to and preferred, made for a shaky start.

Over the course of an hour, the audience met 23 characters, including a disheartened elephant named Ellie, and a sly and conniving circus cat named Lump. Squeezed in between the characters, was a running commentary on the exhaus-



Ms. Kudelka brought an impressive list of characters to life onstage in her one-person show *Circus Gothic*.

failed during yet another soaking rain, and all hell broke loose...the 28 clowns retreated to Halifax. But that was not the

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Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Off their Rock, Hockey!

It is the most wonderful time of the year for some! Hockey is or has been the end-goal for many of our local athletes. Many have toiled in local leagues and are looking for a new view.

Billy Biedermann (Little Current Cree played out of Little Current) is now a veteran at this time of the year in the land of hurricanes as a member of the Corpus Christi Ice Rays. The Rays have only played one league game and Billy scored, making him a 1.0, G.P.G. player! Billy is much more than about offence of course and his skills as a two-way player have become invaluable.

An addition to **Kohyn Eshkawogon**'s updates last week. Kohyn, drafted by the Ottawa 67's in the spring, just loves the OHL team's program. He is playing on the second 'D' pairing with Ottawa and has had two solid performances in their two exhibition games. He anticipates another successful two exhibition games in Ottawa before the Season Opener on September 27th. Another accolade for the youngster to navigate is that Hockey Canada is still evaluating players for the U17 National teams, to be finalized in October.

Jack Bridgeman is playing on the U16AA out of Copper Cliff and it is looking like a good team. His squad is off to Ottawa for a tournament next week. Unfortunately, Jack is currently out with a shoulder injury but he will be biting at the bit and is hoping to be back in a couple weeks.

An update on his older siblings, who were often in this spot over the years and have chosen their next steps that may involve hockey or maybe, not! **Liam Bridgeman**, who played competitively for many years, all the way up to Junior, has (temporarily) hung them up and is enrolled in the Kinesiology program at Laurentian.

Delaney 'Boog' is in the Recreational Therapy program at Canadore and will be a force to be sure in any and all varsity sports she enters. She may be the most well-rounded person to be a Panther there, ever!

Running comments

It is cross-country season and is the time to build up endurance. Locally lauded runners are now making their mark in broader venues. Manitowaning's **Brodie Pennie** is now running for

the University of New Brunswick and has many eyes upon him as a freshman. He is being prepared by the coaching staff at UNB for the upcoming season.

Veteran runner, **Aurel Fox-Recollet** of Wiikwemkoong continues as a varsity runner for Laurentian but has also been tapped as an assistant coach for the Cambrian College team! Way to go, guys. Looking forward to hear of your results!

Tour de Meldrum?

Dr. Dale Scott, the founder and solo rider of the original Tour across the Island, is still looking for riders for the now autumn ride. Dale started with his passion-project many years ago to raising money destined for much needed, local health care in often brutal 'spring' conditions. The goal remains the same, but the format has changed. The Tour is now more a focus on the Island's West end of our cycling haven.

This weekend (September 20 - 22nd) can be done as the all-in experience or any part there of. The fun starts with a meet and greet at the Lake Wolsey base. Saturday morning the ride goes from there (Evansville) out west to Meldrum and back for a 112 km foray. Sunday, drivers will notice the convoy going from the Lake Wolsey base to Providence Bay and back for a pedestrian, 82 km.

The gist of the weekend is to raise money for this imperative cause: our own health. Organizers want everyone to experience as much of the event that feels comfortable for you. If you have the goal of the tour in mind, you will have completed the Tour.

Everyone is welcomed and you can check out the guidelines by following the Facebook page on the Tour de Meldrum. There is a neat Google Form that you can fill out, giving everyone a choice of how they want to contribute. You can contact Dale directly through wmdalescott@hotmail.com if needed.

Co-ed Slow Pitch Tourney call for teams

Gerard Baibomcowai and his latest event on tap is his Co-Ed Slo-Pitch Tournament. As usual he has a strong base and can run the event as-is but in his indomitable way, he says more teams equal more money for the cash prizes! He needs a couple of teams; will your teammates help you 'be' in the money? Check him out on Facebook!

A good sport is good for sports chipstoquips@gmail.com



Celebrating 60 years of wedded bliss!

John and Glenda Hodder have been married for over six decades and recently celebrated their diamond anniversary. Congratulations you two lovebirds from your friends at The Expositor.

Three Island communities receive Senior Active Living aimed at health

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Three Manitoulin communities will benefit from provin-

cial funding for senior active living centers and community grants toward services and activities

in Northeastern Ontario to allow them to stay fit, active, healthy and socially connected to their

community. The Ontario government is investing more than \$1.6 million.

On Manitoulin \$20,976 is being provided to the Gore Bay Elderly Persons Centre, with \$9,600 in seniors community grants to the Township of Assiginack and Sheshegwaning First Nation.

“Seniors helped build the Ontario we’re proud to live in today,” said Raymond Cho, minister for seniors and accountabili-

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Active seniors are healthy seniors.

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Manitoulin Hotel Conference Centre

Now Hiring!

- Food & Beverage Servers
- Bartenders
- Laundry Attendant
- Housekeeping
- Line Cooks

Please apply in person at the front desk with a resumé and be prepared for an interview.

Wages are negotiable.

Manitoulin Hotel & Conference Centre
66 Meredith St. E.
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0

Corbiere & Sons CONTRACTING

Employment Opportunity Job description

About E. Corbiere and Sons Contracting: Family owned and first nations operated since 2000, our talented team works hard every day to provide the best services for our clients. Some of our services includes:

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The Opportunity: **Office Manager**

Office Manager / Accountant is responsible for the efficient operations of our office.

The Office Manager is also responsible for enhancing the accuracy of the company’s reported financial results and ensuring that reported results comply with generally accepted accounting principles.

Work Flexibility

At E. Corbiere and Sons, we are committed to providing a positive/flexible work environment.

Roles and Responsibilities

Management Responsibilities

1. Maintain and enforce a documented system of accounting policies and processes
2. Manage accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll processes
3. Manage filing/reporting requirements with CRA for T4s, HST and other required filings

Transaction/Accounting System Responsibilities

1. Ensure that accounts payable are appropriately recognized
2. Ensure accounts receivable are collected promptly
3. Assist the Payroll Clerk to ensure payroll is processed in a timely manner
4. Ensure that periodic bank reconciliations are completed
5. Maintain a logical/effective chart of accounts
6. Maintain an orderly accounting filing system
7. Maintain a system of controls over accounting transactions

Reporting

1. Issue timely and complete financial statements
2. Coordinate the preparation of the year-end financial statements and required tax filings with external accountants
3. Using job/project accounting, provide financial reports on various construction projects
4. Provide financial analyses as needed, in particular for capital equipment investments, debt/financing decisions and contract negotiations
5. Ensure compliance and timely reporting on all debt covenants

Compliance

1. Coordinate the provision of information to external auditors for the annual audit
2. Monitor debt levels and compliance with debt covenants
3. Comply with local, provincial and federal government reporting requirements and tax filings

Qualifications

1. University Business Degree
2. QBO Experience would be an asset
3. 5+ years of accounting/finance experience

Compensation

To be based on a combination of relevant experience and industry knowledge.

Experience:

- Accounting: 5 years (preferred)
- QBO Experience: 1 year (preferred)

To apply: Please send resume to admin@ecorbiereandsons.ca, or Box 31, 1044 Highway 551, M’Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0



KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services (KGCSF) is a designated Child Welfare Service delivering Child Protection Services within seven member First Nations in the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin. KGCSF honours and supports our families’ and community’s inherent authority to care for their children based on unity, traditions, values, beliefs and customs. **Preference will be given to Anishinaabe Candidates, please self-identify in your application.**

We are currently inviting applications for the following employment opportunities:

Sudbury:

Team Assistant
After Hours - Contract

Sudbury or Manitoulin:

Education Support Worker
(4) Youth Cultural Support Worker
Child Well Being Worker: Open Recruitment
Volunteer Driver: Open Recruitment

All postings close September 27th, 2024 at 4 pm EST

To apply, kindly send your application to our Human Resources department at hr@kgcfs.org, ensuring to specify the position title in the subject line. For comprehensive job descriptions and to access the postings, please visit our website at:

www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities

At KGCSF, we are steadfast in our dedication to fostering a work environment that is accessible to all, in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Should you require any accommodations during the recruitment process, please do not hesitate to request them. We sincerely appreciate your interest in joining the team; however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

As a condition of employment, the successful candidate will be required to provide the following documents: a Satisfactory Criminal Reference Check and/or Vulnerable Sector Check (dated within 3 months of the application date), Driver’s Abstract and Proof of Liability Insurance.

Thank you for considering a career opportunity with us.



MNAAMODZAWIN HEALTH SERVICES INC

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

HOME CARE AIDE

Full-Time – 1 year contract

The Home Care Aid is responsible for assisting with activities of daily living that contribute to the quality of life of individuals who live at home by promoting their independence, dignity, social, emotional and physical well-being. The Home Care Aid will assist the Home Care Program with Meals on Wheels delivery, wellness checks, assembly and installation of home care equipment, generic transportation and light housekeeping duties.

The successful applicant must be willing to work flexible hours (possible evenings and/or weekends) and may provide services to all five First Nation communities (Aundeck Omni Kaning, Sheguiandah, Sheshegwaning, Whitefish River and Zhiibaahaasing).

OBJECTIVES

1. Provide personal support services based on the client care or home management needs.
2. Provide assistance to the Home Care Program with the delivery of regular Meals On Wheels program and may assist/provide generic transportation services, wellness visits and light housekeeping.
3. Work collaboratively with health care providers in providing holistic care that focuses on achieving and maintaining optimal health.
4. Submission of timely required documentation in EMR and immediate supervisor.
5. May assume additional duties as assigned by immediate supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language.
2. A minimum of (2) years community work experience.
3. Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
4. Current and Clear CPIC.
5. Valid ‘G’ driver’s licence and a insurable vehicle.

Salary range based on qualifications and approved salary grid.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024 @ 12:00 PM

Submit a cover letter, resume, three work-related references and a CPIC/VSS (dated within 90 days) marked ‘Confidential’ by email, fax or in person to:

**Human Resources
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
Postal Bag 2003, 48A Hillside Road
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
705-368-2182 ext. 271
hr@mnaamodzawin.com
Fax: 705-368-2229**

Only those applicants considered for an interview will be notified.



The second week of school has come and gone with students finally settling into their routines. Class schedules have been finalized, some extracurriculars have been joined and homework has been (mostly) completed. As we dive into the year, more and more areas of the school are coming back to life from sports teams to our student council.

Thursday, September 12 was Stand Up Against Bullying Day. Students were asked to wear a pink shirt to show solidarity with bullying victims. For those who may be wondering, “why pink?” It is because in 2007 a Nova Scotia student was bullied for wearing a pink shirt on the first day of school. Shortly after, two Grade 12 students distributed pink shirts around the school to stand with the bullied student. It has since grown to be a Canada-wide tradition with most schools participating. Standing up to bullying can be especially daunting for youth as it involves a lot of confidence and resilience. By showing our support for bullying victims we can help liberate them and give them the power to speak up for themselves.

Deciding what to do after high school might be one of the most important decisions a teen has to make. There are several different routes to go from college, apprenticeships, the workforce, or university. To help students navigate one of these pathways there was an introductory session on how to apply to university on Monday, September 15. Here, students learned how to



Pink Shirt Day observances at Manitoulin Secondary School had students donning the pink in solidarity against bullying.

navigate OUAC (Ontario Universities' Application Centre), the portal they will be using to apply to in-province universities. Students planning on going into university next fall must have their applications submitted by January 15, 2025 and can expect to hear back from their chosen programs by the end of May 2025. There are plans for a trip to the Espanola university fair on Thursday, September 19 so that students can explore their choices and ask questions. On the same day, the application portal opens.

There is always something to keep students busy at MSS, especially when it comes to athletics. So far there have been four teams hosting tryouts including: cross country, girls' basketball, boys' volleyball and mountain biking. Looking forward to seeing all of our teams' success.

This week, and several more to come, have been packed with activities for students. Our school community comes together to make each week a memorable one!

Until next time, go, Mustangs, go!

...Seniors Active Living

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ty. “When we invest in our seniors, we are building a better province for all. These investments help seniors live happy, healthy and independent lives.”

Over \$1.1 million is being invested in 29 seniors active living centres (SALCs) across Northeastern Ontario as part of the more than \$15 million in funding for programs provincewide this year. This investment is an increase of close to 10 percent over last year, resulting in a majority of SALC programs getting a funding increase from \$42,700 to up to \$50,000 from last year to deliver a variety of programs such as book clubs, fitness classes, health and wellness services, social groups and other special events.

Over \$500,000 is also being invested through Seniors Community Grants to support 24 programs across Northeastern Ontario that are connecting seniors and older adults to social, cultural, learning, and recreational opportunities for seniors to stay fit, healthy and connected in their communities. This is part of the government's recent investment of up to \$6 million to support 282 community projects across Ontario.

“Both the Seniors Community Grants and the newly expanded Seniors Active Living Centre programs provide older adults in Northeastern Ontario with programs that ensure they can enjoy their golden years, while staying active and socially connected,” said Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli. “Our government recognizes that funding these programs helps build healthier communities while delivering opportunities even in remote areas.”

Alexandra Wilson-Zegil



is accepting applications for the position of **ROAD SUPERINTENDENT**

- Minimum DZ licence with a clear driver's abstract required
- Ability to operate heavy equipment
- Oversee the daily work activities of roads employees
- Snowplow operation experience an asset
- Understand health and safety practices
- Maintain roads, landfill sites and other municipal infrastructure
- Familiar with Microsoft Word, Excel and email
- Municipal administrative experience is a plus
- Criminal Reference Check and references required

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:
Friday, October 4, 2024 – 3 PM

Interested applicants please forward resume to:

Deputy Clerk-Administrator
Township of Tehkummah
456 Hwy 542A
Tehkummah, ON POP 2C0

By fax: 705-859-2605

By email: deputyclerk.administrator@tehkummah.ca

Job description available upon request

Whitefish River
First Nation



CHILDCARE SUPERVISOR

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Term: Full time (35 hours per week)

Starting Salary: \$57,208 + Group Benefits and Pension

(Subject to education and/or experience or a combination of both)

The Childcare Supervisor oversees the program planning, working effectively with families and children, connecting with the community, and assuming administrative responsibilities related to day-to-day operations of the centre. The Supervisor is responsible for program planning, effective staff collaboration, working with representatives from the Ministry of Education, families and children, connecting with the community, and handling administrative responsibilities related to the day-to-day operations of the Childcare Centre. The supervisor is responsible for providing leadership in keeping with the philosophy of the Early Learning Framework in Ontario and the Anishinabek of Whitefish River First Nation.

RESPONSIBILITIES

SUPERVISION

- Responsible for appointing a designated Supervisor when absent and informing staff accordingly.
- Follow all Whitefish River First Nation policies and procedures and ensure compliance from all employees within the Childcare Centre.
- Assist with developing the strategic plan, mission statement, and guiding principles of Maamwe Kendaasing Child Care Centre.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- At times, assist the HR and Education Manager with the hiring process.
- Ensure staff schedules are posted in a timely manner.
- Plan and carry out annual staff development.

HEALTH & SAFETY

- Ensure that all responsibilities under the OHAS Act are always adhered to.
- Comply with WHMIS legislation at all times.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Provide updates to the Education Manager monthly.
- Effectively manage educators' resources to ensure that they work as team members, have input into planning, and have opportunities for improving their professional development.

OPERATIONS

- Maintain day-to-day licencing standards.
- Complete registrations; Set up and maintain children's files. Establish a waiting list based on the policies.
- Participate in planning and annual program review.
- Organize space, equipment and materials prior to each fiscal year and/or special activities and events.
- Encourage Early Childhood Assistants to contribute to curriculum planning.
- Prepare monthly plan charts and/or schedules.

FINANCIAL

- Ensure the Whitefish River First Nation financial policies are followed and adhered to.
- Monitor yearly budget by continuously verifying monthly expenditures per the General Ledger.
- Secure approval for purchases outside the budget and approval limit parameters.
- Develop, monitor and maintain the annual operating budget based on policies, procedures and guidelines.

*For a complete job description, please email: hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca

QUALIFICATIONS

- Early Childhood Education Diploma or degree.
- Strong supervisor skills with at least two (2) years related work experience.
- Must possess extensive experience with administrative duties and reporting.
- Registered College of Early Childhood Education members must be in good standing.
- Current First Aid & CPR Certificate.
- Knowledge of CCEYA, ELECT, “How Does Learning Happen?” and Childcare Licencing Manual.
- Basic accounting knowledge would be an asset.

SKILLS

- Knowledge of office procedures.
- Budget development and financial and organization management are essential assets.
- Computer knowledge, including Excel, Word, CCLS and the Children's Services website.
- Proven leadership, conflict resolution and motivational skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively and independently.
- Ability to manage and prioritize time and work in a high-traffic environment with distractions and interruptions.
- Ability to demonstrate accuracy and attention to detail.
- Ability to communicate effectively with internal and external agencies.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Good understanding of the protection of privacy and confidential information.
- Cultural sensitivity and the ability to work with all community members.
- Ability to understand and follow written guidelines, policies and procedures.

Interested applicants must submit a current resume, cover letter, two (2) work-related references, one (1) character reference (with contact information) and applicable education diplomas/certifications to:

CONFIDENTIAL: CHILDCARE SUPERVISOR

Whitefish River First Nation
17-A Rainbow Ridge Road,
P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP 1A0
Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca
Fax: (705)285-4532

*Must provide an up-to-date Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check upon hire.

Applications must be submitted by noon on September 27th, 2024.

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

...Debajehmujig Creation Centre hosts 'Circus Gothic' a phenomenal one-woman show

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end of the story.

"Twenty-eight friggin' clowns, 28 friggin' Canadian Council Clowns listened while our leader, Richard, explained that six masks were all the direction we would need and that a silver chord connected each and every one of us to a central energy source in the universe that would always give us what we required. Really, Rich-



From a cranky cat called Lump to roustabouts and elephants, Jan Kudelka's impressive storytelling skills and characters kept her audience enthralled.

ard?"

All too soon, it was over. "Black out, Sunny," Ms. Kudelka said. And the audience, in total darkness, left stunned by the final scene, was silent. "That's the end," came a voice in the dark and a lengthy applause filled the room.

Circus Gothic has been performed numerous times over the years, by high schools, universities, even in prisons. "I've seen 30 people do it, I've seen 20 people do it, I've seen five people do it," the artist said, but she is the only one to attempt to do the show solo.

"The thing that's so powerful about this show," Jan Kudelka said when the show was over, "is that, when people see it, they go away and create themselves. It's had a history of people who see the show, and then I hear years later, 'I went home from your show and wrote a book of poetry.' 'I went home from your show and created a new piece of choreography.' Or, 'I'm in the theatre because I saw your show.' It's the power of storytelling," she said. Yes, but perhaps it has something to do with the storyteller too.

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- Work with electrical plans and blueprints to ensure work complies with safety regulations and Ontario Electrical Code.
- Maintain communication with supervisors, team members and clients to ensure smooth project flow.
- Mentor and assist less experienced team members, helping them develop their skills.

Why Join SET Power Systems?

- Competitive Salary based on experience and qualifications.
- Growth Opportunities: We believe in promoting from within and offering professional development.
- Supportive Work Environment: Be a part of a close-knit, skilled team that values collaboration.
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- Flexible Scheduling: Work-life balance matters to us.
- Great Company Culture: Join a team that values mutual respect, professionalism and fun.
- Clean and Organized Worksites: We maintain high standards for cleanliness and efficiency.

Requirements:

- Must be a licensed electrician in Ontario.
- 5+ years of experience in residential and commercial electrical work.
- Proven leadership skills with the ability to supervise and mentor a team.
- Strong problem-solving abilities and a high level of attention to detail.
- Ability to read and interpret blueprints, electrical plans and technical diagrams.
- Clear communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Valid driver's licence and reliable transportation.
- Certification in safety procedures and regulations is a plus.

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How to Apply:

Are you ready to join a team that cares about your career growth and values your skills? We'd love to hear from you! Please submit your resume and a brief cover letter detailing your experience and why you'd make a great addition to our team.

At SET Power Systems Inc., we are committed to creating an inclusive and diverse workplace and encourage applicants from all backgrounds to apply. We thank all applicants for their interest, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

**47 Wellington Street
 Manitowaning, Ontario P0P 1N0
 samtrimmer@setpowersystems.ca**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team

is recruiting a

Part Time, Registered Practical Nurse, with Benefits
 (An average of 22.5 hours per week)

Effective Date: as soon as possible

Qualifications:

- Current College of Nursing of Ontario Certificate of Competence
- Registered Practical Nurse Certificate
- Completed injection course
- Completed Pharmaceutical course
- Current CPR and first aid

Experience:

- Working collaboratively with physicians and other members of a team to provide primary care for clinic patients
- Working with babies and young children
- Working with preventative care services

Applications, including resumé, and three (3) references will be accepted until: **Monday, September 30, 2024**

Send To:
Attention: Judy Miller, Director
 P.O Box 549,
 Little Current ON, P0P 1K0
 Fax: 705-368-1259 | Email: jmillier@nemfht.ca

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY / POSSIBILITÉ D'EMPLOI

Program Coordinator/Coordonnatrice ou coordonnateur de programme

This full time, contract position will be required to work out of our Little Current office and/or any satellite office within our catchment area.

La personne retenue pour ce poste à temps plein, contractuel, devra travailler à partir de notre bureau de Little Current et/ou de tout bureau satellite dans la zone que nous desservons.

For FULL details see our website/
 Pour plus de détails, consultez notre site web
<https://www.mnvictimservices.ca>

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS / LA DATE LIMITE POUR POSTULER EST
 Wednesday, September 25, 2024 AT 4:00 PM / le 25 septembre 2024 à 16 h.

Please submit resume, with covering letter, to/
 Veuillez envoyer votre curriculum vitae accompagné d'une lettre de présentation à:
 Victim Services Hiring Committee/Comité d'embauche des services aux victimes
 Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services/
 Services aux victimes de Manitoulin Northshore
 54 rue Boosneck Road, Unit 101
 C.P./P.O. Box 702
 Little Current, ON
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 Email to: Amy Collins, Executive Director/
 Courriel: Amy Collins, directrice générale, à, at
 mnvs@vianet.ca